



# Larrakeyah Primary School

Newsletter 26th April 2017, Term 2 Week 2

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Last Monday we held our special Anzac Assembly. It was great to see so many parents attending. Thank you to our school captains, JD Ambrose-Pearce and Annabel Kievit for hosting the Assembly. Thank you to Jodie Murdoch (DSTA) and Tania Tamaotai for organising the Assembly. A special thank you to our guest speaker, Warrant Officer Scott Sandell. His speech about the relevance of ANZAC Day to us all was very well received. Also, thank you to Mrs Chin and the music students.

Our upper primary students (and staff) are in awe of their new classrooms. The design of the classrooms with glass break-out spaces for visibility are based on the concept of modern learning environments. Our teachers gained an understanding of modern learning environments and flexible learning spaces following the visit to Cambridge schools in Auckland by Mr Collister and Mrs Harvey in 2015. This concept has transformed the educational environments and teaching for our older students. We are very excited with this development.

## Professional Development Day for Teachers – Friday 5th May

Friday 5th May is a professional development day for teachers. Teachers will be engaged professional development sessions on the Australian Curriculum and Cambridge Curriculum, Visible Learning and Strategic Planning. Teachers across Darwin City primary schools will also be working together to clarify assessment tasks (Mathematics area) and discuss the tasks against the curriculum standards. This is important in our ongoing striving for improvement in teaching and learning. This professional learning day has been previously approved by Larrakeyah Primary School Board and the Department of Education. **Please note: This is a student free day and parents are requested to make alternative arrangements for the care of their children on this day.** Our OSHC Director, Sasha Beirne, is offering a Vacation Care program on this day. She will need to know as soon as possible if you need to book a place for your child. Please contact Sasha for vacancies **0438 813211** or [Larrakeyah.oshc@ntschoos.net](mailto:Larrakeyah.oshc@ntschoos.net)

Regards,

Fathma Mauger

Principal



Larrakeyah Primary School is a member of the Darwin City Schools and in partnership with Darwin Middle School, Darwin High School, Northern Territory Open Education Centre, Ludmilla Primary School, Stuart Park Primary School and Parap Primary School.

## News from the Larrakeyah Primary School Board

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great excitement and zeal that this term the school has seen the completion of its biggest building project to date. The new building block provides new facilities and a much improved learning environment for students of Larrakeyah. I can imagine how excited teachers and students will be to be in these new learning spaces. Educators are increasingly aware of the interaction between physical spaces and learning environment. Modern facilities improve not only the school's physical environment but also its learning culture. But the building alone cannot infuse the vision and passion that guide the school's development. It is the human spirit and interaction between teachers, parents and students which will make the difference and ensure the new building supports higher levels of learning.

Keeping this human spirit alive are a number of fundraising and friend-raising events this term. Fundraising is important for a variety of other reasons as well. For example, it allows the students to feel some pride of ownership. In many cases, the students and parents are able to feel not as if they have received charity, but as if they have actually earned the item or experience that the funds have provided. What better way to help a person to feel empowered than to allow them to help raise the funds needed for a cause that will benefit them? So, roll up your sleeves and support the Mothers' day raffle, Beauty and the Beast at Deck Chair Cinemas and get your tongs ready for the BBQ at Sports Carnival. Get involved and have fun!

The Board extends a warm welcome to Christine Roberts as our co-opted member. Christine has volunteered her services as Secretary appointed to the Board and now is a Board Member too. We look forward to having her input in matters pertaining to the betterment of our school.

Towards the end of last Term, the School Canteen registered as an online provider, through the services of [ouronlinecanteen.com.au](http://ouronlinecanteen.com.au)

A great initiative for the LPS community! Notifications have appeared in the newsletter, school app and school website. A flier on how the online service works and how to register was sent home during the final week of school, last term. Additional fliers are available at the front office. It is great to hear the positive feedback and we encourage all parents/guardians who utilise the school canteen, to register online.

