



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 2

Week 1

Walk to School 8.30am (19 April)
ANZAC Day (25 April)

Week 2

ANZAC Day Public Holiday (26 April)

Week 3

Labour Day Public Holiday (3 May)
Mother's Day (9 May)

Weekly

- Mondays: After –School Activities
- Tuesdays: Assembly/Activities
- Wednesdays: Pastoral Care
- Thursdays: Cultural Program
After-school Activities

Prayer

Loving God,

We welcome you once again into our lives.

May the hope of your resurrection fill our days.

May the promise of your spirit working in us light up our lives.

May the love you revealed to us shape our giving.

May the truth in your word guide our journeys, and may the joy of your kingdom fill our homes.

As we gather together, we thank you for everything you have taught us and we celebrate your glorious resurrection.

Amen.



Principal

Dear Families,

It takes a village to raise a child is the famous proverb and a great way to talk about why Term 1 has been so successful here at Xavier! We have had a wonderful term attendance-wise and many students have come back to school after long periods away. We believe that this is due to our amazing staff, our families and also our partners and friends – the Police, the Clinic, Yellow Shirts, Black Shirts, the Cathy Freeman Foundation and Territory Families. All these people and organisations work together to keep our young people safe and coming to school.

High quality teaching and learning is happening in our classrooms and teachers are using word walls and lots of visual displays to help our students develop their English language skills and become better learners. We are also proud of the way that we are gathering and tracking information on every student so that we can share their progress with families during the year at our Report Nights.

In Term 2, we welcome a new Canteen Manager, Leesa Pye, to Xavier and we thank Debra Cooper for her hard work in this role over the past 13 months. Debra has very strong relationships with students and staff and she will be working with the students in a new capacity next term, as School Officer (Inclusion Support) in the classrooms.

We wish everyone a happy, safe and relaxing Term 1 holiday and we look forward to welcoming our students back on Monday, 19 April at 8.30 am at New Church for the Walk to School which is



organised this time by Yellow Shirts as well as The Cathy Freeman Foundation. The walk leaves the Church at 9 am and finished with a BBQ on the school oval. Everyone is welcome.

Warmest blessings,

Andree Rice
Principal



Curriculum Coordinator

Awana!!

This term has flown by and lots of great work has been happening in the classrooms. Teachers have been completing literacy and numeracy testing so that they can give the best support to your children here at school. Everyone has been working hard.

Walking into the classrooms it is easy to see all the learning that is happening by the displays on the walls.

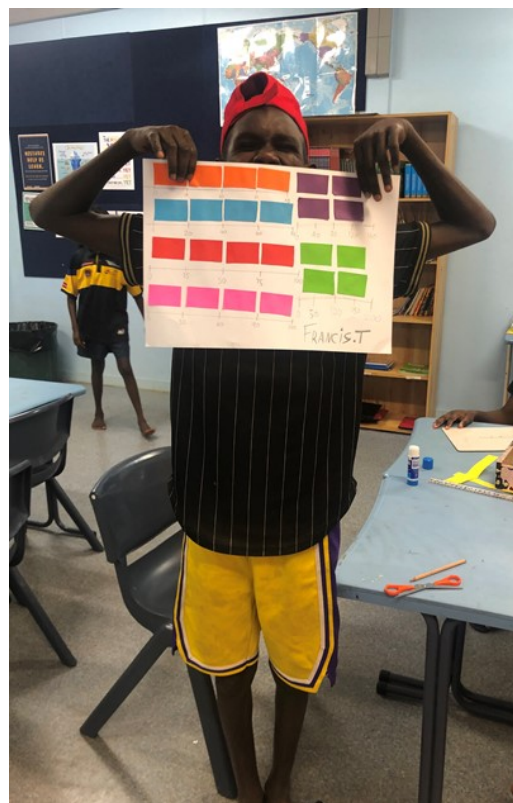
Our new Year 7s have settled into their secondary school classes beautifully and are learning everyday. It has been really good to see that students are becoming brave enough to answer questions in class, to try new things and to not worry if they make mistakes the first time they try something – after all, we all make mistakes doing new things and they can help us learn.

This term when we asked teachers to tell us who has been working hard in class and making great progress we got so many names it is hard to fit them all on one page! Please take the time to congratulate the students you see on the list below for coming to school and working hard in their classes. They are making us all proud!

