

# Larrakeyah Primary School

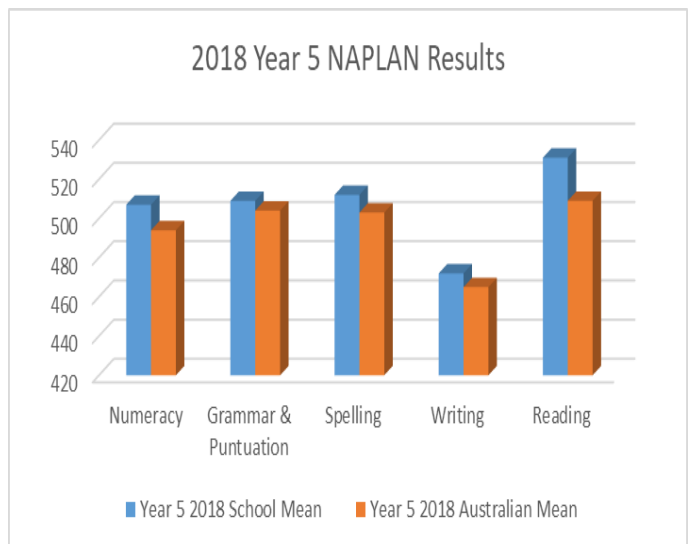
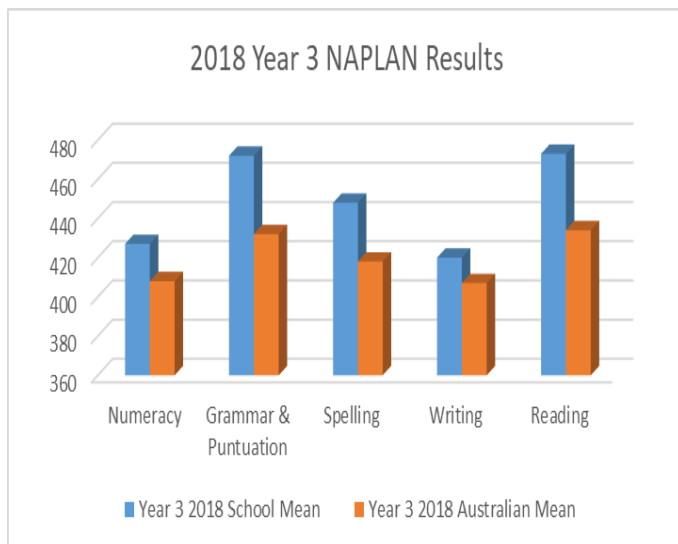
**Newsletter, Wednesday 14th October, Term 4**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you to our school community for supporting our teachers with professional development. On Friday 2 November, teachers were involved in a whole school professional development day and focussed on Mathematics, NAPLAN data, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning and Writing. Teachers across Darwin City primary schools and Darwin Middle School also worked together to discuss and share what our schools are doing in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) focussing on curriculum outcomes, assessment and resources. This is important professional development for continuous school improvement. It was a highly successful day for our teaching staff.

Last Friday we held our special Remembrance Day assembly. Thank you to Lucinda Harvey and Mihali Koulakis, our school captains, for their role as MC. Thank you to Jodie Murdoch (DSTA) and Rick Collister for organising the Assembly. A special thank you to our guest speaker, Captain Bryan Parker, Royal Australian Navy, Deputy Northern Command for an excellent speech on the importance of Remembrance Day and remembering those who served and lost their lives for Australia's cause in all wars and armed conflicts. Thank you to Leading Seaman Luke Menz for his role as flag raiser and Flight Lieutenant Timothy Hudson for reading the Ode. Also, a special thank you to Mrs Chin and our music students.

We have received and are currently analysing our NAPLAN results. NAPLAN data is very useful for schools to identify strengths and focus areas for improvement. Again, Larrakeyah Primary has performed extremely well against the Australian Mean - above the Australian mean in Years 3 and 5 in all areas. Congratulations to our school community, particularly staff, for their strong commitment to our school improvement agenda.



