



# Xavier Catholic College Newsletter

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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 for Community

Thank you for this beautiful planet,  
Bless it and keep it safe from harm.

We pray for the protection of the  
animals, the land, air and water.

May we care for all you have made.  
Help us to love the Earth as you do.

We pray in Jesus' name  
Amen

## Upcoming Events:

### Week 1

8am - Yellow Shirts Walk to School (from New Church)

8.30am - Cathy Freeman Welcome Back Breakfast

6.30pm - Yellow Shirts' Movie Night (Monday)

### Week 3

Cathy Freeman Year 9/10 Camp Melbourne

### Week 4

GOO Intensive week

### Week 5

Construction

Remembrance Day (11 November)

### Week 6

Stage 2 Graduation (22 November)

- Mondays: Study Club/Book Club
- Thursdays: Cultural Program
- Wednesdays/Fridays: Afternoon Activities Program





## Principal

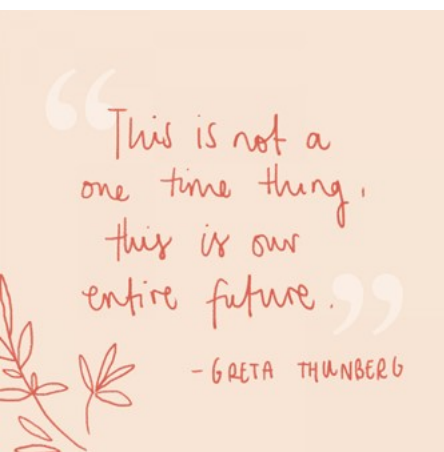
Dear Parents/Carers,

You might have seen the television coverage of the Climate School Strikes that were happening all around the world last Friday. What I found most inspiring about these strikes was the commitment and passion of young people. I explained to our students this week who Greta Thunberg is and how she is giving many young people the confidence to speak up for what they believe in. We also talked about Wurrumiyanga and the environmental issues here.

A big congratulations must go to Mrs Leila Flannery, Employment Pathways' teacher and her EP class who have got recycling in the town up and going! This is something the whole community should be proud of. Leila and her students are collecting cans and bottles and they have arranged for Seaswift to take them to Darwin free of charge where they will go to a recycling facility. The EP class is going to save the money to get them to a special event next year like the Footy Grand Final. If any local businesses are reading this and would like to support our efforts, please let me know on [Andree.Rice@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Andree.Rice@nt.catholic.edu.au).

The end of Term 3 is a time when we can really see how our students have grown this year. What I have noticed this term is that Xavier students take their learning seriously and try their hardest in class. Their reading and writing is getting stronger week by week! Xavier students show respect and good manners, and our visitors all notice this. Xavier students are kind to each other and they welcome new students like Dylan Groves who arrived this term.

Term 4 begins on **Monday 14 October** with the Cathy Freeman Foundation Walk to School at 8am from the New Church. There will be a cooked family breakfast available at the MCPS canteen after the walk and all family are welcome to come. This day is a special day to celebrate the work of our Yellow Shirts' Team and the Yellow Shirts will be running a family movie night after school. You can find their movie flyer at the back of this newsletter and keep your eye on Facebook for more information.



I wish all our students, families and staff a peaceful, happy holiday time. Thank you for working with us this term to support our strong and resilient young people. A big thanks to our fantastic staff!



**Andree Rice**  
Principal



## Deputy Principal

What another big term we have had! From trips to Darwin for NT Tennis and trips to Sydney for Cathy Freeman Horizon Camps. In pastoral care we have been focussing on persisting with difficult tasks or situations and trying to make good choices.

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

Year 7	Year 8
Bernita Tipiloura	Mathias Kantilla
Jeremena Apuatimi	Miriam Puruntatameri
Kourtney Rimmer	Marcus Portaminni
Year 9	Senior Students
Stanilisha Puautjimi	Taluhla Turner
Edward Tipiloura	Rayma Puautjimi
	Samara Puruntatameri

### Gold Medal Award Winners:

Grade	Name
Yilinga	Tahnee Dulla
Mayimampi	Jeremena Apuatimi
Jarranga	Willam Dulla
EP	Rosemary Wooley
Stage 1	Rayma Puautjimi
Stage 2	Laike Pateriki

God Bless,

**Liz Moodey**  
Deputy Principal

## Religious Education

On Friday, 13 September, a very special visitor from the Vatican in Rome came to Wurrumiyanga to learn about the Tiwi community and talk with students.