Gabrielle Lindsay
Curriculum Coordinator

Academic Award Winners

Anna Cook	Mia Thompson
Claudia Munkara	Michaeliah Heenan
Dwayne Kerinauia	Miriam Puruntatameri
Elizabeth Kerinauia	Stanalisha Puautjimi
Ephrianna Tipungwuti	Sylvia Punguatji
Evangelist Tipungwuti	Tahni Thompson
Hazem Puruntatameri	Teresina Kerinauia
Janice Kerinauia	Thomas Darcy Pilakui
Jeremena Aputimi	Una Kerinauia
John Kelantumama	Wayne Orsto
Maria Tipuamantumirri	Yvonne Kantilla
Martina Kelantumama	Zacharina Ngawalli





Deputy Principal

Congratulations on a great term and fantastic start to the year! We have had more students attend every day than we have had in a few years.

On Thursday this week, we celebrated and recognised our students at the Cathy Freeman Foundation Awards Assembly and gave out a few of our own awards for academic excellence! Thank you to all our students who are putting in the effort to come to school, and encouraging their peers to do the same.

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



**CATHY FREEMAN
FOUNDATION**
EDUCATION CHANGES LIVES

Attendance 90% or more

Junior Girls

Anna Cook
Janice Kerinaiaua
Zacharina Nagawalli
Tahni Thompson
Maria Tipuamantumirri
Mia Thompson
Jeremena Apuatimi

Junior Boys

Thomas Darcy-Pilakui
Troy Munkara
Hazem Puruntatameri
Lionel Puautjimi
Jason Puruntatameri
Benjamin Tipiloura
Max Kerinaiaua
Wayne Orsto

Senior Girls

Miriam Puruntatameri
Stanilisha Puautjimi
Taluha Turner

Senior Boys

Dwayne Kerinaiaua

'Give me 5' Awards

Increase in term to term attendance, by 5 or more days this year.

Year 7

Thomas Darcy-Pilakui
Karleanna Kantilla
Robert Tipungwuti

Year 8

Mia Thompson

Year 9

Max Kerinaiaua
Bernita Tipiloura

Year 10

Richard Baxter
Brett Tipiloura
Sylvia Punguatji

Year 11

Canisus Punguatji
Clarence Puruntatameri
Ivanca Alimankinni
Teresina Kerinaiaua
Tamsin Tipiloura-Keraniaua

Year 12

Victoria Tipiloura

Deputy Principal... continued



**CATHY FREEMAN
FOUNDATION**
EDUCATION CHANGES LIVES

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 Anna Cook

Anna always approaches her learning with a positive attitude. She tries really hard when something isn't easy and asks for help if needed. She has been at school nearly everyday this term and she is always looking out for others and offering to help.

Mayimampi Yvonne Kantilla

Yvonne is always polite and very considerate of others' needs and feelings. She persists with her learning and is developing strong relationships with her peers and members of staff.

Jarranga Tahni Thompson

Tahni always approaches her learning with great enthusiasm. Her work ethic and focus in class has been exemplary. She is always friendly and willingly helps when needed. She works productively all times and adds to making a positive classroom environment.

EP Dwayne Kerinauia

Dwayne's attendance has been outstanding. He sets a strong example for his classmates and junior students. Dwayne always approaches his learning with a positive attitude and demonstrates an excellent work ethic.

Stage 1 Stanalisha Puautjimi

Stanalisha is an exemplary student. She is an independent learner and very diligent with her studies. She has attended school everyday this term and works extremely hard in class. She is always positive and a role model for all young women.

Stage 2 Taluhla Turner

Taluhla is an exemplary student. She has attended school everyday this term and is always a positive role model for all young women. She is extremely diligent and an independent learner as she completes the majority of her studies online.

I hope everyone has a peaceful and enjoyable holiday break and we look forward to seeing all Xavier students back and ready to learn in Term 2!

God Bless,

Liz Moodey
Deputy Principal



Catholic Identity

This Sunday, we celebrated Easter—the most important celebration for Catholics. We remember Jesus’ resurrection and celebrate his promise to us of new life.

To prepare for Easter, last Wednesday, Xavier students attended the Stations of the Cross, re-enacted by the students at MCPS. The Stations were beautifully performed and helped us to think about Jesus’ suffering and death.

