



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.



MERRY
christmas

Prayer

Loving God,

Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the happiness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good thoughts with every greeting. Keep us safe through the blessing which Christ brings.

Amen.

Term 1, 2022

Students First Day:
Monday, 7 February 2022



Principal

Dear Parents and Families,

Awana mamanta. It is very sad to be writing my final newsletter piece as Principal of this wonderful school. The main thing I want to say is thank you! Thank you to the Tiwi community for welcoming Justin and myself to your country, for looking after us while we were here and teaching us so much about how strong Tiwi culture, family and community are. I am definitely a better person for living and working with you for 3 years.

Thank you to the wonderful Xavier staff. You could not be any better and you have each given so generously of your talents and energies to deliver the best possible education to our students. It has been a great privilege working with you and I am so proud of the way you deliberately grow yourselves and try to be the best possible versions of yourselves.

Thank you to Xavier students who are the strongest, smartest and kindest young people I have met in my 30 years as a teacher. You turn up, day after day, even when it's really hard, and you commit to your learning and to being there for everyone else. I hope you fulfil your dreams and I want to see each of you being strong leaders in this community when I return in 10 years time!

Thank you too to all the many friends and partners of Xavier who help us achieve the best outcomes for young Tiwi. May God watch over you all, walk with you and inspire you to retain hope when life is hard.

There are a number of other staff leaving Xavier and I would like to thank them and wish them every blessing on the road ahead. Thank you to Belinda Pereira, Tom Nehemia, Leash Giles, Debra Cooper and Patch Feeney for giving your utmost to Xavier in your time. I am sure that your Tiwi years will continue to inform your life and work and that other people will benefit from hearing about your experiences and deep rich learnings from being in community. Remember how precious it is what we shared together and how you can achieve great things when you do it in community, alongside others, in solidarity.

God bless everyone in Wurrumiyanga and may Christmas bring you peace, joy and togetherness. Stay safe, stay strong.



Andree Rice
Principal



Deputy Principal

Hi everyone,

As the end of the Xavier Catholic College school year ends we have much to be thankful for. Fortunately, many of us are vaccinated and are keeping the Tiwi Islands free of COVID. As we all come together with our families and loved ones please look after each other and keep safe.

It is with a mixture of sadness and joy as we finish the 2021 school year as we farewell a number of staff members through a mix of new opportunities and moving back to be closer to their loved ones. I wish the following staff members all the best and Xavier blessings to each one as they embrace new opportunities:

Andree Rice	Patch Feeney
Leash Giles	Deb Cooper
Belinda Pereira	Tom Nehemia

In farewelling staff, I want to acknowledge two members of the Leadership team, Andree and Leash. Both of you have worked tirelessly throughout the year in leading the learning culture at Xavier in a future focused, well researched and authentic way by improving the learning and teaching outcomes not only for students but staff as well. You both will be missed but feel proud of the wonderful legacy you have left behind.

Our students have also performed extremely well as can be seen by all the Cathy Freeman Foundation Assembly awards that were given on Tuesday. Well done to all our students and enjoy this very special time of the year.

As this is the final newsletter for 2021, I would like to wish all you a safe, blessed and peaceful Christmas and holiday period. The story of the Birth of Jesus is such a lovely reminder of the essential elements in life: family, celebrating the unique gifts we all bring and being with each other. I look forward to seeing everyone in 2022 as a connected and caring community.

God Bless,

Anne-Maree Fewtrell
Deputy Principal

**CATHY
FREEMAN
FOUNDATION**



	<i>Give Me 5</i>		<i>Attendance Awards (90% +)</i>	
Juniors	Hubert Glenda Richelle Jason	Keith Paul Wayne Jelena	Anna Zacharina Monica Maria	Jake Jeremena
Seniors	Edwina Remalda Tahnee May	Claudia Jimmy Gertrude Ephrianna	Stanilisha Jimmy Ephrianna	

Gold Medal Awards

Yilinga Wayne	Employment Pathways Brett
Mayimampi Troy	Stage 1 Jimmy
Jarranga Monica	Stage 2 Ephrianna



Term 4 Curriculum Awards

JUNIORS

Yilinga

Anna	English, HPE & Smart Skills
Keith	English, Maths & Art
Wayne	English, HPE & Maths
Hubert	English, Maths & Smart Skills
Karleanna	English & Maths
Glenda	Maths & Art

Mayimampi

Yvonne	English, Smart Skills, Maths & Art
Paul	Smart Skills, Maths & HPE
Hazem	Smart Skills, HPE & RE
Maria	HPE & RE
Zacharina	HPE & RE
Thomas	RE

