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Students and their family are invited to our Reports Night on

Wednesday, 14 June at 3.00pm
Nguiu Bistro

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Principal's Message



The word Ngakaturumi - Be Strong - is written on many of our College's uniforms.

I have been thinking about this word and what it means for a long time and have been talking with our school about it.

Being strong can mean many things, but one of the most important is being able to control your thoughts and actions AND make the 'right' decision.

When we get frustrated, angry or are being humbugged, it is easy to make a 'wrong' decision. In many cases, this decision is to fight, run away or lose control of our temper.

To be strong is to stay calm, to keep learning, to walk away from humbugging, to go and speak to someone, to feel proud and good about yourself. This is being strong.

Our College community will continue to support each other to BE STRONG.

It has been a positive start to Term 2, even though we have had two public holidays. There is a lot of learning happening. A focus for this term again is for students to be in class and STAY in class, so as to maximise the learning.

Our staff are doing an excellent job and trying extremely hard to be great teachers so that our students can learn LOTS!

Later this term we have our REPORT night and I look forward to seeing many of you there to discuss the progress of our students.

Rhett Bowden
Principal

Prayer

Loving God,

You are always with us, leading and guiding us.

Thank you for the gift of your presence.

Thank you for being with us in joy and in sorrow.

Shine your light as we learn and grow in our school community.

Bless our times together, and open our eyes to see you in those around us. Likewise, help us to be a blessing to others.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Deputy's Message

It is hard to believe we are almost halfway through Term 2 already! Term 2 is a very busy time of the year as students are completing their work before looking forward to a well-earned bush break. Some of the highlights for this term has been seeing new Year 7s continue to develop as future leaders of the high school and our VET students capitalising on the VET bakery course that has been offered to them.

We have a few students lucky enough to be attending some upcoming trips. We want to congratulate Miley and Thecla who have been chosen to spend a week in Melbourne as part of the Essendon Football Club '2023 First Nations Women's Pathways Program. Also, students from Year 7 and 8 will have the opportunity to participate in the Community Spirit Foundations Horizon Camp in Darwin. Well done to all these students who get selected.

In Week 5 we have students from Loretto College in Ballarat, Victoria visiting Xavier on an immersion trip. I know our students are very excited and a number of Xavier students have already introduced themselves. It looks to be a very fun and engaging week ahead. We encourage that as Term 2 continues that all students continuing showing positive behaviour by Staying Safe, Learning Everyday and Respecting Everyone.

**Angelo Orsto &
Josh Leane**



Our 2023 Support Team



Alison Dick
Business Manager

Alison joined Xavier last year as the Business Manager in the office. She works more behind the scenes to make sure that Xavier runs smoothly and effectively for the staff and students. Alison loves that no one day is the same. Her passions are AFL (Go Cats) and to travel as much as she can. She is always looking for opportunities to use her passport and experience new and exciting places.

Bertie is Xavier's longest standing staff member of 11 years! He is a strong liaison between the school and the community and a member of the Catholic Aboriginal Leadership Team (CALT), representing the school. He has always loved working with the students, and now working in the office, gets to greet most students in the morning and start their day well. Bertie has been involved in the Culture program for many years, helping students to learn the Tiwi language and dances, to keep Tiwi Culture alive and strong.

Bertram Tipungwuti
Aboriginal Liaison Officer



Charlotte Pye
Canteen Manager

This is Charlotte's first year at Xavier as the Canteen Manager, after taking the reins from her mother Leesa, who finished up last year. Charlotte left Wurrumiyanga two years ago, after working at the Nguiu Club Bistro for a year but was so excited when she was asked to take the position at Xavier in 2023. Seeing the students excited for different meals each day is a highlight and she is glad she can provide them with lots of healthy and tasty food. Go Eagles!

Katrina started as a Cleaner at Xavier this year, after working in the classrooms at MCPS for 10 years! She is proud to keep the classrooms as a clean space for the students to be able to focus and learn.

