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Reports Afternoon (*Tuesday, 3.00 - 5.00pm*)
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Principal's Message



The school year is almost over! I can't believe how fast the year has gone.

Report night is next week and I am looking forward to seeing many students and families there to discuss the year. I have been reading through a lot of reports, and writing my own, and thinking about our academic, social, spiritual and physical achievements and improvements. There are many that our students, staff and families are to be very proud of.

In particular, the efforts of our Year 12s to graduate is something for the whole community to be proud and to celebrate. It takes 13 years of schooling, a lot of effort, patience, resilience and good humour to graduate - our students have certainly shown all of these characteristics. Well done!

One thing that I would love to see more of is greater effort by ALL students at our College to stay in class. At times, we see a lot of students at school who are out of class and not engaged in education. School work is challenging but we all must keep encouraging our students to stay in class and learn everyday. I look forward to seeing even more learning next year.

I wish to congratulate and thank all of our College staff for their amazing work this year. For their commitment, dedication, collegiality and great fun, we are all indebted. As a staff, we try our best to offer the best quality Tiwi Catholic education to our students and community.

I also say farewell and thank you to our staff who are leaving us at the end of the year. On behalf of our community, I thank Jodie, Keely, Alisa, Riana, Campbell and David!

As this is the last newsletter before Christmas break, I wish everyone a safe and blessed Christmas and a happy New Year. I am already looking forward to 2024.

All the best and God bless.

Rhett Bowden
Principal

Deputy's Message

It is hard to believe that we are coming up to the end of the year. It feels like only yesterday that I wrote an article welcoming everyone to the start of Term 1.

When I reflect on the year and the final weeks of the school for 2023, I cannot help but think of Term 4 being both the ending of the journey for some, but also the beginning of an exciting new chapter for others.

On Wednesday, Week 8, four of our Year 12s who completed their NTSDE Certificate visited Darwin for their off-island graduation at the Convention Centre. Alongside other students from schools all over the NT, Claudia, May, Thecla and Wyndell had the chance to be celebrated and presented their certificates in Darwin in front of their families and teachers. In Week 9, they will be joined by TJ, Miriam



and Remalda for the on-island graduation and family lunch. We wish all the Year 12s all the best on their next steps and look forward to seeing them achieve success in the future.



While it is sad to farewell our Year 12s, the end of the year means Xavier has had the chance to welcome the 2024 Year 7s through three days of transition. Over these days, the new students met

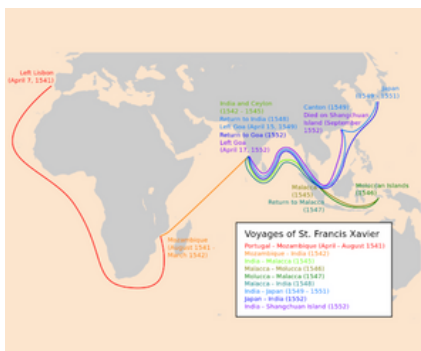
teachers, saw their classrooms and experienced what school might be like as they move into their middle and senior years. Talking to many of the students, they admitted to being nervous on the first day, but by the last day they could not wait to start at Xavier next year.

It has been a very busy term and I know that all staff and students are looking forward to the upcoming holidays. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year. We will see everyone back in 2024 for the back to school walk.

Angelo Orsto & Josh Leane
Deputy Principal & Acting Deputy Principal

Catholic Identity

It's the last few weeks of Term 4 and Xavier students are continuing to be Strong in Faith. On Friday, 10 November we remembered the people that fought in the war with a short Remembrance Day service in the library. We especially remember all Tiwi people who have served their country.



On Friday, 1 December, we celebrated the Feast Day of St Francis Xavier with a short liturgy in the library. Everyone learnt about the amazing travels of St Francis Xavier, in a time when there were no aeroplanes and travellers needed to take a boat, even for very long distances. He reminds us to do the little things well, which will lead us to being able to do big things!

We are now in the lead up to Christmas, with the Advent Season. We are waiting for Jesus to come to our hearts in a new way this year. We will have an end of year Mass on Monday, 11 December from 1:30 pm, you are most welcome to join us!

Sr Monique Singh
Assistant Principal Identity & Mission

Prayer

Loving God,
This Advent, help us prepare our hearts to welcome you.
We are entering a time of waiting and preparation.
We wait in hope, peace and joy for Jesus, who is love.
Amen.