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.



## Dates to Remember



**Monday 12th— Friday 23rd November**– Middle Primary Swimming.

**Friday 16th November**– DSTA Cuppa and Cake for Parents.

**Thursday 22nd November**– Transition Information Night.

**Friday 23rd November**– Whole School Assembly (Hosted by Year 3 Potts).

**Friday 30th November**—Early Childhood Assembly (Hosted by Transition Jain).

**Friday 30th November**– Christmas Dress Up Day.

**Friday 30th November**– School Captain Speeches.

**Tuesday 4th December**– Volunteers Morning Tea.

**Wednesday 5th December**- ECA Ends.

**Thursday 6th December**– House and Vice Captain Speeches.

**Friday 7th December**-Whole School STEAM Day.

**Tuesday 11th December**– Year 6 Graduation.

**Wednesday 12th December**– Whole School Presentation Assembly.

**Wednesday 12th December**- SLT Speeches.

**Thursday 13th December**– Year 6 Fun Assembly.

## 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.

**We love to showcase the Visible Learning and Writing Focus activities our students engage in every week. Now, we're featuring these articles on our website. To read the latest class updates, and access previous articles, visit our News section in the Website.**

<https://larrakeyahprimary.com.au/blog>

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## Earth Works

This week in Gardening we have been consolidating our planning for our sensory garden beds. Each class reviewed the feedback given on their design work and we all worked collaboratively to choose at least one thing from each group that would be taken forward into our class design.

You can see the example of Mrs Telley's class below.

Next, on to earth works! The students sweated and toiled to move our large pile of garden fill to the actual garden bed! Great work guys, it is looking exciting!



### Enrolment at Larrakeyah Primary School in 2019

Please complete if your children will **not be** (other than year 6 students) attending Larrakeyah Primary School in 2019. Return to the office by email, [larrakeyah.admin@ntschoos.net](mailto:larrakeyah.admin@ntschoos.net) or hard copy as soon as possible.

My child /children will **not be** attending Larrakeyah Primary School in 2019.

Names of child / children \_\_\_\_\_

Year Level/s \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



# Transition Information Night

**Thursday, 22 November at 6.00pm.**

**LPS Assembly Area**

This is an opportunity for parents to attend an information session that aims to equip you with knowledge, information and tips to better understand your child's transition from preschool to 'big' school.

We look forward to seeing you there.



# Defence School Transition Aide – D.S.T.A. Program



Sorry for the short notice (no newsletter last week) our Farewell Morning Tea, Cuppa & Cake is on Friday 16 November 2018. Please come along and join me for a catch up and early good-byes in the Staffroom on Friday at 8:30am until 10:30am. Hope to see you then.

**2018 Centenary of Armistice, Remembrance Day:** Thank you to all those that were able to join us at Assembly. Thank you to Captain Bryan Parker, Flight Lieutenant Timothy Hudson, Leading Seaman Luke Menz and Natalie Chin who helped make our Remembrance Assembly special. We are extremely proud of the school band and our year 6 speakers for personalising the commemoration by addressing the audience with their own personal speech.

A special big *Well Done!* to Lucy, Aruba, Jordan, Bana, Amber & Phoebe.

It was great to have some new additions to our "Walk with our Soldiers". The children's faces light up when they find their own family member or share them with their friends. Please send a picture of your special soldier past or present to have it added to next year's walk.



Today there wasn't a Defence Kids Club (DKC). With this year's Poppy making over, we will be changing our focus to discussions and activities for those that are posting out. Hermit Crab racing will be happening within the next few weeks and Friendship Bracelet making. So if your child is posting out, please encourage them to join in on Wednesday lunchtimes in room 11 for D.K.C.

