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Coming up

Week 6 Precinct Feast Day Mass - Friday

Week 7 Precinct Sports Carnival - Wednesday & Thursday

Week 9 Red Dust - Tuesday - Friday

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Rhett



What an amazing start to Term 2 it has been – lots of action, classroom learning, excursions, sport and much more. We are generating a lot of energy at school as there are very good numbers of students attending every day.

With higher numbers of students, it has also meant that there have been more pressures on relationships and there have been a few behaviour issues occurring. We must keep encouraging our young people to stay in good spirits, keep caring for themselves and their friends, and to always see a teacher if they are feeling bad about anything. Our teachers are doing a wonderful job looking after and teaching our students.

We had a brilliant excursion day at Tarntipi in Week 3. There will be pictures of the day in this newsletter. Thanks to Shakira and the Culture team for organising and running such a great day.

I am going to be having four weeks of Long Service Leave at the end of this term. Helen and I are going off island to spend the time with our daughter, Imogen, who is going to graduate from university to be a Doctor at the end of the year. I want to spend time with her while she is still a student, so I can feel like a young dad! Josh and Angelo will be stepping up as Principal. I thank them both, and all our staff, for the leadership that they will show while I am away.

Let's keep encouraging everyone to keep coming to school with positive attitudes and to keep learning!!

Rhett Bowden
Principal



DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Josh & Angelo



It's hard to believe that we are almost at the halfway mark through Term 2. It feels like just yesterday that we participated in the Back to School Walk. This term it has taken a little bit longer for some of our students to settle back into the Xavier routine but as we enter the middle weeks of term, it is positive so see strong learning behaviours developing once again.

As always Term 2 is an extremely busy time for both staff and students. We want to start back congratulating Year 11 & 12 students Jeremena, Mickayla, Paul and Jake who have been selected on the Community Spirit Foundation Senior Horizon trip that will visit Brisbane in Week 6.

Three of our bigger events will also be occurring later on in the term, starting with the Xavier & MCPS One Precinct Sports Carnival scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday of Week 7. This will be followed very soon after by a Red Dust music program that will allow our students to demonstrate their musical talents by creating a whole new Xavier music video. Finally, we will hold our end of semester Report Information Night at the bistro where staff and families have the chance to come together and discuss the progress of all our students.

It looks to be a very fun and engaging term ahead. We continue to encourage students who are attending school to show respect to both the school grounds and the school rules. Keep showing positive behaviours by Staying Safe, Learning Everyday and Respecting Everyone.

Josh Leane & Angelo Orsto
Deputy Principal



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IDENTITY & MISSION

Sr Monique

Pentecost is considered the moment when the Church was born - the Holy Spirit came down upon the disciples and they were given strength and courage to tell people how much God loves them. May you also be blessed with strength and courage on this special day, the 'birthday of the Church'.



This term as a school, we commemorated ANZAC Day on the 24th April with a special liturgy on the basketball court. It was great to see some of our senior students taking the lead as Army Cadets - thank you Monica, Mia, Tahni, Anna and Keith for your participation, it helped us as a school to remember with reverence. Tammy also spoke to us about the Tiwi involvement in World War II, and shared her historical knowledge with us.

In Week 6 we will celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, which is the last Saturday in May. Bishop Gsell introduced this particular devotion to Mary here on the Tiwi Islands and so this is part of the Charism (or spirit) of our school. We particularly celebrate with Sr Anne on this Feast Day, as this year is 150 years since the foundation of the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

Sr Monique
Assistant Principal Identity & Mission

PRAYER

Sunday the 19th May is Pentecost Sunday. We can share in the words of St. Augustine to ask the Holy Spirit to help us in a special way.

*Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.
Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work too may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy,
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.
Guard me then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy.*

Y7 HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Ally

The Year 7 girls and boys started out the term learning about sugar and its effects on the body. They measured out the amount of sugar that is in lots of the different food and drinks we consume everyday. They are learning to make healthy choices.

In practical HPE the students continued to improve their teamwork skills through basketball and football. In football they are learning to pass, shoot and dribble. In basketball they are getting specialised coaching from NT basketball focusing on passing, shooting and game play.



Y8 GIRLS LITERACY & NUMERACY

Jess

The year 8 girls class has been kicking significant goals continuing on from term 1's work. In maths, we have taken our time learning place value, addition, subtraction and now on different concepts of money like, learning how to budget, save money and what are needs and what are wants.

Additionally the girls have been doing a story study on Murtungkala, recently creating character profiles, story sequences and a diorama of where the story took place. The girls demonstrated their creativity and knowledge of the story throughout these tasks.



Y8-9 BOYS HISTORY

Henri



The Year 8 and 9 boys have made a great start in History class this term. We've been learning about when murrintawi first arrived in Sydney. Captain Cook came from Britain in 1770, and then King George sent the First Fleet in 1788 to try and take Aboriginal land to make Britain bigger and richer.

We've also learnt about how the British brought smallpox disease, which killed lots of Aboriginal people in Sydney in 1789. Aboriginal leaders like Pemulwuy rose up to try and fight the British. There's plenty more exciting History classes to come! Well done boys!



STAGE 1 RELIGION

Monique

The Year 12 students have been developing their personal 'transformative action' projects in the last few weeks. As part of their inspiration and research for this project, we went for an excursion to the Museum in week 4. Students have the chance to choose what they would like to learn about, then propose some way they could make a difference in that area. Watch this space for their upcoming projects!



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VET LITERACY & NUMERACY

Justin



This term I have had the pleasure to work with the students, providing an opportunity for students to apply the literacy and numeracy skills that they acquired in the classroom, in a practical sense, in the woodwork room. Students have been creating a variety of projects that have required students to read and interpret working drawings which contain real and inferred information. Students then apply the information to measure and mark accurately, to the millimeter as well as quantifying required material to create their model.

STAGE 2 RELIGION

Rhett

This term, the Year 10 and 11 students have been learning about what it means to be GOOD! They are learning about Tiwi and Catholic teachings and messages, and others too. Their learning is helping them prepare to do a GOOD activity in Term 3.

PASTORAL CARE

Jess

Pastoral Care wrapped up last term with Xavier students showing impressive determination and growth by setting goals to improve their skills, from sports like football and basketball to activities like drawing. The key lessons learnt was resilience and understanding that progress takes time and effort. They're learning to not be afraid of making mistakes and see them as chances to learn and improve. We admire their courage to try new things and step out of their comfort zones.

This term we are dedicating the Pastoral Care space to playing AFL. We will keep everyone updated in this space as the program is being finalised.

FROM THE CANTEEN

Charlotte

The ladies in the Kitchen, (Dulcie, Raelene & Charlotte) have been hard at work to feed our students tasty and nutritious meals every day. They communicate with both staff and students for new and exciting meal ideas that everyone will enjoy and continue to work hard to give everyone the 'pupuni yinkiti' we all deserve!

Good Food = Brain Power



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