On Thursday, we had a special prayer service in the library themed “Remember Me”. During the service, we thought about all the things that Jesus did on Earth and what he taught us about God and we thought about what we do to remember Jesus. We also prayed to Jesus in the words of the man who was crucified next to Jesus, asking him to “remember us”.

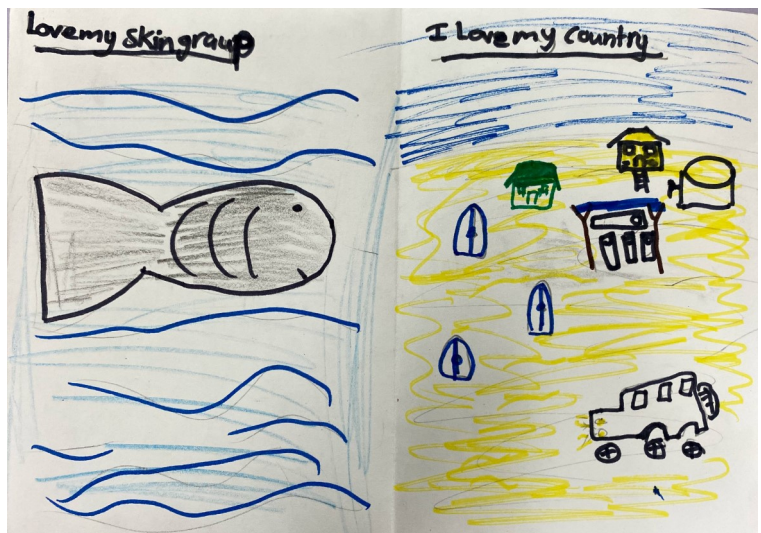
Belinda Pereira
Religious Program Coordinator

Art

This term in Art we have been talking about our identity and who we are.

Each student has made a small magazine about themselves where they have talked about their hobbies, family and what it means to be Tiwi.

Georgia Irvine
Art Teacher



Student Voices

I was cheering for Walama at the grand final. Walama is my first team. I watched the footy with my family and we ate hot chips from the bistro. William Dulla kicked a goal, it made my family happy.

Jelena, Year 9

On Sunday I went to the grand final, I went with my friends to watch Toby play. Toby played well, he had some good spoils. I was cheering for Walama. My team is Tapalinga but I was cheering for Walama for Toby. I stayed for the full game, even though it was rainy.

Max, Year 9

On Sunday, I went to the oval and watched Walama Bulldogs play Imalu Tigers and I cheered for my team, Walama. William was playing well, and Toby got his first grand final win. Bulldogs won! They put on Who Let The Dogs Out and had a disco at the oval, everyone was dancing and having fun.

Thomas, Year 7

On Sunday there was a big event in Wurrumiyanga. It was the Tiwi Islands Grand Final 2021/2022 a match between Walama Bulldogs vs Imalu Tigers. I was cheering for the bulldogs but the best part was when it came to the last quarter when both teams were kicking goal to goal but unfortunately the Walama Bulldogs were too smart and won the game.

Ephrianna, Year 12

During the weekend we had a Grand Final between Imalu Tigers and Walama Bulldogs. The oval was in two different colours—black and yellow and red, white and blue. It was a good game and I was hoping Imalu Tigers would win. In the third quarter the game was so close. When it came to the last quarter, Imalu was in the lead with 9 points until the ball got back to Walama Bulldogs goals and all of the Walama Bulldogs supporters was happy then Walama Bulldogs got the ball again and they scored another goal. Imalu Tigers got the ball back to their side and one of the players marked the ball. He was up for a goal but instead of taking his time he rushed and then he kicked a point. The Imalu Tigers got the ball back, they still rushed because they thought they would kick a goal but they wouldn't because they were rushing. When it came to the end the siren went and all of the Walama Bulldogs players and supporters were happy.

MJ, Year 10



Student Voices (continued)

Last Thursday the AFL started again with Richmond vs Carlton, I knew that Richmond was going to win because they are the premiers. Friday was Collingwood vs Bulldogs it was an exciting game. I am happy that the footy is back. Me and my whole family sit together to watch it. We cheer loudly. I go for the Suns, my grandma goes for Essendon, my grandpa goes for Geelong, and my brother and sisters go for Brisbane Lions.