Kind regards

Rachita Jain



## Larrakeyah Primary School ANZAC Day



Thank You to all the families who attended the LPS ANZAC Day Assembly on Monday. It was great to have you join in the students ANZAC Assembly. The children all love to have a parent participate. A big hooray to our Defence Sandell family who stepped forward to not only be do the guest speaker but also to raise the flag. A very well done job from WO Scott Sandell & Corporal Cadet Hayden Sandell. Thank you to each class who made their own wreath, thank you to the wreath bearers, the hosts of the Assembly JD & Annabel & all the helpers too. You always make me so proud with your respectful & behaviour shown on these special events. Well Done!

I hope those that got to see the lawn display enjoyed seeing their loved ones being acknowledged, please encourage more to send me their photos. We really want the display to continue to grow each year & it isn't long until Remembrance Day when soldiers past & present will be guiding the way yet again. After the Assembly at recess the time was filled with lots of poppy making (about 50) bringing both Defence & civilian students together to share the same ideals. I hope your child came home with their own poppy for ANZAC Day.



Well Done to all those that participated in other official commemorations & parades on ANZAC Day. Also there is a DVA Memorial Box on display in the Library until next week, "Too Dark for the Light Horse" we hope all students will get to view the great resource. If you are interested in applying for Educational Assistance Scheme (Tutoring) which is 14 weeks of tutoring cost reimbursement to assist in reducing the educational impact of your new posting (must be within first 18months). Please contact me or the Defence Family Helpline or check out, [www.defence.gov.au/DCO/Family/Kids/Education.asp](http://www.defence.gov.au/DCO/Family/Kids/Education.asp) for more information.

**DCO** - Join DCO Darwin for a fun and interactive family day at Crocodylus Park! ADF members & their families are invited to National Families Week celebrations. Join us at Crocodylus Park & enjoy the exhibits & animal encounters at this acclaimed crocodile research facility and wildlife park. A light morning tea is provided.

**WHERE** Crocodylus Park, 815 McMillan's Road, Berrimah

**WHEN** Sunday 21 May 2017, 8.30am–12.00pm

**REGISTER** by Tuesday 2 May 2017. 500 individual places available.

**Go to** <https://register.eventarc.com/37775/national-familiesweek-at-crocodylus-park>

Ticket receipt and Defence ID mandatory for entry.

**CONTACT** [dco.darwin@defence.gov.au](mailto:dco.darwin@defence.gov.au)

**MORE INFO** [www.defence.gov.au/dco](http://www.defence.gov.au/dco)

**LIKE** Defence Community Organisation for updates



## THE LARRAKEYAH PRIMARY SCHOOL COOKING AND GARDENING PROGRAM IS UNDERWAY!



The reboot of the cooking and gardening program has been a great success so far! In week 1 students started the term in the cooking room making delicious blueberry muffins. It was a great exercise in measuring and following a recipe, learning a few new baking techniques along the way. The students will be alternating between working in the garden and in the cooking room with the hope that by week 4 we will be using some of the produce from our garden in our cooking. The aim of the program is that students learn more about where our food comes from, how plants grow and the practical skills we need to help nurture plants to produce enough food to use in our cooking. It is a wonderful opportunity for students to gain a lot of practical skills in the garden and in the cooking room whilst learning about the environment, health and nutrition.

There is a lot to do in the garden and I thank all parent helpers who put their names down to help. I am looking for parent helpers during their child's 2 hour lesson and or for a 'working bee' to be organized for one Saturday morning later in the term. A polite reminder to all those who have not returned the permission slip and donation.

Watch this space for news and photo's!

Warmest regards, Emily Tutty



## ABSENCES

To ensure we keep our Attendance records correct please contact our front office if your child/children are absent.

You can contact us on 89813211. Alternatively, You can notify us via our website or our Skool Bag App.

Larrakeyah Primary School App

The Larrakeyah Primary School app is available to download.

If you prefer using the school website, please check the *Skool Bag* console in the *For Parents* section for latest news.

