



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.



Prayer of Blessing for Children and Youth

O God,

You call us to begin each day giving praise to you.
May all who need your help today experience your love and compassion through us
And through all who have come to know you.
Bless all the children and youth of this world;
Protect them from abuse.
May they come to know their worth and dignity
As your children, made in your likeness.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Coming up...

Week 4

All Souls Day Liturgy (Tuesday)
Certificate II CLM
Youth Mass 5.00pm (Sunday)

Week 5

Remembrance Day (Thursday)

Week 6

Year 6 Transition Program (Thursday)
NTSDE Graduation (Thursday)

Week 7

Remembrance Day (Thursday)

Weekly

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



Principal

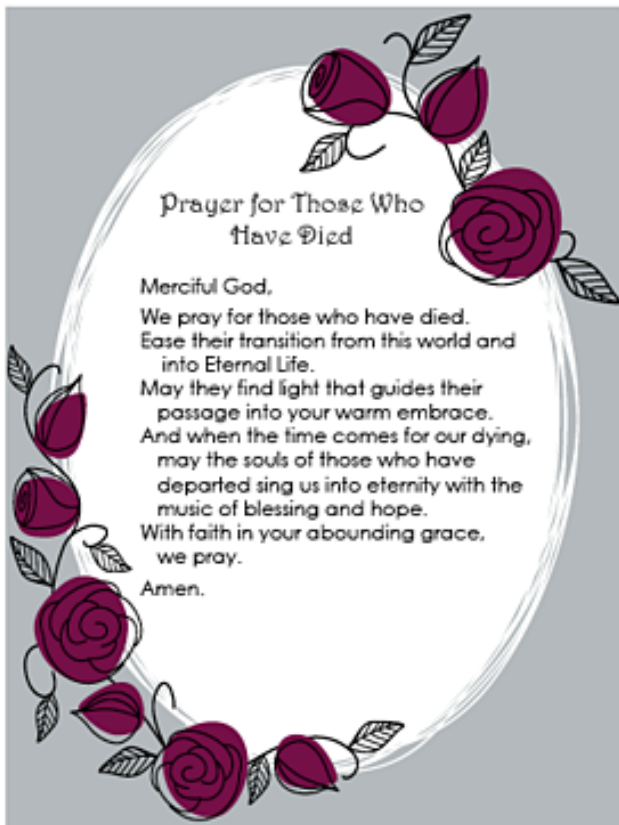
Dear Parents and Families,

We would like to share with you the exciting news that our classrooms have been redecorated so that they are the best possible spaces for student learning. All Year 7-9 classes have been painted a warm white colour, have natural looking cupboards built in, have light grey blinds and lovely, new silver pin boards. All classrooms in the school also have new, bright and funky desks!

Our students are loving their rooms and feeling like learning when they come to school. The reason we did this is that research tells us that the physical environment for learning is just as important as the teaching that takes place in the classroom. When learning spaces are modern, clean and bright, students will feel like their learning matters.



Xavier students completed **P.A.T. tests** in Maths and Reading over the past fortnight and they did these tests on ipads and computers. All students tried their hardest and were focussed on what they had to do. We are so proud of our students being able to engage like this in a test situation. These tests are very important because they help us focus our teaching on what skills our students need to keep growing in their Maths and Reading. A big thanks to teachers Leash Giles and Clare Kearney for running the testing and organising all the technology.



Next week we pray for family and friends who have passed away on Tuesday, **All Souls' Day**. MCPS and Xavier will go to the cemetery, have a prayer service and then clean family graves. This is a special and sacred time and you are welcome to join us at 9am at the cemetery.

This Sunday we are having a **Youth Mass** in New Church at 5.00 pm so please come and join us for a wonderful, uplifting Mass.

Andree Rice
Principal

Deputy Principal

Hi to all our students, families and carers,

What a great way to commence Term 4 with Cathy Freeman Foundation Awards and on the same day receiving a visit from some of the Bulldogs grand final team and their supporters. Many of the Xavier students and staff got photos and autographs from the players.



At the assembly, students received awards due to their hard work in their learning and great attendance throughout the term. Please try and keep coming to school every day as all the rooms are air-conditioned and have been refurbished and painted which provides a very relaxing learning environment. Learning becomes easy if you attend school every day.

