



# XAVIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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## Coming up in Term 3

**Week 1** 18 July (Tues)  
CSF Walk to School

**Week 2** 25 - 27 July  
Bush Camp

**Week 3** 3 - 4 August  
Sports Carnival



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# Principal's Message



It has been a very successful semester and I am proud of how our school is striving to achieve great things.

Our staff have been amazing – working incredibly hard to ensure that we can prepare, teach, and deliver quality Tiwi Catholic education. I really thank all staff for their commitment and effort.

Once again, a loud shout out to our Deputies, Angelo and LJ, for their leadership. They have guided us and set us on the path to success.

Jodie, our Curriculum Coordinator, has been working tirelessly to organise the semester reports and I look forward to meeting everyone at our Report Night at the Bistro.

I cannot quite believe that it is the end of Semester 1 already. I feel that Helen and I just arrived on the island last week! Time certainly flies.

I look forward to continuing to work with our amazing students, as we make the most of the learning opportunities at school.

**Rhett Bowden**  
**Principal**

## Prayer

Loving God,  
Fill us with your wisdom and peace, courage  
and truth.  
Help us be gentle and tread lightly on the earth,  
spreading your goodness.  
Bless and protect each member of our school  
community over the Bush Break, and may we be  
always grateful for your gift to us in the natural  
world.  
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

# Deputy's Message

It is hard to believe that we are coming towards the end of Semester 1 and are about to head off for Bush Break. It has been a very busy but exciting time at school with attendance remaining high all semester. I would like to use this opportunity to update you on what has been happening at school and highlight some upcoming events.



This term we have had visitors from the clinic providing students with important messages regarding their health and guidance on how to make positive decisions. We have had two schools visit on a Cultural Immersion. We thank both Saint Ignatius, Adelaide and Loreto, Ballarat for their participation and positive attitudes when visiting. Some of our VET students completing a training certificate in Bakery and 4 of our junior students participated in the Community Spirit Foundation 7/8 Horizons Camp.



Looking ahead, we have many exciting things coming up:

- In Week 8 we have our VET class participating in First Aid training while some of our seniors continue to work on their Certificate in Tourism.
- In Week 9 we have our Semester 1 Report Night (14/6) at the Bistro and the ADF Community Engagement Program on Thursday (15/6). We also have the NET team visiting to run some sessions throughout the week.
- In Week 10 we have the Community Spirit Foundation Award Ceremony (21/6) in the library. Family members are welcome to join us in celebration!
- Next Term will start off with the Bush Camp in Week 2 and the Sports Carnival later in Week 3. In Week 4 we will have one more immersion group, Brighton Grammar visiting us.

We want to commend everyone for a fantastic term, the energy around the school has been positive and we look forward to seeing everyone come back safely from Bush Holidays. As always, continue to ***Respect Everyone, Learn Everyday and Stay Safe.***

**Angelo Orsto & Josh Leane**

# Catholic Identity

We have been starting every day Strong in Faith and Culture with a prayer in both Tiwi and English in Homeroom. Thanks to Tammy and Rhett for helping us invite God to bless our day!

Throughout May we celebrated the month of Mary. The last Saturday of May is the Feast of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, which this year fell on the 27th of May. We remembered this Feast in our prayer at the XCC assembly in Week 7. It is a special Feast Day for all of us, as Bishop Gsell placed the Tiwi Islands under the protection of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, and we live this 'charism' (spiritual gift) in our school. May Mary continue to help us to make safe, respectful and loving choices every day, united with her Son.

**Remember, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart,  
the great things the Lord has done for you.**

**He chose you for his Mother.**

**He wanted you close to his Cross**

**He gives you a share in his glory.**

**He listens to your prayer.**

**Offer him our prayers of praise and  
thanksgiving; present what we ask  
to him.**

**- from the Memorare to Our Lady of  
the Sacred Heart**

We pray that the protection of Mary  
continues over our school and land.

**Sr Monique Singh  
Assistant Principal Identity &  
Mission**



# Meet the Team



**Raelene Dulla**  
Canteen Assistant

Raelene started working in the XCC Canteen in 2022. Her favourite meal to cook for the students is damper, served with butter. She enjoys keeping the eating areas clean and tidy so students have a fresh space to have their meals. Raelene loves teaching her grandchildren how to cook too, especially chicken and damper, and often takes them out hunting for crabs on the weekend!