**Loren's Catering**  
0474277832  
Loren Campbell  
Birthday Parties, Functions, Family Dinners  
Healthy and Nutritional Eating  
lorenscatering@gmail.com

**Our Online Canteen**

**Your school canteen is now online!**

**SAFE EASY FREE**

Our Online Canteen is an online ordering system that is a safe and convenient way to order school meals.

**Why has your school gone online?**  
Our Online Canteen is an online ordering system which is an easy and convenient way to order from your school. It enables you to order meals online etc.

**Is the website safe and secure to use?**  
Yes, Our Online Canteen is hosted in Australia. We have the SSL certificates which is used whenever any financial transactions are performed and we are PCI-DSS approved for secure financial transactions.

**How can I add credit to my account?**  
There are three ways to add credit to your account: PayPal, Credit Card and Direct Deposit.

**What do I do if I need help?**  
If you are experiencing any issues, you can call our experienced team on 1300 116 637 from 7:00am to 5:00pm or email us at [info@ouronlinecanteen.com.au](mailto:info@ouronlinecanteen.com.au)

**Benefits:**

- ✓ Supports the school
- ✓ Saves time and money
- ✓ Safe, secure and easy to use
- ✓ Exclusive discounts and prizes
- ✓ Customer support line

**Support line: 1300 116 637**

[www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au](http://www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au)

**SCHOOL CAMP REMINDER:**  
**YEAR 4 CAMP DATES WEDNESDAY**  
**3RD — 5TH MAY**

# What's On

## Dates to Remember

5th May 2017

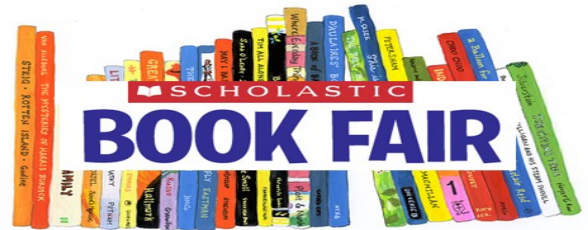
\*Staff Professional Development Day

NAPLAN Testing in May Years 3 & 5

Tuesday 9th May to Thursday 11th May- Testing

Friday 12th May- Catch Up Testing as required

\* PD Day for all Darwin City Primary Schools.

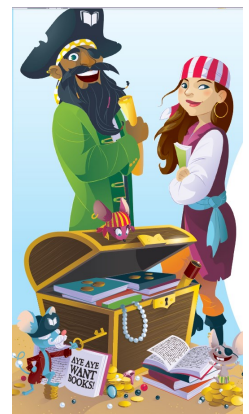


From the **8th May—12th** we will be holding a "Pirate themed" Book Fair in Larrakeyah Primary School Library!

The book fair will be opened (7.45-8.15) and after school (2.45- 3.15) for one week.

Hope to see you all there!

**ARRRGGGHHH!**



## Mothers Day Stall

Come and have a look on Wednesday the 10th—Friday the 12th May.

**Recess= Transition —Year 2**

**Lunch= Year 3 — Year 6**

**Stall is located in MS Beynon's room (Room 12).**

Come and grab a bargain!  
Items for sale range between \$1.00- \$10.00

**Spend \$20 or more and get a free gift bag**

All money raised will be going towards SLT Fundraising.

**ZOOPEr DOOPER**  
For Sale \$1.00 each



After school every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

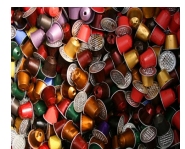
**Room 12 – Ms Beynon's class.**

All money raised will be going towards SLT fundraising.

## Nespresso Pod Recycling

It's back on again! For all you avid coffee drinkers of Nespresso Pods, please save your pods and drop them off at the Preschool as we provide a delivery service to the recycle depot. This helps to keep a great deal of aluminum out of our landfill. From our small collection point we can help to close the production/food/consumption/refuse cycle. Thankyou you for joining us in this project.....

