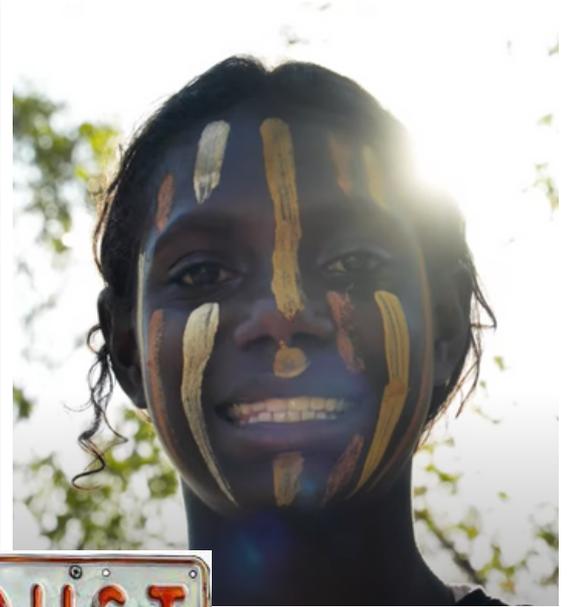


# XAVIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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# Principal's Message



I have seen so many examples of our students and staff 'being strong' over the last four weeks. We have been strong mentally, emotionally, spiritually and physically, as we have faced the many opportunities and challenges presented at school and in the community.



For example, during the **RED DUST** activity, when the school produced an incredible song, so many of us led with courage as we stood up in front of others and sang, danced and smiled. It is hard to 'stand up' in front of a group and it was brilliant to see.

It was also great to see everyone interact confidently with Marty Ogle, who talked about 'Making Jesus Real' (being good people) and did lots of magic tricks! Marty taught at our school in the late 1990s and he loved being back in the community.

Also, a number of our Senior students have been going on camps and their participation has been excellent. Our Seniors are certainly leading the way at our school by showing what it means to be 'strong' and committed to developing and improving our academic skills as well as the ability to be focused, calm and responsible. Well done to our Seniors for their leadership.

The Careers Expo was a very successful event and we all congratulate and thank Brenda, from the Yellow Shirts, for her leadership and organisation. There was so much to do and see! The school's song was also released for the first time - awesome!!

It is the busy end of term and I encourage all of us to maintain our focus, keep working together, stay positive and keep smiling, as we complete all of our schoolwork and other activities.

**Rhett Bowden**  
**Principal**

# Deputy's Message

While it is almost the end of another term here at Xavier, it is important not just to look forward to the holiday break but also back at the development and maturity we have seen from our students. After speaking with many teachers, it is clear there have been a significant number of positive changes in both the attitude and behaviour of Xavier students towards their education. All staff are very proud of who the students are as individuals and also the future leaders that they are becoming.

Speaking of leadership, it was a pleasure to see the Jarrakarlanı class participate in the Horizons camp to Kakadu. Seeing so many of the senior boys get involved and experience different cultures and new foods was very exciting. We also have a group of Year 11 and 12 students currently participating in the Horizons Sydney trip. We encourage all students who are involved in these trips to have an open mind and get involved in all the activities.

One of the major changes we made to our timetable this term was combining all the Year 9's into one class. This allows us to make sure students are ready to move into the senior classes next year. Recently, our students also participated in professional school photos so look out for these to come home next term.

We hope you have a fantastic holiday break and we look forward to seeing every back safely next Term.

**Angelo Orsto & Josh Leane**  
**Deputy Principal & Acting Deputy Principal**



# Catholic Identity

From 24-25 August, we had the joy of Marty Ogle presenting to both schools. He shared his stories of living on Island in the 90s, as well as about how to make sure we **see** the Spirit of Jesus living in the people around us, and can **be** the Spirit of Jesus to others. So how will **you** make someone smile today?

From the 1st of September we have entered into the 'Season of Creation'. This special season is celebrated across the world by many different churches, and runs until the 4th of October (the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi). We join all those praying around the world in being thankful for the natural beauty of the place we live in. Over the next few weeks we will be showing our commitment to Care for Country through clean ups and the start of the 'Creation Garden project' - stay tuned for updates as this project develops!

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



## Prayer

Creator God,

You bless us every day, through the beauty of creation. You guide us in ways of peace and justice.

Help us to be good today, make us strong in faith and trust in you. Help us look after each other and look after Country. Amen.

# Mayimampi HPE



This term, Mayimampi has been focusing on Indigenous Games from other mobs and Tiwi games. The students have played a variety of games from Alice Springs, Cairns and Southern Queensland. We also modified the Tiwi game of Kick the Board where the team has to reach 100 first, or if you get it in the hoop, you win! It has been great for the kids to learn other mob games and to change one of their own games!