Jarranga

Tahni	Smart Skills, HPE, RE, English & Art
Mia	Smart Skills, RE, English & Art
Michaeliah	Smart Skills, English & Art
Jake	Smart Skills, RE, English & Art
Monica	Smart Skills, Maths, HPE, RE, English
Shanina	Maths & English
Janice	Maths
Lionel	Maths, English & Art
Alexandria	RE & English
Jeremena	RE
Rebecca	English

SENIORS

Employment Pathways

Maureen	Maths
Dwayne	Maths
Brett	Maths
Thaddeus	Maths

Stage 1 & 2

May	English & Numeracy
Stanilisha	English
Jimmy	English
Claudia	English & Health Studies
Miriam	Health Studies & Numeracy



Year 6 Transition & Orientation

On Wednesday, 1 December we had the 2022 Year 7s, join us for a full day of learning. It was a fantastic day full of excitement, respect and learning.

The new Year 7s started the day by getting a Xavier shirt for the day, having their photo taken and some welcome activities. They then joined our English and Maths classes, getting the opportunity to experience

classes at high school and practising how to move around from class to class. Period 4 the students attended Art, Smart Skills and RE which were lots of fun.

To finish the day all students joined teachers in the library for a trivia afternoon. The students did a fantastic job of answering lots of different types of questions, identifying teachers from their baby photos and working together as a team.

It was a fantastic day. We can't wait for what 2022 has in store for Xavier.

