



Xavier Catholic College Newsletter

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Strong in Faith • Strong in Culture • Strong in Learning

Xavier Catholic College is committed to the safety, wellbeing and empowerment of all children, young people and vulnerable adults. Drawing on Tiwi traditions and the teachings of Jesus Christ and Bishop Gsell, we recognise and uphold the sacredness of our young people and the need to protect all children from abuse and exploitation.

Prayer for Community

Dear God,

We who have come from every land
give thanks for

Our Country Australia

This earth that feeds us,

The shores that bind us,

The skies that envelop our freedom,

We give our thanks and praise.

Let us look back with courage;

See the truth and speak it.

Let us look around with compassion,

See the cost and share it.

Let us look forward with hope;

See what can be and create it.

Amen

Upcoming Events:

Week 3

Cathy Freeman Year 9/10 Camp Melbourne

All Souls Day—XCC & MCPS visiting cemetery (1 Nov)

Week 4

GOO Intensive week

Leah's Anniversary Mass (8 Nov)

Week 5

Construction

Remembrance Day (11 November)

Week 6

Stage 2 Graduation (22 November)

Week 7

EP Graduation Dinner (2 December)

- Mondays: Study Club/Book Club
- Thursdays: Cultural Program 12.30—2.30pm
- Wednesdays/Fridays: Afternoon Activities Program





Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we celebrate World Teachers' Day and the vital role teachers play in shaping the next generation. At Xavier, we are lucky to have very committed and enthusiastic assistant teachers and teachers, as well as talented Growing Our Own student teachers.

These special human beings make a world of difference every day for our students. Every time I walk around the school, I notice the great sense of connection our teachers have with our students and I am so proud of this. This is because educators at Xavier are believers in Rita Pierson's statement that

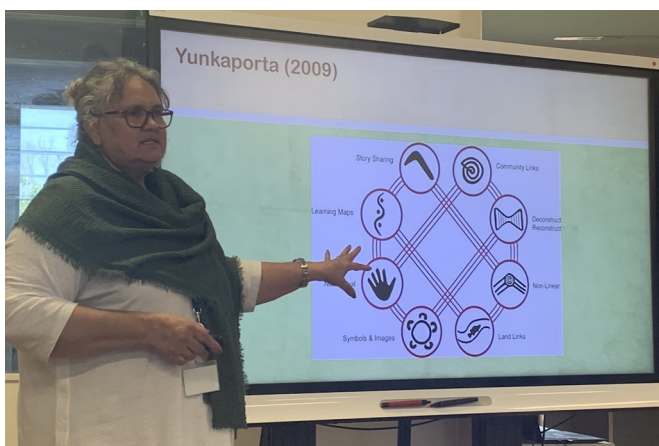
EVERY CHILD DESERVES A CHAMPION, AN ADULT WHO WILL NEVER GIVE UP ON THEM.

A special thanks to two teachers who are leaving our community; Renae Carmichael has been with us since last term and was a great Drama teacher and community builder and she is returning to Melbourne to be near family and Sylverius Tipungwuti has been an excellent assistant teacher and leaves us to work for Territory Families in the local office. We wish them every blessing and success and welcome Brad Palipuaminni and Dennis Tipuamantumirri as our new Assistant Teachers. We also welcome Shauna Delaney as a relief teacher for Term 4.



Teachers have to be lifelong learners to be good at what we do and we were privileged to have a gifted indigenous teacher and academic, Debra Danks, with us recently. Debra helped us understand what culturally responsive schools look like and she introduced us to the Eight Aboriginal Ways of Knowing. We will be working with the community in 2020 to embed this learning and you will be invited into classes and the school to view our steps along the journey.

Finally a big shout out to Karina Gray and her business, Starwin, for working so hard in conjunction with the ADF and the AFL to organise a leadership camp for Tiwi young women in Adelaide. Marietta, Rosie and Samara participated in this wonderful experience and presented confident speeches on assembly as the result! Karina is a great supporter of our school and a strong champion of young women and we cannot thank her enough.



Have a great week ahead and don't forget to follow us on Facebook for regular updates about our vibrant learning community!

Andree Rice
Principal



Deputy Principal

Liz's Message Term 4 has begun well, with a lot of students returning to school after the holidays and getting straight into their learning. Attendance has continued to increase and a number of students are already on target to be recognised at the end of this term for Cathy Freeman Foundation Awards.



**CATHY
FREEMAN
FOUNDATION**
EDUCATION CHANGES LIVES

Each student has the chance of achieving the following awards:



90% Attendance Awards
Give Me Five Awards
Gold Medal Awards

It would be great to have at least 20 students achieve a 90% attendance award at the end of term assembly.

Cathy Freeman Foundation Horizon Camp to Melbourne

I would also like to congratulate Stanalisha Puautijimi, Tahlula Turner, Jack Tipungwuti & William Dulla who will be travelling with Gabby to Melbourne for the Cathy Freeman Horizon camp next week. We hope you have a great time and continue to build on the great leadership skills you have already developed and show daily at school.

