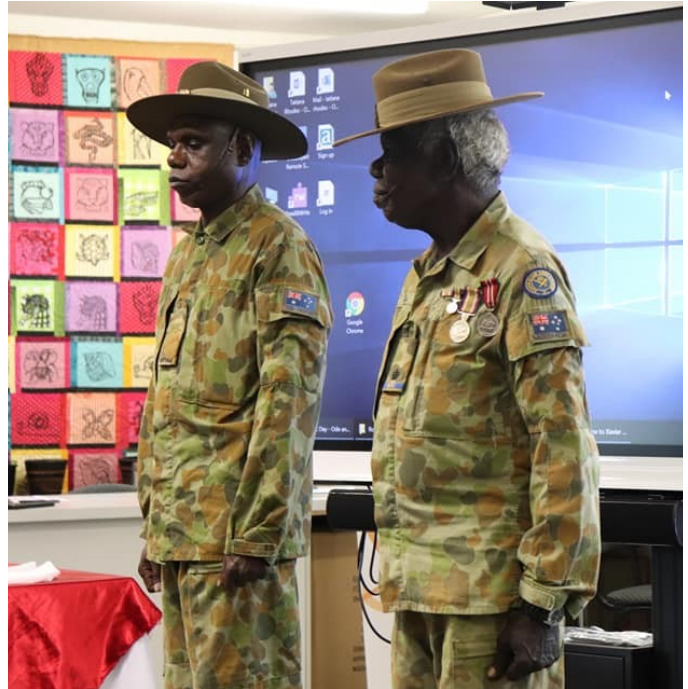




Xavier Catholic College Newsletter

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.



Coming up:

Week 3

May Day Public Holiday (Monday)
Peter Morris (Paediatrician on Island)

Week 6

National Sorry Day (Tuesday)
Pentecost (Sunday)

Week 7

National Reconciliation Week
Mabo Day (Wednesday)
Precinct Sports Carnival (Thursday/
Friday)

Week 8

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
(Monday)
School Officer Day (Monday)

Week 10

Report Distribution

Weekly

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

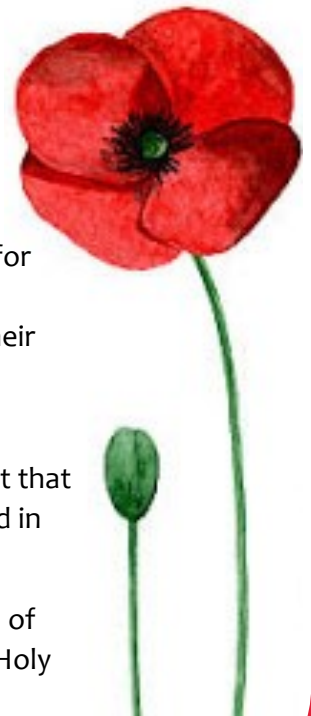
Prayer for ANZAC Day

God of love and liberty, we thank you for the peace and security we enjoy. It was won for us through the courage and devotion of those who gave their lives in time of war.

We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain, but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come.

We ask this prayer in the name of Jesus and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.





Principal

Dear Parents/Carers and Friends of Xavier,

Awana Mamanta!

We have had two great weeks back at school after the Easter holiday and our student numbers are slowly increasing. Please help us get the word out that **WE ARE OPEN FOR BUSINESS AND LEARNING** and we want our young people back!

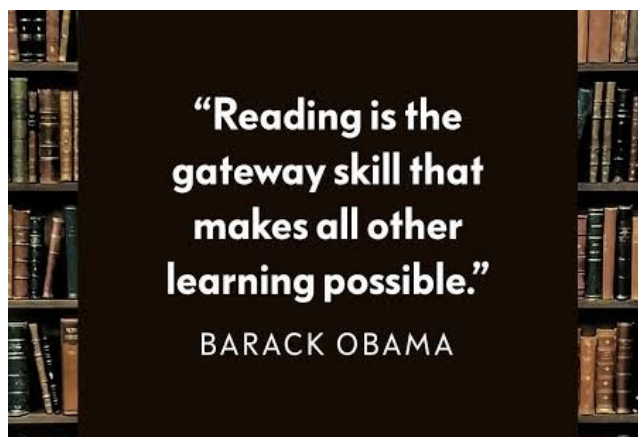
You might have heard the Prime Minister, Scott Morrison, saying that schools are very safe places for children to be in this corona virus time. This is why the NT Government has made going to school this term **COMPULSORY**. Everyone has to be back at school now!

Here at Xavier we are handwashing many times a day and teaching our students about how to keep themselves safe from catching the virus. We do not have to worry about the virus too much at the moment because there are now very few cases in the NT. The NT is beating the virus!

Two of the great things we have on offer this term at Xavier are our Activities Afternoons and our Culture Program. This week Xavier students got to choose between an exciting staff-student sports game, pizza making, meditation and screen painting, and, in culture, they learnt and practised Tiwi language for body parts!

We are very happy to be hosting 16 boarding students from St John's College, St Ignatius College, Haileybury Rendall, Worowa and Firbank Girls' Grammar this term. We have set these students up in our beautiful library supervised by Tiwi teacher, Casimira Tipiloura, so that they can continue on with their studies in this difficult times. All students have been a credit to their schools and families and they are enjoying being here, back at home.

