



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 9

Anniversary Mass for R.
Tipungwuti (Thursday)
Barbeque Lunch (Thursday)

Week 10

Project Week (Periods 3-5)
Report Distribution (Tuesday)
End of Term 2 (Friday)

Weekly

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

Reconciliation Week Prayer

Give us the courage to accept the realities of our history so that we may build a better future for our Nation.

Teach us to respect all cultures.

Teach us to care for our land and waters.

Help us to share justly the resources of this land.

Help us to bring about spiritual and social change to improve the quality of life for all groups in our communities, especially the disadvantaged.

Help young people to find true dignity and self-esteem by your Spirit.

May your power and love be the foundations on which we build our families, our communities and our Nation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



Principal

This past week has seen hundreds of thousands of people all around the world protest against racism in the **Black Lives Matter** movement. This followed the tragic killing of 46 year old African-American man, George Floyd, by Minneapolis police.

In Australia, these anti-racism protests have focussed on the number of black deaths that have occurred in custody as well as other issues relating to inequality in outcomes between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Australians. Pope Francis has entered the discussion and has named racism as a sin. The Pope said, **“we cannot close our eyes to any form of racism or exclusion, while pretending to defend the sacredness of every human life.”**

Here at Xavier, we are lucky to have very positive and supportive relationships with the local police. Sarah Hutchinson leads a team of officers who are working with community to build strong and respectful relationships. Sarah talks to our students at assembly and makes sure that our young people know how friendly and approachable the police are.

One of our classes has been studying the Black Lives Matter events and learning about how these issues are very close to home for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.



This week, our prayer is the Reconciliation Week Prayer. As you read it, please remember how the Catholic Church calls every one of us to recognise and uphold the dignity and flourishing of every human person. Every black life does matter and we can be better than we currently are at showing we truly mean this – as a community, a nation and the world.

Andree Rice
Principal

The Drum—'Lockdown within a lockdown'

Andree Rice and Casimira Tipiloura were interviewed by The Drum on Thursday's episode of 'The Drum' on ABC to discuss the effects of lockdown in a remote indigenous community.

Well done to Tenisha and Cameron on their interviews and representing Xavier so well.



Thank you also to Ash Webb for all the hard work behind the scenes, interviewing and creating the productions used.

Follow the link below to watch the full episode.

<https://iview.abc.net.au/show/drum>

Share the Dignity

A huge thanks to Share the Dignity on their generous gift of women's sanitary and hygiene products to our female students. Share the Dignity is an amazing organisation run by volunteers who recognise the limited access and inflated prices of these products in remote communities. We are so grateful to be connected with Share the Dignity.



Ampiji Mural

Over the past two weeks, students have been working on the latest eye-catching mural.

This mural is focused on the dreaming story of the Ampiji and Lake Mangantu and symbolises respecting spirits and country.

The words printed on the mural is the story written by Fiona Kerinauia, which were found at the Patakijiyali Museum.

We look forward to seeing the final reveal!



FREE

Tea, coffee, milkshakes
and
toasted sandwiches
available

First 30 families to arrive will
receive a **Bush Camping Pack**
including:

- Bread
- Flour
- Noodles
- Chicken mince
- Drinks

REPORTS

Tuesday, 23 June

3.00pm—4.00pm

@ Frangipani Cafe

Pick up and drop
off available from the
new shop and old
shop at **2.45pm**

Music selected
and run by Xavier
students

Lucky Door prizes!

- Blankets
- Fishing hand line
- Torch
- Speaker
- And more!

Xavier **Videos** on display
including:

- The 'Rona Rap
- Language videos
- Culture videos
- Painting of the
murals