



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

International Men's Day (Tuesday)
Drive Safe on island (Wednesday)
Year 6 Transition Parents Day (Wednesday)

Week 7

Construction Week
2020 Remote Schools Graduation (Friday)

Week 8

NTSDE Year 12 e-Graduation (Friday)

Week 9

Report Distribution (Tuesday)

Week 10

Precinct Christmas Mass (Tuesday)
CFF Awards Assembly + Island Graduation
(Wednesday)
Last Day of School (Thursday)

Weekly

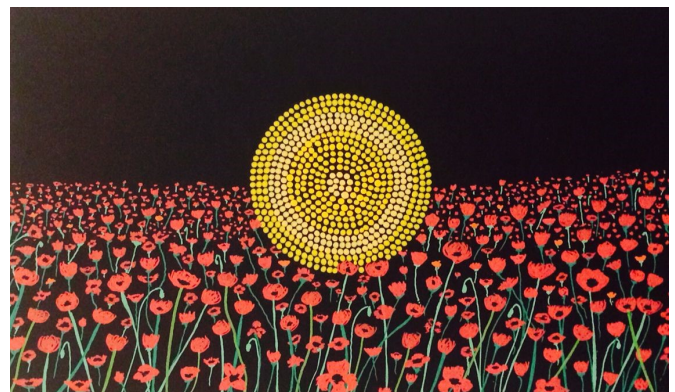
- Mondays: Senior Study Club
Junior Book Club
- Tuesdays: Assembly/Activities
- Wednesdays: Pastoral Care

For the Fallen

By Laurence Binyon

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eyes, steady and aglow,
They were staunch to the end against odds un-
counted,
They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow
old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.





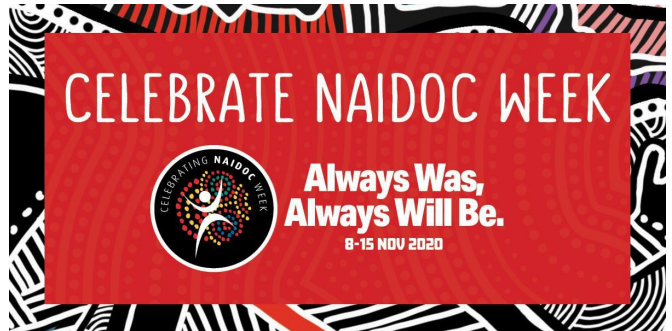
Principal

Dear Families and Friends of Xavier,

I hope you have seen all our amazing NAIDOC posts on Facebook that highlight the work we are doing to celebrate Tiwi culture, spirituality, language and history. We are very proud that these are not once a year events but things built into the weekly life of our school.

Always Was, Always Will Be is the 2020 NAIDOC theme, but it is also a theme that we live out at Xavier through:

- Valuing and celebrating our Tiwi Leadership Team – Angelo Orsto and Bertram Tipungwuti
- Valuing and celebrating our Tiwi staff
- Our weekly Culture Program – led by Tiwi teachers
- Our art murals, Pukamani Poles project and YouTube videos
- Our partnership with the art centres in Wurrumiyanga
- Religion lessons that use a Tiwi version of the 8 Ways of Aboriginal Learning
- Our GOO program that trains teachers
- Our Wellbeing Program that is culturally appropriate and different for boys and girls
- Our Bush Camp



We have had two wonderful weeks where the FANTASTIC Year 6s from MCPS have come to us for ‘getting to know you’ activities. This program will help them move easily into high school next year and our students have LOVED having them with us. A big thanks to Yolanda and Josh for this important work.

The reasons why you should choose Xavier for your child are:

- They will belong here. They will feel safe and happy here.
- They will keep learning culture and language at Xavier which will make them strong and proud young Tiwi.
- They can follow their dreams at Xavier and get the skills they need to be ready for WORK or STUDY.
- We have three Stage 2 students graduating from Xavier with ATAR scores this year! This will get all three into universities.
- Our teachers are top class and have chosen to come here because they want to do the very best they can for your child’s learning.
- CHOOSE XAVIER!



