



XAVIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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Coming up in Term 4

Week 1	Monday 7/10 Friday 11/10	First Day of Term 4 Year 9 Girls Jilamara Excursion
Week 8	Thursday 28/11	NTSDE Graduation Ceremony
Week 9	Tuesday 3/12	Feast of St Francis Xavier
Week 10	Friday 13/12	Last Day of Term 4

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Rhett



At Assembly this week, I talked to our school community about being in the THIRD QUARTER in a game of AFL footy.

It is the PREMIERSHIP QUARTER - you have to play well, be strong, be a team, support your teammates and set up the last quarter by being in front!

Our TERM 3 is like the THIRD QUARTER!!

So all of us have to keep playing well, be strong students and teachers (mentally, spiritually and physically), be a united school, support our classmates and teachers and set up TERM FOUR for success.

I think that we are doing this really well. We have had a very successful term and now we need to finish strong and set up for an excellent end to the school year.

Congratulations to all our students who are trying hard in class. We are seeing a lot of progress in our education and also seeing our students become happy, mature, responsible and caring young adults.

There have been many activities and events - Camps, AFL games, RUOK Day, Immersion Groups etc - and I thank everyone for the organisation and participation in them.

Well done on the THIRD QUARTER.
Let's be ready for the LAST QUARTER
and win the PREMIERSHIP!!

Rhett Bowden
Principal





DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Josh & Angelo



As we come up to the final few weeks of Term 3, it's very important not to just look forward to the holiday break but also reflect and look back on all the wonderful things that have made this term so fantastic and enjoyable for all.

Over the last few weeks, students, staff and parents were given the opportunity to participate in a 'Tell Them From Me' survey, aimed at providing the school with feedback about how we are going but also how we can improve in the future. A big thank you to all those involved in this process, both collecting data and giving responses.

In Week 9, we had Corrugated Iron dancers 'Nutella' and 'Biscuit' leading Hip Hop sessions with all of our classes. The last time we had this group visit was in 2021. After 3 years, many of the students remembered the dancers and were able to show them how much their dancing has improved over time. The feedback we received from students and staff was very positive and we hope to have Corrugated Iron visit again next year.

We also had a visiting immersion school group from combined schools Our Lady's College & MacKillop in QLD. One of the lead teachers of this group was Andree Rice who was Principal here at Xavier from 2019-21. I know many members of the school and wider community were thrilled seeing her coming back to visit and she commented on how well the school and students were going with their learning.

With the weather slowly changing, the school has taken the opportunity to head out on Country a couple of final times this term. The Junior Boys camp, Pathfinders on-Country session and whole school culture day allowed students to spend time visiting Tarntipi to fish, hunt and relax.

Sadly as the term comes to a close, we say farewell to a few of the Xavier staff. Rob and Tracy head back home and we hope to see them again next year. We also want to thank Charlotte and Leesa who have spent the last few years working in the canteen, providing the students of MCPS and Xavier with nutritious and delicious food every day. We wish them luck in the next stage of life.

As always stay safe, learn everyday, respect everyone and put a smile on your face. See you in Term 4.

Josh Leane & Angelo Orsto
Deputy Principal



IDENTITY & MISSION

Sr Monique

Once again we find ourselves nearing the end of term. Week 6 was a particularly eventful week in the Identity and Mission space.

The Staff Spirituality Day was on Monday the 19th August, when staff from both schools had

the chance to learn more about the 'Spirituality of the Heart' that we share here, in the specific Tiwi context. Thank you to all who made the day special, particularly the CALT members who prepared a smoking ceremony, helped with Mass and led dancing at the close of the day. Also special thanks to Sr. Anne Gardiner OLSH, who helped us understand some more about the stories of those whose shoulders we stand on. Fr. Leo Wearden MSC also contributed to a session for the day, while there were also opportunities to share with one another and explore ideas creatively. We are also grateful for Fr. Niran and Fr. Hung who celebrated Mass for us and shared in the day.

Later in Week 6, the Darwin National Evangelisation Team returned to Xavier and led Senior's retreats. Wednesday was the full day retreat for Stage 2 (Year 12) at Tarntipi, followed by a half day retreat for Stage 1 & VET at Front Beach. Activities included a fun game called "Jockey" (a partner version of "Simon says"), a "Life Maze" activity where everyone needed to work together and cross the maze by the right path, some songs and prayer, and an acrylic painting of their relationship with Jesus.

Sr Monique Singh
Assistant Principal Identity & Mission



PRAYER

Dear Loving God,

As we come to the close of this term, we ask for your guidance and protection over the break. Help us to spread love and kindness to those around us.

In Jesus' name. Amen.



Y7 SCIENCE

Matt



Students at Xavier have had a fascinating term of science, looking into the interesting world of Tiwi culture and natural phenomena.

One of the highlights of the term was learning about hunting for yinkiti, particularly yilinga. Students learned about the unique characteristics of reptiles and even went out bush to search for these animals.

