



XAVIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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COMING UP IN TERM 2

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| Week 1 | Student Free Day & Staff Spirituality Day - Monday First day of Term 2 - Tuesday, 15 April Good Friday - Student Free Day Easter Sunday |
| Week 2 | Easter Monday - Student Free Day ANZAC Day, Friday - Student Free Day |
| Week 3 | NET Team Visit - all week |

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PRINCIPAL & ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL Rhett & Angelo



It has been a successful Term 1 and Xavier Catholic College has set up a good platform for ongoing success in 2025. Our students and teachers, with the help of families and the community, have worked together to set goals to achieve and positive relationships to nurture.

We wish to thank our new staff who joined us at the start of this year, as they have settled in so well to the new environment. We have also welcomed two more staff in the second half of the term - Allanna Parame, social worker/counsellor, and Lindsay Abbott, teacher.

There has been a lot of activity and action, both inside and outside the classroom. Pleasingly, the Seniors have been engaging a lot with the community while doing Work Experience and as a part of their Social Justice subject. The activities and work our Seniors are doing at Bima Wear, the Shire Council, MCPS, the Clinic and other organisations, is giving them important skills and experience that will enable them to become leaders at work and in the community.

We have had a lot of visitors who have made an impact on the school - the Rangers, Rugby Australia, Apprenticeships NT, Crocwise, Cadets, Touch Rugby, Essendon AFL and many others. We thank them for their visit and efforts as they open up many more opportunities and experiences for our students.

Our Culture and House Spirit programs are going really well and we thank Shakira and Don for their leadership, and the staff and students for all their energy and efforts in these programs. They are so important as they identify, promote and strengthen who we are as a community.

It has been a very busy term and everyone is looking forward to a rest during the one week holiday. Enjoy the break and we will keep striving for success in our education and lives next term.

Rhett Bowden & Angelo Orsto



ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL Ally



Term 1 is quickly coming to an end. There has been lots happening around the school over the past few weeks. We have had visits from the NRL (National Rugby League) the Rangers, Lynn Sharratt and even had someone talk us through different apprenticeships. It is great to see the students get opportunities to try out different things. These incursions can especially help our senior students decide on their pathways for the future. It is the hard work and dedication of our teachers that makes all of these things happen - thank you teachers!

Our end of term assembly is coming up on Thursday, 3rd April and the whole community is invited. We will be giving out awards for those with 90% attendance, for those who excel in Pastoral Care and House Spirit, and gold medals to one special person from each class group. These award ceremonies are very important to celebrate our students who are working hard all term.

I hope everyone has a fantastic break and I look forward to seeing you all in Term 2!





IDENTITY & MISSION Sr Monique



Xavier marked the start of the Lenten season with the Ash Wednesday liturgy in the library, on the 5th of March. Fr Niran, our Parish Priest, came to celebrate the liturgy with us. It was a gentle moment in our morning to remember that we start the journey to Easter, with the sign of the cross in ashes. Lent is a time of getting ready, preparing ourselves for the great hope and joy found in the Resurrection on Easter Sunday (which falls on the 20th April this year) We are to live hope in a special way this year. As the Jubilee theme reminds us, we are each on a journey - we are 'pilgrims' of hope, always moving closer to the hope promised us in Jesus. Wishing you all a blessed Lenten journey.



PRAYER

God of our journey,

We are all 'pilgrims of hope' brought together by your love and your prayer that we all be one.

In this Jubilee year help us to work together to show your justice, love and care to everyone, and all of creation. We pray to help shape a world where all can live in peace, and may we draw closer to your loving heart throughout our time of Lent.

We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

Adapted from the Project Compassion Lenten Prayer 2025



Y7G&B SMART SKILLS

Mike

The Year 7 boys and girls have been working exceptionally hard in their studies, particularly in their exploration of human body systems. Over the past few weeks, they have delved into fascinating topics such as **respiration, thermoregulation, and the circulatory system**, gaining a deeper understanding of how the body functions and adapts.

It has been fantastic to see all the students so engaged in their learning, demonstrating focus and enthusiasm in every lesson. A special mention goes to Taro, whose dedication and hard work has been particularly impressive. His effort and determination have set a great example for his peers.

Well done to all the Year 7 boys and girls for their commitment to learning – keep up the great work!

Y8G LITERACY & NUMERACY

Morag

The Year 8 girls have been working exceptionally hard in their Numeracy and Literacy studies.

In Maths, they have been especially focused on mastering their **times tables**, showing great determination and perseverance. It has been wonderful to see the students in the classroom putting in a big effort to do their very best.