I was very excited to see that Kamala Harris, Vice President Elect of the US is the first woman, first black woman and first woman of South East Asian Descent to be **SECOND IN CHARGE OF THE MOST POWERFUL COUNTRY IN THE WORLD.**

This shows girls everywhere that barriers can be overcome and that women can be leaders everywhere. What an exciting future lies before us all!

Wishing everyone a restful weekend and a happy week ahead.

Warmest blessings,

Andree Rice
Principal



Deputy Principal

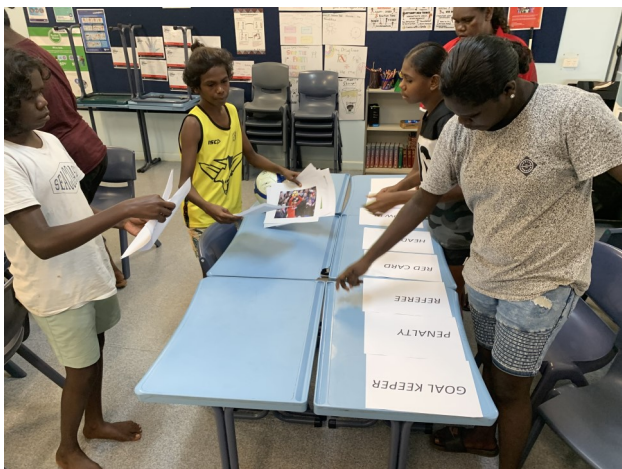
I believe Term 4 is the best term of the year. Not because it is the last term but because it is a time to reflect on what has been achieved and see just how far our students have progressed. Last term I had the opportunity first hand to celebrate the amazing achievements of our Stage 2 students James, Marietta and Tenisha when they finished their Certificate III in Christian Ministry and Theology. It was an amazing moment to see the recognition on their faces that three years of hard work had paid off with this outstanding achievement.

There will be many more opportunities for families and friends to celebrate the achievements of our students at the Stage 2 Graduation Dinner, Parent/Teacher afternoon, End of Term Cathy Freeman Assembly and Precinct Christmas Mass.

I hope to see lots of families there.

God Bless,

Liz Moodey
Deputy Principal



Health & Physical Education

During PE lessons this term the Xavier students have had a specific focus on Soccer. Students have been engaged in learning new sport terminology and developing their teamwork and communication through gameplay. In Health, students have researched famous indigenous athletes, developing their knowledge of the challenges professional athletes face during their journey.

Josh Leane
HPE Coordinator



Curriculum

This week has been a big week for our Stage 2 students. All three students have completed their final assignments, and will officially graduate with an NTCET and an ATAR score at the end of this year. This is a huge achievement for these students; only two other previous Xavier graduates have ever completed the requirements to achieve an ATAR score. Well done James, Rayma and Tenisha!



Stage 1 students have also been busy out in the community this week completing work experience as part of their Stage 1 Workplace Practices course. Xavier students have been at the Council office, working with the Outstations Team, helping in classes at MCPS and even cooking up a storm at the Bistro! A huge thank you to all the businesses that so generously support our students in giving them fantastic opportunities to learn new skills.

Just a reminder that the DriveSafe NT team will be in Wurrumiyanga all next week. They will be at Xavier on Wednesday, 18 November to run a special Learners licence session for Xavier senior students. Students who are 16 and want to get their Learners licence need to make sure they are at school on Wednesday!



Any students who have had their Learners licence for at least 6 months and want to take a driving test to get their Probationary licence can do this next week too.

Please speak to Justin about this for more details.

