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Coming up in Term 3

Week 1 Monday: Student Free Day
 Tuesday: CSF Walk to School

Week 2 Tuesday - Thursday: Bush Camp
 Friday: Darwin Show Day

Week 4 Thursday: Feast of Saint Mary Mackillop

ACTING PRINCIPAL & DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Josh & Angelo

As we come into the last few weeks of term, it's always important to reflect on what a busy, yet exciting time it has been. Here are a few of the highlights:



In Week 9, Xavier students were able to work with Red Dust to create our fourth music video. Staff were all very proud of how engaged our students were with the songwriting, their passion to sing and record, and create the video. On Friday, Week 9, students were given a preview of the video, and by the sounds of happiness and excitement in the room, they were also very proud of their work.

In Week 7, Xavier combined with MCPS for the yearly Athletics Carnival. Over two days, students got to throw, jump and run against their classmates to compete for team points. One of the main highlights from the event was the Tug of War between houses which is strongly contested. Congratulations to Murtati and Juwura for winning the 2024 House Shields. Also a big thank you to the HPE team for all the work they put into the event.

As the weather got a bit cooler during the semester, the school was able to undertake some all day culture trips to Tarntipi. These days were truly beneficial as it gave the students a chance to teach each other, and their non-Tiwi teachers for a day, and demonstrate the diverse skills they have when on Country. Thanks to all the hard work put in by staff to make days like these successful and enjoyable for the students.

One of the most important events of the semester is held on Tuesday afternoon in Week 10. This is the chance for parents and caregivers to meet with the school teachers at the Xavier Report Evening, and discuss how the students are progressing. Education is one of the most powerful tools for the future and at Xavier we aim to make sure every student is given the best possible chance to be successful. Having these conversations with the community will increase the chances of success.

Finally I want to take this chance to thank all the staff for supporting Angelo and I in stepping up to run the school over the last few weeks. Having a strong, and invested team has made the day to day operations run a lot smoother.

We hope you have a safe and restful Bush Break and we will see everyone back on Tuesday, 16 July.

Josh Leane & Angelo Orsto
Acting Principal & Deputy Principal

IDENTITY & MISSION

Sr Monique

In the Church year, we are now back to Ordinary Time. It is called 'ordinary' because the weeks are put in 'order', though they are still important! Every Sunday, even the Sundays of Ordinary Time, are like a mini-Easter celebration. The liturgical colour for Ordinary Time is green, which is a symbol for this time being a season of growth in faith.

Feast Days still occur in Ordinary Time. A significant Feast Day for us as One Precinct was the Feast of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. The Mass for the Feast Day took place on Thursday, 23 May, outside the Old Church. Fr. Niran was our main celebrant and was also joined by Fr. Hung and Fr. Melky. This Feast Day is very special for us as it is the Feast of the OLSH Sisters, and as a school we share this charism. This year is 150 years since the Foundation of the OLSH sisters and we wish Sr. Anne every blessing in this jubilee year.

Sr Monique
Assistant Principal Identity & Mission



PRAYER

Loving God,

We ask for Your grace during this season of Ordinary Time. We particularly ask that you help us to be strong in faith, culture and learning, especially as we move close to Bush Break.

Help us to make the most of our time together.
We ask this in Jesus' name,

Amen.

Y8 GIRLS HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Ally



The Year 8 girls have made great progress this term. There might be some potential Matildas players after a successful term of improving our soccer skills. We practised our passing, shooting and teamwork skills. The girls also spent time in the gym learning about different body management skills. The gym has been very beneficial to learn about cardiorespiratory fitness and to build strong muscles and bones.



In theory HPE lessons, we have focused on the topic of sugar. We have looked at the quantity of sugar in different foods, how it affects our body and how we can make more informed choices. We also studied the film based on the investigation on sugar addiction in the Pityatyara Community on the border of South Australia. Great work girls!



Y8 BOYS LITERACY & NUMERACY

Matt

This term, the Year 8 boys have been practising their communication skills in Literacy through interviews. They've posed as sports journalists, creating engaging interview questions for their favourite AFL stars like Harley Reid. By focusing on the art of inquiry, they've learned to keep their interviews interesting and informative for both the interviewee and the audience.

Meanwhile, Numeracy has taken them on a geometric adventure! They embarked on a field trip to a local waterhole, where they weren't just exploring nature, but actively seeking out the fascinating shapes hidden in plain sight. From the smooth, round rocks to the sharp, cone-shaped shells, they were able to connect classroom concepts to Country.



