



## Newsletter

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### Prayer

**DEAR LORD,**  
TEACH ME TO TRUST IN YOU SO THAT WHEN THE  
UNEXPECTED STORMS OF LIFE COME,  
I WILL EXPECT PEACE IN THE MIDST OF THOSE STORMS,  
KNOWING THAT YOU ARE NEAR,  
YOU HEAR MY CRIES,  
AND YOU ARE WITH ME AND FOR ME.

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**  
**MONDAY 1ST JULY TO**  
**MONDAY 22ND JULY.**

**SCHOOL RETURNS**  
**TUESDAY 23RD JULY 2019**

**HAVE A SAFE AND**  
**WONDERFUL BUSH BREAK**

**Fr Pat celebrating Mass with  
Xavier and MCPS staff.**



## Principal's Message

The past two weeks have been very sad for our community with the passing of our much loved senior student. We extend our deepest sympathy to her parents, Karlene and Brian, to her daughter, siblings, grandparents and extended family.

We were privileged to have the school smoked as part of the rituals to farewell her. We also held a Memorial Mass to celebrate her life. In hard times like these, the close-knit bonds we share with each other and with family are very clear for all to see.

May our loving God, creator of us all, hold our student and her family in loving hands during this heartbreaking time.

This week, we held our first Parent/Family Meet and Greet at New Church. We had the chance to speak with over 20 students' families about how well their children are doing at school. It was wonderful getting out into the community and we would like to thank Tai and his takeaway shop for helping us with food and water.

Next term, we have many exciting things in store such as a new timetable which will mean that Literacy and Numeracy classes will be held early in the day when brains are more open to learning and the afternoons will include more Culture and Activities. Drama is going to be taught across the school which we know our students will love.

Whilst we will be welcoming three new staff members next term – Belinda, Renae and Tatiana – we also thank and farewell Fiona. Chris is going on six months' study leave and we will see him again in January, 2020.

I would like to thank each and every staff member for their amazing dedication to Xavier this term. Each person here gives their absolute best and we are a proud and happy learning community, all striving to improve your children's outcomes.

Our students have been awesome this term – respectful, kind, polite, trying hard with their schoolwork and stepping up to speak at community events which shows a lot of bravery.

School is back with the Cathy Freeman Walk to School on **Tuesday 23 July** so until then, please stay safe over bush break, enjoy some family time and I hope that many of you get to go on country to recharge.

Thankyou for your tremendous support of me in my first six months at Xavier. I have landed in a beautiful community and the best school ever.

Warmest regards and blessings,

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## MESSAGES FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

#### Staff Retreat

Last Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> June, Xavier College and MCPS staff came together for a day of prayer, Christian Mindfulness and discussions on the theme of Community and Spirituality. The day began with a Smoking ceremony and Mass. It ended with Tiwi song, dance and reflections. Many thanks to all the facilitators for their hard work, especially visiting priests, Fr. Edward and Fr. Trung.



Religious Education Coordinator: Pam Brown



## MESSAGE FROM OUR DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

This term we have focussed on students building their confidence in our Pastoral Care and Wellbeing program. Students have been working on improving their manners through taking the time to stop and greet teachers and do check-ins. We have also been working on making good choices and being confident to say 'no' if someone is humbugging or trying to do the wrong thing. I have been very proud of all our students this term and I am looking forward to next term.

We would like to congratulate the following students who received an Award from the Cathy Freeman Foundation for their attendance:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Senior Students
Jeremena Apuatimi	Wyndell Puruntatameri	Stanilisha Puautjimi	Taluhla Turner
Robbie Munkara	Miriam Puruntatameri	Jack Tipungwuti	Ephrianna Tipungwuti
Kourtney Rimmer	Damon Daniels		Rayma Puautjimi
Tommy Tipunwuti	Francis Juan Orsto		Samara Puruntatameri
Ciara Calma			Laike Pateriki
			Raphael Poantimilui

### Gold Medal Award Winners:

Class	Student
Yilinga	Tommy Tipungwuti
Mayimampi	Robbie Munkara
Jarranga	Stanilisha Puautjimi
EP	Samara Puruntatameri
Stage 1	Ephrianna Tipungwuti
Stage 2	Raphael Poantimilui

God Bless,

Deputy Principal: Liz Moodey

## XCC AND MCPS RETREAT DAY PHOTOS



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## GROWING OUR OWN

Growing Our Own: Students on practicum at Holy Spirit

Tammy, Edwina and Lisa are completing their final week of a three week practical placement for primary teaching at Holy Spirit in Darwin. They have developed their confidence and planning skills. The GOO students have shown their excitement in working with the primary students and learning about what is needed to become a confident, competent teacher. Bertram has been continuing with his assignments at Xavier, to ensure he completes the requirements of the Bachelor of Educational Studies. Next semester Pam Brown will be taking over the GOO Co-ordinator's role, and I know that she will support the students in their goal of completing a Bachelor of Education. I wish the GOO students and Pam all the best.