Justin Brennan
Curriculum Coordinator





Religious Education

Staff Retreat – Charism

This term, staff at Xavier and MCPS took part in a Catholic Identity day on Charism, or spiritual gifts. They were very privileged to have Father Peter Hendriks and Father Pat, MSC and Sister Anne, OLSH, develop teachers' understanding of the charism of our founding fathers.

Each teacher reflected on the spiritual gifts they share in leading, teaching and caring for students and families. Many thanks to all our presenters for a wonderful day.

Pam Brown
Religious Education Coordinator



Why Play Math Games?

People of all ages love to play games that are fun and motivating.

This term Xavier teachers are learning about the mathematical concepts in games such as exploring number, patterns and place value. They will be team teaching students how to problem solve and deepen their understanding of numbers. It's a great way to learn and have fun at the same time.

Pam Brown
Religious Education Coordinator



Employment Pathways

Term 4 has seen the Employment Pathway students begin to explore ‘Safer Driver Education’ which fits well with some of our students trying to gain their Ps and Ls for Driving. We have looked at why drivers and passengers are distracted, and the main causes of road vehicle accidents and deaths in the NT. Students have been learning what the many Safe Driving Signs mean and what they have to do if they see these signs while driving.

Literacy and numeracy is still an important part of what we study. Students are working hard to improve their reading and comprehension. Those students coming to school, should be congratulated.



Activity Week , Week 6

Monday, 16 November—Thursday, 19 November 2020

Students have been recycling over the last 18 months and have earned money to organize a few different activities and lunches. The week plan is below:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Period 1 & 2	Library/classroom Quiet time, reading, chess, games P1: Leila P2: Cynthia	Period 1: Classroom Activities Period 2: Pampering P2: Leila, Marlene	Movies P1: Belinda, P2: Cynthia	Tarttippi 8.30am – go and pick up students from Old and New Shop. - fishing - games - relax	Normal classes
Recess	Canteen	Canteen	Canteen		
Period 3 & 4	CULTURE DANCING EP Classroom Francis Xavier and Marlene to lead. Invite Peter to join in. Leila, Frances Xavier, Chris (4), Marlene	Period 3: Pampering • Facials Old Kitchen P3: Cynthia, Marlene P4: INTERNATIONAL MEN'S DAY	Movies P3: Leila Year 6 Transition P4: Leila	Take breakfast and Morning Tea in bus. 12.00 NOON - Lunch - Chicken and Chips from Tais Josh, Cynthia, Rodney	
Lunch	Pizza	Seafood flown in from Darwin. BBQ Tom to cook fish.	Canteen – Roast Lunch		
Period 5	Swimming Justin, Belinda	INTERNATIONAL MEN'S DAY	Pastoral Care classes transition	Home	

Leila Flannery
Employment Pathways Teacher

Employment Pathways

Recycling

The Employment Pathways students are still collecting recycling. We sent four large bags off the island at the start of Term 4. We look forward to having more money deposited into our account. Each can or soft drink bottle sent away, is another bit of rubbish off the island. Once again we need to thank Barge Express and Envirobank for their support. This is always appreciated.



Construction Week, Week 7

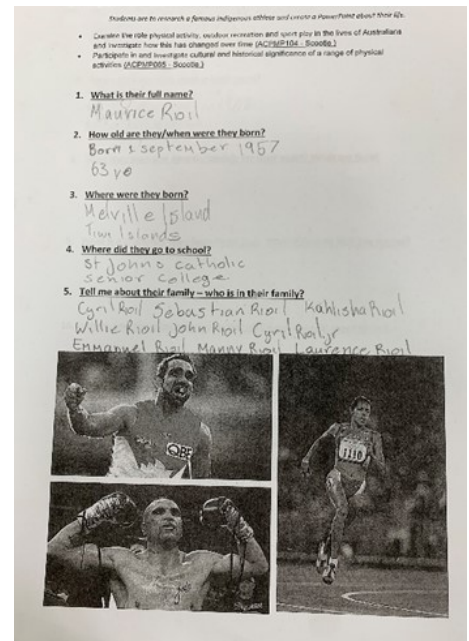
Monday, 23 November – Thursday, 26 November 2020

Bruce McEvoy comes over to Bathurst Island to work with students in construction. He has carefully planned the week to allow our students to develop their construction skills and enjoy the experience of learning new skills and making something worthwhile.