The following students received awards at the Cathy Freeman Foundation Assembly:

CATHY FREEMAN FOUNDATION



Juniors

Give Me 5
Bryon Cunningham
Jason Puruntatameri
Mia Thompson
Paul Raphael Tipungwuti
Jennifer Cunningham
Michaeliah Heenan

Seniors

Attendance Awards (90% +)

Zacharina Nagwalli
Tahni Thompson
Monica Timaepatua
Maria Tipuamantumirri
Jeremena Apuatimi

Stanlisha Puautjimi
Taluha Turner

Gold Medal Awards

Yilinga Karleanna Kantilla
Mayimampi Zacharina Nagwalli
Jarranga Monica Timaepatua
Employment Pathways Teresina Kerinauia
Stage 1 Claudia Munkara
Stage 2 Ephrianna Tipungwuti



Term 3 Curriculum Awards

JUNIORS

Yilinga

Anna Cook	English, HPE, Art & Smart Skills
Karleanna Kantilla	Art & Maths
Kerisha Tipungwuti	Art & Maths
Wayne Orsto	Maths
Keith Puruntatameri	Maths

Jarranga

Mia Thompson	Art, Smart Skills & English
Tahni Thompson	Art, Smart Skills & English
Lionel Puautjimi	Art
Jeremena Apuatimi	Art & Maths
Rebecca Munkara	Art & English
Monica Timaepatua	Maths
Francis Tipungwuti	Maths
Shanina Kantilla	Maths
Jake Winston	Maths
Alexandria Tipungwuti	Maths & English
Byron Cunningham	Maths & English

Mayimampi

Hazem Puruntatameri	English, HPE & Smart Skills
Maria Tipuamantumirri	English & Maths
Campbell Punguatji	HPE
Zacharina Nagawalli	HPE & Art
Troy Munkara	Art
Yvonne Kantilla	Art & Maths
Martina Kelantumama	Art & Maths
Thomas Darcy-Pilakui	Art, Smart Skills & Maths
Paul Tipungwuti	Maths

SENIORS

Employment Pathways

Dwayne Kerinauia	English, Maths & Enterprise
Teresina Kerinauia	English, Maths & Enterprise
Brett Tipiloura	Art, Maths & Enterprise

Stage 1 & 2

Miriam Puruntatameri	Health & English
Claudia Munkara	Health
Thecla Tipungwuti	English
Stanilisha Puautjimi	English & IL: Sports
Jack Tipungwuti	English & IL: Sports
May Kantiilla	English

The Future of Tourism on the Island



Last week a group of senior students completed their second week of training for their Certificate 1 in Tourism. The final units included a workplace health and safety component and a unit on outdoor catering. Students had to design a menu for five meals in preparation for an overnight tour, and had to consider guest dietary requirements and food safety practices.

The final unit was on interpreting Tiwi culture for visiting tourists. This unit included lots of study, as well as three presentations on Tiwi topics chosen by the students and three interviews with people in community.



Thank you to Cosi, Bertram, and Sister Anne for taking the time to be interviewed by the students, and an even bigger congratulations to Dwayne, Thecla, Claudia, May, Damon and Wyndell for their hard work last week. These students have now learnt the skills needed to sustainably run tourism on the Tiwi Islands. Great Job!

Darcy Direen
Employment Pathways Teacher

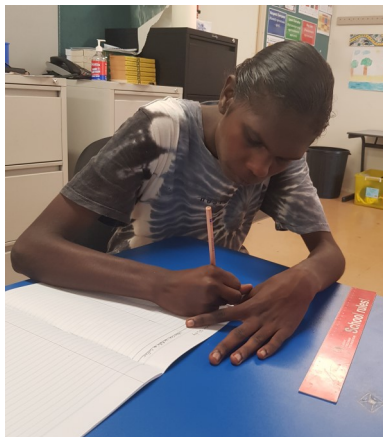
EP Maths

In EP Maths this term we are looking at earning money. This means that we are learning about time, how to calculate wages and bank accounts.

The students have been really interested in lessons and I think this is because it will be helpful once they join the workforce.

Dwayne, Brett and Mathias have also visited the Yirrikipayi Maths class to help out some of the younger students.

Cynthia Pereira
Employment Pathways Coordinator



Bidjipidji School Camp

In Week 7 of Term 3 eight Stage 1 and 2 students went into Darwin for the Bidjipidji school camp. Charles Darwin University organised the camp for all Indigenous students around the NT. There were students from Galiwin'ku, Alice Springs, Nhulunbuy, Willowra and Tiwi. The Xavier students were Jimmy, Stanalisha, Ephrianna, Tamsin, Rochelle, Miriam, Remalda and Thecla. The students had to fill out an application form to be chosen for the camp. The teachers that went were Peter and Kat.