Troy, Year 7

On the weekends I have been playing with friends. We play hide and seek at my grandfather's house. It is a good place for playing hide and seek because it has a big yard. Then we go for a drive down to the beach for fishing and to have a chat with family. Then we go home.

Freda, Year 7

On the weekend I like relaxing at my house with Hubert. We play games on the PS4, we play Evolution 2 AFL. I am better at it because I take my time. I have been friends with Hubert for a long time, since we were little kids. I want to stay friends with him and finish school together.

Hazem, Year 7

Tiwi Plantation Visit



On Wednesday we went for an excursion to the plantation on Melville Island. It was fun, I found \$5. The buildings there were nice, there was a dining room and a games room. Everything was really clean. We looked at different plants, we saw a spider grass plant. It was covered in seed pods.

Dwayne, Year 10

My name is Carmina and I was lucky to go and visit the plantation with Dwayne, Sylvia, Victoria, Mathias, Thaddeus, FJ and Taliyah. Francis Xavier drove us and had to take the car on the ferry. The ferry was smooth but the road was bumpy. When we got to the plantation we had food and drinks while we sat in the aircon. They let us have some of their fruit juice. We went out with them and looked for spiderweed then we drove back to the base and drove to Paru. From Paru we took the ferry back to Wurrumiyanga. I had a lot of fun.

Carmina, Year 11



Tiwi Plantation Visit (continued)

My name is FJ and I was lucky to visit the plantation on Melville Island two weeks ago. On the day of the excursion I was with Dwayne, Carmina, Sylvia, Victoria, Mathias, Thaddeus, and Taliyah. We started the day early departing Xavier College in the school troopy with a packed lunch.

When we were at the plantation we were shown a range of tasks. We checked the plants for passionfruit seeds and managed weed growth by spraying the grass with herbicides. Although it was a great day, the drive back was rough and everyone was scared. Thank you Francis Xavier for getting us back safely.

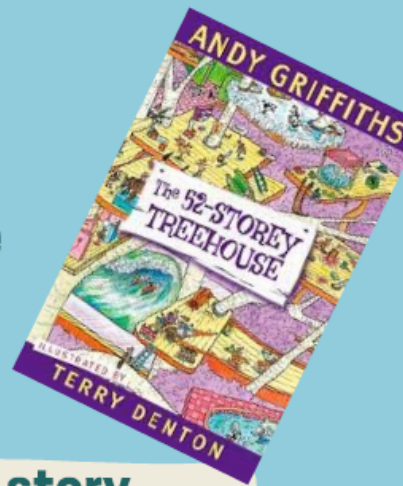
FJ, Year 10

In the morning we packed our water bottle and shoes and got ready to go to Melville Island. We took the car ferry to Melville Island. We met Bradley and Marbine and they drove with us to the plantation in case we got bogged. The road was a bit slippery and muddy. When we arrived they spoke to us about the different jobs at the plantation. Then we ate lunch. We watched them spraying plants. Then we drove back to Paru and took the car ferry to Wurrumiyanga. Bradley and Marbine waited until we were safely across before they left.

Sylvia, Year 10



The 52 Story Treehouse



A book review by Stanilisha Puautjimi

What is the story about?

The story is about a treehouse that has different mysteries to save Mr Big Nose

Who are the main characters?

The characters were Andy, Terry, Jill and Mr Big Nose.

What I didn't like about the book:

There is nothing I didn't like about the book!!

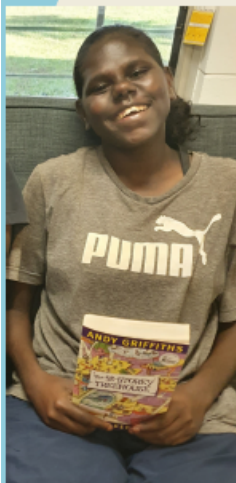


What I did like about the book:

The book is funny and it had pictures in it that went with the words. It had different mysteries.

What new things did you learn?

I learnt different words in that book but I had to read them out loud



I WOULD recommend this book to my friends



English

This term the students in Mayimampi have been studying character as they prepare to write their own stories. They have described the different looks, skills and qualities of different characters. They have looked closely at two leading Aboriginal actors to help them with this; Miranda Tapsell and Aaron Pedersen.