Preschool



**PASPALEY**  
THE MOST BEAUTIFUL PEARLS IN THE WORLD

**Larrakeyah Primary School  
Year 6 Singapore Study Tour Fundraiser**



**Mother's Day Raffle**

**Tickets \$5 and on sale from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Beautifully crafted Paspaley pearl pendant set in yellow gold
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Scandi Pandanus Dressing Table and Tokyo Stool valued at \$1000
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Hamper full of goodies to the value of \$500
- 4<sup>th</sup> Prize – Crocodylus Park Family Pass valued at \$105
- 5<sup>th</sup> Prize – Anita's Health and Beauty Voucher valued at \$100



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LUXURY CONTEMPORARY INTERIORS

**Drawn on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> of May 2017**  
**Tickets available for purchase in the front office, drop off zone, mornings and afternoons and Parap Markets (outside Parap Fine Foods).**



**Beauty and the Beast at the  
Deck Chair Cinema  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 6:30pm**



- Full Price - \$16
- Concession - \$12
- Members - \$10
- Children - \$8
- Family (2A and 2C) - \$35

**Tickets available from**

<http://deckchaircinema.com/films/beauty-and-the-beast/>

**Dinner, drinks and snacks available for purchase on the night**

**Blue Light Disco**



Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May  
Larrakeyah Primary School  
All families welcome to attend  
\$3 entry per person  
5:00pm till 7:30pm



**Food, drinks and snacks available for purchase on the night**

**Year 6 Singapore Study Tour Fundraising Committee Meeting  
THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
ROOM 20 – 6 MATTIAZZO CLASSROOM IN THE NEW BUILDING  
4PM**

**KIDS-FIT**  
**6 WEEK**  
**FAMILY-FIT**  
**CHALLENGE**

Kids-Fit's 6 week Family-Fit challenge kicks off 30th May.

Register you and your family at [kidsfitaustralia.com](http://kidsfitaustralia.com) today!

#KIDSFITAUSTRALIA

# DRAMATHERAPY

**Meet Amanda**

"I am passionate about supporting children and young people through the expressive arts in the areas of play and art. One boy described it as "having fun" to bring healing, insight, transformation and joy."

I am a registered Dramatherapist with the Australian and New Zealand Arts Therapy Association and a qualified Drama Teacher. I worked at the Royal Central School of Education and earned my diploma of Education. I completed a Master of Arts, Drama and Movement Therapy in 2016.

I have worked with children/adolescents in numerous roles and settings since 2003. I hold a current Police card and have regular supervision to monitor my practice."

**How can I find out more?**  
For a free consultation phone 0458 711 400.

**To make a referral:**  
Referrers can refer their child directly and do not need a referral from a health professional.

**Schools and organisations:**  
Playing with Spirit provide Dramatherapy as well as Expressive Programs in a range of settings. Expressive Programs are not therapy but utilize drama and movement to meet identified service needs. E.g. mental health, social skills, confidence building.

**Websites:**  
Australia and New Zealand Arts Therapy Association: [www.anzato.org.au](http://www.anzato.org.au)  
British Association of Dramatherapists: [www.baadt.org.uk](http://www.baadt.org.uk)

**Playing with Spirit**  
Amanda Cross BA DipEd MA  
Registered Dramatherapist ATR  
Phone: 0458 711 400  
[www.playingwithspirit.com.au](http://www.playingwithspirit.com.au)

Individual and group Dramatherapy for children/adolescents aged 3-17 years.

**What is Dramatherapy?**  
Dramatherapy is a type of "Arts Therapy" which uses drama and role-play to help clients with a range of mental health issues. It is a form of psychotherapy that uses drama and role-play to help clients with a range of mental health issues. It is a form of psychotherapy that uses drama and role-play to help clients with a range of mental health issues.

**Who can Dramatherapy help?**  
Dramatherapy can support clients with various issues, including clients with a range of mental health issues which do not respond to other forms of therapy.