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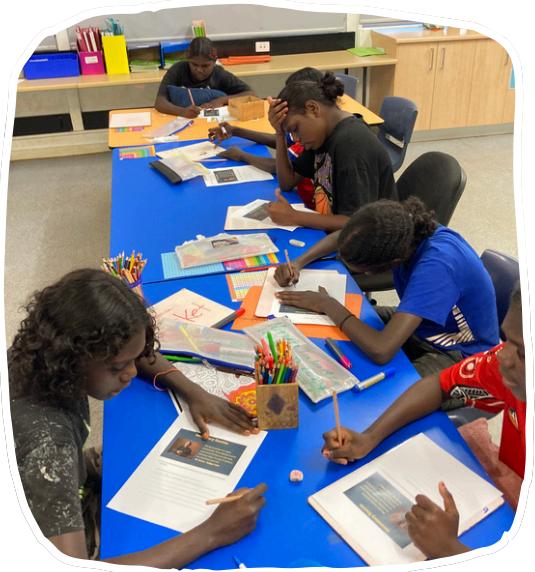
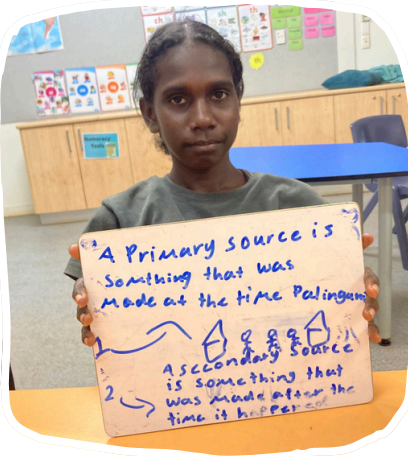
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Y9 GIRLS HISTORY

Henri



The Year 9 girls have been doing amazing work in History this term. We have learnt about when Captain Cook first came to Sydney parlingarri, in 1770. We've also learnt about the frontier wars that happened afterward, when Aboriginal warriors like Pemulwuy, Windradyne and Jandamarra fought back against the invading British. Aboriginal people are still fighting today, and we have learnt about the Aboriginal Tent Embassy and Freedom Ride protests. Well done, Year 9 girls!



STAGE 1 ENGLISH

Jill

This Semester students have been introduced to a number of different ways of writing including writing about an event in the past, writing a film review, instructional writing and writing about a song they like.

For the first topic in Term 1, they were asked to write about something that happened in the past. The second piece of writing was about responding to and writing about a film. Students learned how to write about characters, plot and setting and responded to a film that the class studied.

In Term 2, students worked on an assessment that asked them to do some instructional writing. They selected a topic that they had expert knowledge in and wrote under several subheadings. They also worked on song and poetry analysis. Students selected a song they liked, researched the song and singer, then annotated the song looking for meaning, song structure and elements of song-writing.



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STAGE 2 SCHOOL BASED EDUCATION

Angela



This semester, five Year 12 students and five Tiwi Teachers have been working on units as part of the Certificate III School Based Education Course.

They have been learning about supporting students with additional needs as well as the legal requirements under Work Health and Safety, discrimination, and mandatory reporting amongst other laws. Year 12 students have commenced their work placements in the primary school for one day a week.

The course is 18 months - two years and counts as credit towards the Northern Territory Certificate of Education, for those students wanting to pursue a career in teaching and education, and will help current Tiwi Teachers better understand their roles and responsibilities in an educational setting.

CULTURE

Shakira

During Culture this term students enjoyed lots of time on Country including two full days out to Tarntipi Beach to go hunting. These Hunting Days Out were enthusiastically attended by students and staff alike. Xavier students thrive when out warta (bush) and really showed off their hunting talents.

Other cultural learning this term included spending time with the wulimawi (old people) learning about ochre and jilamara (paint). We were also warmly welcomed to the Patakijiyali Museum where students engaged with the exhibits in order to answer questions. Of course we made plenty of time throughout the term to kawakawayi (sing) and yoyi (dance) together - it's a favourite thing to do amongst our students!

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

What an incredible two days we've had at the Athletics Carnival! Students, teachers, and families from both MCPS and Xavier Catholic College came together for an unforgettable celebration of athleticism, teamwork, and school spirit.

House Spirit Cup Winner: **Murtati Green!**

Overall Winner for XCC: **Juwura Blue!**

House Spirit Individual Award: **Keith Puruntatameri**

Fastest XCC Male: **Thomas Tipiloura**

Fastest XCC Female: **Miley Cunningham**

Jess



Highlights from the Carnival:

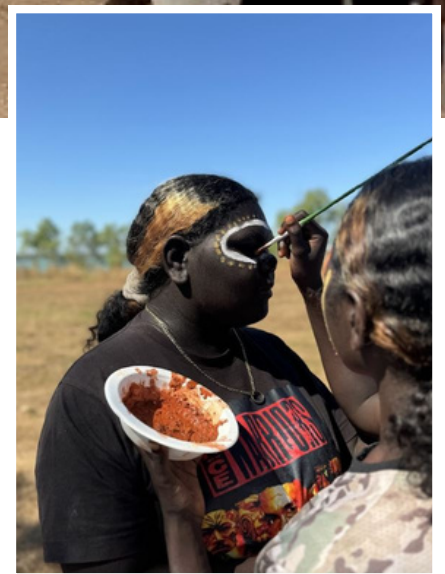
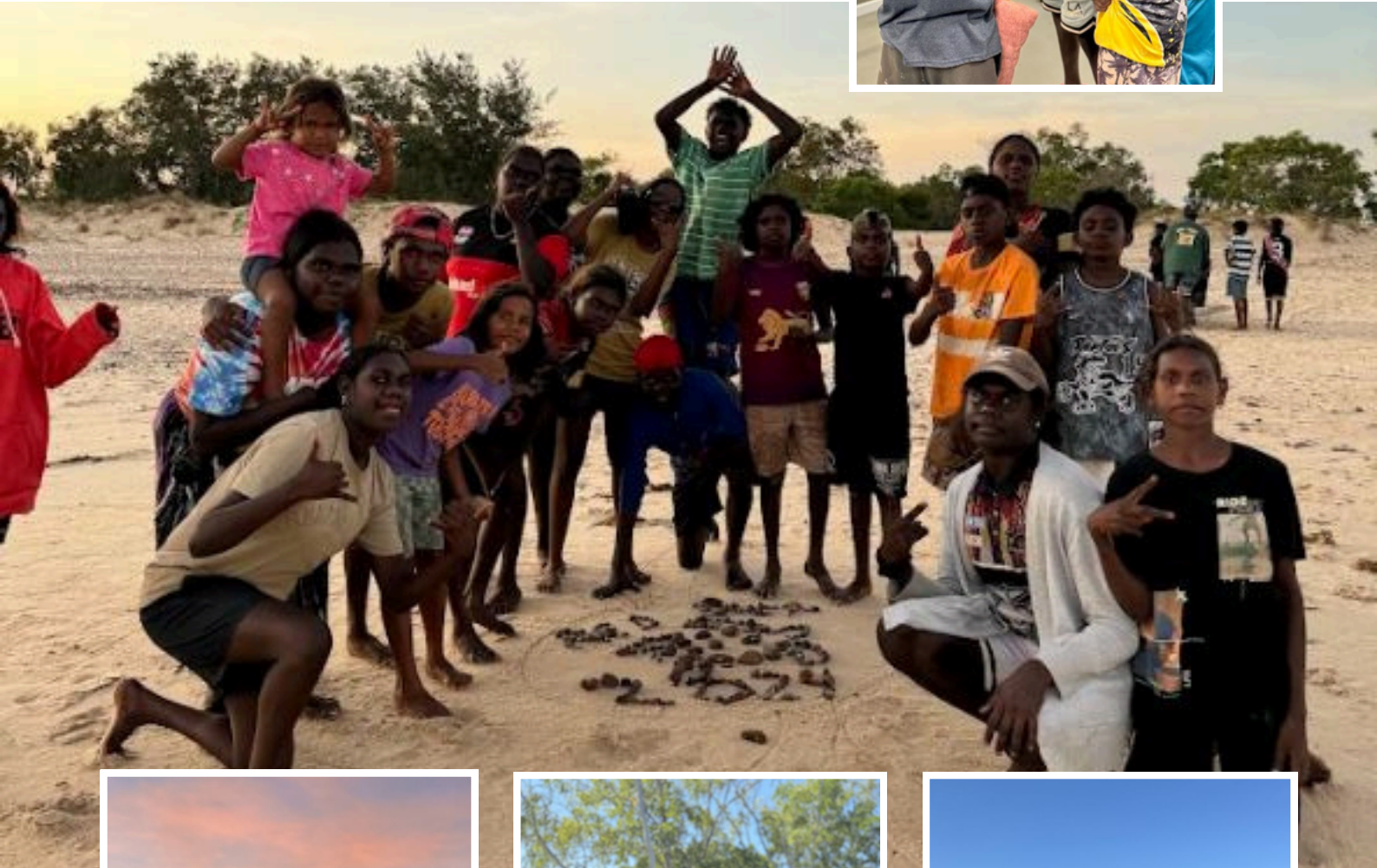
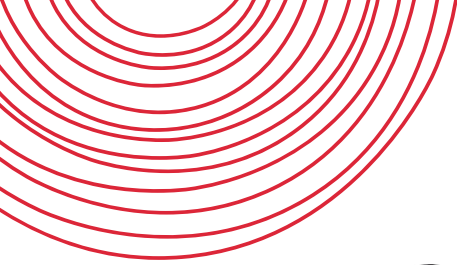
- Exciting races, thrilling relays, and intense field events that kept everyone on the edge of their seats.
- Spectacular displays of team spirit and encouragement from all houses.
- Delicious food and fun activities that added to the festive atmosphere.
- Unforgettable moments of triumph, laughter and community bonding.

Thank you to everyone who participated, supported, and made this event possible. Your passion and dedication made this Athletics Carnival a resounding success.



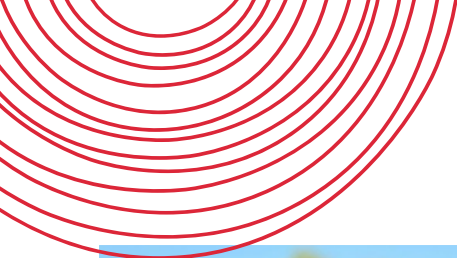
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