Her Excellency Melissa Hitchman, Australian Ambassador to the Holy See, spoke to students and staff about her work and mission which includes indigenous. Melissa also shared her connection to Sister Anne who visited Rome last year.

All students did a great job in welcoming Melissa, sharing their pride in Tiwi culture and sharing their curiosity about her relationship with Pope Francis.

(The Holy See means the Pope and the central government of the Roman Catholic Church).

**Pam Brown**  
Religious Education Coordinator





## Curriculum

The end of Term 3 signals an exciting time for our Year 12 students as they begin to look towards the end of the year...and their graduation from secondary school!

Our Stage 2 students were busy at the recent MCPS fete, selling ice cups, lollies and fantastic screen printed bags that they created in Stage 2 Creative Art. The profits from their stall will go towards their Darwin graduation, which is on Friday November 22, at the Mindil Beach Casino.

**We are still selling screen printed bags at Xavier Catholic College.**

**They are \$15 each.**

**Money is required upon collection of bags.**



EP Year 12 students have also been busy planning the first ever senior formal and EP graduation ceremony. Students met with senior leadership at school this week to discuss plans. We are very proud of the EP students showing the initiative, organisation and confidence to work with Xavier teachers to get this event going. More details to come so watch this space!

Junior students and EP students also ran very successful stalls at the fete, and raised money to invest back into their afternoon activities and EP businesses. Running these stalls gave students great learning experiences about money and how to plan and run an enterprise.



Well done to all students who worked so hard throughout the day to make these stalls a success. A big thank you as well to the Xavier staff who supported students at these stalls!

**Justin Brennan**  
Curriculum Coordinator



## Michael Long Junior Girls Leadership Camp

On Sunday, 8 September, Gypsy Kantilla, Renae Carmichael and 11 Xavier students caught the ferry to Darwin to attend the Michael Long Leadership Camp. We arrived at nightfall in Cullen Bay where we headed to the Michael Long Centre for pizza and to meet with Maningrida girls.



Our first day on Monday was spent learning about leadership qualities, football skills, fitness testing, goal kicking, basketball and swimming and a tour of Parliament House.

Tuesday involved more leadership training, health awareness and dental health along with umpiring skills and a visit to Mindil Beach.

On Wednesday, students learnt about domestic violence in communities. We then enjoyed a picnic dinner at Nightcliff, followed by a disco where all the girls showed off their amazing dancing abilities!

Thursday was an exciting day, as the students learnt that the AFL cup was coming to the camp and photographers and news reporters were coming along to write a story about the girls and the AFL cup. There was a photo shoot on the football ground, followed by a trip to an art gallery where the Tiwi girls had photos with the AFL cup and Tiwi art. Next we headed to Casuarina for a shopping trip, headed back to the camp for a fast dinner and then a ten pin bowling adventure with laser tag to follow.

We headed back home by ferry on Friday, with most of the girls having a sleep in the upstairs cabin.

It was a great camp for all, with friendships made and a lot of fun times and great memories for everyone. Well done to the girls who won special Michael Long Leadership Awards: Jeremena Apautimi, Helen Fernando, Miriam Puruntatameri, Tamsin Tipuloura and Michaela Heenan and a big congratulations to Tamsin for making the Thunder team and being asked to attend the next camp in Darwin. Big thanks to Gavin and Gypsy for being so enthusiastic, patient and caring to all the girls.

**Renae Carmichael**  
Performing Arts Teacher



## Stage 1 Work Experience

From 2-6 September, four Stage 1 students, Rayma, Ephrianna, James and Jake undertook work experience at MCPS. This was part of their curriculum run by the Northern Territory School of Distance Education. Students acted as teachers: helping students with work, explaining instructions and setting up and packing up the school day. Students wrote a daily reflection about how they were interacting as professionals and what they were learning. The feedback from the mentor teachers at MCPS was fantastic and we are so proud to see these young men and women developing their skills as they move into Stage 2.

Thank you to the very generous MCPS mentors, Frances, Emma, Jane and Lauren for all your help and support. Thank you also to Rod and Justin for organising this opportunity for our students.

**Emily Peacock**  
English Teacher

## Visit from Gen Bryant

On Wednesday, 4 September, Melbourne singer-songwriter Gen Bryant came to Wurrumiyanga and held mini concerts for the Xavier and MCPS students. Gen is involved in youth ministry and travels around Australia sharing her music, experience and faith. In 2016, Gen visited the community with Fr Rob Galea and they performed at the Church and on the Xavier basketball court.

