



Newsletter

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Prayer

On ANZAC day we remember the innocent men, women and children who died in war.

We remember the sacrifices Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders who fought in wars that were not their own, to protect lands that were not their own.

We pray that the memory and the legacy of those courageous people who offered up their lives will never be forgotten.

We also pray that as human beings, we can learn to end the violence and to live in peace with one another.

For those that have given the ultimate sacrifice: Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Amen

WELCOME TO OUR NEW ASSISTANT TEACHER

Cosi Tipiloura



Principal's Message

This week I spoke to the students about a new documentary called **Will Australia Ever Have a Black PM?** The program examines the likelihood of an Indigenous Australian born today becoming the leader of our nation. It made the point that the first black Prime Minister of Australia will be someone who walks confidently between two worlds, traditional and Western. We were lucky to have **Greg Orsto** and **Kevin Doolan** with us during the assembly and Greg gave a very strong message to Xavier students that they too could end up as PM. There is no reason, he said, that one of you from Xavier could not end up representing the Australian people. Barack Obama did it. Nelson Mandela did it. So too can you.

This message was perfect timing as we had ten Stage 1 students staying at Charles Darwin University this week to get a taste of university life. Thanks to **Justin Brennan**, Curriculum Coordinator, for organising the week and to **Emily Peacock**, English and HASS teacher, for accompanying Justin and the students. Other student successes include **Preyben Tipiloura** being selected for the James Hird Academy and **Marietta Puautjimi** being chosen for the NT Under 18s Thunder Academy. Amazing leadership was shown by cadets **Laike Pateriki**, **Taluhla Turner** and **Marietta Puautjimi** in leading the catafalque party at Wurrumiyanga's Anzac Day service.

The future of this community is in great hands.

On behalf of the Xavier community, I would like to express my sympathy and prayerful support to all community members and family who are dealing with so much grief at the moment. Please know that our school is a place where your children can feel safe and relaxed in these sad times. You are always welcome to pop in to let us know how your child is going and how we can help. I hope that the coming weeks give people time to rebuild and regather energy.

Warm blessings,
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MESSAGES FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

What a great start to our term! I am so proud of the way our students are behaving and following our very important school rules.

Just a reminder of them:

STAY SAFE

RESPECT EVERYONE

LEARN EVERYDAY

STAY SAFE

The colour red for this rule is to alert all staff and students to the need that we must all feel safe at school. Some ways of keeping safe are:

- ⇒ no play fighting
- ⇒ dogs remaining at home so they don't hurt anyone
- ⇒ not kicking bins or throwing rocks when angry, talk to a member of staff about what happened

RESPECT EVERYONE

The colour blue for this rule is to be calm. When we show respect towards each other we can build a strong school community that looks out for each other and looks after each other.

Some ways of respecting everyone are:

- ⇒ having good manners and saying hello before asking for something
- ⇒ not swearing at each other
- ⇒ listening to staff and not calling out in class

LEARN EVERYDAY

The colour green for this rule means 'GO FOR IT!' Just like a green traffic light., when we feel safe and respect each other, we can then learn everyday and have the chance to achieve our dreams.

God Bless,



Deputy Principal: Liz Moodey

MESSAGES FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Kurlama yam ceremony

The Kurlama yam ceremony was a lovely surprise at the beginning of the term. The ceremony is held once a year and it is seen as a ritual to heal hurts of the past year, to express sorrow at various events that have happened and also to ensure good health and plentiful bush food for the coming year. Over the weekend there was the ritual gathering and cooking yam by the men, women singing and families gathering together eating bush tucker. Many thanks to all the community for sharing such a beautiful ceremony with us at this time of Easter when we turn from sorrow and forgiveness to a future of new life and hope.



Religious Education Coordinator: Pam Brown

STAGE 1 CHARLES DARWIN UNIVERSITY CAMP



This week the Stage 1 students experienced the life of tertiary study as we spent the week in Darwin on study camp. The nine Stage 1 students were accompanied by Justin Brennan, Curriculum Coordinator and Stage 1 PE teacher and myself, Emily Peacock, as the Stage 1 English teacher. As staff we were extremely excited to watch the students grow on this camp as they were exposed to a variety of educational and career pathways beyond school.

Throughout our stay in Darwin the group stayed on campus at Charles Darwin University (CDU) at International House Darwin. Just as though they were a university or VET student staying there, students were responsible for cooking, cleaning, being on-time, and ensuring that they got enough sleep to be alert the next day.

STAGE 1 CHARLES DARWIN UNIVERSITY CAMP



Our first day of camp was spent at CDU, exploring the campus and options available to our students post-school. We fed metre-long barramundi at the Aquaculture and Aquaponics site, toured International House Darwin (the accommodation), learnt about Indigenous Student Services available through CDU as well as courses and tertiary entrance pathways and worked on a range of mechanical activities at the automotive campus.

The second and third day of camp were intensive study days at The Northern Territory School of Distance Education (NTSDE), which is located at Darwin High School. Xavier Catholic College works collaboratively with NTSDE to enable our students to complete Stage 1 and Stage 2 to receive their Northern Territory Certificate of Education. Students worked with Maths, English and HPE teachers at NTSDE to achieve a variety of tasks, with some students finishing complete assignments during the two days.

Teacher: Emily Peacock

EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS

On Thursdays, the Employment Pathways students open the Frangipani café. They learn how to:

- ◆ serve customers
- ◆ make different types of coffees
- ◆ make milkshakes
- ◆ and even how to clean up

The students also made savoury muffins to sell to customers at the café. This week we had a little extra help from Jayne Parry, Consultant from CEONT.



HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

In Physical Education this term we are lucky enough to be visited by student placement teacher Nathaniel from Monash University. Nathaniel is currently in his final year of study and is eager to pass on his knowledge and passion to the Xavier students. Junior students will be participating in Soccer and the Menzies Skills for Life Program, focused on social and emotional development. Senior students will be learning about the benefits on Nutrition and Healthy Eating. We look forward to the next few weeks.



CHILD STUDIES—HEALTHY EATING

The Stage 2 Child Studies students have been working on a Healthy Eating for Children unit in class. Part of their topic was a task to create, prepare and deliver a healthy lunch for a group of younger students. On Friday Laressa, Laike and Raphael spent time preparing fruit skewers, banana blasters and grape caterpillars before lunch time. Once completed, the Stage 2 students spent time at MCPS handing out their amazing creations which were much appreciated and delicious. Great work Stage 2 students.



NT THUNDER—MARIETTA PUAUTJIMI

Over the last few weeks some of the Xavier senior girls have been training very hard as they were chosen to trial for the NT Thunder U/18 girls team. Over the weekend, Marietta Puautjimi and Samara Puruntatameri travelled to Darwin and competed in a trial match against the Allies. After speaking with their coaches, both girls displayed great skills, game sense and a desire to be the best they could be. It is our pleasure to announce that Marietta Puautjimi was successful in her trial and will be joining her teammates in Coffs Harbour to play against the South Australia U/18 girls team.

Good luck Marietta.

PE & HE Teacher: Josh Leane