



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 8

Ngawurrapiyanginying Festival
(Friday—Sunday)

Week 9

Travelling Film Festival (Thursday 7.30pm)

Week 10

Last day of Term (Friday)

Weekly

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

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

Gracious God,

You love and care for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable. We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk.

We pray that with the help of your grace, communities and families will find understanding and support, so that now and in the future they may find lasting peace.

Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required.

We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Amen



Principal

This week was a special one because Bishop Charles Gauci came to visit and be with us. Bishop Charles spoke to every class, addressed us at assembly and met with staff. He certainly lived out his own message that 'the method is the message!' His inclusive method supported his message that everyone is loved and belongs.

Bishop Charles told our students that:

- Education brings power and with power comes choice about who you will become and how you will live your life.
- Young Tiwi should be very proud of their culture, language and community.
- God has been with the Tiwi people for thousands of years and remains strongly present in people of deep spirituality.
- You are never alone and you are always loved.

This week is Student Protection Week and I spoke with students at assembly about who to go to at school if they feel scared, hurt or in danger, or if they know someone who feels like this. We talked about FEELING SAFE and BEING SAFE and ringing the Police on 000 or 131 444 if needing help at any time. Xavier's job is to keep our young people feeling safe and secure so that they can be open to learning.



In conclusion, I would like to end by quoting from some of the visitors who came to school last week for Xavier's External Validation. This visit happens in Catholic Schools in the NT every 5 years and is done by very experienced school leaders to see how all schools are going. Another word for this is a school review. The visitors told us that we should be very proud because our students were:

- Engaged in their learning and trying their hardest in class (a very strong culture of learning was observed)
- Respectful towards their fellow students and teachers (positive relationships and dignity were observed)
- Proud of their school environment (the classrooms and school grounds looked and felt beautiful)

Wishing all our families a safe and peaceful weekend. Please support your children's education by getting them to school! We know and understand that it is hard with teenagers, but we are very



happy to visit your family and speak with your children if you would like that. Please know that my door is always open to you and we can work through problems by talking together.

Warmest blessings,

Andree Rice
Principal



Deputy Principal

Two more weeks to go of Term 3 and we have a busy couple of weeks ahead!

What is happening in Week 9?

Tuesday	Activities
Wednesday	Pastoral Care
Thursday	Culture P4-5 and Evening Film
Friday	Whole School Sport P5

What is happening in Week 10?

Thursday Cathy Freeman Awards Assembly

As the end of term nears, we are looking forward to the Cathy Freeman Foundation End of Term Awards Assembly. This will be held on Thursday of Week 10, at 12.00pm in the School Library. Family and friends are all welcome to attend and stay for the CFF barbeque after to celebrate our students' achievements and a term well spent.



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EDUCATION CHANGES LIVES

Leaving School Policy

- Feeling sick or unwell
- Early rest note – if you are feeling angry and don't want to humbug
- If you are on a return to school program
- Sorry business – spending time with family during a difficult time

How do we get home if we leave school early?

Juniors: Yellow shirts or a staff member must drive you home if leaving before the end of the day.

Seniors: You can walk home after signing out OR if Yellow shirts or a staff member is free, they may be able to drive you home.

Making an Environmental Impact

We continue to work on our recycling and environmental efforts. This week at assembly we watched a video which highlighted how important it is for each person to try and make a difference in the world. We discussed how we can have a positive impact on the Earth we live on so that it stays healthy and beautiful for years to come and so that our children, our grandchildren and great grandchildren can live happily and healthily.

Now more than ever we are seeing the effects of global warming with stronger storms, severe droughts, hurricanes, wildfires and increased animal extinction. This is because of us as the human race not protecting the planet as we should.

It is our duty to protect Mother Nature. Only together can we make a difference.

What we are doing at Xavier may feel small, but if every person picks up just one piece of rubbish, very soon you will have a bag full, then two or three or a hundred!



God Bless,

Liz Moodey
Deputy Principal



Curriculum

Last week our three Stage 2 students travelled into Darwin for their Residential Completers Camp with the Northern Territory School of Distance Education. James, Tenisha and Marietta have all worked extremely hard this year in their studies and are hoping to attain an ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank) at the end of the year which will enable them to enter and study at University. The camp was certainly hard work, with students completing intensive days at school working with both their Xavier and

Distance Education teachers to complete their major assessments. Outside school hours, we had a lot of fun however, with students going to dinners, the Waterfront Wave Pool, bowling and of course, shopping in the evenings. We wish Marietta, James and Tenisha the very best as they complete their studies here at Xavier.