Gen started our session with her by singing a medley of popular songs and the students enjoyed singing along. Feeling a bit more confident, students joined in the words and actions to 'Lean on Me'.

Next, Gen shared with us a story of how her trust in God helped her become more confident and go from being very shy and nervous singing at Mass, to performing in front of thousands of people. Gen encouraged the Xavier students to be more confident so that they can be the amazing people God wants them to be.

Gen then performed one of her original songs, 'Little Things' and showed off her amazing skills on the guitar before finishing up by teaching the students the words and actions to another of her songs, 'Send Us Out'.

The Xavier students enjoyed their time with Gen and are looking forward to her next visit to Wurrumiyanga.

**Belinda Pereira**  
Religious Education Teacher





## Employment Pathways

### Work Experience

Nine Employment Pathway students attended work experience last week. Some of the host businesses were: Murrupurtiyanuwu Catholic Primary School, Xavier Catholic College, Tiwi Enterprises, Yapilika Forestry Centre, Melville Island, Tiwi Design and the 'New Shop'. I would like to thank each business for providing our students with the opportunity to trial new work places and learn what is involved with different jobs. The support provided by Tiwi businesses is invaluable and necessary for our future Tiwi adults. If there are any businesses that would like to offer work experience to our students, please contact Leila-Jean Flannery at Xavier Catholic College.



Samara Puruntatameri reflected, "Overall I enjoyed doing work experience with Josh at Xavier Catholic College. I enjoyed being a staff member. I had fun with the students and enjoyed with outside".



### Recycling

We are transporting our first load of cans and bottles this week. They will go via SeaSwift barges and be collected by Envirobank. The Employment Pathways class is very thankful for their support in taking the recyclable products and processing them for us. If any families in community would like to bring in their recyclable soft drink bottles or soft drink cans, they will be greatly appreciated and accepted by the Employment Pathway class.

**Leila Flannery**  
Employment Pathways Teacher



keeping your  
**community**  
connected



## Compassionate Body Scan

In collaboration with Marilyn Kerinaia and Wesley Gottliebsen we have produced a Compassionate Body Scan meditation for children. Marilyn's soothing voice leads the children through a focused attention exercise that sews the seed of love and speaks about children's belonging to their class, their school and the wider community.

Meditating for the first time can sometimes feel a bit tricky, so remember you can chose to complete a quiet activity whilst you're listening to the mindfulness meditation. Activities that engage your thinking part of your brain (Wulimawi – the prefrontal cortex) are great. These can be things like Where's Wally, find a words, or mindful colouring. A colouring page has been printed for you to try out this type of meditation.