**Common reasons to seek support include:**

- Low self-esteem or confidence
- Anxiety, stress
- Low mood, negative outlook
- Communication or social difficulties
- Self-harm, suicidal thoughts
- Substance use (alcohol, drugs)
- Separation (e.g. parental separation)
- Loss, grief
- Anger, abuse, domestic violence

**How can Dramatherapy help?**  
Dramatherapy sessions are tailored to the client's needs and goals. Clients can expect to gain assessment of their needs.

**Dramatherapy can support clients to:**

- Express their feelings and emotions
- Process and make sense of their world
- Develop self-awareness and confidence
- Build trusting relationships
- Express their thoughts and feelings
- Develop self-expression and imaginative skills
- Develop self-esteem, connect with self-worth
- Experience an alternative version of self
- Develop self-awareness, connect with self-worth
- Explore and express a range of emotions
- Develop an ability to change emotions and responses to situations
- Explore different ways of relating to others
- Build communication and social skills
- Explore using the arts as a tool for coping and emotional regulation

Giveaways

- Jumping Castles
- Face Painting
- Food Stalls
- Birthday Cake
- Arts & Craft
- Badge Making
- Rock Climbing Wall

SAFETY HOUSE

## Handwriting Groups

**Ages:** Groups for 5-7 years  
Groups for 8-9 years

**Dates:** Handwriting groups will be run twice each School Term. Please call our office for the next dates.

**Time:** 3pm or 4pm

**Venue:** Stepping Stones in Life Therapy Centre

**Cost:** \$160 for 5 weeks

**GROUP DETAILS:**  
This group is designed for children aged 7-9 years and 8-9 years. It will be run over 5 weeks. Attendance is required for all 5 weeks.

**Group Goals are:**

- Improved pencil grasp
- Hand strength
- Fine motor control and dexterity
- A whole body sensory approach to handwriting skills
- Visual processing skills
- Improved confidence for handwriting and learning

Helping Children with Autism" funding applicable  
"Better Start" funding applicable  
NDIS applicable

To book please contact Stepping Stones In Life Therapy Services on:  
Phone: (08) 8985 6067  
Email: [admin@steppingstonestherapy.com.au](mailto:admin@steppingstonestherapy.com.au)

## Social Skills Group

**Dates:** 4years- pls contact our office  
5-6 years age 27th April 4pm  
7-9 years 9th May 4pm  
16th May 4pm 11th May 4pm  
23rd May 4pm 25th May 4pm  
30th May 4pm 1st June 4pm

**Fees:** \$160  
**Venue:** Stepping Stones in Life Therapy Centre

**GROUP DETAILS:**  
This group is designed for children aged 4-9 years. Screening assessments will be conducted prior to the group over the phone. It will be run over 5 weeks. Attendance is required for all 5 weeks. You do not need to be a current client of Stepping Stones to access this group.

**Group Goals are:**

- Turn taking
- Appropriate social cues
- Conversation starting
- Its ok to lose
- Sensory regulation during interaction
- AND MORE .....

"For those children who do not access services with Stepping Stones we recommend that you schedule an appointment at the end of the group, with the OT to discuss your child's progress/concerns."

Helping Children with Autism" funding applicable  
"Better Start" funding applicable  
NDIS funding Applicable

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Stepping Stones In Life Therapy Service

## IMA SAFETY HOUSE'S BIRTHDAY FUN!

Sunday 7th May 2017  
10.00am to 1.00pm  
Jingili Water Gardens, Freshwater Road, Jingili  
Appearance by 'Ima Safety House'

NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT  
NT POLICE, FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES  
Neighbourhood WATCH NT  
CITY OF DARWIN  
The Water Safety Unit  
Northern Territory Government  
St John  
Kevin's Mobile Disco  
THE ROCK  
ENGAGED PARTY ART  
GALLOTT