Following their study of yinkiti, students turned their attention to the solar system, the moon, and the changing seasons. They gained a deeper understanding of the planets in our solar system, the different phases of the moon, and the seasonal patterns that influence Tiwi people.

Y8G RE & ART

Annie & Tammy

In recent weeks, the focus of RE/Art has been Pope Francis' Letter to the world, 'Laudato Si'. The students have been learning about how climate change affects Mother Earth and that the biggest impact is on the poorest of the poor. Pope Francis calls us all "to action", for each of us to take care and responsibility for our earth. The students have been considering ways in which we can make small changes which will affect our planet for the better.



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Y9G RE & ART

Jill

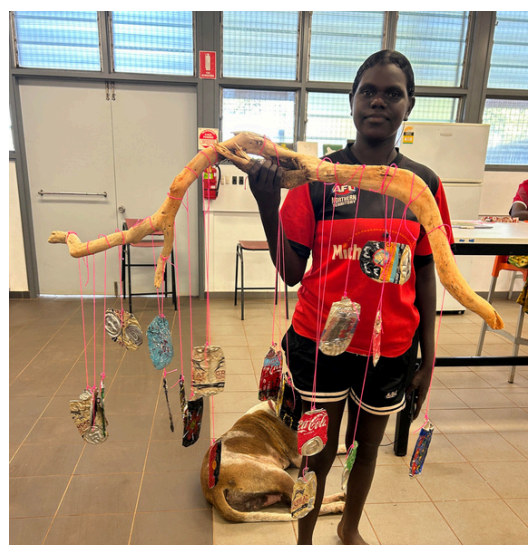


Year 9 RE & Art girls have had a very busy and productive time in Term 3. They have worked on a portrait of Sister Anne. They prepared for this by learning about Sister Anne's life on Bathurst Island since she arrived here in 1953. The best way to find out about this was to interview her about her life. They spent time working out questions and then when they were ready, they visited Sister Anne and recorded an interview with her. The Art project was to create a portrait in the style of New York Artist James Rizzi. The class spent time looking at his work and then drawing and painting in his style. Finally, they all made a portrait of Sister Anne with many of the things that she talked about in the interview forming part of the work.

The students also had an excursion to Ngaruwanajirri (The Keeping Place). They looked at the building and the beautiful mural work on its ceiling then met the painters and the wood carvers. After this they made a pendant by sanding and painting thin pieces of Iron Wood with traditional Tiwi designs.



As part of their work on looking after the land, they painted landscapes on rocks collected from Tarntipi Beach, then they painted landscapes on discarded and crushed cans found on the side of the road. The junk art was threaded onto a piece of driftwood, also collected from Tarntipi beach, showing that junk can be recycled into something of artistic value.



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Y9G LITERACY & NUMERACY

Ally

Term 3 has been busy for the Year 9 girls. In Numeracy, we started learning about money maths. This helps to teach the students the best way to use money in real life situations and sets them up for more financial success in the future. The students learned about adding and subtracting money, budgeting, saving and money management. We have finished the term investigating different forms of measurement. We learned about measuring time, weight and distance.



In Literacy, we have continued improving our reading skills by learning new vocabulary in stories. The girls have also built up their spelling bank and are close to completing their full spelling booklets. One of our main focuses this term was our class novel, Holes. We read the book, summarised the story and reinforced our knowledge of the characters and setting with the use of ICT. We also researched different countries and made projects about the animals, language, clothes, food and landmarks in these countries. The Year 9 girls have been focused and dedicated to improving their English and maths knowledge all term!



Y8&9B HPE

Don

The Year 8 & 9 boys have made great progress in HPE this term. In Physical Education the boys played modified Indigenous games such as Boogalah and Chuboochuboo. They also improved their hand eye coordination through their participation in net games.

In Health we have focused on emotions. Videos of 'Black As' acted as a tool to engage the students in each lesson. We looked at situations which may cause stress in life and how you have to adapt using skills of resilience, teamwork, persistence and gratitude. Keep up the good work leading into Term 4.



PASTORAL CARE

Jess

In Pastoral Care this term the students have been participating in a nutrition program aimed at helping our students eat healthier to perform like their favourite footy players! With support from the Northern Territory Football League (NTFL), students learned how to fuel their bodies with nutritious meals, just like professional athletes.

NTFL not only helped deliver the program but also facilitated fun football games to keep the students active and engaged. A big shoutout to Josh and Pinky for their hands-on assistance on the ground - your support made a huge difference!

This program is part of a larger initiative to involve the Essendon Football Club in our school activities, ensuring our students can live, eat, and play like AFL stars. We're excited about the possibilities ahead!