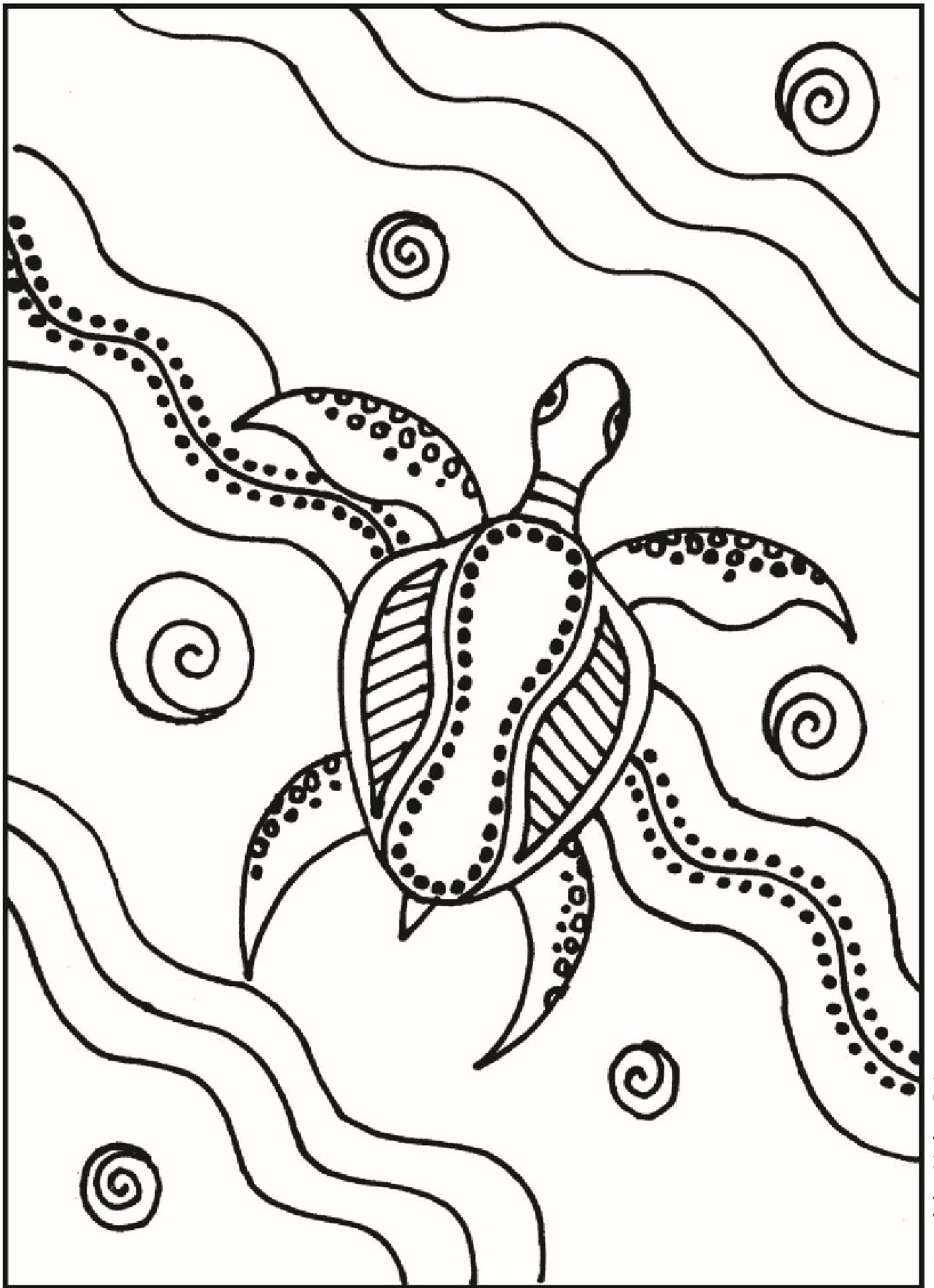
Huge thanks to Marilyn for collaborating on producing this beautiful meditation. You can listen to this beautiful meditation on youtube:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_fShPXdRDds&t=458s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_fShPXdRDds&t=458s)

**Victoria Gottliebsen**  
School Psychologist







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## National Indigenous Tennis Carnival

On Thursday, 29 September, 14 Xavier students travelled to Darwin to attend the National Indigenous Tennis Carnival. We were joined by 8 students from MCPS and Tarlina and Emma. The students were divided into two groups: the Red Ball team and the Green Ball team. On Friday, the Green Ball team went to the wave pool while the Red Ball team played some tennis and participated in a Cultural Workshop. Then both groups came together for a Dance Workshop. We bought dinner from food trucks and watched a Djuki Mala Concert. It was the highlight of the trip and everyone was laughing uncontrollably.



The next day groups swapped activities. Both groups learned a lot about Tennis and made new friends from all around Australia.



This is the second time that Xavier students attended the carnival and they met up with friends they had made from last year. It was also a good opportunity for Marietta, Raphael, Ephrianna, Preyben and Jake to be role models and show leadership in front of the junior students and the MCPS students. On Sunday we went to the Closing Ceremony and then returned to Wurrumiyanga.

**Cynthia Pereira**  
Math Teacher

## Introduction to our Performing Arts Teacher

Hi, my name is Renae Carmichael.

I started teaching here at Xavier at the beginning of this term. I am teaching Maths and Drama. Before here I worked at Shepherdson College in Elcho Island and Surf Coast Secondary College.

I have really enjoyed my time so far at Xavier, everyone has been so friendly and welcoming. Thank you everyone.









# YELLOW SHIRT DAY



## WURRUMIYANGA - COMMUNITY EVENT

Monday, 14th October 2019

First day back after school holidays

From 7.45am

### Walk Kids to School

march starting at the new church.

*Come down and get your Yellow Shirt from 7.30am*

Followed by community BBQ breakfast at the school oval.

6.30pm

Family Movie Night at the school oval

### Minions on the Big Screen!

Bring the family a blanket to sit on and watch.

Free popcorn and cordial.

*Cold drinks and snacks will also be available to purchase.*



PLEASE WEAR YELLOW ON THE DAY TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT  
See the RSAS Team if you don't have anything yellow to wear for your  
free T-Shirt!