



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

When This is Over

When this is over,
may we never again take for granted
a handshake with a stranger
full shelves at the store
conversations with neighbours
a crowded theatre
Friday night out
the taste of communion
a routine check-up
the school rush each morning
coffee with a friend
the stadium roaring
each deep breath
a boring Tuesday
life itself.

When this ends
may we find that we have become
more like the people we wanted to be,
we were called to be,
we hoped to be.
And may we stay that way
- better for each other because of the worst.

Laura Kelly Fanucci



Principal

Pupuni Tapanari,

The whole community was happy to see Xavier and MCPS students up and down Kerinauia Highway this week, cleaning up the town. The sea of red and blue shirts busily collecting recycling and rubbish made everyone so proud. A big thanks to our students and teachers! Did you know that doing good works for other people makes you feel happier and more positive? If you are having a down day, remember this and reach out to someone else or do something

practical for someone.

My big focus right now is to get students back to school! Many students have not come back yet and we have been out visiting family to find out what we can do to help get kids back. We talk about the fun activities happening all the time at Xavier including a Bush Camp coming up in Term 3. If your child has not been at school for a long time, we can offer them a shorter school day so they get used to being there again. We will also talk to you and your child about how we can make them happier and more comfortable at school. I love talking to our students about their hopes for their future – What job would you like to do? What is your secret dream?

Creating Tiwi leaders, that is what we are all about at Xavier.

You will see photos of our Tiwi Teachers in this newsletter. They are a wonderful, skilled group of professionals who keep Xavier running smoothly by making our students happy and supported. This week, we welcome May Kantilla, proud Xavier graduate, as a Tiwi teacher. May loves Maths and will be a great role model for our students.

This month is the Month of Mary and I have learnt from Sister Anne that Mary's name here on island is Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. I always think of Mary as a woman with whom I can identify because she went through tough times but she never lost hope or her connection with family and God. May Mary keep us strong and confident and bless us, every day.

Andree Rice
Principal



Deputy Principal

What a wonderful couple of weeks we have had since our last newsletter. There have been so many great moments to celebrate the successes of all the hard work our staff and students have been doing. This newsletter is such a great testament to this!

A personal highlight has been working closely with our Stage 2 students in our Cert III Christian Ministry and Theology course and the depth of understanding and sharing during our lessons. We are currently planning to paint a large mural on our school grounds to display common themes of the strong character traits they discovered in researching who Mother Mary and John the Baptist were. We are combining these themes with our beautiful and strong Tiwi beliefs to encourage our young Tiwi people to continue in strength, always be proud and lead others.

God Bless,

Liz Moodey
Deputy Principal

Religious Education

Purunjiti – May is the Month of Mary

Ngawa-naringa nyirra ngingingaji japalinga, Nyirra mijuwalinga

In Tiwi tradition the Tunga (bark basket) symbolically represents women. It is used to gather food. An unpainted basket is used for gathering, but always highly painted when used in ceremonies. This large Wangatunga represents Mary, a woman for whom the Tiwi have great love. She is a gentle woman, a star, a guiding light. When we see the Tunga it reminds us of Mary.



During the month of May Xavier students pray to Our Lady and give thanks to all the women and care givers in our lives.

International Nurse's Day, Tuesday, 12th May "A voice to Lead"

Last week, students from Xavier, including our visiting boarders visited our local clinic to acknowledge and thank all the staff for their care and hard work. Students and teachers presented the staff with a banner, cheered and clapped with a short speech of thanks. It was a very beautiful moment appreciated by all the clinic workers.



Next week, Monday 25th – Friday, 29th May, Sister Anne will be saying prayers each morning at 7.45am, at the statue of Our Lady, near the Culture garden. Prayers will be said for the Tiwi community, students and asking Mother Mary for help.

Pam Brown
Religious Education Coordinator

Weekly Mass Times

with Father Pat & Father Danh

Tuesday at 5.00pm

Jubilee Park

Wednesday at 5.00pm

Park opposite Nguiu Club

Thursday at 5.00pm

New Church

Saturday at 9.00am

Aged Care

Smart Skills

Being Smart Online

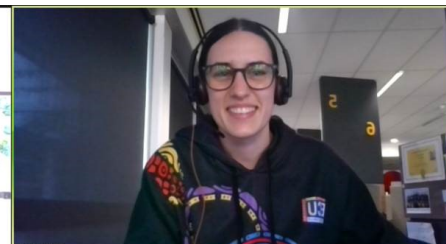
The internet is very helpful but also has many dangers. This term the Smart Skills classes have been looking at how to be safe online. We want our students to respect themselves and each other. We want them to be careful with what they share online as once something is online, it is there forever! The big lesson this week is THINK TWICE before sharing information on the internet.

