



# 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.*

Enjoy a  
**HAPPY**  
and **safe**  
Holiday break



## Coming up in Term 4...

### Week 1

First Day of Term (Monday)  
CFF Return to School March  
CLM Course (EP Students)

### Week 2

Certificate II Tourism  
PAT Testing Celebration Day (Tuesday)

### Week 3

EP Plantation Visit Melville Island  
PAT Testing Celebration Day (Tuesday)

## Weekly

- Mondays: After School Activities
- Tuesdays: Assembly/Activities (P5)
- Wednesdays: Pastoral Care (P5)
- Thursdays: Cultural Program (P4-5)  
After School Activities



## Principal

Dear Families,

Term 3 has been packed full of exciting learning experiences, camps, a Red Dust production, Science Week and SO much reading and growing for our students.

Yesterday we had a school review by Catholic Education NT who said that we are performing at a very high level and striving for excellent outcomes for ALL our students!

We were very happy to get this feedback from CENT and we are particularly proud of:

**Our students are all jumping up reading levels. This is incredible progress!**

**Our students behave respectfully and show excellent behaviour.**

**Our students can say sorry and change their behaviour when needed.**

**Our Tiwi Teachers are confident and skilful leaders.**

**Our teachers are 100% committed to improving learning for our students.**

**Our staff are 100% committed to making Xavier a fantastic school – one that is beautiful, safe, clean and organised with wonderful meals every day.**

A very big thankyou to everyone who has supported us this term especially Yellow Shirts who help us everyday get our students to school.



Have a happy and safe holiday and see you on Monday, 11 October for our Walk to School.



God bless everyone in community.

**Andree Rice  
Principal**



# Deputy Principal

Hi everyone,

Term 3 has been such a busy time at Xavier Catholic College, Wurrumiyanga with our students being involved in a number of activities, courses and camps.

The Stage 1 & 2 and Employment Pathways students have participated in three camps, Xavier Bush Camp, Bidjipidji School Camp and Santos Science Experience at CDU this week. The last three weeks students have completed VET courses in Cookery, Tourism and this week First Aid in an educational setting with TITEB.



Both the Junior and Senior classes enjoyed a Catholic Identity Retreat Day with the NET team from Darwin and all students participated well looking at their own 'self image' in relation to God. A monthly Youth Mass is planned for the last Sunday of each month and please encourage the young people to attend mass with you. The next **Youth Mass** will be **Sunday, 31 October 2021**.

Our Cathy Freeman Foundation Awards Assembly have been postponed to the Walk to School Day on **Monday, 11 October 2021**. We would like to see many families and carers attend the assembly to celebrate the success of the Xavier Catholic College students. The assembly will commence at 9.30am after the breakfast at MCPS.

On a final note, I hope everyone is able to spend time together as a family and enjoy the wonderful gifts that the Tiwi Islands provides to us and look forward to seeing everyone back in Term 4.



## A Final Prayer for our Term

We thank you Lord, for this term. For our challenges, our 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.

God's blessings,

Anne-Maree Fewtrell  
Deputy Principal



## Prayer

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe  
and in the smallest of your creatures.  
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.  
Pour out upon us the power of your love,  
that we may protect life and beauty.  
Fill us with peace, that we may live  
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.  
O God of the poor,  
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,  
so precious in your eyes.  
Bring healing to our lives,  
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,  
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.  
Touch the hearts  
of those who look only for gain  
at the expense of the poor and the earth.  
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,  
to be filled with awe and contemplation,  
to recognize that we are profoundly united  
with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.  
We thank you for being with us each day.  
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle  
for justice, love and peace.

**Pope Francis, Laudato Si**



“bring the whole human family together . . .  
for we know that things can change”  
(Laudato Si’ 13)

We are responding to the call of Laudato Si’. With profound care for each other, our Creator, and all creation, we are building a better future together.



# Catholic Identity

EP, Mayimampi and Jarranga started reading a book called “Everything is Connected” and have been talking about how all people are connected to each other. We spoke about how God created all of us and loves us, how everyone needs food, water, sleep and exercise and we listed things that we may have in common with strangers around the world.

As part of our activities, we drew family trees but some students could not remember the names of their grandparents or some of their aunts and uncles. The school holidays are a good time to talk about family at home and share stories to remind students of their family connections.

In Stage 1, the Year 10s have been practising asking questions so they can learn more about issues at school and in the community. Their focus is ‘humberging’ and, next term, they will make a plan on how to stop humberging at Xavier.

The Year 11s have been working on a project about what students can learn from characters in the Bible. Jimmy and Stanilisha chose Elizabeth and have made a poster to share with the school community.



**Belinda Pereira**  
Religious Education  
Coordinator

 **STRONG** 

Elizabeth was strong in faith. She always prayed to God  
She and her husband wanted a baby so they never  
gave up.





## Building Tomorrow's Tourism Workforce

Last week our senior students began their first week of a Certificate I in Tourism, through Charles Darwin University.

Students completed units in workplace safety and hygiene management, how to make tasty mocktails, how to interact with customers in a café/hotel setting, as well as how to interpret Tiwi culture for tourists.

We had 12 students enrol in the course and these students will have a further week of training in tourism next term to complete their certificate.