Banita has joined us from Tiwi College where she worked for 9 years! We welcome her back to Wurrumiyanga. Banita is working alongside Bertram and Angelo in a Community Liaison role. She is looking forward to seeing positive change in the students.

**Banita Tipiloura**  
Tiwi Teacher



**Dulcie Tipungwuti**  
Canteen Assistant

Dulcie is another of our great Canteen Assistants. She loves working in the canteen with Charlotte, Raelene and Leesa and seeing students come in for their meals. She is always encouraging students to attend school as often as they can, and reminding them to use their manners when receiving their Yinkiti. Dulcie spends her weekends with her 4 grandchildren down at the beach.

Rosie is an XCC graduate from a few years ago. She's feeling great to be back at XCC as a Tiwi Teacher and describes it 'like home'. Rosie is enjoying the challenge of juggling the students at XCC and her young family, including twin toddlers!

**Rosemary Woolley**  
Tiwi Teacher



**Ephram Tipungwuti**  
Tiwi Teacher

Ephram previously worked at XCC in the classrooms in 2008 for 5 years! We welcome him back into the Jarrakarlani class with our senior students. Outside of work, Ephram enjoys taking his kids hunting out bush.

# Stage 1 & 2 RE

The Stage 1 & 2 students have been learning about spiritualities, with a particular focus on Tiwi spirituality. The task this term has been to focus on one aspect of Tiwi spirituality, such as Art, Dance or Song. The students have been engaging in a lot of reflecting on the topics and the depth of knowledge shown has been wonderful to experience.



Rhett Bowden



## Yilinga Smart Skills

This term in Smart Skills, Yilinga students have been learning about Government, Law and Citizenship. We have had a great time learning about how democracy works, what the constitution is, and who our local leaders are in the Federal Government, Northern Territory Government and Tiwi Land Council. In this photo, we were reading the Pupuni Ngirramini to learn about why the Tiwi Land Council is creating an Indigenous Protected Area on the Tiwi Islands. Great work Yilinga!



Henri King



# Kipwapi Numeracy



This term, Kipwapi students have been looking at 2D and 3D shapes and creating models of shapes using different materials. Students have also made individual chalk murals of geometric patterns and we have just started looking at fractions and decimals.

**Meagan Carey**





## HPE Mayimampi

This term in HPE, students have been learning about, and playing net/wall sports where they have focused on Volleyball, Spikeball and Racquet Ball. Mayimampi has done their best during all lessons to try and experience different and challenging games.

**Riana Giroletti**

## Art Mayimampi



This Term, Mayimampi Art class have been studying the significance of line in art across different cultures and how they occur in nature. Students are now using this to create a small design that they will carve out to create a block which they will then print, viewing their creation of positive and negative spaces.

**Jodie Meares**

# Sport & Recreation

## Jarrakalarni

During Term 2, Jarrakalarni students have had some exciting opportunities. Danyon from AFLNT has completed AFL umpiring sessions with the group to develop students' umpiring skills and achieve an umpiring certificate.



Gerard from TITEB has also presented Level 2 First Aid training which will give Jarrakalarni students exciting employment possibilities and the knowledge to help anyone in need around the community. The First Aid training is the first step for their Certificate II in Sport and Recreation.

### Campbell Ennis



# Culture



During Term 2, students have worked within their gender groups, engaging in separate women's and men's business activities.

The female students went out bush on multiple occasions to collect pandanas and to gather plant roots and leaves. They learned how to strip the pandanas leaves and how to prepare the plant roots to make dye. The young women learned how to boil the pandanas leaves and how to add different bush ingredients to make the natural colours. The dyed pandanas will be used in future culture lessons as the young women participate in various weaving workshops.

The male students also spent some time out bush hunting for the yams specially used in Kurlama ceremonies. They worked to develop their understanding of Kurlama and the importance this ceremony has in their coming to be a Tiwi man. More recently the male students have begun a project to redesign and reconstruct a Marlani within the school grounds. This is an exciting endeavour as the space will become more functional and provide a more authentic location to have culture lessons beyond the classroom environment.

Our school-based Culture Program has been led by our capable Tiwi Teachers and supported in a valuable way by senior men and women from the Wurrumiyanga Community.



## Shakira De Vincentiis