I have sent an email to all LPS Defence families to confirm their posting information so I can proceed with processing students in a timely manner, I have 37 students indicated to be requiring farewelling, so a big task ahead. Your email confirmation response is appreciated and so no one misses out and if you already have a DCO blue school passport send it in to be updated in time before you move.

Community House News – Please see the Larrakeyah Neighbourhood House and Robertson Barracks Family Group Facebook pages to keep up to date with the fabulous programs and numerous events they are running.

**Jodie Murdoch** 89813211 [jodie.murdoch@ntschoools.net](mailto:jodie.murdoch@ntschoools.net)  
**Defence Family Helpline 1800 624 608**



This Remembrance Day Larrakeyah Primary School contributed 15 individual class poppies to put on a community display at Memorial Park in Palmerston. If you are in Palmerston see if you can find your class poppy in the next couple of weeks.



## DARWIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Thank you to those families who have returned their enrolment forms for their child to attend Darwin Middle School for Year 7 next year. If you have yet to do so, please contact Darwin Middle School directly to arrange to collect an enrolment pack from the school or have the forms emailed to you.



If you have any questions regarding enrolling your child at Darwin Middle School for 2019, please contact the Administration Office on 8942 5200.

## Larrakeyah Swimming Program

**Middle Primary Swimming  
(2K, 2L, 3Mc, 3M, 3P, 4D, 4A)  
Monday 12th—Friday 23rd  
November.**



### Use of Larrakeyah Primary School Grounds After Hours

Thank you for your assistance with not using the school playground from 3:30 – 5:00pm. The OSHC Director has certainly appreciated not having to worry about other students and can concentrate just on her students and their program. For anyone who didn't see the letter that was sent home, it was a request not to use certain areas of the school between certain times of the day.

The following gives the gist of the letter:

The Larrakeyah Primary School Board run an Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) program. OSHC is required to follow strict guidelines sent out by Quality Education and Care NT (QECNT). These guidelines are set out in the Education & Care Services National regulations. This means that when OSHC is in operation they have the use of certain areas of the school to run their programs. The presence of other students and groups in these areas can interfere with the running of these programs and the supervision of OSHC students and therefore cannot be allowed to continue.

Larrakeyah Primary School can only provide supervision of students between the hours of 8:00am and 3:00pm. Outside of these hours there is no supervision provided.

To ensure the safe use of the school grounds and facilities we ask that you adhere to the following:

Between the hours of 3:30pm and 5:00pm, only OSHC students and staff are able to access, 1. The playground equipment and grounds located outside the Preschool building and Assembly area, and 2. The playground equipment located between the Basketball Court and oval

From 8:00 am to 3:00pm students are supervised in the grounds of Larrakeyah Primary School. Use of the playground areas (as above) is permissible from 3:00pm – 3:30pm and after 5:00pm, if a student is accompanied by a parent or adult.

We have not made these directives lightly but to ensure compliance with the national regulations for OSHC and the safety and well-being of students.

Thank you

Rick Collister

Assistant Principal



### **Preschool enrolments for 2019**

Preschool enrolments for 2019 are **still** being accepted at the front office. If your child is turning 4 before June 30 next year, you live in our catchment area or you have an older child already in the Primary School, you are eligible to enroll. Enrolments are accepted on a first-in, best-dressed situation.

Regards,  
Preschool.



# **DRESS UP DAY!**

**COME TO SCHOOL DRESSED IN YOUR BEST  
CHRISTMAS COSTUME!**

**FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER.**



**GOLD COIN DONATION – ALL MONEY  
RAISED WILL BE GOING TO SLT  
FUNDRAISING.**

**PLEASE NOTE, ALL COSTUMES MUST  
COMPLY WITH THE SCHOOL'S SUN SMART  
POLICY.**

**ICE**

**BLOCKS**

**For Sale After school every  
Monday, Wednesday and Friday.**

**\$1.00 each**

**Room 12 - Ms Beynon's class.**



All money raised will be going towards  
SLT fundraising.