To learn more, please look up 'Be Deadly Online' on Youtube and stay safe out there!

Matthew Cullen
Smart Skills Teacher

Curriculum

Travel restrictions may have stopped Stage 2 students from getting into Darwin for their first study residential last term, but they haven't let that get in the way of finishing Year 12!



This week, Stage 2 have been completing an 'E-Residential' study week. Each day they have been focusing on one subject, and have been using Zoom to connect with their teachers in Darwin, just as they would have done on their Darwin trip.

After school time has been just as busy for the Stage 2 students, with lots of activities and information sessions. One big highlight was seeing students research and connect with universities all over the country and it was a good chance for the students to discuss pathways into university and the support they would receive if they went. We still have 6 months of this year to finish....but 2021 is shaping up to be a very exciting year for Rayma, Tenisha and James. Watch this space!



Senior Study Club and Junior Book Club

Study club is back for Stage 1 and 2 students! These students can stay back after school every Monday afternoon to catch up or get ahead on their assignments. A teacher will be there to help them, food provided and a lift home at 3.30pm.

Junior students don't miss out either! Juniors can stay after school every Monday and pick something to read in the library. A teacher will be there to help them. There will also be food provided and a lift home at 3.30pm.

Justin Brennan
Curriculum Coordinator

Employment Pathways

It has been an exciting end to Term 1 and beginning to Term 2. The Employment Pathways teachers and Assistant Teachers have been involved in planning for the subject. The opportunities for our students are numerous. A major focus for this subject is to help our students improve their literacy – Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening skills. The Employment Pathways students will be undertaking the Fitzroy Reading Program to help achieve these goals. The suggested plan for the next 18 months includes:

Event Set Up: Report Distribution

Marketing, First Aid, Timeline of Museum/ School, Recycling, Surveys

Event Set Up: EP Camp

Marketing, First Aid, Recycling, Budgeting, Safe Driver Education, Café skills, Technology

Pop Up Shop: Tiwi Christmas Decorations

Designing, Marketing, Photography, Recycling, Budgeting, Safe Driver Education, Café skills, Technology

Drone Technology

Operate a drone, Marketing, Photography, Recycling, First Aid, Café skills, Technology

Restoring Our Country

Drones, Marketing, Photography, Recycling, Café skills, Technology, Form completion, Develop Respect for Land and the Traditional Owners

As we are still planning, there may be changes – but this subject will grow into an AMAZING subject that our Tiwi students can complete and be proud of their involvement.

Recycling:

Six large bags of recycling were sent to Envirobank, Darwin through the support of Barge Express. The bags were processed and 3,204 cans and 2,562 plastic bottles were sent off the island. We earned \$576.

The Employment Pathways class had decided in Term 1, that some of this money was going to be donated to Project Compassion to assist communities around the world in need. The maths class will work out what to spend the \$250 on to assist these communities.



Work Experience

We are planning to organise some work experience at the end of Term 2, or throughout Term 3. If you are able to host a student for work experience, please contact Leila-Jean Flannery at Xavier Catholic College.

Leila Flannery
Employment Pathways Coordinator

Health & Physical Education

It has been a very busy term in HPE at Xavier Catholic College. Our Junior students are 4 weeks into their basketball unit and we have seen great improvement in their ability to pass, dribble and shoot. We focused specifically on the offensive and defensive tactics used in sport and applied them to our small sided games. This means there has been an increase of both game pace and defensive pressure – it has been so fantastic to watch students thrive and enjoy Health and Physical Education.

Students have also had the chance to learn about and participate in sports from around the world – in particular Bocce. Bocce is a game that originated in Europe and has moved across the world. Xavier students have voiced how much they enjoyed the game and might even teach their friends. We have attached some photos of Jeremena and Jason participating in class.



In other news, the Xavier and MCPS Athletics Carnival has had to be postponed and will now be occurring in Term 3. This event has been very popular and enjoyable over the last few years and we are looking forward to it coming up next term.

