



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

God of Hope,

We give thanks for the gifts, leadership and contributions of women in all areas of life and society. We pray for an end to violence and harrasment, and for safety of all. We pray for gender justice and respect for the rights of women.

Amen



Upcoming Events:

Week 6

International Women's Day (Sunday)

Week 7

Tiwi Grand Final (Sunday)

Week 8

Stage 2 NTSDE Study Camp (pick up Sunday 15th)

Essendon Training Day (Monday)

Assembly (Tuesday)

National Close the Gap Day (Thursday)

Student Free Day (Friday)

Week 9

EP & Stage 1 Construction

Forestry Training

NT Swimming

Week 10

Assembly (Tuesday)

Passion/Palm Sunday

NT Swimming (P4 & 5)

Week 11

Holy Week

World Health Day (Tuesday)

Last Day of Term 1 (Thursday)

Good Friday

Easter Sunday

- Mondays: Study Club/Book Club
- Tuesdays: Assembly/Activities
- Wednesdays: Pastoral Care
- Thursdays: Cultural Program



Principal

We had an amazing Assembly this week which showcased the wins Xavier is having this term. Casimira Tipiloura (Tiwi teacher) led us in prayer and a beautiful Lenten reflection which used the image of the Tiwi message stick, the **Purinjiti**, as a way for us all to walk the purple road of Lent. We learnt about the work of **Caritas Australia** and how indigenous people in other countries of the world like the Philippines are doing it hard and need our support to be able to support their families and be accepted by broader society. Pam encouraged us all to do without something so that we can go further together and help our sisters and brothers everywhere. Stay tuned for more news about what Xavier is doing for Project Compassion this Lent!

We celebrated the importance of our Culture Program which runs every Thursday from 12 – 2.30 pm and we talked about culture making us strong. Greg Orsto from Red Cross shared his experiences of culture and education and expressed his wish that one day a Tiwi student would run Australia as our PM! Imagine that!



We recognised the leadership and skills of the students who went on the Michael Long Learning and Leadership Camp last week and we congratulate Matthias, Campbell, Kerisha, Jeremina and Alexandria for their awards at Camp. Thanks to Matt Cullen and Edmena Kantilla for being on the camp with our students.

Most importantly, Xavier students are coming to school in big numbers and are taking their learning very seriously! Thank you for supporting your children and getting them to school. We understand that this is not always easy. Please know that you are welcome to school anytime to have a chat or to let us know how your children are going. We can also do a home catch up visit.

Everyone is welcome to Xavier Assemblies which are every fortnight at 1.30 pm in our fantastic library. Please check our Facebook site for information about when the next Assembly is on.

Until next time, stay safe and well and have a great weekend.

Andree Rice
Principal



Deputy Principal

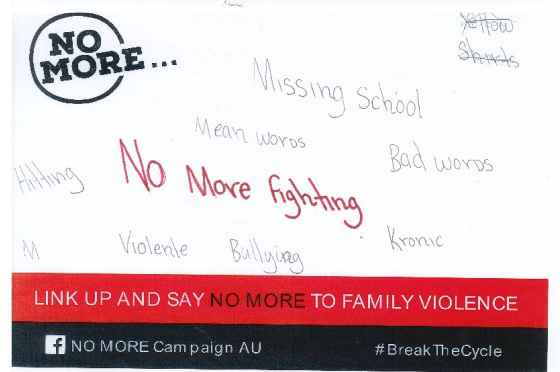
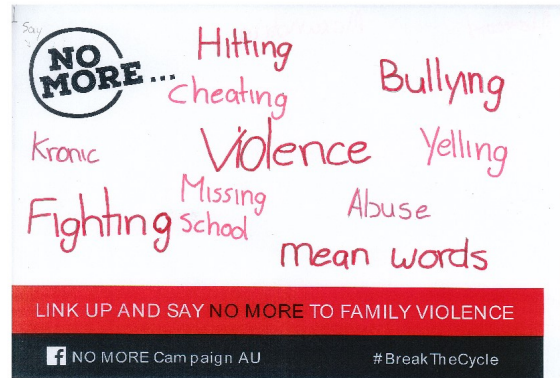
This week I would like to use the words and images created by a number of our junior students who attended a Michael Long Leadership camp in Darwin. During a session on Wednesday they met with representatives from Catholic

Care and spoke about issues that they are worried about. I think the following images speak volumes.

We all need to continue working together to give our Tiwi young people their voices and their strong future.

God Bless,

Liz Moodey
Deputy Principal



Curriculum

We have always known at Xavier that our Year 12 graduates are some of the strongest and smartest young adults around. But over the past few weeks, it seems the rest of the world has heard just how good our graduates are!

Samara Puruntatameri (EP Graduate 2019) has been accepted into the Indigenous Youth Mobility Pathways (IYMP) program. IYMP will help Samara live, work and study in Darwin as she begins Sport and Recreation training at Charles Darwin University. We are very proud of Samara, and she is certainly a role model for our up and coming EP students.