**Riana Giroletti**

# Kipwapi Numeracy

Kipwapi students have displayed strong learning in mathematics this term. All students who attend class have been highly engaged and one student even commented, *"I don't want to go to my next class, I want to keep working on this maths while I'm really thinking about it."* This is a great sign of students coming to know themselves as learners and recognising the results that can come from applying yourself to your education.

This term, Kipwapi students have focused their learning on number and place value concepts. They have used real life experiences to learn about measurement systems and are currently learning about money and financial mathematics.

**Shakira De Vincentiis**



# RE Mayimampi

This term in Religion, Mayimampi has explored a number of different areas. Kakirijuwi learnt about Saint Mary MacKillop and her journey in Catholicism. We explored the work she did for those less fortunate than her to improve their lives, give them opportunities for an education and how she followed Jesus everyday despite facing many challenges in her mission. Kakirijuwi also put together little posters that detailed the life of Saint Mary MacKillop. Kakirijuwi have also explored what parables are, how the disciples of Jesus lived their faith through different parables and the parables that we have in Tiwi culture. We have more recently been identifying local heroes in faith that we have in the community and are currently working towards being able to prepare for an interview with one of these heroes. Kakirijuwi have worked very hard in Religion and we look forward to finishing off the term strong!

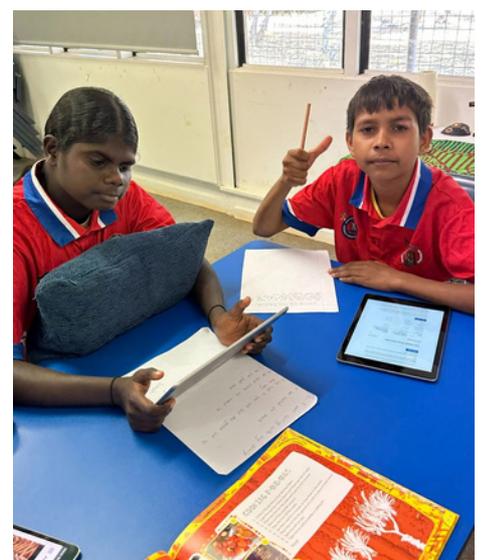
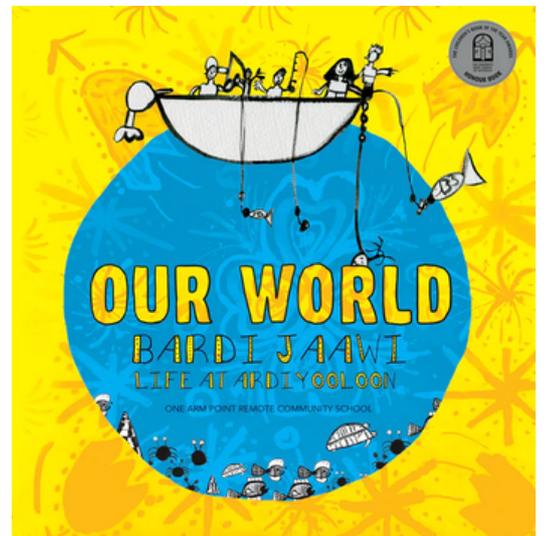
**Keely Bent**

## Literacy Jarranga

In Literacy this term, Jarranga class have been looking at the book "Our World". This is based on the Bardi Jaawi people in the Indigenous community of Ardiyooloon.

After reading the book, students decided they would like to create a book about our community here and they completed writing pieces on information and stories about what they consider is the most important part of living in this community.

**Meagan Carey**



# Jarrakalani Woodwork

The boys in Jarrakarlanani have been getting used to being in a workshop and using a whole new range of tools in making their first project, which is a small table. Lots of measuring accurately with both tape measures and steel rulers has been happening. Getting comfortable using the different drills such as handheld drills, impact drill & the fixed pedestal drill has been part of the learning this term. Hopefully there will be some finished tables they can bring home before the end of term!

**Rob Horner**



## Stage 1 & 2 IL Sport

IL Sport this term has introduced the students to the wonderful Beep Test. This is a very hard fitness test that shows how strong your heart and lungs can be. For their assessment, students need to set up and run the beep test. Afterwards they analysed their results and determined what they mean and how they could improve in the future.

**Josh Leane**



# Culture



Culture lessons in Term 3 had our students spending as much time as possible outside in the sunshine. It didn't matter if we were at the tingata (beach) or in the warta (bush) - everyone who participated had a great experience. Male students worked on the marlani (shade/shelter) at school and began a spear making project. The female students tried building their weaving skills as well as developing their knowledge of Tiwi language structures. The highlights for everyone were our two trips to Ranku Waterhole to celebrate a great term of learning.

## Shakira De Vincentiis