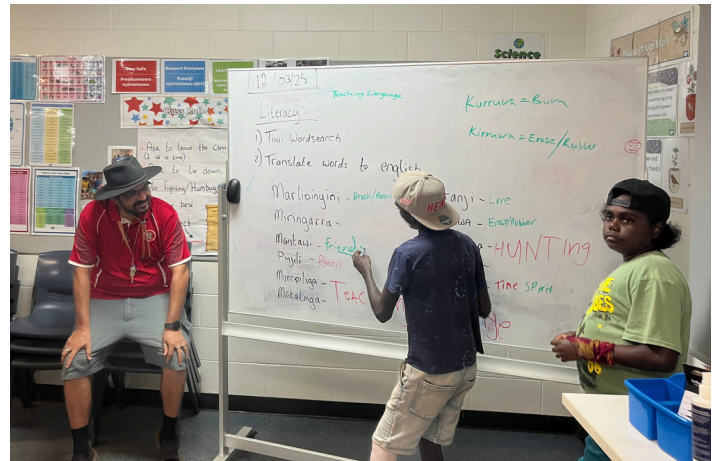
In Literacy, the girls have continued to develop their **reading comprehension** skills, working to enhance their understanding of texts and improve their critical thinking abilities. Their dedication to learning has been truly commendable.

Well done to all the Year 8 girls for their hard work – keep striving for success!

Y8B LITERACY & NUMERACY

Don

The Year 8 boys have made an impressive start to Term 1, excelling in both Literacy and Numeracy. In Literacy, students have thrived in the new Macqlit program, showing significant progress in their reading and writing skills. They have also made great strides in the Xavier Reading Program, further enhancing their literacy development.



In Numeracy, the students began the term focusing on mental maths, working diligently on worksheets to strengthen their mathematical abilities. They've also improved their skills in addition and subtraction, particularly with carrying techniques. As the term has progressed, students have tackled more complex concepts, confidently handling multiplication and division of two-digit numbers.

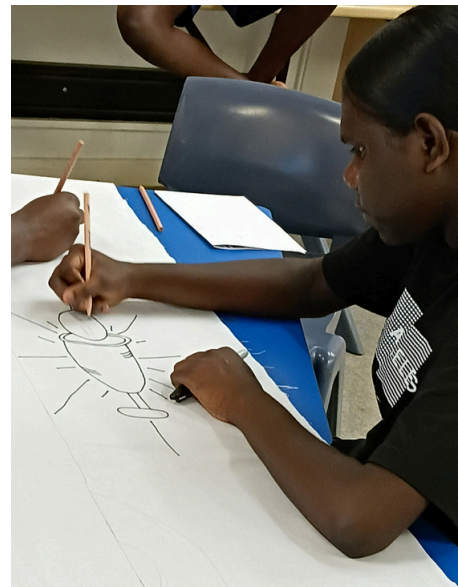


The boys have shown great dedication and hard work—keep it up throughout the remainder of the term and into Term 2. Well done on the fantastic progress!



Y8-9G RE & ART Shani & Sr Monique

The Year 8 and 9 girls have been exploring their identity and what it means to belong. We have explored belonging to family, culture, community, school and our faith. Through their art expression of the Purinjiti Message Stick, they showed many elements of their identity. They planned their Purinjiti which tells their personal story. They focused on the art elements of line and shape, and the principles of balance and unity. They were able to write down what each part of their Purinjiti means. It has been a delight to hear their rich stories and see how proud they are of their family and culture.





Y8-9B HEALTH & PE Matt

This term, the Year 8 and 9 Health and Physical Education class has been a hub of activity, focusing on both physical fitness and overall well-being. Students have been actively engaged in a diverse range of learning experiences, from the classroom to the sports field.

In their health studies, students have delved into the importance of maintaining a healthy body through positive hygiene practices. A strong emphasis has been placed on the significance of daily routines, including thorough teeth cleaning every morning and the proper application of hair lice treatments. These lessons have equipped students with valuable knowledge and practical skills to ensure their personal health and hygiene.

On the sporting front, the class has enjoyed a dynamic term, participating in a wide variety of sports. From the fast-paced action of basketball and the strategic plays of soccer, to the strength training in the gym and the skilful stick work of hockey, students have embraced each activity with enthusiasm.

The class was also fortunate to have experienced coaches come in and provide expert instruction in NRL. Students had the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of the game, develop their teamwork, and experience the thrill of this popular sport.



VET WOODWORK Brad



The VET boys have been working hard towards finishing off their timber tables during woodwork lessons this term. They have been learning about woodwork tools, safety, and design work for their tables.

Those students attending school often have been experiencing great success in learning how to put together their projects and learning new skills. It has been great to see the boys dedicate time to wood burning designs into the tops of their tables.

I am looking forward to seeing more young men coming to school consistently to finish off their projects and start new ones.