Damascena (Brandy) Kerinauia graduated with an NTCET last year. In her final year of study Brandy completed extra subjects which earned her an ATAR, making her the second ever student to achieve an ATAR whilst studying entirely 'on island'. Her achievements were recognised earlier this month at the NT

Board of Studies Awards at Parliament House Darwin. Brandy was awarded the Kami Sceney Remote Aboriginal Excellence and Leadership Award for 2019. Brandy has not stopped since finishing at Xavier, taking on a health traineeship at Julanimawu Health Centre. We can't wait to see what Brandy achieves next.



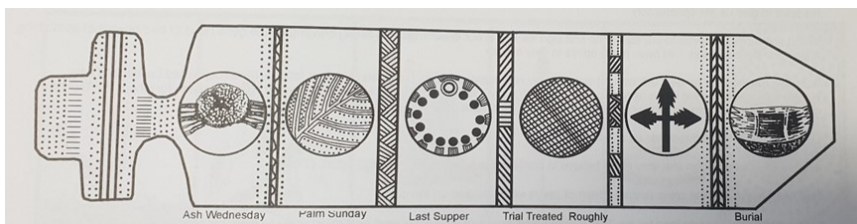
Justin Brennan
Curriculum Coordinator

Religious Education

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, the 40 day journey to the most important time in the Church's calendar - Easter. At school we use the symbol of the Purinjiti, Message Stick of old, during the 40 days of Lent. The Purinjiti was used for many purposes by the Tiwi people. One purpose was connected to the "Pukamani" ceremonies. The Purinjiti designs did not refer to the message that accompanied it – no – it was a road to follow, a map. At school we use the Purinjiti for Lent because the road begins with Ash Wednesday and takes us through to the greatest "Pukamani" ceremony of all – the death of Jesus on Good Friday.

This Lent our school community will take part in Project Compassion. During this time you might reflect on how we have much more than others in the world. Let's be courageous enough to make changes in our lives – what can you go without during each week of Lent? Perhaps it's not having sugary drinks, lollies, coffees... We can place the money saved in our Project Compassion boxes. Our commitment to Project Compassion will be our response to the call to work for social justice. Let's go further together.

Pam Brown
Religious Education Coordinator



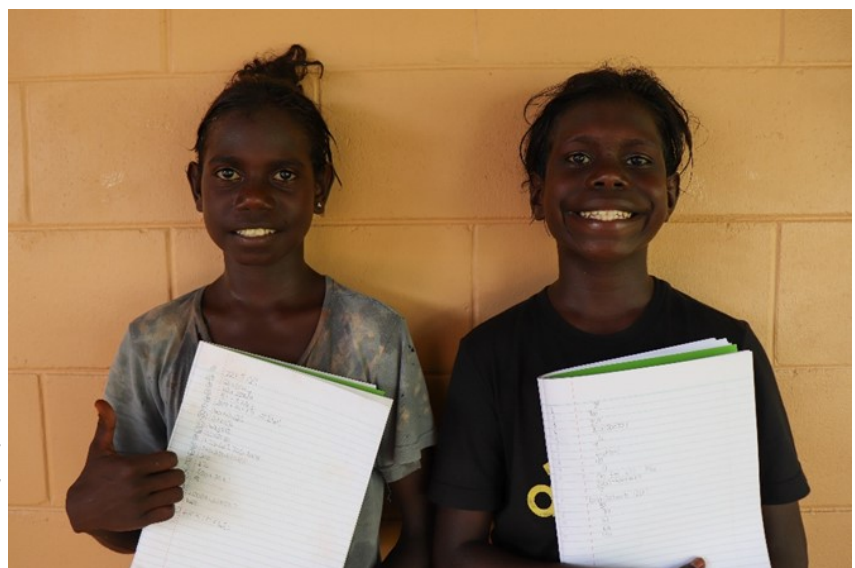
Maths

Awana Mamanta and welcome to Maths 2020. The Maths Teachers all agree that it has been great to see all of the regular students coming into Maths ready to learn. Well done! This year we are very lucky to have Chris returning to teach the Jarranga class after six months of studying in the Philippines — if you see him around, ask him about his trip!

This year we have been working on Place Value and Measurement while testing is completed. Today, Benjamin and Jason in Year 7 have made their teachers very proud for being the hardest workers for the day.... Congratulations boys!!

Remember families, help your children come to school ready to learn so they can be strong and smart.

Gabrielle Lindsay
Math Coordinator






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Physical Education

Michael Long Learning and Leadership Camp

From Sunday, 23 February until Friday, 28 February, nine Xavier students, along with Xavier teachers, Matt and Edmena, attended the Michael Long Learning and Leadership Camp in Darwin. Boarding the ferry on Sunday afternoon, the group met up with the Xavier students who were already in Darwin for football commitments.



The camp is aimed at creating positive and strong leaders out of young indigenous males and females. Some of the topics covered were Leadership, Playing Fair, Eating Healthy, Helping Others and Playing as a Team. With education and classroom sessions in the morning, the students were given the afternoon to visit some of their friends at boarding school, attend the museum, participate in water based activities, go shopping and even play bowling at Kingpin!