## SENSORY PROCESSING AND BEHAVIOUR WORKSHOP

**Dates:** Tuesday 18th April 4pm  
Friday 28th April 2pm  
Tuesday 6th June 4pm

**Venue:** Stepping Stones in Life Therapy Centre

**Cost:** \$30 Per person

**WORKSHOP DETAILS:**

- What is Sensory Processing?
- Understanding the sensory systems
- Common sensory symptoms/behaviours at home and school
- Understanding the difference between behaviour and sensory behaviours
- Sensory strategies
- Sensory equipment for home and school

Helping Children with Autism" funding applicable  
"Better Start" funding applicable  
NDIS applicable

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Stepping Stones In Life Therapy Service

## "Self-Care & Independence" Workshop

**Dates:** Wednesday 26th April 10am  
Tuesday 9th May 3pm

**Fees:** \$30 pp  
**Venue:** Stepping Stones in Life Therapy Service Centre

**GROUP DETAILS:**  
Paediatric Occupational Therapist Bonnie McLachlan will be running a one hour workshop on all things self-care for young children. This workshop is suitable for parents/carers and teachers of children 2 years and onwards, with helpful strategies on promoting independence in the following areas:

- Dressing
- Toileting
- Grooming e.g. brushing hair and teeth
- Mealtimes skills

Helping Children with Autism" funding applicable  
"Better Start" funding applicable  
NDIS funding Applicable

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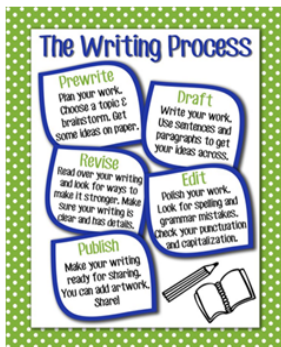
Stepping Stones In Life Therapy Service

# Writing Focus

One of our focus goals at Larrakeyah Primary School is for students to become confident and successful writers. In order to support students to become confident and successful writers, learning needs to be purposeful and enjoyable and have strong authentic links. Building students' knowledge of concepts, expanding their cultural and world knowledge, vocabulary, along with strategies and understanding of the writing process and 6 plus 1 writing traits form the basis for creating confident and successful writers.

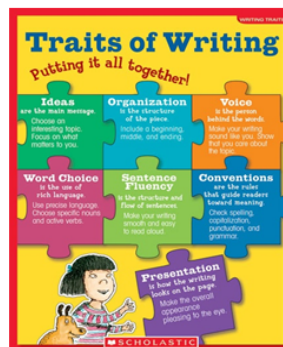
## What is the writing process?

- Writing is a process that involves five steps: prewriting, drafting, revising, editing and publishing.
- The writing process mirrors the way proficient writers write.
- In using the writing process, students will be able to break writing into manageable chunks and focus on producing quality material.



## What is the 6 plus 1 writing traits?

- The qualities that teachers, writers and readers think that are important in good writing.
- An approach to writing instruction that makes writing accessible for all learners by breaking a complex cognitive process into six component processes.
- A way of teaching, modelling and assessing the instruction of writing.



## 6 traits embedded in the writing process

The traits are not separate from the writing process. Rather, they provide focus for what skills to target at every stage.



## Why use this approach to writing?

- Creates a common vocabulary and guidelines for teachers to use with students so they become familiar with the terms used in writing.
- Allows teachers and students to focus on one or two elements of writing at a time creating a more manageable and effective way for students to learn how to write.
- Is a means of providing specific feedback to students through the assessment of their writing.
- Help both the student and teacher identify areas of writing that the student needs to work at improving.
- Using this approach to writing makes it manageable for students and teaches students how writers think and write.

## Watch this space ☺

Starting next week, students writing samples will be showcased in the school newsletter. Classes will take turns weekly to share their work highlighting the writing process and 6+1 writing traits.



# VISIBLE LEARNING

With 2/3 Andrews

In Year 2/3 students are learning to write a persuasive argument about having longer holidays.

## Learning Intention:

To plan and write a persuasive piece of writing.

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- I can plan my ideas ■
- I can write the introduction for my persuasive writing ■
- I can select an idea and develop it. ■



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