Xavier teachers are concentrating on improving the reading levels of all students this year and we are meeting regularly to share our ideas and research about how we can teach students to learn to read so that they can read to learn. Have a think about what this means! Keep tuned in for more information about our reading conferences and whole school reading focus. A big thanks to Instructional Coach, Gabrielle, RE Coordinator, Pam, and Curriculum Coordinator, Justin for spearheading this important work at Xavier.



Finally, a big thanks to the Literacy Department (Tatiana, Yolanda and Matt) and to Dennis Tipuamantimirri and Cisco Babui for the recent school Anzac Day Service which was a moving tribute indeed. The pride, solemnity and dignity on the faces of Dennis and Cisco reflected the great level of commitment and service that so many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander armed forces have given and continue to give to Australia.

Remember to follow our exciting events on the Xavier Catholic College, Wurrumiyanga Facebook site and continue to like our posts! You might see myself and Xavier staff out in community visiting families and getting students back to school in the upcoming weeks so please say hi and support us in getting Tiwi young people to school!

Have a peaceful and happy week,

Andree Rice
Principal



Deputy Principal

Over the last two months we have all watched the news, read articles and scrolled through Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and much more to find out what is happening in Australia and across the world. I have watched some pretty scary videos and spent many hours praying for the people infected with the virus and their families. It is times like these that we need to continue to work together, support each other and be there for others.

We also need to try and stick to our normal daily routines, which are even more important for our children. We can all assist our children in many ways:

- ⇒ making sure they are home by a set time each afternoon
- ⇒ eating a healthy dinner every night
- ⇒ going to bed by 9pm and getting a good night sleep
- ⇒ having clean clothes to wear each day
- ⇒ brushing teeth in the morning and at night
- ⇒ having a bath or a shower every day



These are just a couple of things we can do at home to give our children the best chance for school.



God Bless,

Liz Moodey
Deputy Principal

Religious Education

Purunjiti – Easter to Sacred Heart

Easter is the most important feast in the Christian calendar, even more important than Christmas. The Easter season continues for 50 days through to Pentecost Sunday.

In Tiwi custom, burial poles are placed around the grave. The first picture in the message stick below shows that just as the sun rose that morning so also our elder brother rose from the dead – The Resurrection. Christ is alive and He wants us to be alive. We are filled with hope for the future while encouraging each other to perform acts of love, caring and mercy.



This term, in Religious Education, students continue to learn about the season of Easter. The Yilinga class made connections between Jesus' resurrection and the story of Jappara. They have also been playing word games to help them to read and write words in Tiwi related to Lent and Easter. Jason was very caring in R.E as he helped Pam learn new Tiwi words.

Denis Tipuamantimirri
Assistant Teacher

Pam Brown
Religious Education Coordinator

Curriculum

What a year 2020 is turning out to be! No one could have imagined what this year has turned out to be, and the end of Term 1 was certainly challenging for all students and staff as we all adjusted so make sure we were ready if Coronavirus made it to the Island.

It has been so good to see students coming back from holidays ready to learn in Term 2. Junior students have been working on improving their reading across all their subjects, EP students are learning important First Aid skills and Stage 1 and 2 students are busy finishing assessment tasks for their NTCET.

Thanks to all the strong decision making by all levels of Government, council and at school, the Tiwi Islands are one of the safest places in Australia now, and it is for this reason that school is running as normal in Term 2. We're better when we work together, so let's make sure all students feel safe, supported and happy to come back to school. Let's fill Term 2 with lots of learning and fun. Let's make Term 2 the best term of 2020!

Justin Brennan
Curriculum Coordinator

Health & Physical Education

Awana - Welcome back to Term 2!

In Health and Physical Education the students have begun the term studying basketball and its History. Do you know who the man in the black and white picture is? Way back in 1891, with only a soccer ball, a woven peach basket and a 10 foot pole, James Naismith invented the sport that we know today as basketball. By learning the origins of different sports such as basketball, students can better understand how certain sports have developed and changed over time.



In lessons students will learn about all the rules, as well as improve their skill development around dribbling, passing and shooting. We hope the students will become more team oriented, and work together to find the best possible option for maximising scoring. We also aim to improve the level of attacking and defensive principles to ensure a competitive free flowing game.



This looks to be a very exciting term, so we hope to see students at school every day to maximise their participation and just have fun playing sport. Mana.

**Josh Leane &
Matthew Cullen**
HPE Faculty

Letter from Mayimampi to the Community

Stop the kids from swimming at the pontoon

Dear Parents of Wurrumiyanga,

We need to stop the children from swimming near the pontoon. This is because it is dangerous.

Firstly, there are crocodiles. Crocodiles eat children. They are hard to see and are fast in the water. They are scary. We must stay away.

Secondly, there are box jellyfish. It is hard to see their tentacles and they are very long. They stick to you and sting you. They leave scars. They can kill you!

Thirdly, there are strong currents. They pull you out to the deep water. The children are not strong swimmers. They will get tired. They might drown!

Please stop the children from swimming near the pontoon. We need to keep them safe. We need to be 'crocodilewise' at all times.

Yours truly,

Mayimampi class 2020

Chomp!

Chomp!