Health and Physical Education

During PE lessons this term the Employment Pathways students have had a specific focus on Soccer. Students have been engaged in learning new sport terminology and developing their teamwork and communication through gameplay. In Health, students have researched famous indigenous athletes, developing their knowledge of the challenges professional athletes face during their journey.

Leila Flannery
Employment Pathways Teacher



Year 12 Reflection

Hi, I'm James, I am a student here at Xavier. The reason why I come to school is because I like to learn, I also want a clear and better future for myself and I want to see myself as a future role model for all young adults here in my community.

I have found Year 12 very challenging. This is because there is lots of work to be done at the end of the year and also there is a lot of pressure given by teachers. This is good because teachers want you to succeed and they want to see you as an independent young adult and a hard worker.

My favourite memory this year was going out to Tarntipi for our school camp and making memories with friends and family. I will definitely miss coming to school and seeing everyone's smiley faces just learning and having fun. I have been looking forward to graduating and being able to sleep in whenever I wanted, however that is not what I am interested in. For now, I am going to apply for Melbourne University and study the Bachelor of Arts and within this study Law and Social Work.

My advice to other students completing Year 12 is that when it's going to get tough, the tough gets going, this means that you can push yourself to knock down any blocks that are in your way and please listen to your teacher for they are the ones who will be pushing you to your limits.



James Tipungwuti
Stage 2 Student, 2020 Graduating Class

Welcome to New Teacher: Clare Kearney

I'm Clare Kearney and I am so excited to join the wonderful teaching staff at Xavier Catholic College, Wurrumiyanga.

I have just made the big move from Melbourne after working as a classroom teacher for the past four years. I am passionate about education and I share my love of learning with all my students. My classroom is a warm and happy place where students feel safe to share and develop their ideas. I ask all students to dream big, think hard and believe in themselves.

I have loved my first couple of weeks at Xavier, all of the community has made me feel extremely welcome. Getting to know the staff and students has been full of fun and joy. I am learning so much about Tiwi Culture from the students and Tiwi Staff.

Outside of school I love to read, play basketball, listen to music, travel and spend time with friends and family. I am a massive fan of football and love watching Collingwood, especially when we are playing well!





Army Cadets

Over the holidays I attended an Army Cadet Camp that was 2 weeks long. During the first week I was an instructor which meant I was in charge of supervising a large group of cadets, and I had to teach them. I gave them lessons on uniform code, maps and bearings and drill lessons. Throughout the second week I was a student participating in a Sargent Leaders Course (SLC). During that course I was taught how to give orders to cadets and deal with more responsibility. At the end of camp we had a huge parade.

At Assembly Debra Marshall presented me with the Participation and Completion Award for SLC and a promotion certificate to Cadet Under Officer. I recommend kids go into cadets because it is a great learning opportunity and you get to travel and make friends from all over the place.

Taluhla Turner
Stage 1 Student

Year 6 Transition

The Grade 6s came over before lunch and we read books. The books were in Tiwi. We played a Tiwi language board game.

The grade 6 students stayed with us for lunch.

Then we went to Culture in the library. Cameron and Jules played guitar and sang for us. We sang with them and danced.

