



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

Remember, Lord,

Those who have died and have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, especially those for whom we now pray. May these, and all who sleep in Christ, find in Your presence light, happiness and peace.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Upcoming Events:

Week 5

Construction

Year 6 Transition afternoon

Remembrance Day (11 November)

Week 6

Year 7, 2020 Student and Parent Information

Afternoon and barbeque (20 November)

Stage 2 Graduation (22 November)

Week 7

Thank You Morning Tea and Serenity Space
Opening (25 November)

EP Graduation Dinner (2 December)

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





Principal

One of the most moving experiences I have had this year has to be my first All Souls' Day here at Wurrumiyanga. We celebrated with a liturgy in the cemetery followed by a special ritual of cleaning family graves. Xavier and MCPS students and staff raked, weeded and beautified headstones and graves. What was so powerful about this was the way that students spoke about their family; they feel so close to them still and know family is looking out for them and guiding them. Non-Tiwis like myself have so much to learn

from this community about our relationships with those who have passed, and our relationship with God.

I would also like to acknowledge the deep loss that family, friends and our schools have felt since the passing of R. Tipungwuti. I hope that our faith helps us believe that, in the words of Henry Scott-Holland:



*Death is nothing at all.
It does not count.
I have only slipped away into the next room.
Nothing has happened.*

*Everything remains exactly as it was.
I am I, and you are you.
and the old life that we lived so fondly together is untouched,
unchanged.*

Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.

*Life means all that it ever meant.
It is the same as it ever was.
There is absolute and unbroken continuity.
What is this death but a negligible accident?*

*Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?
I am but waiting for you, for an interval,
somewhere very near,
just round the corner.*



Andrea Rice
Principal



Deputy Principal

As we move into the wet season the humidity begins to rise and it feels like you need a second, third or fourth shower after having one shower. With sweating so much in this heat it is really important to try and stay clean to reduce the risk of bacterial infections and nasty sores like boils.

This term our pastoral care program will be focussing on personal hygiene from head to toe. Some of the things we will be looking at are ways to wash our hair, clean and cut our nails, how to identify scabies and what we can do to keep our families safe from infections.

One great idea (if you don't already do it) is to check every family member for head lice at least once a week. If someone has head lice, go straight to the clinic for a hair treatment and then wash all sheets and pillows to kill any eggs that may be in the bedding.

God Bless,

Liz Moodey
Deputy Principal



Curriculum

Term 4 is an exciting time for Year 9s as they finish their time in the Junior School and look to becoming senior students in 2020!

There are two pathways for senior students at Xavier - the Employment Pathways (EP) class or the Stage 1 class. Year 9 students will be placed in one of these classes based on their strengths and where they would like to end up after they finish secondary school. Xavier has a fantastic record in helping all senior students achieve great results in their senior years, and we look forward to welcoming the current Year 9s into the Senior School next year!

To help students and their families understand the senior pathways, there is an **information session at Xavier Catholic College next Monday (November 11) at 12pm**. Year 9 students are to bring one parent or guardian as a guest. Lunch will be provided for guests at 1pm, after the information session.

If you have any questions about senior pathways at Xavier, please come in and see us!

Justin Brennan
Curriculum Coordinator

Religious Education

On Friday, MCPS and Xavier school community walked together to the cemetery to commemorate the souls of those who have passed away.

As we gathered for a liturgy led by Father Pat and the Strong Women, we were joined by many families and members of the wider community.

After the liturgy the community lovingly cleaned and decorated the graves. It was a very special, beautiful and peaceful occasion which will stay in our hearts for a long time.



Pam Brown
Religious Education Coordinator



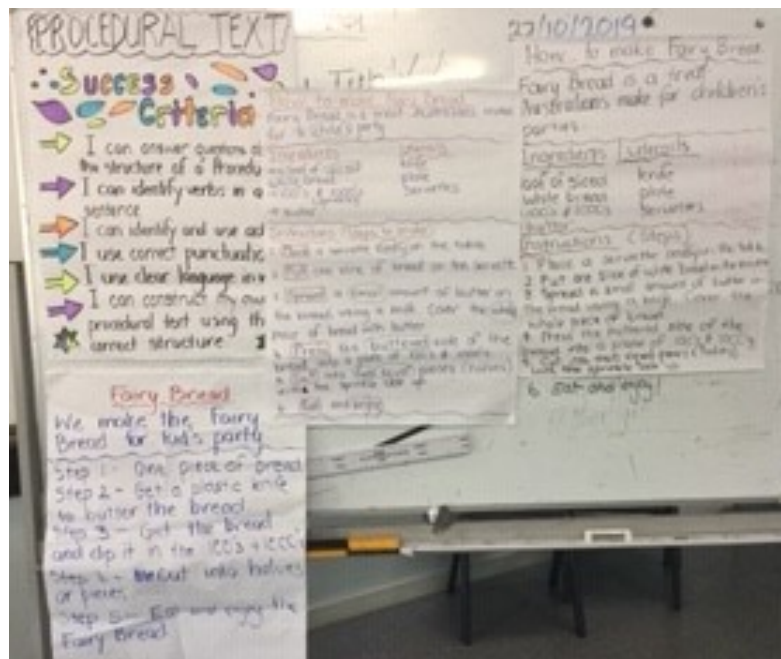
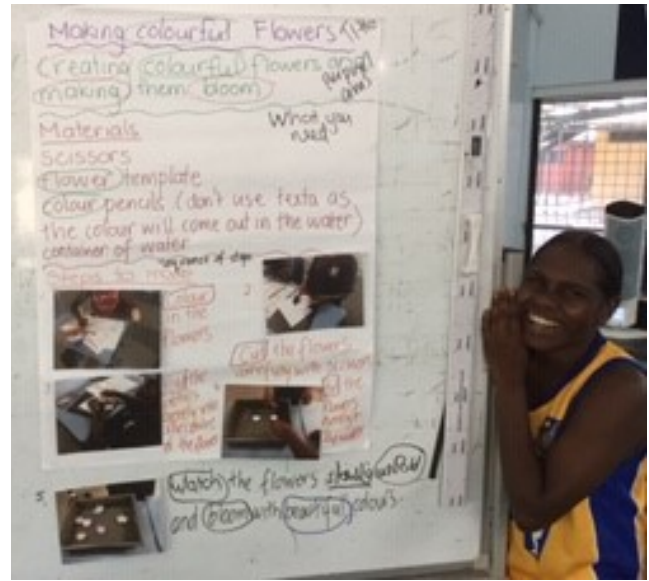
Literacy