As the Tiwi Islands is forecast to become even more of a popular place for tourists to visit in the future, our students are learning the skills needed to take on future employment opportunities as well as planning for a tourism industry that supports the community and does not create problems.

Congratulations to Dwayne, Thecla, Claudia, Rochelle Thaddeus, Damon, Marcus, Wyndell, Canisus, Teresina, Gertrude, Shannon, May & Maureen for being on track to receive this qualification.

**Darcy Direen**  
EP Teacher

## Mantuwujini Maths

This term in maths, students have been learning about multiplication and division. These are important skills and will help with financial affairs and other day to day activities. Some of the topics covered in class include representing multiplication as arrays, skip counting, multiplication facts, representing division as grouping into equal parts and solving word problems using number sentences to name a few.

For the last two weeks, to consolidate the concepts learnt throughout the term students have been working on a group assignment. In their groups students have worked through problems that have real world applications. The final stage of the assignment is working on an art project which blends maths and art together and has been lots of fun.



**Patch Feeney**  
Teacher

## Senior Students

A number of our Stage 1 and 2 and Employment Pathways students have been involved in VET courses:

- Cookery
- Tourism
- First Aid



There has been positive comments about the courses and all students really engaged and learnt a number of new skills. The courses went over a five day period and attendance in Employment Pathway classes have increased substantially, so well done to the students who are attending school regularly.

EP students have been working on what are some of the requirements to obtain employment on the Tiwi Islands, including Ochre Cards, completing enrolment forms for the range of VET courses, Learner Driver Licence requirements and recently on the First Aid booklets from TITEB. Students also worked on WHS scenarios and completed a Workplace Incident Report.



I wish everyone an enjoyable and restful break over the holidays and hope you can get out on country and feel blessed and happy living on the Tiwi Islands (God's own country).

**Anne-Maree Fewtrell**  
Deputy Principal

## Learning First Aid

For the past week a selection of senior students have spent four days participating in a first-aid course at TITEB, led by Debra Marshall and Allison Vigona. First-aid courses have a reputation for being very long, drawn out courses that contain a lot of important information about how to provide aid to people in a wide range of emergencies.

Students have learnt in detail how to respond to emergencies ranging from a snake bite all the way



to a serious heart attack, and everything in between. This knowledge and training are essential to have in our setting and our students will be an asset in being able to provide first aid to people involved in emergency situations in community.

A huge congratulations to the students who completed this course this week, they may help to save your life in the future...

**Darcy Direen**  
Indigenous Workforce Coordinator

# Culture

A few weeks ago, we started to survey students to get some feedback on our Culture sessions and to help us to plan for next term. So far, we've only surveyed 25 students but the results are very good!

Why?

- So we can learn more about our Culture
- So we can pass it on to generations
- To keep our Culture strong

Top 3 Culture activities:

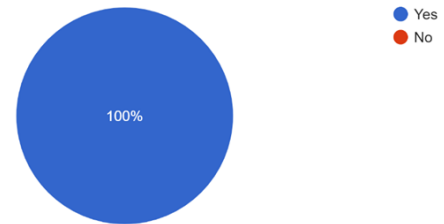
- Going out on Country
- Tiwi singing
- Listening to Stories from Elders

52% of the students surveyed said they would like to talk more about Culture in other subjects and 76% think that schools in Darwin should also be studying Culture.

We would like to finish surveying all students to get their opinions so that we can plan Culture sessions for the students to learn and enjoy.

**Belinda Pereira**  
Religious Education Coordinator

Do you think learning Culture at school is important?  
25 responses







## Culture Weaving Project

The girls at Xavier had their first session with Jacinta and Marie Carmel as part of the new Weaving Project. Students collected the plants to use for dyeing, stripped the pandanus and the ladies boiled it to colour it.

It is a big project and we are so excited to have taken this first step.

Thank you to Jacinta and Marie Carmel for teaching us and thanks to Karina at Starwin for making this project possible.

A huge thank you to Tom and Jordan for building the fire for us.

**Cynthia Pereira**  
EP Coordinator







# Hyper THE CLOWN



# Student Protection Contacts



If you are feeling scared, hurt or in danger from someone or something OR if another young person you know is feeling like this, please come and talk to your friendly Student Protection Contacts at school.

Our job is to make sure all young people at Xavier are safe and cared for.

The Safeguarding Contact Persons are nominated by the school to promote the safety and wellbeing of children and young people.

You might talk to a Safeguarding Contact Person if you:

- Are worried about a child, young person or family
- Are worried about the behaviour of an adult in the school toward children or young people
- Are a child or young person who wants help or support
- Want to know more about supporting children and young people
- Want to know more about what our school and Catholic Education Northern Territory have in place to safeguard and support
- Want to know more about children's rights – including those of your own children, or your own rights if you are a child or young person
- Have ideas about how our school can make things even better for children and young people – especially if you are a child or young person yourself!



**Andree Rice**  
Principal



**Anne-Maree Fewtrell**  
Deputy Principal



**Angelo Orsto**  
Tiwi Team Leader



**Casimira Tipiloura**  
CALT Member



Kids Helpline **1800 55 1800**



Child Abuse & Protection Hotline **1800 700 250**



Remember, if you are in danger call **000**