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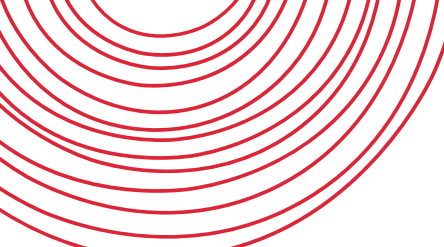


Coming up

Week 10 Precinct Easter Mass - Wednesday
Student Free Day (Staff Professional Development) -
Thursday
School Closure - Friday

Term 2

Week 1 Walk to School - Monday
Week 2 ANZAC Day - Thursday
Week 6 Precinct Feast Day Mass - Friday
Week 7 Precinct Sports Carnival - Thursday
Week 9 Red Dust - Tuesday - Friday



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Rhett



What makes a great community?

This is a question I have been asking myself this term while walking, talking, teaching, learning and laughing at school.

I feel that our Xavier community is a great community because we all know how important it is to care and support each other. When we care and support each other, we can deal with all challenges, no matter how difficult, and we can feel a sense of shared purpose – we are in this together! And when this happens, anything is possible!!

I thank all our students, families, staff and friends for their care and support this term. It is only my second 'first term' of school at Xavier and I am learning more and more about our community. Thank you to all of you who are teaching me.

It has been a very successful first term, as there has been a lot of progress in the classrooms, with lots of students attending and our enrolment numbers improving. (We now have 122 students enrolled, compared to 100 at the end of last year.). Well done to our students and staff for working together in the shared purpose of learning and teaching.

I hope you have had a blessed Easter. Helen and I (with our friend Margaret Flynn) loved being a part of the Wurrumiyanga Easter ceremonies. It was a time of contemplation, prayer and celebration of life, and who we are as Catholics.

Have a wonderful school holiday week when it arrives. We are all looking forward to another successful Term 2.

Rhett Bowden
Principal

DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Josh & Angelo



It's hard to believe that we are almost at the end of Term 1 for 2024. I firstly want to thank all the staff at the school for making Xavier such a warm and welcome place for all of our students. We have seen an increase in daily attendance throughout Term 1, and it has been very encouraging to see many students returning to school.

As we come to the end of term, we will be celebrating with our Community Spirit Foundation Awards Assembly on Tuesday, 2nd April. It is at this assembly we present the Gold Medal winners from each class, as well as the 90% Attendance Awards and the Give Me 5 Awards. We will also be presenting an award for Best House Spirit for a Junior and Senior student. We get the feeling there will be many students celebrated on this day. All community members are welcome and will hope to see you there.

We hope everyone had an enjoyable and safe Easter break and see you in Term 2. Make sure you continue to stay safe, learn every day and respect everyone.

Josh Leane & Angelo Orsto
Deputy Principal



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IDENTITY & MISSION

Sr Monique

Term 1 has flown by so quickly!

We have just celebrated Easter Sunday, though the Easter Season continues right up until Pentecost. We have 50 days to celebrate this very important and happy Feast of the Resurrection, and the message that there is always hope - Jesus' death on the Cross was not the end of the story. May we always find hope and courage to be strong in faith, trusting in God's love.



Our Year 12 RE students chose to share the message of Easter with the Pipirriwini class at MCPS. They showed a video of the Easter story and then ran some activities such as a memory game, colouring, and were also asking the students questions about the video to check if they understood. They finished with a very well run game of hot potato that was lots of fun for all, and a little treat with some Easter eggs! Congratulations on being strong and confident leaders Year 12 RE!

Top: Jeremena, Michaeliah, Jelena and Mickayla ready to begin the presentation at MCPS.



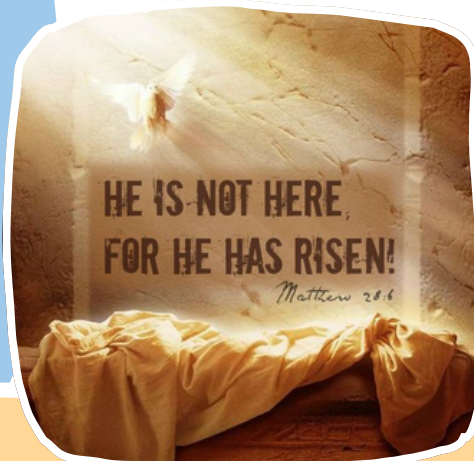
Bottom: Jeremena and Rebecca trialling how long the memory game with Easter Story images would go for.

On Wednesday, Bishop Charles will celebrate a special Easter Mass for both MCPS and Xavier as One Precinct. You are most welcome to come and join us as we pray together! The Mass will be on the Xavier basketball courts at 11:30am. Wishing you all a very Blessed Easter Season.

PRAYER

*Risen Jesus,
We celebrate your Resurrection this Easter
Season, joyful in hope.
Help us to live in the happiness and grace of
Easter Sunday every day.
We thank you for your love and for teaching
us how to care for one another.
Amen.*

Sr Monique Singh
Assistant Principal Identity &
Mission



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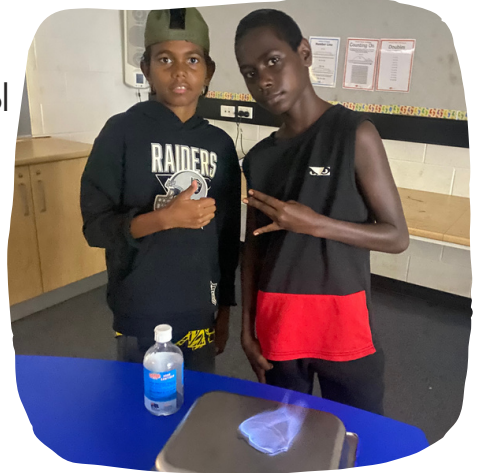
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Y7 SCIENCE

Matt

Science class has been very exciting during the second half of Term 1. We have been diving deep into endangered species, the importance of fire and fire control for the country, and most recently we have been looking into birds that use fire for hunting!