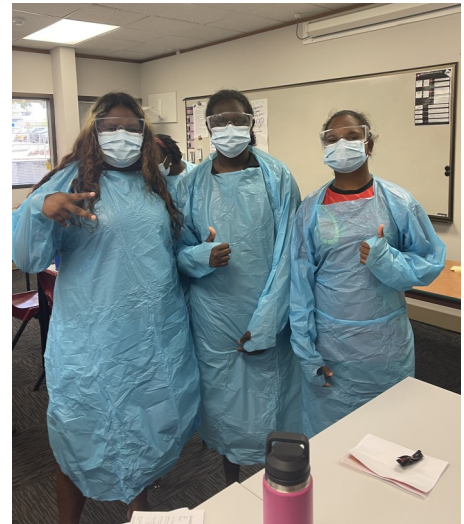
During the camp we visited different parts of the University. We were involved in the Welcome to Country, visited the Moot Court at the law school, went to the CDU open day, had a basketball session with Hoops for Health, designed businesses at the waterfront campus, did some art at the art school and made vision boards from magazines.

Some of the fun activities included shopping, the wave pool, watching the firecrackers on the beach and a karaoke night. All the Xavier students performed our school song. We felt nervous and happy.

At the end of the Bidjipidji camp we had a graduation ceremony. On that night we all got Bidjipidji awards on stage. After graduation we had a disco night.

Jimmy's favourite activity was the open day because it was fun learning new things about courses.

Stanalisha's favourite part was going to the waterfront and wave pool because there was a beautiful sunset.



Ephrianna's favourite part was also the wave pool because it was fun.

We recommend students go on the Bidjipidji camp in the future because there is good food, fun activities and you learn a lot. You also get to make good friends from other communities.

**Stanalisha, Jimmy and Kat Knapp
Stage 1 Students and Stage 1 & 2 Teacher**



WELCOME

Sister Monique

Hi everyone, my name is Sr. Monique Singh. I am a Canossian Sister and I have recently come to join the great team at Xavier! I am the new REC and am very much looking forward to being a part of the Xavier community and getting to know you all. Before arriving here, I was in Brisbane, and I have been a Sister for over 7 years. Two other Canossian Sisters have moved to Wurrumiyanga, Sr. Val and Sr. Amelia, and you may also see them around from time to time in the community.



In RE this term, junior students have been learning about Mary and the Rosary. We look to Mary as a model of joy, gentleness, kindness and love, and strive to learn from her and live out these virtues. Every day, God gives us the chance to practice these virtues and we pray that Mary will help us to make good choices and show love to others.

Meanwhile, the CMT students have been working hard to finish their modules, which had involved a range of activities from projects to PowerPoint presentations, Biblical stories and links to Catholic Social Teaching. Congratulations on your hard work students!

On Tuesday, 2nd of November, we will commemorate All Souls Day. EP students have been preparing for this event by creating paper flowers and messages to bring along on the day and reverence deceased relatives and friends.

Sister Monique Singh
Religious Education Coordinator

A photograph of a young boy wearing a blue baseball cap with a white logo, playing an acoustic guitar. He is looking towards the camera with a slight smile. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be an outdoor setting with trees.

Youth Mass

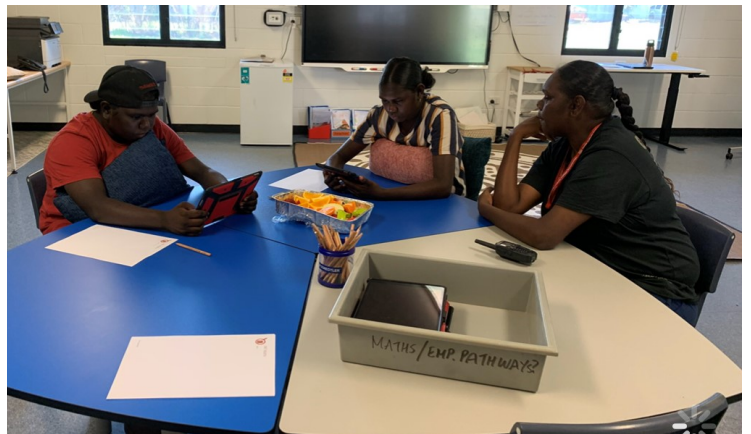
Sunday, 31 October 2021

(last Sunday of every month)

New Church

All are welcome!

Hotdog dinner after Mass



P.A.T. Testing

Over the last two weeks, Year 7-10 students have been completing online tests to see how they are learning in reading and in maths. We have been so proud of how well our students have worked on their tests and tried their hardest at the questions. A big congratulations everyone on a great effort!

To celebrate finishing these tests we went swimming at Tarntipi Waterhole, transformed the library into a cinema and enjoyed delicious lunches of homemade pizzas and a BBQ. This has been a fabulous acknowledgement of some excellent learning happening at Xavier this year.

Leash Giles
Acting Curriculum Coordinator