Great start to the term so far, make sure all students are coming to school so they can continue their learning while keeping healthy and fit.

Josh Leane & Matthew Cullen
HPE Faculty

Stage 2 Child Studies

This week, the Stage 2 students visited the Pre-school as part of their Child Studies course.

For their assessment, students were required to cook a healthy recipe to share and run a lesson with the pre-schoolers about healthy and ‘sometimes’ foods. James, Rayma and Tenisha decided to make mini ham and pineapple pizzas which looked and tasted great!

The pre-schoolers loved their healthy snack and excitedly got involved with the Stage 2 students’ poster activity where they categorised foods. We are very proud of our Stage 2 students acting as leaders and role models for healthy eating in the community.

Emily Peacock
Stage 2 Teacher



Bush Camp

In Term 3, Week 2 Xavier Catholic College are going on a 3 day Tarrtippi Bush Camp. This camp is aimed at allowing students the chance to connect with country, to step back and spend time away from technology and to strengthen relationships between students and staff.

The camp is for students who regularly attend school and participate in a positive manner.

If any students want to attend this camp but have been struggling with their attendance, there is still enough time to meet the requirements. Xavier Catholic College can help you improve your attendance and if you can attend school at least 2 days a week you will qualify for this camp.

We are all very excited for camp and hope lots of students can join us.

Josh Leane
HPE Coordinator



English

Junior secondary spent Week 1 this term, looking at the symbols of ANZAC Day, creating a field of poppies for their ANZAC service.

Jarranga also let Stage 2 students teach them first aid.

They have also been working hard to finish their assessment task on how extreme weather affects communities. They have made displays about cyclones and floods and created some different types of word walls to support their learning.

Tatiana Rhodes
English Coordinator



Yilinga

The Yilinga students have been working hard on their Fitzroy Readers program. Here are some pictures of them working on comprehension, phonics, word-building and writing skills.



10 Great Reasons To Read

1

Read to

learn about the world.

2

Read to

learn how things work.

3

Read to

experience the past.

4

Read to

plan for the future.

5

Read to

spark your imagination.

6

Read to

experience different things.

7

Read to

exercise your brain.

8

Read to

inspire lifelong learning.

9

Read to

learn how to make things.

10

Read to

have fun!

Welcome to New Staff

Toby Purcell

I'm Toby, the new Inclusion Support Assistant at Xavier.

My home town is Bendigo, Victoria which is about 2 hours north of Melbourne. I grew up there and lived there my whole life. In my last job I was a project firefighter.

My favourite hobbies are rock climbing, fishing, camping and playing sport. I like doing anything outdoors.

I love footy and my favourite team is the mighty St Kilda Saints.

Cheers!



May Kantilla

Awana, ngiya yintanga May.

I graduated from Xavier in 2017 and won the NT Aboriginal Excellence Award that year. I've recently worked at Jabiru Area school two years ago and before that, I worked at Tiwi Enterprise straight out of school.

My AFL team is the West Coast Eagles!

My daughters name is Charlene and she is 1 year old. I enjoy spending time at home with Charlene, watching movies, reading books to her and cooking. I also love going out to Ranku to visit my parents.



Interview with Angelo Orsto

Senior Tiwi Teacher and member of Leadership Team

What is your favourite part of the job?

I enjoy doing everything in my job. I do the very best I can for all the students, staff and the families.

Who do you work with most?

I work with the Year 7-9 students mostly, because I love being in the classrooms working alongside the staff and helping the students feel comfortable and ready to learn in every lesson. I also help the Senior students by encouraging them.

What type of jobs do you do each day?

I have many roles in my work. Every morning I do a roll check and work side-by-side with students, especially if they are having a bad day. I encourage students to come to school and get to class. I go to leadership meetings and support all the Tiwi Teachers so they know what to do and where to go. I help to lead the Tiwi staff meetings and our Language and Culture program.



What do you think Xavier will look like in 5 years time?

In the future I think Xavier will have more students attending school for their education and maybe I will move up in position.

Tiwi Tote Bags for sale!

\$25 each

Raising money for Stage 2
Graduation

Thank you Starwin for your ongoing support of our students and the wider Tiwi community.

If you would like to purchase a bag, please go to the Starwin website: <https://starwin.com.au/>



