



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 4

Week 1

Extra Week of Holidays

Week 2

First Day of School (Monday, 19 October)

Week 3

Student Free Day (Friday)
Precinct Staff Retreat (Friday)
All Souls Day (1 Nov)

Week 4

All Souls Day Cemetery Clean Up
(Monday)

Weekly

- Mondays: Senior Study Club
Junior Book Club

Prayer

Our Deepest Fear By Marianne Williamson

Our deepest fear is not that we are not good enough.
Our deepest fear is that we are more powerful than we know.

It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us.
You are brilliant, talented, gorgeous, fabulous. You are a child of God.

There is nothing good about hiding your talents so that other people will feel good.
We are all meant to shine. We were born to show the glory of God that is within us.

It's not just in some of us; it is in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we help other people to do the same.

As we are freed from our own fear, we free everyone around us.



Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

We had a wonderful Cathy Freeman Assembly on Thursday which gave us the chance to tell our students what a fantastic effort they put in this term. So many Xavier students tried incredibly hard and made great progress with their attendance, attitude to their learning and their reading!! Up and up we go!!

We included more awards this time based on academic improvement and attitude and I told our young men and young women that they really were our superheroes and clearly will be leading this community in the near future!

We were grateful that many special guests came to support us and reinforce our message including Valerie Rowland, Henrietta Hunter, Sr Anne, Fr Pat, Fr Dan, Fr Rupendra, Veronica Johan and Michael Bates. Thanks to our wonderful families who came to support their children. It really does take a village to raise a child.

A big thanks to Tai who provided vouchers for students who had excelled this term. Tai goes over and above to support Xavier and we are SO grateful to him. Please say thanks when you go to New Shop!

I would like to thank all Xavier staff for giving 100% this term and putting in so much extra to run projects, camps and activities that give our students an amazing range of experiences that help shape them into the fine young men and women they are becoming. We could not have a better staff and this is obvious every day here at Xavier in the way our staff respect and encourage our students!

We now have a three week holiday so please stay safe, enjoy the time on country and with family and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 19 October with the Walk To School March at 8.00am.



Warmest blessings,

Andree Rice
Principal





Deputy Principal

What another big term we have had and what a way to celebrate it with our Cathy Freeman Foundation Awards Assembly yesterday. We had lots of students and their parents/carers in attendance and lots of awards were announced. Thank you to our special guests for presenting, and our Year 12 students who helped lead assembly with such confidence and respect.

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

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

Lionel Puautjimi
Jason Puruntatameri
Benjamin Tipiloura

Year 9

Miriam Puruntatameri
Claudia Munkara
Thecla Tipungwuti
Wyndell Puruntatameri
Dwayne Kerinauia

Year 10

Stanilisha Puautjimi

Year 11

Taluhla Turner

Year 12

Marietta Puautjimi
James Tipungwuti



**CATHY FREEMAN
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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.



Yilinga	Benjamin Tipiloura
Mayimampi	Claudia Munkara
Jarranga	Mia Thompson
EP	Una Kerinauia
Stage 1	Stanilisha Puautjimi
Stage 2	Marietta Puautjimi

God Bless,

Liz Moodey
Deputy Principal



Curriculum

Congratulations to our Academic Award Winners for Term 3:

Improved Academic Achievement

Jason Puruntatameri
Dwayne Kerinauia
Lionel Puautjimi

Outstanding Effort

Tenisha Tipungwuti
James Tipungwuti



We also awarded a special **Spirit of Tiwi Culture** award to Cameron Kantilla. Cameron is actively involved in all areas of Tiwi Culture, and is often leading singing, dancing and other activities.

Congratulations to all award winners.

While we acknowledged the award winners, all Xavier students have been kicking goals this term and have been working hard to improve their reading. There have been big improvements in many students and we can't wait to see what Term 4 holds.

Keep up the great work and finish strong in Term 4.

Justin Brennan
Curriculum 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



Employment Pathways

Activity Week – Week 8 Term 3, 2020

Employment Pathways students had an alternative activity week from Monday 7 September through to Friday 11 September 2020 in lieu of their camp week which was postponed due to Coronavirus.

Monday saw the girls enjoy a pamper morning while the boys had their reading levels tested. The middle session saw the boys go fishing and some of the girls had their reading levels assessed.

On Tuesday we went to Melville Island to visit Tiwi College where our female students played basketball with some of the Tiwi College students. It was a lot of fun. We then went down to the creek to have lunch and a dip in the water. We drove out to Purnali Beach. We had a laze under the bali hut, we shucked fresh oysters, chased crabs and danced on the beach. It was also Marlene's birthday, so a number of happy birthdays and cake were enjoyed by all.

Wednesday saw students go to Tarntipi Beach. Students went fishing and had a successful catch – lunch for the families. There was some relaxing and enjoying country. Students came back and had chicken and chips for lunch.

Thursday we had the Rangers come and speak to Employment Pathways and Stage 1 and 2 students. They were able to share with the students the different tasks they do in their roles and the possibilities of getting involved in this type of employment. We then visited Tiwi Enterprises, where Scott talked to the students about different job opportunities as well as work experience. We visited the motel, the garage, the Barge Shed and Tiwi Enterprises office. It was a very informative day.

We finished the week with a movie day.

The activities that were undertaken were chosen and planned for by the students. I believe the students who attended the different activities enjoyed themselves.

Recycling

The Employment Pathways students are still collecting recycling. We have collected and removed from the island 1000s of plastic bottles and cans. This is good for our class (as it raises money), good for the community (as it is getting rid of rubbish) and very good for environment. We still receive support from Barge Express, who takes our recycling to Darwin and Envirobank, who collect our recycling from the barge, process it all and pay us the money. We are very appreciative of their support.



Leila Flannery
Employment Pathways Coordinator





Science

Our three junior classes and EP combined to work on a Solar Oven project. We combined the classes so that the students could work in groups with their friends. They made solar ovens using cardboard boxes, black paper, aluminium foil, sticky tape and glue.

Solar ovens are useful when camping, cooking on fire ban days and if the people who need to cook food cannot afford to pay for electricity.

The students designed their own oven based on which material would reflect light and which material would absorb light. To test if they worked we put chocolate on top of cookies and watched the chocolate melt. Delicious!

Cynthia Pereira
Science Coordinator





From our Assistant Teachers

This term our students have been going out to Tarntipi. They have had different activities like taking fishing lines, creating sand animals and also putting shells on them. Our students also did a Scavenger Hunt. Swimming out at the waterhole and camping out there were great!

Marlene Munkara

This term our students have been learning some Tiwi language and syllables with Tiwi words which they connect to make a word. They also did a Tiwi Scavenger Hunt to find Tiwi words they know.

Gypsy Kantilla

This term our students have learned about culture every Thursday in Lesson 4 and 5. During our Culture lessons, our girls have learned so many things about culture, working with the museum ladies on how to make arm bands and baskets.

They also had the brotherhood and sisterhood and learned Tiwi syllables.

We make sure we keep our culture strong because culture is part of our lives

May Kantilla



Stage 2

On Monday the Stage 2s had a pampering session. We got this special time because we have been working hard on assignments for CMT, Child Studies, Health and Workplace Practices.

We made face masks out of honey and oats, straightened each other's hair, and did some sheet masks. It was good to be able to chat and relax.

We think all the students should do this every 2 weeks. It is something that all Xavier students would enjoy doing.

**Marietta, James & Taluhla
Stage 2 Students**

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