



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 in Term 3:

Week 1

First Day of Term 3 (**Tuesday**)

Darwin Show Day (**Friday**)

Week 2

Whole School Bush Camp (**Wed—Fri**)

Week 3

Picnic Day Public Holiday (**Monday**)

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander Children's Day (**Tuesday**)

Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross (**Sat**)

International Day of the World's

Indigenous People (**Sunday**)

Weekly

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

SCHOOL OPENS DOORS

A Tiwi Catholic Education will:

- 1) get your child a good job.
- 2) help your child manage their emotions.
- 3) help your child stay on the right path.
- 4) teach your child to be strong in faith, culture and learning.

Right now is a very important time to come to school. The Australian Government is deciding now how much money goes to Xavier to help educate your children in 2021.



Principal

The last week of this term has been a fantastic time of community building and student engagement.

We had our Parent-Family Teacher Interview Afternoon at the Frangipani Café so that we could socially distance and help our families feel relaxed and enjoy a milkshake or coffee! We asked families questions about how we could help their children come to school and what kinds of things they wanted their children to be studying. A big thankyou to everyone who came along and to

Leila and the Employment Pathways' class who organised the afternoon. If you missed out, we will visit you in community, give you your child's report and ask you the same questions so that we can improve what we are doing here at Xavier. You are also welcome to pop into school at any time to get your report and to have a chat with us about how your child is going. Mana.

Our students have been at Tarntipi Beach this week, looking for pirranga, exploring the mangroves and enjoying the beautiful beach after a big term's work. They are getting ready for Bush Camp which is in Week 2 next term.

We had a very special Anniversary Mass to remember the life of Roberta Tipungwuti, our beautiful student whom we lost tragically one year ago. The whole community came to Xavier to support her parents, Karlene and Brian, her daughter, siblings and extended family. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers over this time because it is one year since the Smoking Ceremony at school.



Term 3 is a very important time for the school as the Government decides at the end of Week 3, Term 3 how much money they will give to Xavier for next year. This amount depends on how many students attend school and so we need your children to come to school more when we get back after bush break. We want to get the right number of teachers and Tiwi teachers so we can help your students LEARN MORE and GET GOOD JOBS in the future.

Enjoy the three weeks of bush holidays with your families and we hope that you are able to be on



country and take some time to relax and be together. A big thankyou to all our families, friends, community members and our fantastic staff and students for giving your best at school this term.

Stay safe and strong these holidays.

Andree Rice
Principal

Family Survey: Xavier Catholic College

Student name:

Class:

Parent / Caregiver:

How do you find out what is happening at school?

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What would you like your child to be learning at school?

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What do you think would help your child come to school every day?

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What stops your child from coming to school?

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What are your hopes and dreams for your child?

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Is there anything we can do to make it friendlier?

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We would love to hear your feedback. Please complete this form and drop it into the Xavier Office.



Deputy Principal

What another big term we have had and what a way to celebrate it with our Cathy Freeman Starting Block Awards Assembly yesterday. We had lots of students and their parents/carers in attendance and lots of awards to be announced. Our Year 12 students led our assembly with such confidence and respect and some of our Junior students led us in a beautiful prayer.

We would like to congratulate the following students who received an award from the Cathy Freeman Foundation for their attendance:

Gold Medal Awards

Awarded to one student from each class for showing great respect to others, focusing on their learning and being a role model to everyone.

Term 1

Jason Puruntatameri
Dwayne Kerinauia
Lionel Puautjimi
Ian Russell Kerinauia
Chloe Tipiloura
Marietta Puautjimi



Term 2

Jason Puruntatameri
Dwayne Kerinauia
Lionel Puautjimi
Carmina Aputimi
Stanilisha Puautjimi
James Tipungwuti

Attendance 90% or more

We would like to congratulate the following students who received an Award from the Cathy Freeman Foundation for their attendance:

Year 7

Cameron Kantilla
Lionel Puautjimi
Jason Puruntatameri

Year 8

Jeremena Aputimi

Year 9

MJ Puruntatameri
Thecla Tipungwuti

Year 10

Stanilisha Puautjimi



**CATHY FREEMAN
FOUNDATION**
EDUCATION CHANGES LIVES



God Bless,

Liz Moodey
Deputy Principal

Curriculum

A school report is designed to celebrate the achievements of a student. A school report also should tell a student and their family what they can do to help that student's education.

It is an important document and it should get parents and guardians, teachers and students all talking about learning!

Students received their Semester One reports on Tuesday afternoon this week. Xavier Catholic College acknowledges the important role families have in supporting a student's education. We also know how a school report can start some great conversations about learning. Families were invited to have afternoon tea with Xavier staff, collect their student's report and have the chance to discuss the report. It was a very successful afternoon, with lots of families coming to talk about how their children were going at school.

If your student has not yet received their report, please come and see us to collect it. We will also be driving around community to deliver reports so everyone has the chance to talk about their student's learning successes and what the next steps are in their education.

