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End of Term Assembly

Family and Friends are invited to join us as we celebrate the achievements of our wonderful students at the Community Spirit Foundation End of Term Assembly

Wednesday, 5 April at 11.00am
Xavier Library



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Principal's Message



It is great to be a member of Xavier Catholic College and I feel very lucky to be Principal. After 8 weeks, I feel I know the school and community a little better and am learning more every day.

Thanks to all who have generously shared their wisdom and insights with me. I feel very fortunate to be working with our amazing staff and leaders. Most importantly, our two Deputies – Angelo and Josh – have been leading and guiding us all during this first busy term. It is in large part due to their energy, wisdom and care that we have had such a good start to the year.

I said to our school community at our recent Assembly that when I am talking to people in the community, I am hearing many positive comments about Xavier. I believe that this is because all of us – staff and students – are coming to school happy (with smiles on our faces), confident and enthusiastic. How we all approach the day is what really matters, and we are approaching the days in a positive way and really great things are

happening. Special shout out goes to our Seniors, who are being excellent leaders. Well done to everyone.

Rhett Bowden
Principal



Kipwapi Students

Mayimampi Students



Prayer

Loving God,
In your loving kindness, you greet each one of us every day. Thank you for the gifts of your love and care for us. Thank you for blessing each of our families and friends. Help us by your Spirit to show your love and kindness to others, and may it go out to the whole world.
Amen.

Deputy's Message

It's hard to believe that we are almost at the end of Term 1 for 2023. On the first day of this term we had 82 students at school which was the highest attended day in at least the last six years at Xavier. We thought it would take a long time to beat 82, but we're proud to say on Monday in Week 8, we had 89 students at school, setting a new record for school attendance! We, and the Xavier team are very proud of all the students wanting to be at school and hope we might even see a day of 100 students at school.

As we come to the end of term, we will be celebrating with our Community Spirit Foundation Awards Assembly. It is at this assembly we present the Gold Medal winners from each class, as well as the 90% Attendance Awards and the Give Me 5 Awards. We get the feeling that we will be celebrating many students on this day. All community members are welcome and we hope to see you there.



Have a safe Easter break and see you in Term 2.

Angelo Orsto & Josh Leane

Jarranga Students



Jarrakarlani Students



Yilinga Students



Our 2023 Teaching Team



Edmena (Gypsy) Kantilla
Tiwi Teacher

Edmena graduated in 2016 from Xavier Catholic College and soon after wanted to return to Xavier as an Assistant Teacher to help the young children in the community better their education and assist them in class. Edmena enjoys working at Xavier so that students can see Tiwi staff beside them in their learning and maybe aspire to teach one day too.

Ephrianna graduated from Xavier in 2021 and shortly after, joined the Tiwi Teaching team. She enjoys coming to work every day and seeing students coming to school, and helping them with their school work. Ephrianna loves teaching all classroom subjects. Outside of work, she loves spending time with her family.

Ephrianna Tipungwuti
Tiwi Teacher



Meagan Carey
Inclusion Support Coordinator

*Kipwapi Literacy & Numeracy
Pastoral Care*



Meagan has been at Xavier since Term 2, 2022. She lives here with her partner and two daughters. Before coming to Wurrumiyanga, Meagan lived in a small town called Beechworth in Victoria and she worked in a prison as a counsellor and as a teacher at a Flexible Learning Centre. This year you will find Meagan teaching Literacy and Numeracy in Kipwapi and Pastoral Care to Senior Girls.

*Yilinga, Mayimampi & Jarranga Smart Skills
Stage 1 & 2 PLP*

Henri King
Teacher

Henri is from Sydney (up the Swannies). Before coming to teach at Xavier he was a Youth Worker in Darwin and a Ringer in Western Australia. Henri plays for Pumarali FC and loves meeting new people here in Wurrumiyanga.





Riana Giroletti
Teacher

Mayimampi HPE
Jarranga Literacy
Jarrakarlanani Outdoor Education
Pastoral Care

Riana has taught in a school in Melbourne, Victoria and has always had a passion for teaching Indigenous students. Her dream came true when she received a job at Xavier Catholic College Wurrumiyanga and has come to learn from the students and community to better understand the culture. Riana is teaching HPE, Literacy and Outdoor Education.

Valerian works closely with the Jarrakarlanani class, helping young students with their education, and building practical skills to help them be successful and job-ready when they leave school. He is passionate about the Culture program and enjoys teaching students about their country and dances, helping to keep Tiwi culture strong. Valerian is a keen painter of cockatoos in his spare time. He loves fishing at the beach and playing football on the weekends.

Valerian Munkanome
Tiwi Teacher



Campbell Ennis
Teacher

*Yilinga & Jarranga HPE
Jarranga Numeracy
Pastoral Care*

Campbell comes from Echuca, a small town in country Victoria. Prior to moving to Wurrumiyanga, he lived in Darwin for two years. In addition to his teaching subjects, Campbell will be working closely with students as they arrive to start their day, helping them to be in the right head space, and ready to learn. He loves sports and the outdoors.

Rocco has joined the Xavier team this year as a Tiwi Teacher after previously working at MCPS. He enjoys working with the students in class, but in particular, focusing on Culture and seeing the students dancing their traditional dances. Rocco enjoys recess and lunch times when he can further build connections with the students playing basketball and sharing lunch. Rocco is playing for Pumaralli this year, in the midfield and forward line.