It was a very fun week and we are glad to have the opportunity to give our students the chance to learn about themselves and how to be leaders of the future. Good job to all Xavier students who attended camp and we can't wait to hear all of your stories now that you are back.

Josh Leane and Matt Cullen
HPE Department



Physical Education

In Term 1 Physical Education, students have been focusing on striking and fielding games. One of these games is cricket. With the Women's Cricket World Cup currently being played all over Australia, there's no better time to learn!

For a lot of students, this is their first attempt trying this new sport, however even though things are unfamiliar and can be difficult at times, the PE team would like to commend all the students for trying their very best and coming to class with a positive attitude. Whether it is batting, bowling or fielding, Xavier students are encouraged to learn new skills that they can apply to all different types of sports. We look forward to their skills developing as they become more familiar with techniques and rules. Attached are a few photos during practice.



Talent Identification Day and Remote Academy

On Tuesday, 18 February Xavier Catholic College combined with Tiwi College for our first ever Talent Identification Day. With two Academy Remote camps coming up for both Under 18 boys and Under 18 Girls, the NT Thunder flew out members of their Talent Identification Team to visit the island and help identify students they believe have untapped potential.

The camps offer talented players from remote communities the opportunity to train in a high-performance environment with high quality coaching, staff and access to first class facilities. Players will be exposed to strength and conditioning programs,

technical and tactical skill development, game play as well as recovery, nutrition and wellbeing education.

The day was very successful with a number of Xavier students offered the opportunity to participate in these camps. Congratulations to the following students who were chosen:



Under 18 Females

- Marietta
- Samara (2019 Graduate)
- Una
- Anne Joan
- Thecla
- Miriam

Under 18 Males

- Peter
- Preyben
- Timothy B
- William

Josh Leane
HPE Coordinator

Employment Pathways

2020 has seen a busy start for Employment Pathways students. Goals have been set for Term 1 and Term 2 and the class will work hard to achieve these goals.

Literacy

A goal identified by students is to improve their literacy levels. Each subject will offer 10 minutes at the start of each lesson for students to further develop their reading. Students seem to like this time.

Recycling

We continue to recycle... We have sent another three large bags of recycling to Darwin, and we will continue to collect more soft drink bottles and cans. To date, we have sent over 1,580 plastic bottles and 2,379 cans. Please bring in any that you may have collected. Remember, all money will go towards the Employment Pathway students' projects. The main project, which is yet to be confirmed, is a possible trip to Melbourne to watch an AFL game. Once again, I would like to thank Sea Swift and Envirobank for supporting our venture. Without them this would not happen.

We would also like to thank Josh Leane and Caitlin Rankine for their help in sorting the recycling of an afternoon. Greatly appreciated.

Leila Flannery
EP Teacher



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Employment Pathways

Work Experience

The Employment Pathways class are preparing for Work Experience by visiting business people in the community to learn what kind of jobs are available in different organisations and what duties and responsibilities are involved in those jobs.

Wednesday, 26 February was our first opportunity to visit Tiwi Design. Daryl and Alan went through the different opportunities that were available and what was involved with them. They gave us a tour of the new accommodation and gave insight into the potential job openings that may arise there.

Dr Justin Coleman also came to talk to our students about being a General Practitioner. Linda, an Aboriginal Health Worker came to speak about her previous roles, as well as the duties of her current position at the Clinic. Melissa from the Primary School shared her knowledge from being an Assistant Teacher. We were very lucky to be able to have these people talk to our students and answer any questions they had. It was greatly appreciated.

Peter Apuatimi will begin his work experience at Xavier Catholic College, working with our Groundsmen, Tom, Sam, Canice and Jordan. Peter will be working with the Grounds team two days a week for this term. He is excited about this opportunity.

Movie Night

The Employment Pathways students are hoping to run a Movie Night in the first couple of weeks of Term 2. More information will be provided closer to the time.

Café

Café training has started for our students every Friday. Students are learning about the different types of coffees and how to make them, as well as making milkshakes and toasted sandwiches. Our students are also developing mathematical skills when taking and calculating orders. We are hoping our students will be ready to assist in the Café on Grand Final morning.



Leila Flannery
EP Teacher



Culture

Our Culture Thursdays have been full of learning. This year, the staff at Patakijiyali Museum have planned lessons to teach students about the Tiwi environment and life cycles of different animals. So far, students (and their teachers) have learned about hand signs, the Wet Season, signs of changes in weather, Tiwi country ownership and the life cycles of frogs, butterflies, crocodiles and turtles.

An important part of every lesson is learning Tiwi vocabulary. Using flash cards, we break up each word into syllables and repeat the word until everyone is able to say it correctly.



Our culture lessons are a time when we can learn through stories and learn from each other and we are very thankful to Sister Anne, Fiona, Ancilla and Joanita from the Museum and our Assistant Teachers Angelo, Bertram, Dennis, Dom, Edwina, Jericka, Cosi and Gypsy.

Belinda Pereira
Teacher