Justin Brennan
Curriculum Coordinator

Emily Peacock
Stage 2 Teacher



Religious Education

This term Year 7—9 are learning about Jesus as our leader and how his life models for us how we need to live our own lives. Students have been making comparisons between life here on Tiwi and where Jesus lived. They studied artwork showing artists impressions of what Jesus looked like and created their own images. Students have also been working on reading Gospel stories about Jesus, in Tiwi and English. Jonathon has been reading about the Miracle of the paralysed man in language with Ben.



This week Tammy begins the final part of the GOO teaching degree. She is completing an 8 week teaching practice at MCPS, in Grade 5/6 with Frances and Naomi. We wish Tammy all the very best for a successful teaching practice.

Pam Brown
GOO Coordinator



Why should you choose Xavier for your child?

Xavier is the sister/brother school to MCPS and we work together as one family.

Xavier College is the safest place to be and our classrooms and school grounds are well looked after

Xavier staff are here to support your young people and we are friendly and here to help at any time.

Xavier students are positive, respectful and take their learning seriously.

We support Tiwi culture and language and every Thursday we run a Culture program for our young men and young women.

Our students are successful and we have three Stage 2 students who will graduate with an ATAR this year.

Our Employment Pathway students are getting job ready.

Angelo Orsto, Tiwi Leader



Weekly Mass Times

with Father Pat & Father Danh

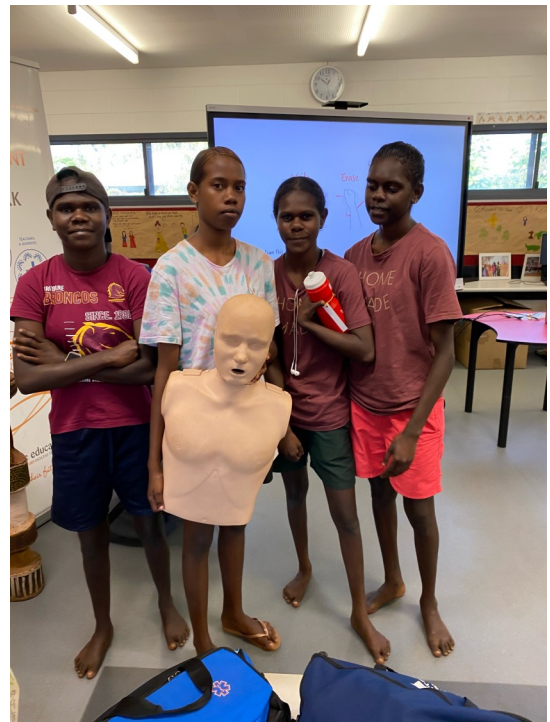
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| Tuesday at 5.00pm | Jubilee Park |
| Wednesday at 5.00pm | Park opposite Nguiu Club |
| Thursday at 5.00pm | New Church |
| Saturday at 9.00am | Aged Care |



Employment Pathways

First Aid

Employment Pathways students have been busy over the last couple of weeks. On Wednesday, 12 August Justin delivered First Aid training to Debbie, Victoria, Una, Alice and Clarence. They learnt about 'DRSABCD' (Danger, Response, Send for help, Airways, Breathing, CPR and Defibrillator). They were introduced to the method of performing resuscitation when someone stops breathing and how to use a defibrillator. They also practiced putting a patient into a recovery position (they were very gentle with their patient). We will revisit the practical side of First Aid throughout the next four months. During class we will be looking at the theory of First Aid, finding out what could go wrong, and what we can do to assist someone.



Term 3:

We are continuing to help our students improve their literacy – Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening skills. The Employment Pathways students will continue with the Fitzroy Reading Program to help achieve these goals. We need to have our students attend class to help them improve their reading and writing.

We started planning for our camp to Darwin, but with the Corona Virus, it was postponed. We have a basic plan, but will continue to develop for Week 6, Term 4, 2020. Student attendance and engagement in class will influence who will be able to come on the camp.



Recycling:

We sent off four large bags of recycling to Environbank, Darwin through the support of Auriga (what was Barge Express). The class earned \$490. We sent off 3,116 cans and 1,700

plastic bottles. The money raised from the recycling will go towards the Employment Pathways Alternative Activities in week 8 of Term 3, and the camp in Week 6, Term 4. Students are generally very proud when we go into community to collect recycling as they know they are making a difference.

Leila Flannery
Employment Pathways Coordinator

Employment Pathways

Construction:

During Week 6, Bruce came over from Darwin and worked with our students in Construction. Trenton, Anne-Joan, Clarence, Austin and Ian-Russell were involved in designing and making a locked box. Trenton and Anne-Joan completed their boxes and were very proud of their efforts. These are good, practical skills to develop.