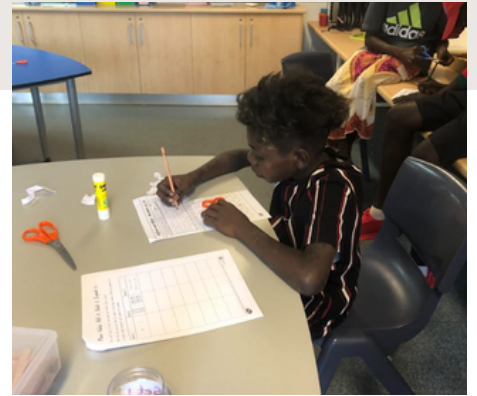


Numeracy Yilinga

Students in Yilinga have enjoyed using a variety of maps to learn about coordinates and grid references. They have also begun learning how to give directions, how to write directions, and how to follow directions. Students have discussed and identified landmarks on maps and given the location of the landmarks using coordinates.

This week students in Yilinga will create their own map, including a legend, compass and coordinates. Yilinga students have also been reinforcing their knowledge of place value by playing place value dice games and cutting and pasting numbers in order.

Alisa



HPE Yilinga



Volleyball has been the focus of the term for Yilinga Physical Education. Modified games of Towel Volleyball have been one of the favourites among the class. This game is played using a towel in pairs to catch and throw the ball.

During Health lessons this term we have focused on risk-taking behaviors, including smoking, alcohol and drugs. Students have created some amazing anti-smoking posters, demonstrating their knowledge of the risks of smoking.

Campbell



Literacy Kipwapi

This term in Kipwapi Literacy, students have had the opportunity to explore sustainability concepts; focusing on water conservation, planet protection, and generating sustainable resources. Kipwapi students enjoyed developing their understanding of sustainability by completing activities based on the movie Wall-E. During the last few weeks of school students are looking forward to designing and creating their own sustainable t-shirts!

Alisa

Mayimampi Numeracy



This term in Mayimampi Maths, kakirijuwi have been developing their mathematical skills and knowledge in graphing.

Kakirijuwi have worked on understanding what data is, how data can be presented and how to read data and develop graphs such as bar chart graphs and dot plot graphs to display data.

Kakirijuwi have practiced collecting data from the class to then be able to create bar chart graphs and dot plot graphs to display the data they have collected themselves.



The kakirijuwi in Mayimampi have worked incredibly hard on their maths, and we look forward to finishing off the last few weeks very strong!

Keely

Jarranga History

This term in Jarranga, we've been learning about the History of the Tiwi Islands. We began by discussing Tiwi Creation stories about Murdangkala. We then learnt about how the end of the ice age 15,000 years ago caused sea levels to rise, cutting Tiwi off from the mainland. We've learnt about all the different people who visited Tiwi, like the Dutch and the Makassans, as well as how the British tried to set up Fort Dundas (Punata) at Pularumpi (Garden Point). Finally, we've learnt about the arrival of Bishop Gsell and what life was like on the old mission at Nguiu.

Jarranga have done an amazing job of engaging in class and sharing their own knowledge of Tiwi palingarri ngirramini!



Henri

Sport & Rec Jarrakalani

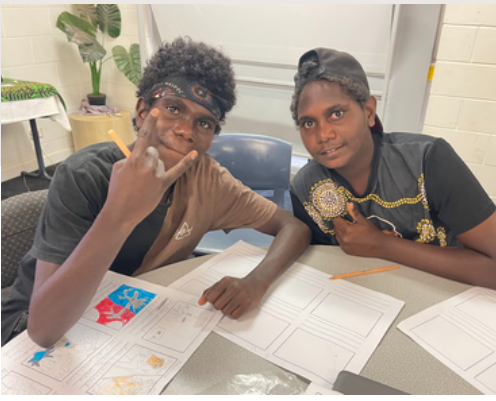


This semester, students in Jarrakalani Sport & Recreation have been completing TITEB training in the classroom. This training is a Work Health and Safety unit which is 1 out of 3 units for their Sport and Recreation Certificate II. This certificate will give them an advantage when applying for jobs.

Students have also been using the school gym to improve their fitness for sports and learning about the importance of a warm up and recovery.



Campbell



Culture

In Term 4, the Culture Program concentrated on Tiwi language through the telling and reading of stories. Students explored traditional stories from the Dreaming Time as well as more modern recounts and narratives about life on the Tiwi Islands. Using these stories as inspiration, students created story books of their own.

Xavier students also engaged in the Red Dust music program this year. This was a wonderful opportunity for students to promote their rich culture and the important values they strive to uphold.

Shakira



Merry
Christmas
& Happy New Year