Justin Brennan
Curriculum Coordinator

Riddle of the Week

I have two hands, but I can't scratch myself. What am I?



Religious Education

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



Prayer for Holidays

We thank you Lord, for this term. For the challenges, the successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt.

Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends.

Give us strength and courage to do what is right: to be witnesses of our faith.

Help us to appreciate what others do for us, to give time and effort to help others.

To be peacemakers in our family.

Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun.

Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term.

We thank you for our classmates, teachers, parents

And a community that cares for us.

May we always be conscious of you in our lives.

Amen

Growing Our Own (GOO)

Tiwi Art and Maths Project

The Tiwi team and Teaching Degree Students, Bertram Tipungwuti and Rachel Putuanlura, worked with Charles Darwin University lecturer, Janice Crerar, studying maths in Tiwi art in the community. The Tiwi staff explained the features and stories behind the Tiwi art around the community. Then Janice explored the maths with the artwork and how it connects to the curriculum. The team were impressed with how much maths in is Tiwi art, especially patterns, numbers and measurement.

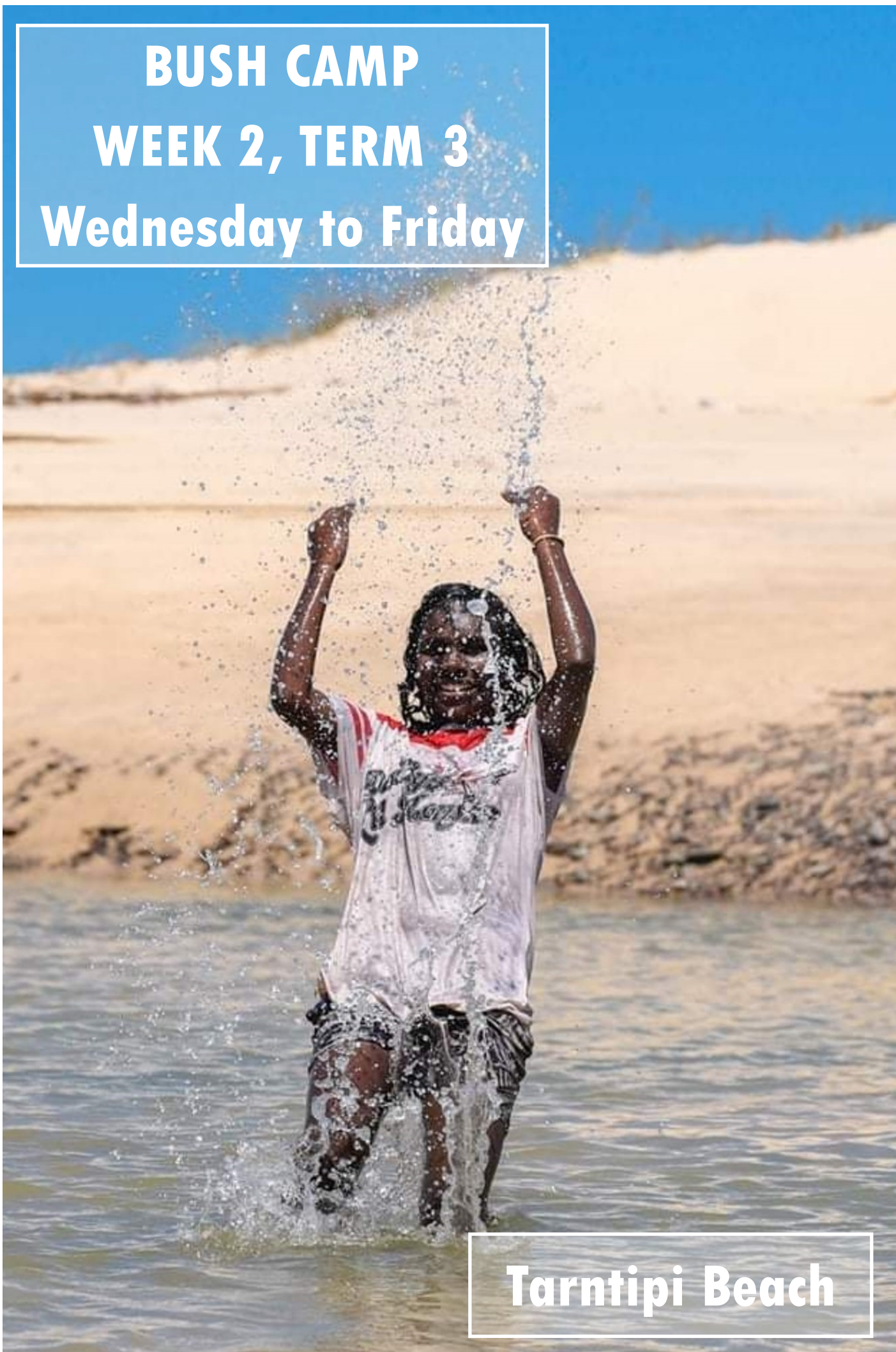
The Tiwi team will use the resource to show the other staff how they can link Tiwi culture and curriculum subjects in order to deliver relevant learning our Tiwi students.