This picture is of a science experiment showing us how hand sanitizer can burn with a visible flame when it's dark, whereas in a lit up room it's completely invisible!



Y8 GIRLS RE & ART

The RE Team

For the last few weeks the class have been highlighting one part of the Easter story in a mixed media artwork. They have looked at how Aboriginal artists and famous Western artists have represented the Last Supper, Good Friday and Easter. After experimenting with media such as oil and chalk pastels, acrylic paint, watercolour paint and pencil, each class member created their own interpretation of the scene. Keep an eye out for their artworks on display!



Y8-9 BOYS HPE

Don

From day one it was clear that the Year 8/9 boys are superbly talented athletes!

In PE this term the boys have participated in ultimate frisbee, soccer and basketball. They have excelled in shooting, passing and teamwork skills. In Health, students are

learning how to effectively communicate with others and how to form and maintain healthy relationships.

On St.Patrick's Day students got the opportunity to partake in hurling, a sport played in Ireland. The students have participated excellently in HPE throughout the term.



Y9 GIRLS LITERACY & NUMERACY

Ally



It has been a great start for the Year 9 girls. In English we are practising our reading, learning about nouns and adjectives whilst also improving our vocabulary by using a thesaurus. Everyone gets to pick and read books they enjoy with our frequent visits to the library.



In Maths we've been focusing on adding and subtracting. In addition to that, we've been learning our times tables and working out our mental maths questions each day. The girls have become fantastically fast at solving mental maths questions.

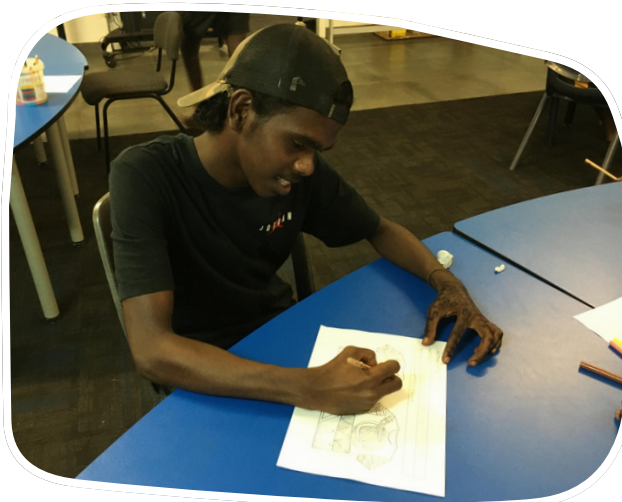
The girls also put in huge efforts completing their NAPLAN tests, well done girls on a super start to the year!

STAGE 1 & 2 IL: BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

Henri

This year the Stage 1 & 2 students are starting their own business! We're designing and making t-shirts to sell at the TIFL grand final. Students have been working hard to come up with design ideas, researching other brands, surveying customers and making our own website! We're looking forward to screen printing the t-shirts at Bima Wear next term.

Well done seniors!



VET WORK READY

Tracey



This term the students have been very busy in their Work Ready class. We started the year looking at different careers that students were interested in and how they fit in with their strengths and goals. The students learnt how to create a short film about fishing on Tiwi and the school voted the girls the best film. Well done!

We have also started learning road rules for when students do their learners test hopefully later this year. This week we have had Army Cadets out to work with the students and this will continue throughout the year.

It is fantastic to see so many students attending and getting involved in all the activities.



Y9 BOYS LITERACY & NUMERACY

Aaron

Our Year 9 boys have shown fantastic attendance so far with our numbers exceeding 10 students nearly every day this term! We've had a pretty busy term with the Xavier Reading Program testing, Maths Assessment Interviews and the big 4 day assessment, NAPLAN. Our students are always encouraged to try their best on the day which was evident across the tests, and it was great to see.

Having a split this year in genders has also meant that we have moved into the Multi-Purpose Room as our classroom. This has meant that we've needed to order new furniture, think of a class name and also a logo. This has been a great experience and we look forward to our new furniture arriving for the Yirrikipayi room soon!

Well done on a fabulous start boys!



PASTORAL CARE

Jess

Xavier Shine Bright with Goal-Setting and Resilience!

In a remarkable display of determination and growth, the Xavier students have embarked on a journey to enhance their skills through focused goal-setting and resilient practices. Student's selected a skill they wished to improve, ranging from a banana kick with the footy ball, juggling a soccer ball, drawing, Irish dancing, hair braiding, basketball layup and the highest card towers!

By setting clear goals and creating actionable plans, the students have demonstrated a commitment to their personal development. They understand that success doesn't happen overnight but requires consistent effort and perseverance. They embraced their mistakes as opportunities to learn and grow stronger, refusing to be discouraged by temporary setbacks. We applaud their courage and determination to try something new and step outside their comfort zones.

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YEAR 8 GIRLS



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