GOO Coordinator: Leila-Jean Flannery

## MATHEMATICS

What a big semester we have had in our Maths classes at Xavier. Students in Junior classes have been working very hard to learn all about fractions and measurement. It has been fantastic to see kids working out the perimeter and area of all sorts of shapes, with some colourful displays appearing on the walls. We must sadly say farewell for now to Chris who is taking some study leave in the Philippines for the rest of the year but we look forward to seeing him next year when he returns. We are thrilled to welcome to our school Renae Carmichael who comes with lots of experience to teach Maths here (and other things too) at Xavier. Make sure you introduce yourselves when you see her around. Have a wonderful bush break everybody and we look forward to next semester for some more great learning.

Mathematics Coordinator: Gabriele Lindsay

## MESSAGES FROM TEACHERS

On Tuesday and Wednesday all Xavier students participated in Circus. The students did some amazing flips on the trampoline. They juggled, practiced using a whip and learnt how to hula hoop. The students had fun and got to learn along students that they do not usually work as it was a whole school activity. The highlight was when Francis carried Mathias on his shoulders. Thank you Circus Oz for teaching us and making us laugh. Thank you to Tiwi Enterprise for bring Circus Oz to the Wurrumiyanga.

Teacher: Gwen Pereira

Literacy in Semester 1 was a great success and saw students achieve some wonderful things. Reading was the primary with all students choosing their own texts and reading them independently on most days.

We have also been very lucky to have Andree's mum, Adele Rice, and colleague, Denise McArthur working in the library to rearrange all of our books. This space is already looking so neat and welcoming and we are very excited to begin utilising all the resources to their full potential. Thank you Adele and Denise.

In Semester Two, we welcome new staff to the Literacy faculty. The first new member and acting Literacy Coordinator is Tatianna Rhodes who will be taking Jarranga and Employment Pathways classes. We also are very excited to bring Yolanda into the English team. Yolanda will be teaching Literacy to Yilinga.

We hope that everyone has a fabulous holiday and returns refreshed for Semester Two.

Teacher: Emily Peacock

What a first semester it has been in 2019!!!

Xavier students have been introduced to a variety of team invasion sports and all students have participated with a positive attitude and a good willingness to learn. Through playing Hockey, Frisbee, Soccer and Physical Fitness students have developed a strong sense of independence and confidence. The chance to continuously work in a team gave students the opportunity to build both trust and strengthen friendships.

Next Semester is filled with a number of fun activities for Xavier students to get involved with. Just to name a few:

- Michael Long Leadership and Learning Camp for Year 7 and 8 girls
- Tennis Camp for juniors in Darwin
- The chance to play a curtain raiser game at TIO before the NT Thunder
- Learning new sports and developing skills

The Health and Physical Education teachers are very proud of all the students at Xavier for an enthusiastic and hard-working semester. We hope you enjoy the break and look forward to seeing you for the start of Term 3.

Teacher: Josh Leane



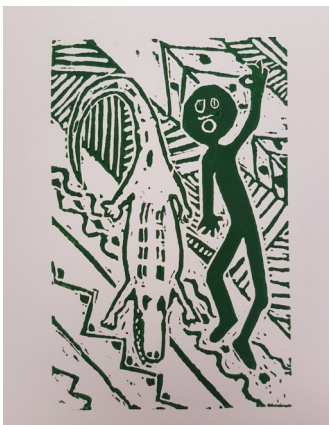
## MESSAGES FROM TEACHERS

The term in Art, our Juniors have worked together to paint this detailed mural which tells a story of culture and education, both being important to the future of Tiwi people. Our Seniors have been working hard at refining their printmaking skills, making some professional quality artworks. Next term, we will be working on our individual painting skills.

Art and Design Teacher: Ash Webb



PHOTOS OF THE WEEK FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT





## Child Safeguarding Commitment Statement

Catholic Education Northern Territory is committed to the safety, wellbeing and empowerment of all children, young people and vulnerable adults. This commitment is drawn from, and inherent to, the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and the sanctity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel. We recognise and uphold the dignity and rights of all children and young people, and have zero tolerance for child abuse and exploitation.

We are committed to creating school, education and care environments where children and young people are respected, and where they are safe and feel safe. We provide opportunities for children and young people to have a voice and be heard.

We encourage open communication where families and communities are informed of relevant issues and have the opportunity to contribute to the decision-making process regarding the safety of children and young people.

We have policies and procedures in place to build a strong safeguarding culture. Employees and volunteers must follow these policies and procedures and thus contribute to the culture of the care and protection of all children, young people and vulnerable adults. It is essential that all employees and volunteers are committed to educating our community, and by remaining informed of the causes and signs of harm to children, young people and vulnerable adults.

We plan, organise and review all activities with children and young people, proactively considering potential risks and implementing control measures that reduce or eliminate these risks. All stakeholders are encouraged to communicate their concerns or suggest possible improvements to policies or procedures.

We are committed to responding sensitively and respectfully, in a timely manner, to anyone who raises a concern or allegation of harm to a child, young person or vulnerable adult. We report to the appropriate authority in line with our moral and legal obligations and our Investigating Complaints Policy.

We will regularly undertake internal and external auditing of our safeguarding policies and practices to make sure that they always support a culture that puts the safety of children and young people at the centre of our thinking, decision making and action.

For more information or to raise a concern, please contact the:

School Safeguarding Contact Person, or

Integrity Officer/ Child Safety Coordinator: [christine.smith@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:christine.smith@nt.catholic.edu.au)

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Greg O'Mullane  
Director, Catholic Education Northern Territory

Date: 14/6/2019.