Rocco Tungatulum
Tiwi Teacher





Raphael (Dada) Tipungwuti
Tiwi Teacher

Dada is a graduate of Xavier Catholic College from 2019. He has previously driven the community buses for RSAS and enjoyed working with the students so much that he joined the Xavier Tiwi Teaching Team. Dada works mostly in Mayimampi and his favourite subject to teach is Maths. Every day he walks to work, chatting and walking with students along the way.

Antonio started at Xavier this year as an all-rounder in the office. He supports the Inclusion Support and Leadership teams, as well as office support and a liaison between the school and community. Antonio enjoys Thursday afternoons when he joins the students for the Culture program, where he demonstrates dancing, song and language skills to help students recognise the importance of their Culture.

Antonio Tipiloura
Tiwi Teacher



Alisa Ogilvie
Teacher

Yilinga Numeracy
Mayimampi RE
Jarranga Literacy
Stage 1 & 2 Child Studies

Alisa joined the Xavier Team just a couple of weeks ago, and has loved getting to know the warm and welcoming community here. Alisa is passionate about education and assisting students in achieving success in their learning. She has taught in London, Singapore and now can't wait to teach at Xavier.

Jarrakarlani Literacy
Jarrakarlani Numeracy

David Parish
Teacher

David has worked for and with Indigenous people in education and training in the Northern Territory and Western Australia for many years. He has come here to work with local people and students to assist in making their education journey both enjoyable and successful. He and his wife look forward to an enjoyable, successful life here in this welcoming community.



Catholic Identity



combined schools mass

3rd April, 2023
(Monday week 10)
Time : 1:45pm - 2:30pm
New Church

Monday 3rd April - Invitation:

Please come along to our Combined Schools Mass on Monday of Week 10! Bishop Charles will be here, and we will have **Mass from 1:45 pm at the New Church**. It would be great to see many families come along and pray with the students in Holy Week.

CALT

Introducing your Catholic Aboriginal Leadership Team (CALT) for 2023! We welcome Angelo Orsto (Deputy Principal) back to CALT, who joins long time member Bertram Tipungwuti

(Community Liaison Officer), as well as Peter Orsto (Tiwi Teacher) and Simone Munkara (Tiwi Teacher) who joined CALT in 2022. The CALT members have been busy since the start of the year, running many cultural and liturgical aspects of the Orientation program for staff, both in Darwin and on Island.

I would also like to acknowledge the huge contribution that Casimira (Cosi) Tipiloura has made to CALT and Xavier in general over the past few years. I wish her well in her new path as an Aboriginal Liaison Officer with the Police. Cosi was awarded the Commissioner's Trophy at her ALO graduation ceremony - congratulations Cosi! You are such a great role model for Xavier students - please come and visit us at school!

Sr Monique Singh

Assistant Principal Identity & Mission



Yilinga HPE

Term One has seen Yilinga Physical Education engage in many undercover sports with the wet weather. So far we have completed skills and tactics in Ultimate Frisbee, Basketball and Soccer. During our health lesson each week we have learned about a range of topics over the broad heading 'Respectful Relationships'. Some of these topics have been types of relationships, communication, and friendship.

Campbell Ennis

Literacy Kipwapi



This term, Kipwapi students have been focusing on improving their writing in class. They have been researching topics and writing facts they are finding from their research. Students have also used this research to write stories and have been given the opportunity to do paintings to accompany their stories.

Meagan Carey



Numeracy Mayimampi

Mayimampi Numeracy class have worked extremely well in preparation for the NAPLAN numeracy testing. Students have learned addition and subtraction methods, multiplication and division problems. Students have enjoyed financial maths board games and also addition board games like YAHTZEE.

Campbell Ennis

Jarranga Art

Students in Jarranga class began this term with a drawing unit that focused on portraiture. We created both digital and hand drawn portraits using a variety of drawing tools.

We are now focusing our visual arts learning on 3D modelling using clay. For the past few weeks we have explored the texture and potential of plasticine clay using our hands and shaping tools to manipulate the clay. We have learned the three key methods for shaping clay: pinch pot, coil and slab.

Shakira De Vincentiis



Clean Up Australia Day

On the 5th of March we planned to participate in Clean Up Australia Day but unfortunately due to really heavy rain, we had to cancel. Luckily the sun was shining last Friday, so the Xavier students and staff headed out in Period 4 to help clean up the community. It was so nice to see how proud students were and did not have any shame while participating in this activity. We filled the back of the trailer very quickly.

Josh Leane



IL: Sport

Stage 1 & 2

In Term 1, the Stage 1 & 2 Integrated Learning (IL) Sport class has been working mainly on their first assessment, with a specific focus on Volleyball. Students are not just marked on how good of a player they are, but also their ability to communicate with others, work as a team, encourage each other, give feedback, leadership and their ability to undertake a range of roles including umpiring and scoring. The students have improved in all of these areas and it has been really great to see how much fun they are having. It is a big year with lots of different sports and assessments so please make sure the Stage 1 & 2 students are here every day so they do not fall behind.

Josh Leane





Culture

Culture lessons this term have been led by the Tiwi Teachers. Our learning has focused on the weather and seasons.

It was interesting to learn new Tiwi words for weather patterns as well as to discover more details about the micro seasons that are interwoven throughout the main three seasons of Jamutakari, Tiyari and Kumurrupunari. We have also found time to kawakawayi (sing) and yoyi (dance). Recently we held a Smoking Ceremony on the school grounds. There were lots of passionate displays of culture as well as good advice shared by our special guest, Bernard Tipiloura.

Shakira De Vincentiis