Katrina Mungatopi
Cleaner



Bill Andrews

Acting Maintenance Manager

Bill has lived on the Tiwi Islands for 11 years with his wife. He managed the Mango Farm for 8 years, before moving to BIHA for 4 years and then to Xavier in the Maintenance Team.



Jordan Nelson

Grounds/Cleaner

Jordan came to Wurrumiyanga to work with his Grandpa five years ago. He describes moving here as "the best thing that ever happened" to him. Jordan spends his time outside of work with his partner and 1 year old daughter, Moana. He loves this community and culture here and as he is originally from New Zealand, he calls his family Tiwi-Kiwi!

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This morning we had the Back to School walk. It was fantastic to see so many students excited to be back after the Ter...



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March 24 · 🌐

On the 5th March we had planned to participate in Clean Up Australia Day but unfortunately due to really heavy rain, w...



Catholic Identity

Christ is like a single body, which has many parts; it is still one body, even though it is made up of different parts.

- 1 Corinthians 12:12

Throughout 2023 we are building up our 'one body' as a community, including as a combined Tiwi Catholic education community across both XCC and MCPS. In Holy Week we hosted a Combined Schools Mass with Bishop Charles Gauci on the XCC basketball courts. Senior students Remalda, Miriam, Thomas, Bernita and Claudia helped to plan the Mass as part of their RE assessment task, 'Connections'. Central to the celebration was the Bible verse above - that we are all parts of the one body in Christ. It was great to see so many students involved and giving of themselves in this Mass, as well as the community connections with music and Tiwi translations of the Prayers of the Faithful. Thank you to those who came along to support the students and participate in this celebration.



The greatest love you can have for your friends is to give your life for them. - John 15:13

On the 24th of April there was a memorial prayer and service for ANZAC Day in the XCC library. We heard about Tiwi involvement in the war - thank you Tammy for explaining some local history to us. We continue to pray for peace in the world and remember the sacrifice that others have made so that we may live in freedom. Congratulations students for participating so respectfully in this service.

Laudato Si' Week 2023 - Hope for the Earth, Hope for Humanity

In Australia, we will celebrate Laudato Si' Week between May 16 and May 24. These dates are different from the dates promoted internationally to enable us to also recognise National Sorry Day (26 May) and National Reconciliation Week (27 May – 3 June). At Xavier we are mindful of these upcoming events on our national calendar and continue the commitment to walk towards reconciliation and unity with God, each other and care for the natural world we are blessed to live in.