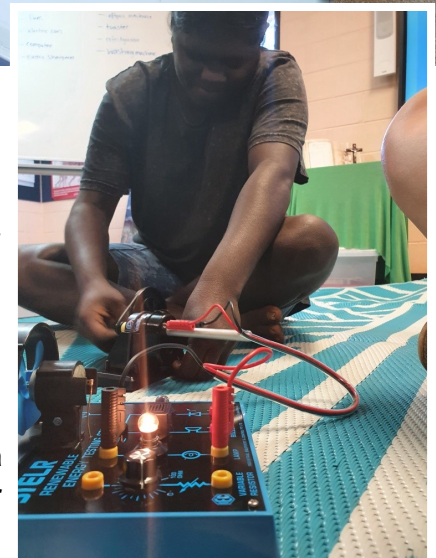
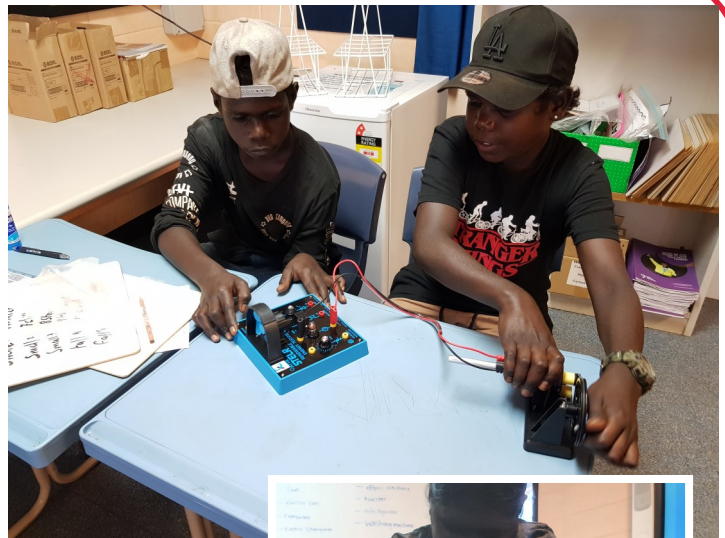
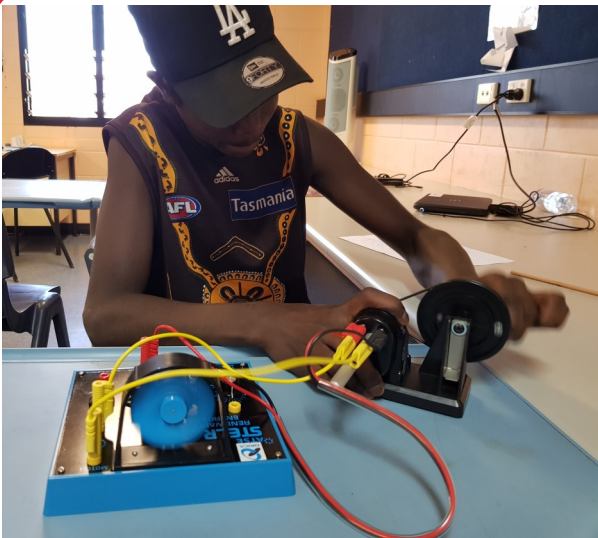
Work Experience

On Thursday, 10 September (during our Alternative Activity Week for Employment Pathways) we had the Rangers speak to us about what is involved in their jobs. We also visited Tiwi Enterprises to find out what jobs are available in this organisation and what skills/training is needed. Now that students have an idea of different job opportunities we will try to plan 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.

Re-engagement Plan

Re-engagement Plans have been developed to encourage our students to attend school more regularly. The plan will be discussed with the student, parent/guardian, the Employment Pathways Coordinator and the Inclusion Support Coordinator. Attendance for particular lessons are discussed and chosen. The contract is then signed off by all parties. It is hoped that students come to school more often, but possibly for less time in a day. We are hoping that we improved attendance, students can extend their day over a period of time.