Miriam
Year 9 Student

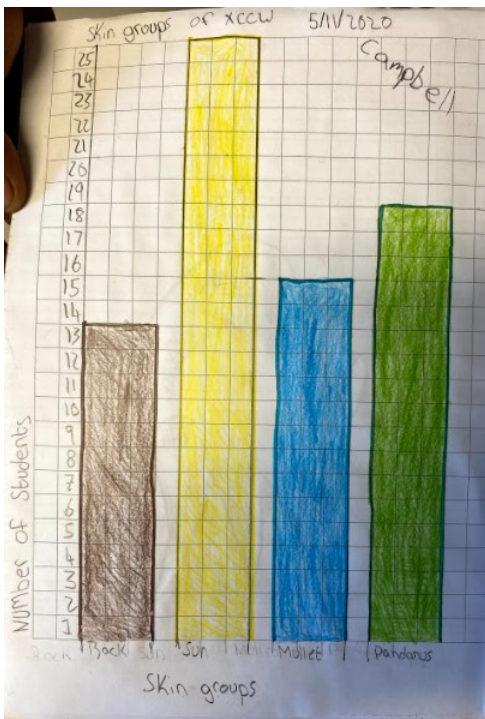
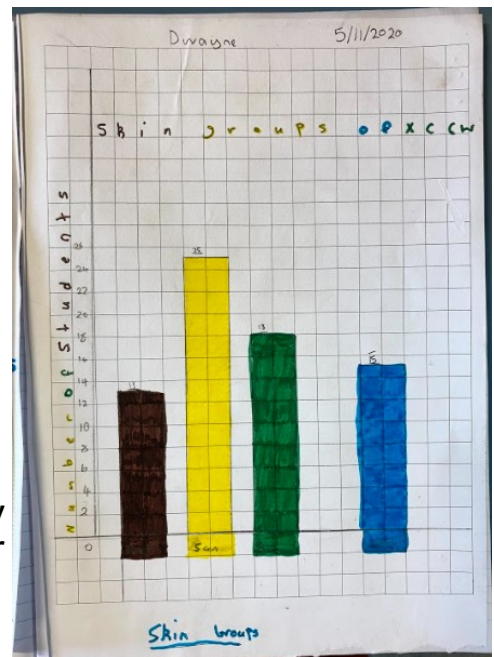


Junior Maths

In Yilinga and Mayimampi Maths this term we have been studying chance and data. During this unit of work we have been investigating the outcomes of different chance activities and games, recording outcomes and graphing our data. We have also been exploring questions we can ask in order to collect data.

Our big focus for Week 4 was investigating the different skin groups of Xavier. In class we recorded the skin group of every student, before creating a tally graph separating senior and junior students and finally graphing the data collected.

Clare Kearney
Math Teacher



All Souls Day

I missed the liturgy because I was late to school.

I went to my Aunty's grave to clean up. I went with my nephews: Thaddeus and George. We put a cross and a prayer on the grave.

I like All Souls Day because I feel close to my Aunty.

Thecla
Year 9 Student

Remembrance Day

On Wednesday, 11 November we came together as a school to commemorate those service men and women who have died at war. We talked about the role of Aboriginal and Islander people in the wars and how that helped change attitudes towards them and to recognise their rights.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Reg Saunders

The First Aboriginal Commissioned Officer

“At the outbreak of the Second World War, Reg Saunders joined the army. This was part of his warrior heritage as a Gunitjmara man, his people had fought many battles with white settlers to retain their lands, his father had fought in France in the First World War, and his Uncle Reg Rawlings MM, after whom he was named, was killed in Flanders.”

Glenda Humes, Saunders’ daughter from *Forgotten Heroes: Aborigines at War*, from the Somme to Vietnam 1993



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Images

Top left: Group of Tiwi men on Melville Island who are trained to watch the seas for enemy ships.

Bottom left: Melville island, Tiwi people showing soldiers how to hunt and live off the land

Bottom right: Mathias Ullungura, the first Australian to take a Japanese prisoner of war on Australian soil.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Xavier Catholic College

invites parents of Year 6 students to the

YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAY

Wednesday, 18 November

1.00pm Roast Lunch

1.30pm Meet our Xavier
Teachers

*Pick up available from New Church
and the Old Shop*



*Please join us as we
welcome the 2021
Year 7s to Xavier!*