God Bless,

Liz Moodey
Deputy Principal

Religious Education

This term, as part of Religious Education classes, the students in Yilinga class are visiting the pre-school children at MCPS. The students have taken part in choosing books from the pop up book stall organized and run by the pre-school children. (Books donated by Indigenous Literacy Foundation).

Xavier students created a shaded area for the pre-school children to play under and joined in group activities and sharing morning tea. Yilinga students really enjoyed supporting and helping the young children. Back in class the Yilinga students discussed how their actions related to the Gospel values and the importance of being good role models.

Culture Program—Thursdays, 12.30—2.30pm

This term as part of the Culture Program, we will enjoy whole school visits to Aged Care for traditional stories, songs, dance and weaving.

We will also undertake workshops at the museum, learning about songs and dances connected to ceremonies, creation stories, how to make items such as spears, canoes and carvings, practising Old Tiwi, and names of family and students' Country.

Pam Brown
Religious Education Coordinator

Curriculum

As we move into the final term of 2019, there are lots of exciting events coming up, especially for our senior students!

DriveSafe NT

DriveSafe NT will be visiting Wurrumiyanga on November 25-29 to help students get their L plates. We want as many students as possible to get their Ls when they come, so if you are 16, start by bringing any ID to school. We will photocopy it and keep it here ready for the DriveSafe NT team. Any students who have had their L plates for at least 6 months and are ready to pass a driving test will be able to do a P plate test that week as well.

Year 12 Graduation Celebrations

Friday November 22 is Darwin graduation for our Stage 2 students. They will be flying into Darwin the morning before to get themselves looking smart in time for the graduation ceremony. If you are in Darwin on November 22, you can meet the group outside Mindil Casino at 6pm before they go inside for the ceremony.

Lastly, 'Island Graduation' for EP Year 12 students will be on December 2 at Xavier. Students will be getting clothes made at BIMA wear in the coming weeks, and all family will be invited to celebrate at school. More details to come!

Justin Brennan
Curriculum Coordinator

Visit from Essendon Football Club

On Thursday and Friday, 24 - 25 October, Xavier Catholic College was visited by players and coaches from the Essendon AFL and VFLW teams.



The club hosted a women's talent identification training session in the hope of finding some new talent from the Tiwi Islands.

On Friday, students participated in education sessions on what it takes to perform at the elite level, in terms of nutrition and recovery. They were also involved with clinics run by the players. We had a great time meeting all the players and getting involved in the activities.

Josh Leane
HPE Coordinator





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Employment Pathways

Term 4 continues to be a busy term for Employment Pathways students.

We are continuing the recycling program, as well as hosting our first Movie Night. The students will be running a **Movie Night** in Week 3 – Thursday 31 October 2019. Doors to the Senior Room will open at 4pm, for a 5pm Movie Start. The movie is: Toy Story 4. Entry for YEAR 5, 6, 7 and 8 students will be free and there will be food available. Posters will be put up around Community.



The Employment Pathways students will also be heading out to **Tarntipi** to celebrate the success of Term 3. We will have pizza and soft drinks to help the celebrations. Students need to attend school to be able to come. This will be held from 4–6 pm.

The students will be undertaking **work experience** again this term. It will happen from Tuesday 18 November through to lunch on Friday 22 November. I will be contacting businesses to see if they would like to support our students. We are always grateful for the support we get from the Tiwi Islands Community.

One of our Year 12 students, Rosemary Woollie has come up with a plan for the EP students to celebrate the end of their schooling through a special dinner. The date for this will be Monday 2 December. More details will come out soon.

Leila Flannery
Employment Pathways Teacher

Frangipani Café

Every Friday, 11.15am–12.15pm

The Employment Pathways students will be opening the Frangipani Café each Friday from 11.15am – 12.15pm.

They will be selling coffees, milkshakes, toasted ham and cheese sandwiches, slices and other treats. Feel free to come down and order your coffee and something to eat. All profit goes towards their projects.



Employment Pathways

Recycling

One thousand, eight hundred and fifty (1, 850) plastic bottles, and seven hundred and twenty two (722) cans. That was a total of \$255 that Envirobank deposited into the school's bank account for Employment Pathways projects.

A very exciting start to our recycling program. Envirobank delivered 10 big bags for us to fill, and Sea Swift will once again take them back to Darwin for us at no cost. We are looking forward to filling these bags, as well as cleaning up the community a little more. We are very grateful for the support from Sea Swift and Envirobank, as we would not be able to recycle without their help.



If YOU have plastic soft drink bottles, soft drink cans or beer cans, please bring them in to help us with our recycling. It will also help the community.



keeping your
community
connected

Summary of Events for Employment Pathways Students

Week and day	Date	Event
Fridays – each week	Each Friday 11.15am – 12.15 pm	CAFÉ - Frangipani
Week 3 – Wednesday	30 October 2019	EP students go to Tarntipi 4pm – 6pm for pizza and soft drinks.
Week 3 – Thursday	31 October 2019	Movie Night organised by EP students
Week 6 – Tuesday - Friday	19 - 22 November	Work Experience
Week 8 Monday	2 December 2019	EP Dinner

Leila Flannery
Employment Pathways Teacher



Thank you to TITEB
and RSAS for a successful
Yellow Shirts Day