Leila Flannery
Employment Pathways Coordinator



Science

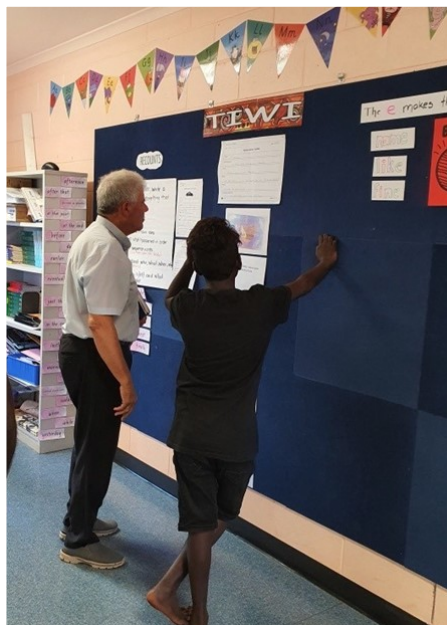
In Science the Yilinga and Mayimampi students have been learning about electricity. We built these hand crank generators—when we turned the handle the generator produced electricity. Dwayne is turning the handle and creating electricity which is making the fan spin. Max and Jason are using the electricity to make the light bulb glow. Have a look at how bright this light bulb is shining, well done Claudia.

Cynthia Pereira
Science Coordinator



Literacy

The students in Yilinga have been developing their own story writing and recounting events they have shared into a book. This is Jason, he wrote a Bush Holiday Recount using the structures taught - orientation, series of events in order with a concluding sentence. Jason is an up and coming artist, as you can tell by his illustrations of his recount. This week Bishop Charles visited our class and read Jason's story saying how wonderful it was to read his story and see how proud he is of his culture, family and effort he put into his work.



Yolanda Lombardo
Inclusion Support Coordinator

Welcome

to our new Assistant Teachers:



Jonathon Munkara

Hi, my name is Jonathon Munkara. I started as an Assistant Teacher at Xavier in Term 3. I used to work at Red Cross as a Personal Helper and as part of the Mentoring Program.

I enjoy teaching all subjects. I want to see the students become leaders of this community and help guide them there.

In my spare time, I like going out hunting and fishing on country.

My message to the students is 'Come to school every day, pay attention and learn lots!'

Marklene Munkara

My name is Marlene and I started at Xavier as an Assistant Teacher at the start of Term 3. I previously worked at MCPS since 2004 teaching all year levels.

I like teaching all classes at Xavier, but especially Culture with the young female students, teaching them language skills and painting paperbark.

My highlight this term was the Bush Camp and spending time with students on country. I also really enjoyed the EP excursion to Melville Island in Week 8, when we spent time at the waterhole and visited Tiwi College.

My message to students is 'come to school and focus on your education'.

Parents and community members, we need your help to bring our senior boys and girls to school!



Relationships Australia

Bringing Up Great Kids (BUGKs)

A Program for Parents and Caregivers

Bringing up Great Kids (BUGKs) is a 4 week Program which welcomes parents and caregivers of children aged 0-12 years. Participants will explore:

- ◆ How to better talk to children
- ◆ Learning respect between children and parent/caregivers
- ◆ Yarning about past and present messages
- ◆ Children's brain growth and behaviour
- ◆ How to look after yourself and find support
- ◆ Being a proud parent/caregiver and growing kids up strong



BUGKs gives support, care and training to help parents/caregivers to get back on track to feel like they can look after their kids and cope well with being parents. Join us for yarning, music, storytelling, art –making, learning and fun!

SESSION TIMES

WOMEN'S GROUP

Wednesday 2nd September
Wednesday 9th September
Tuesday 15th September
Wednesday 23rd September

Women's Centre

9am—12pm
9am—12pm
9am—12pm
9am—12pm

Light Lunch Provided

For more information please contact:

Kelly on **0407 710 209** or kvains@ra-nt.org.au



What is (BUGKs) Bringing Up Great Kids about?



Relationships Australia, in partnership with **Australian Red Cross**, is running the BUGKs Program to support children, parents and caregivers who choose to strengthen their family and community so everyone can live a happy life.

**Strong Community +
Strong Family =
Strong Tiwi kids**

What makes family stress and worry?

- Addiction to alcohol and drugs
- jealousy
- bullying and teasing
- hunger
- overcrowded house
- fighting
- no sleep
- sickness
- humbug
- kids not going to school
- losing a family member
- history of trauma or abuse

These things affect all of our families



What makes family strong?



- love
- respect
- sorting out the problem
- hunting and fishing
- healthy body
- storytelling
- good thinking
- elders
- culture



**Got worries?
Lets learn. Lets yarn.
No shame.**

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE AND WELL IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

Together we can
help every child thrive

We can all...

...speak up if we see something that is
not safe for children

...talk respectfully with children and value
and act on their ideas

...help children thrive by supporting
families

...create places where children feel
safe to live, play and learn

For more information about how to play your part, visit www.napcan.org.au

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