When they have not been writing about character, they have been reading. The students enjoy reading quietly and in groups. They know that the more they read the better their writing is.

Matthew Cullen
English Teacher



Health & Physical Education

SPORTSMANSHIP

A behaviour in sport that is fair and shows respect to the opposition, their teammates and the umpire

In the second half of Term 1, the Yilinga, Mayimampi and Jarranga classes have been learning about and participating in lessons on Soccer. The sport of Soccer dates back more than 2,000 years and is first believed to have begun in Ancient China. However, Soccer (also known as Football) is now the most popular sport in the world.

Students at Xavier have been practicing their dribbling, shooting, corners, throw-ins, goal-keeping and headers to help them achieve success when playing a game. All students have improved a lot over the last four weeks, and the smiles and laughter during lessons tells us they are having fun.

Also, in class students have been using technology to help further their understanding of the sport and its vocabulary. This week students have used the ipads in class to work in teams and play Kahoot.

The HPE team wants to thank all the students for being willing to give new things a go and displaying good sportsmanship in lessons.

Josh Leane and Kat Knapp
HPE Coordinator and Teacher



STEAM

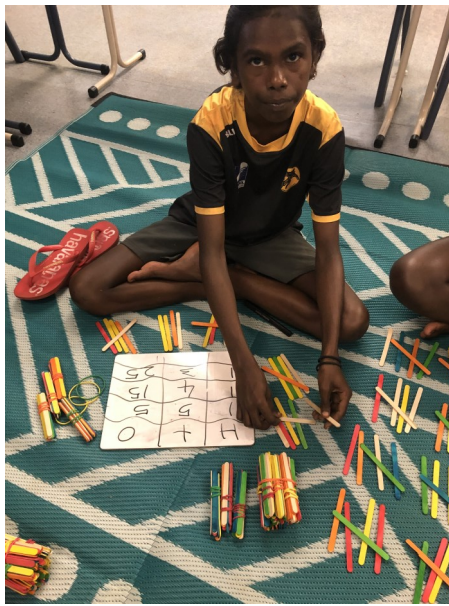
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Left Brain Craft Brain

Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) Challenges

Can you make a newspaper tower that can support a basketball? How many shapes can you make from plasticine and matchsticks? How can you upcycle rubbish to create something new?

These are some of the challenges we have tackled this term and it has been amazing to see the students researching, using teamwork, collaborating and having fun!



Place Value and Shape

We have been learning how to read, write, represent, rename and manipulate multi-digit numbers. We have also been experimenting with naming and drawing 2D and 3D shapes.

Leash Giles
Junior Curriculum Coordinator

Ready Set **Go!**



and engage in some fun in Term 2!

After School Activities

There will be weekly after-school activities planned for all of Term 2 with a range of new and exciting sport and leisure activities.

Our enthusiastic School Officers, Toby and Darcy, alongside Xavier teachers, will come together to host students in some fun and safe activities next term.

Get in quick because there will be weekly prizes to be won!

EVERY MONDAY AND THURSDAY

2.30pm to 3.30pm

XAVIER SCHOOL GROUNDS



April School Holiday Program

MON

10.30am–12.00pm
6.00pm–7.00pm
7.00pm–8.30pm

Soccer / Indoor games
BBQ (Rec Hall)
Basketball (Rec Hall)

TUES

10.30am–12.00pm
12.00pm–1.00pm
2.00pm–3.15pm
3.15pm–4.30pm

Auskick / Indoor Games
Lunch (Rec Hall)
Cricket
Basketball (Rec Hall)

WED

10.30am–12.00pm
12.00pm–1.00pm
2.00pm–3.15pm
3.15pm–4.30pm

Softball / Indoor Games
Lunch (Rec Hall)
Soccer (Oval)
Basketball (Rec Hall)

THUR

10.30am–12.00pm
6.00pm–7.00pm
7.00pm–8.30pm

Cricket / Indoor Games
BBQ (Rec Hall)
Disco (Rec Hall)

FRI

10.30am–12.00pm
12.00pm–1.00pm
2.00pm–3.15pm
3.15pm–4.30pm

Auskick / Indoor Games
Lunch (Rec Hall)
Cricket
Basketball (Rec Hall)



Enjoy a safe and restful holiday break!