Y9B LITERACY & NUMERACY

Aaron

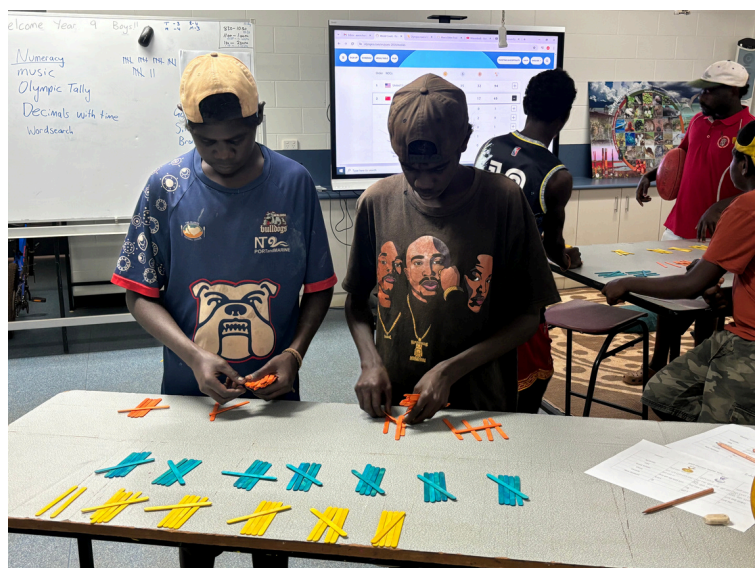
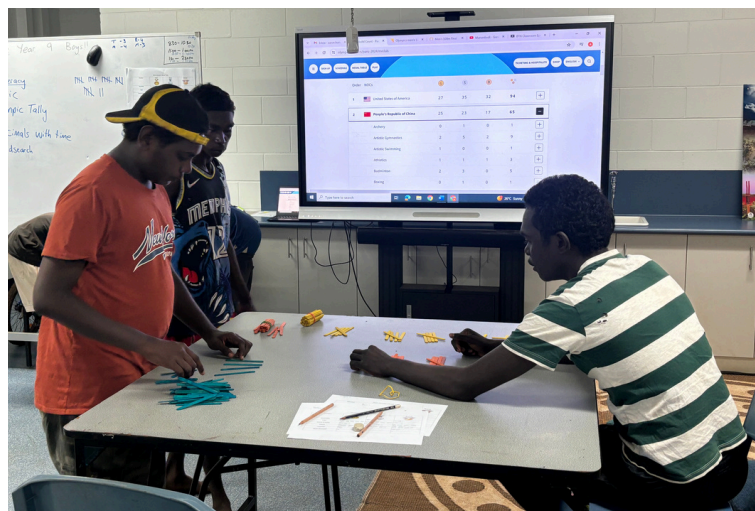


Term 3 has been a great term for the Year 9 boys! The furniture which the students selected and ordered in Term 1 finally arrived and the students (and staff) are loving the new horse-shoe set up. As you can see it comes with a comfortable couch on the inside for discussions and learning new concepts before the students move to the outside to complete their work. The tables are also

whiteboard tables so we can all write our ideas, show our working out and answer directly onto the table!

For Literacy this term, we have had a heavy focus on nouns and verbs as well as increasing our phonics knowledge. This has enabled us to open up on our sentence structure to build upon short sentences and create paragraphs.

In Numeracy, we have been focusing on tallying and learning more about the Australian Currency. As you can see from the pictures, we used the Olympic Games to do our tallying exercises as well as tasks around counting objects throughout the school.



S1&2 BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

Henri

This term in Business Enterprise, the senior students launched their new business by selling the t-shirts they have made at the TIFL Grand Final. Students did a great job of screen printing their t-shirts at Bima Wear, and selling them to tourists on the day of the grand final.

A special mention goes to Emma Vowles and Tahni Thompson, who worked hard to sell t-shirts for three hours during the grand final. Students made quite a bit of money from selling the shirts, and split the profits between themselves. Well done seniors!



VET WORK READY

Henri



This term, our senior VET students have been learning about the job opportunities available on the Tiwi Islands, and how to get ready for them after school.

We went on an excursion to Tiwi Plantations Corporation at Yapilika, and to Port Melville. Members of the Tiwi Plantations Board, including Kim Puruntatameri and Gibson Farmer Illortaminni, were able to show us around and explain the work they're doing to sell wood chips and carbon credits. Our senior students did a great job of participating in the excursion, and are excited to maybe work at Yapilika one day soon!



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JUNIOR BOYS BUSH CAMP

Aaron

Following the success of our annual Bush Camp, many students in the Junior Boys classes asked their teachers if we could organise and have a Junior Boys Camp. After much planning and seeking permission, we embarked on a one night stay at Tarntipi during Week 8.

The opportunity to spend time together as young men allowed many students who are generally reserved during the Yoyi to engage and embrace their culture which

was fabulous to see. The boys were also given the hard task of completing roles to assist with camp to score points for their Year Level. This rivalry ensured clean campsites, helpful students and good vibes. The boys also had many opportunities for fun activities such as fishing, hunting, story-telling and yoyi. The boys showcased excellent behaviour and sportsmanship and we hope to see future gender based camps going forward in conjunction with our Bush Camp. Thank you to the staff who attended the camp: Dada, Billy, Antonio, Don, Annie and Matt.



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