Pam Brown
GOO Coordinator



BUSH CAMP
WEEK 2, TERM 3
Wednesday to Friday

Tarntipi Beach



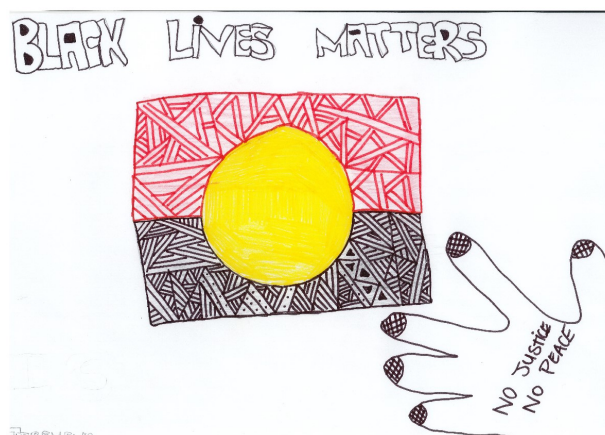
Black Lives Matter Australia



Following the killing of George Floyd by police in the USA, there have been worldwide protests regarding the treatment of black people. In Australia many people have come together to fight racism and stop the deaths in custody of Aboriginal people. This is how we are showing our support in Mayimampi and EP.

#BLM

Matthew Cullen
Teacher



Health & Physical Education

Term the Second: A Reflection

During Term 2 students learnt the history of and participated in Court Invasion games. These games included basketball and netball. Students learnt the rules of both games and compared and contrasted the differences. They also spent time analysing offensive and defensive tactics. Our students particularly enjoyed shooting in these games!

The HPE team is committed to teaching our students how to be the best team players, showing leadership and encouraging each other. In this way they truly will become tomorrow's leaders, today!

We look forward to a big Term 3 and the Athletics Carnivale that awaits.

Josh Leane & Matthew Cullen
HPE Department



Employment Pathways

Report Distribution Event

It has been an exciting end to Term 2. On Tuesday 23 June, Xavier Catholic College hosted the Report Distribution Event which allowed families to come to the Frangipani Café and talk to Xavier teachers about their students. What a lovely afternoon. The students who were involved in the planning of this event should be very proud of themselves.

The first 30 families were given a Bush Holiday Pack, containing ingredients that students had chosen through conducting a student survey: bread, flour, noodles, 500g mince and poppers.

All families also received tickets in a raffle which was drawn at the Cathy Freeman Foundation Assembly on Wednesday 24 June.

Ash's videos were played, highlighting the activities that students have completed throughout the year.

I think most students and parents/guardians enjoyed the complimentary milkshakes, coffees and toasted sandwiches while they talked Xavier staff. Congratulations...



Term 3

A major focus for this subject will be to continue 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. Another major focus will be planning for and implementing our first Employment Pathways Camp. This is planned for Week 8 of Term 3 (week beginning 6 September 2020). Students will need to come to school to help plan for this camp and raise money to make sure this camp happens. There are many possibilities of different activities – this will be dependent on what students want.

Leila Flannery
Employment Pathways Coordinator

Employment Pathways (continued...)

Recycling

We have four large bags of recycling ready to go to Environbank, Darwin through the support of Barge Express. The money raised from the recycling will go towards the Employment Pathways camp in Week 8. Students are generally very proud when we go into community to collect recycling as they know they are making a difference to their country.



Construction

Construction with Bruce is currently planned for Week 6 of Term 3, that is from 24 August 2020. The year 10s have not had this opportunity to work with Bruce in the Workshop. It is very exciting our students have this opportunity. More details will be provided when confirmed.



Work Experience

Now that COVID-19 regulations have relaxed, there may be opportunity for students to undertake some work experience. Their attendance needs to be regular to become involved with this. If students are interested in doing work experience at a particular work place they need to speak with Leila Flannery or one of their teachers so this may be investigated. 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

Culture

Our Culture Thursdays have been full of learning.

During our Tiwi language sessions, we have learnt about asking questions and answering in different ways. We practised our reading and spelling by breaking up Tiwi words into syllables and played games to help us learn.

We have also been working on developing our traditional skills: female students have been practising weaving while the male students have learnt about and designed spears. During the Xavier Bush Camp, in Week 2 next term, the male students will have the opportunity to make spears and the female students will learn how to make a Tunga.

Next term, we are also looking forward to more trips to Tarntipi so that we can learn on Country.

We are, as always, thankful to Sister Anne, Fiona, Ancilla and Yvette from the museum for their support.

Belinda Pereira
Teacher