Sr Monique Singh
Assistant Principal Identity & Mission

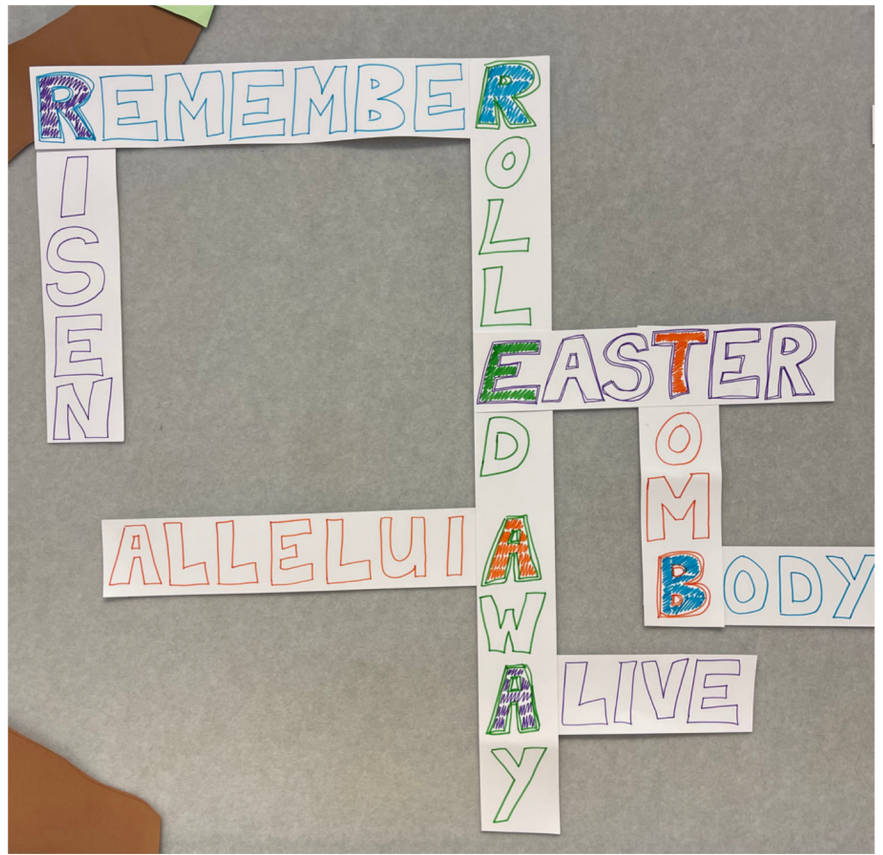


Yilinga RE

Religious Education lessons this term have been planned around the celebration of Easter; the Resurrection of Christ Jesus. Learning time was dedicated to following Jesus on the Road to Emmaus.

Since we entered the month of May, our learning has been about Jesus' Mother, Mary. Lessons have focused on Mary's personal qualities as well as learning about events from her life.

Shakira De Vincentiis



Literacy Mayimampi

This term in Mayimampi, students have been learning about the book 'Zoo' by Anthony Browne and have researched and learnt how to write book reviews, compare old and new zoos, learnt about different animals and where they come from and the purpose of zoo keepers. Within the next few weeks, students will also be writing a short piece about the book 'Zoo' and draw upon the knowledge they have learnt about zoos around the world.

Riana Giroletti



Numeracy Jarranga

Students in Jarranga class have had a great start to their maths learning this term. They have been building up their place value knowledge and applying this knowledge to solve equations and work out mathematical problems. The students have particularly enjoyed identifying number patterns and checking their answers using learning tools such as calculators or drawing diagrams.

Shakira De Vincentiis



Jarranga Smart Skills

This term in Smart Skills, Jarranga has been learning about Civics and Citizenship in Australia. We've been discussing how Wurrumiyanga is a multicultural community, where people come from lots of different countries to live here. Some people come from West Arnhem and Wadeye, and from other countries overseas like Italy, the UK, and India!

The students have also been learning about their rights and responsibilities as Tiwi people,



and as Australian citizens. Students have the responsibility to care for country, such as by cleaning up and burning off country in the dry season using yikwani. Students also have the responsibility as Australian citizens to vote for our leaders when they turn eighteen. Maybe the future Member for Arafura is here in our Jarranga class!

Henri King

Literacy & Numeracy

Jarrakalarni

During this month, Jarrakalarni has worked well and participated in a range of activities. Some involved the whole class while some involved only part of the class. A key part of the period was the continued training of young men and women in the Bakery Program. These students are really keen learners and hope that their training will lead to a job.



Another highlight for the class was the search for plants that have cultural importance. It was really wonderful to see the enthusiasm in the search - which was successful.

While these special activities were occurring, the rest of the class was working well in their usual classroom lessons.

David Parish



Pastoral Care

In Pastoral Care this term, students have been working on Role Models and how we can take all of our unique qualities and values and turn into future leaders. Students began by identifying their personal goals for the term and how they can achieve them. They have worked on determining who their role models are and the qualities about them they admire. All of these ideas are helping shape them into tomorrow's leaders today.

Josh Leane

Stage 1 & 2 PLP

Students studying Personal Learning Plan this term have been learning about all of the amazing job opportunities here on the Tiwi Islands, such as working with NORFORCE, working in local art centres, or working with the police like our Xavier graduate Casimira Tipiloura. We've been busy learning how to create a résumé and cover letter for a job application, and have been practicing for a job interview as part of our next assessment.

We're really lucky to have had Soldiers from NORFORCE and Henri Cash-Finlay from Ngaruwanajirri come in and speak to us about careers in the Army and in art centres. We're looking forward to having Scott Simpson from Tiwi Enterprises come in and speak to us later this term!

Henri King