Junior English classes have been learning about procedural text this term. We started by writing a text on “How to make fairy bread” and had Justin follow our instructions – it was very funny watching him make mistakes, but we learnt that we needed to be more explicit with our instructions.

Classes have been learning about the structure and language features of a procedural text by deconstructing, reconstructing and joint construction. Mayimampi have made stress balls and learnt how to meditate. Jarrunga have made Monet’s Flowers and Chocolate crackles. We use these experiences to write our own procedural text.

By the end of Term 4 we all plan to be confident enough to write our own individual procedural text using the structure we have been working on.

Tatiana Rhodes
English Coordinator



Cathy Freeman Foundation Camp

The Cathy Freeman Foundation helps Indigenous students broaden their horizons and achieve their goals. This week four of our students set out to do just that. Taluhla from Year 10, along with Jack, Stanilisha and William from Year 9 all travelled to Melbourne with Gabby to participate in the CFF Horizons Camp.

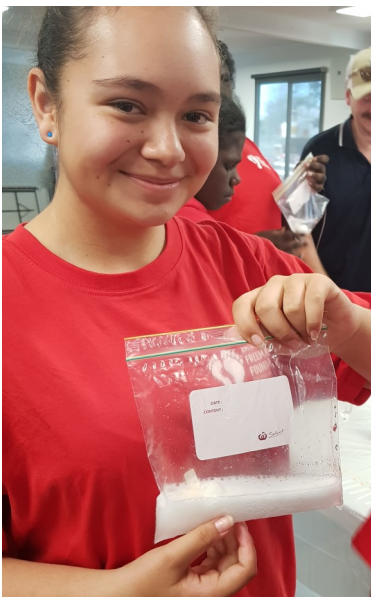
The camp involved students from Bathurst and Elcho Islands in the NT and Palm Island and Woorabinda in Queensland all coming together to participate in some new and exciting experiences. They learned a lot about setting and achieving goals and how to get help

doing so. They had to be very brave – working with new friends to

solve problems and doing things outside their comfort zone. Some of the things they did were rock climbing, a photo challenge through Melbourne and pretend job interviews with strangers from different businesses.

All of the students were amazing and at the end of the week they each gave incredible presentations to a room full of strangers describing themselves and their goals for the future. Congratulations to all of them and we can't wait to see them achieving those goals when they finish school.

Gabrielle Lindsay
Teacher



Employment Pathways

EP Pizza Dinner

Last Wednesday we held our first Pizza Dinner for the Employment Pathways students. Even though we did not get out to Tarrtippi due to the rain, we did have the pizza and soft drink at the Bistro. We had about 10 students turn up, as well as the following staff: Belinda, Cynthia, and Brad. A lovely evening to celebrate the success of Term 3.



Movie Night

Last Thursday 31 October saw the Employment Pathway's first Movie Night. What a lovely night. We would have had over 60 students at one point, watching Toy Story 4. I thank the staff, Samara and Emma who helped sell food, supervise students and clean up. Greatly appreciated. The children were excited, looked happy, and displayed fabulous manners.

Recycling

We continue to recycle... We have sent another 3 large bags of recycling to Darwin, and we will continue to collect more soft drink bottles and cans. Please bring in any that you may have collected. Remember all money will go towards the Employment Pathway students' projects – the main project hopefully being the AFL Grand Final. Once again, I would like to thank Sea Swift and Envirobank for supporting our venture. Without them this would not happen.

Leila Flannery
Employment Pathways Teacher



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Health & Physical Education

Football in Darwin

While a lot of us spend the weekend with family, relaxing, fishing or watching television, a number of students finish school on Friday afternoon and then jump on the Sealink ferry to play football in Darwin. Needing to achieve certain attendance and behavioural standards to be considered, we have students representing the Under 14's, Under 16's and Under 18's competitions for teams such as St Marys, Waratahs and Wanderers. A special mention goes to Year 10 student Preyben Tipiloura who debuted for the Tiwi Bombers on the weekend against Palmerston. We are proud of our students spending the extra time to further their sporting lives.



NT Golf

On 24 October, Peter and Robert from NT Golf visited Xavier Catholic College to give the student a try of the sport. While the sport was new to the majority of students, we were pleased with how much effort they put in and how quickly they developed and improved their skills.

Josh Leane
HPE Teacher





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If your child is starting Year 7 in 2020, please join us on Wednesday, 20 November at 1.00pm for a sausage sizzle. Our friendly staff look forward to meeting you and welcoming you into the Xavier family!

Please call Shona Strong on 8978 3970 if you would like more information.