Clare Kearney
Inclusion Support Coordinator

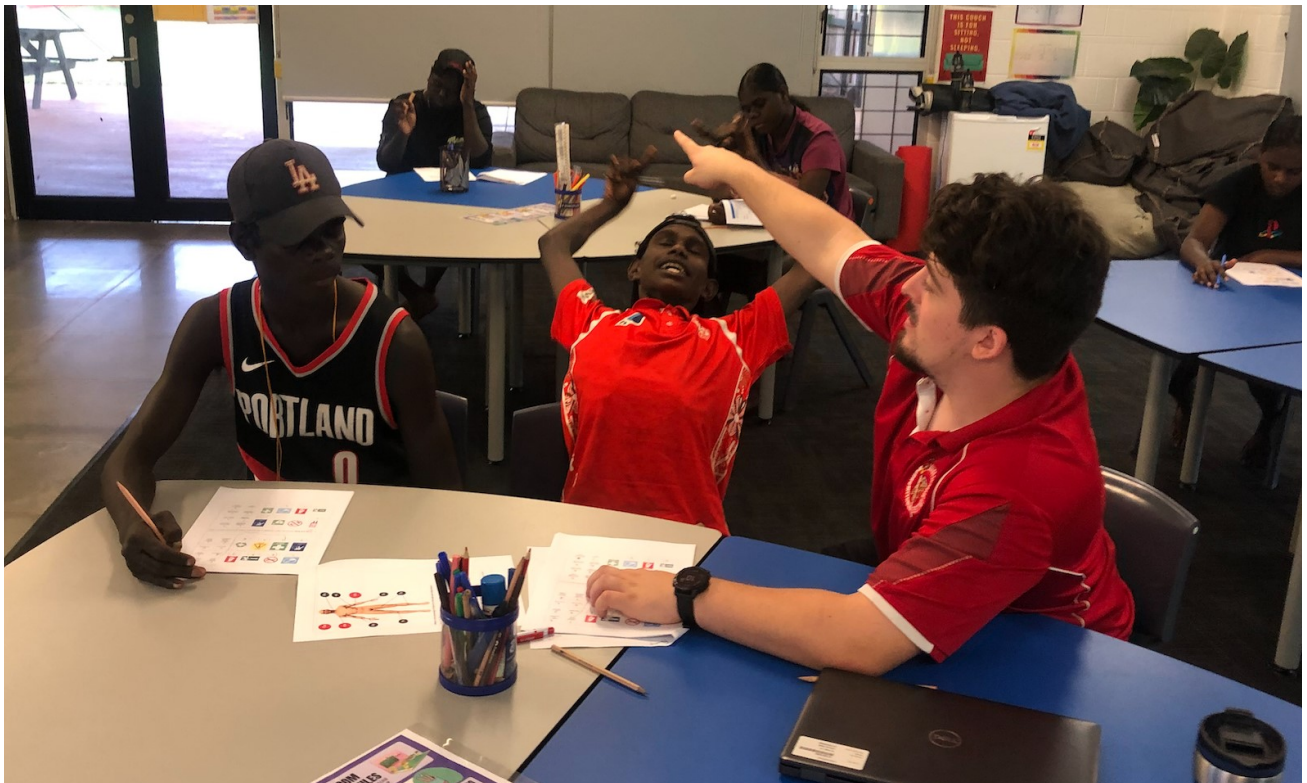




Year 9 Transition Day

In Week 9 we had our Transition Day for Year 9 students moving into Stage 1 & 2 in 2022. It was great to welcome the Year 9s in our classroom for the day to experience Stage 1 & 2 English, Health and CMT lessons. The Stage 1 & 2 students are excited to learn with our incoming Year 10 students next year.

Kat Knapp
Stage 1 & 2 Coordinator



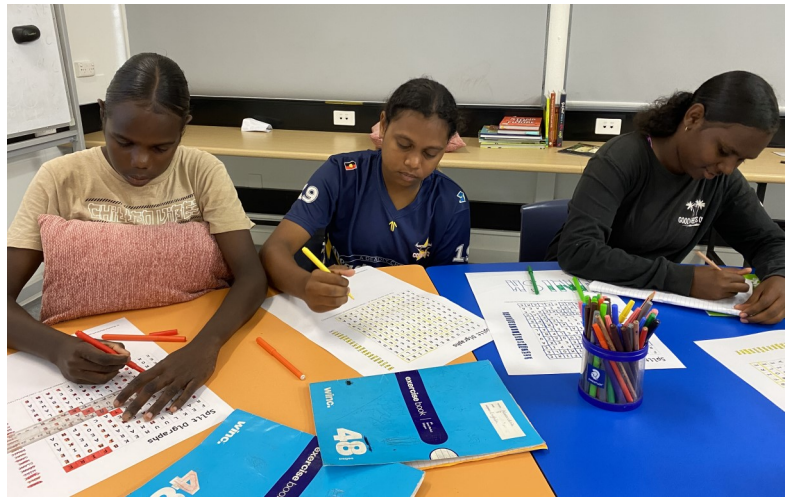
Jarranga English—Student Voice

This term in English I have learnt about reading high level books. Something I enjoyed doing was reading out loud with a group. I look forward to learning more about wrting and reading in 2022. **Lionel**



This term in English I have learnt about sounding out new words and enjoyed doing persuasive writing. I enjoyed writing and reading different things and I always try my best in class. I look forward to learning new things and trying something new in reading and writing next year. **Rebecca**

This term I learnt to do creative writing and my story was about my friend the shark. I enjoyed writing it because it was a long story and I wrote it like it was real. **Cameron**



I enjoyed learning new words because we get to do it together and it helps us learn more things. **Alexandria**

This term we learnt about persuasive writing, information texts and the Great Australian schwa. I really enjoyed reading with Gypsy this term in English. **Janice**

This term in English I have enjoyed creative writing because it was fun and I got to be creative. I look forward to learning more in English next year. **Jake**

This term in English I have learnt how to write persuasive texts and about the Great Australian Schwa, which was really weird but okay. **Mia**

I have been looking forward to learning how to make a good story. I started off making lots of mistakes but I still tried my best. My first story was “The Lost Boat”. It was great writing the story book, I really enjoyed it. What I really want to do next year in Stage 1 English is to make more story book and do lots of writing and more persuasive writing. I have really loved doing persuasive writing and information texts. **Michaeliah**



This term in English I have been learning about persuasive writing and past, present and future tenses in writing. I really enjoyed writing information texts in English this term and having conversations with a group. I look forward to learning more in English next year. **Tahni**

Clare Kearney
English Teacher

Parent Information Night

It was fabulous to have so many families and students attend our Parent Information Night. We held this night to provide information and enrolment meetings for our 2022 Year 7 students, as well as pathways information for our 2022 Year 10 students.

Congratulations to all of those involved and thank you to our students and families for their enthusiasm and passion for their children's education. The night was a great success.

Leash Giles
Acting Curriculum Coordinator



Family Report Night

Last Tuesday we held our semesterly Family Report Night at the Nguiu Bistro. Thank you to the many families and students who attended to celebrate learning at Xavier this semester. We are so proud of everything our students have achieved this year, and it was such a wonderful opportunity to share the achievements of our amazing students.



Thank you to the many families who also completed school surveys. This data will help us to keep on improving at Xavier in the future.

Congratulations to the students and staff at Xavier on an outstanding year of teaching and learning.

Leash Giles
Acting Curriculum Coordinator

