

Larrakeyah Primary School

Newsletter, Wednesday 13th February, Term 1

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As an Independent Public School we established a partnership with the Confucius Institute at CDU to implement a Chinese language program. This year, all students from Years 1 - 6 will be learning Chinese and taught by a trained teacher from the Confucius Institute at CDU. Chinese lessons commenced this week. We welcome the support from the Confucius Institute. We also welcome the support from the NT School of Language who will be working with our Years 1-2 students.

Congratulations to our student leaders. School Captains are Megan Cannon and Skipp Martin. House Captains and Vice Captains are: **King** Peter Watson and Nelly Robertson (Captains), Taylor Byrd and Tehya Bruce (Vice Captains) **Goyder** Swayam Karkhanis and Abbey Meredith (Captains), Max Mackenzie and Evanie Powell (Vice Captains) **Leichhardt** Solomon Kinitavaki and Sophia Sabay (Captains), DJ Cleanthous and Melina Vlahou (Vice Captains) **Wickham** Magnus Turner and Chloe Shugg (Captains), Logan Thomas and Wasandi Rathnayake (Vice Captains). Members of our Student Leadership Team (SLT) include Tom Cocker (2/3P), Libby Hunt (3L), Elijah Tyrell (3Mc), Eloise Watson (4M), Olivia Byrd (4A), Georgia Hunt (4/5S), Samrath Chinna (5K), Patrick Thom (5S), Flynn Denson (6S), Isabelle Kellet (6M). Student voice is important and we look forward to the leadership that our students will bring this year.

A reminder to all parents about the Drop-Off-Zone at the front of the school, particularly our new families. We have very clear signs and yellow lines that indicate No Parking in this zone. The Drop-Off-Zone is designed as a quick drop-off and pick-up area to keep traffic flowing to avoid congestion. In the interest of student safety and courtesy to other drivers, please continue to remember the following:

Do not park in the Drop-Off-Zone. If you have to get out of the car to escort your children into the school, preschool or come to the front office, please find a carpark.

Move as far along as possible before dropping off your children as this allows other cars to move in behind you. Please continue to move to the start of the yellow line.

Do not stay in the middle of the carpark to drop off your children. This is very dangerous for children and obstructs cars moving out of the Drop-Off-Zone.

The wearing of school uniform is compulsory in all government schools. Please ensure that your child wears their uniform to school every day and that you are aware of the school uniform policy. Please have a read on the school website www.schools.nt.edu.au/larrakeyah. If students are wearing leggings or jumpers in the cooler weather, it is recommended that these are navy blue or black. We also have a school jacket that can be purchased.

It is important that parents contact the class teacher or school each time a student is absent. An email, phone call or note is fine. Notification can also be given via the school website. We are required to maintain daily student attendance records and unnotified student absences affect school funding. Also, in the case of student lateness, students are required to come to the office to collect a late pass before going to class. We are at the start of a new school year and a number of students are arriving late, missing class instructions and learning. Please ensure that your child is punctual for school - school commences at 8.15am.

Regards,

Fathma Mauer

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 4th– Friday 15th February– PAT Testing.

Friday 15th February– Whole School Assembly (Hosted by 6 Searle).

Friday 15th February– SLT Badge Presentations.

Tuesday 19th February– Year 3 Bombing of Darwin Excursion.

Wednesday 6th March– Soccer Gala Day.

Friday 8th March– Whole School Assembly (Hosted by 6 Marschall).

Wednesday 13th March– AFL Gala Day.

Wednesday 20th March– Netball Gala Day.

Thursday 21st March– Harmony Day.

Tuesday 26th March– Rugby League Gala Day.

Friday 29th March– Whole School Assembly (Hosted by 5 Spruhan).

Tuesday 2nd April– Year 5 and 6 Parliament House Tour.

Wednesday 10th April– Basketball Gala Day.

Friday 12th April– End of Term 1.

Friday 31st May– Semester 1 and 2 Sports Vouchers Due.

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/>



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ABSENCES

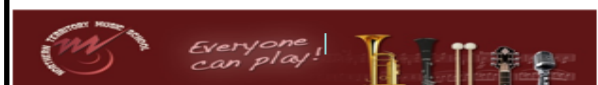
To ensure we keep our Attendance Records correct please contact our Front Office if your child/children are absent.

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.



IS YOUR CHILD INTERESTED IN LEARNING A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT?

There are still places for students in Years 4-6 to learn an instrument through NT School of music. Enrolment applications are now open for all students interested in the NT Music School's Instrumental Program.

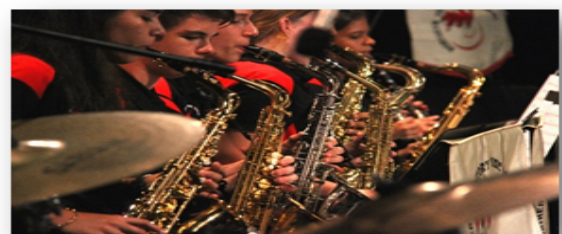
Instrumental tuition may be offered to students from Year 4 upwards on flute, clarinet, saxophone, guitar, trumpet, trombone and percussion.

The program is designed to develop playing and listening skills with our teachers coming to your child's school during school time.

Enrol online at www.ntms.net.au

Should you require further assistance phone NT Music School

8963 5550.



Online applications for urban sport vouchers

Physical \$100 sport vouchers are no longer being issued through schools.

From the beginning of each school semester, parents or carers must apply online for each child. Vouchers issued in Semester 2, 2018, and Semester 1, 2019, will expire on 31 May, 2019.





PEER SUPPORT



Being Friendly

Week 1-

We are commencing our Peer Support lessons this week. The whole school participates in Peer Support for 30 minutes each week. Two Peer leaders facilitate a small group of 8-10 younger students, who work together through a number of structured activities.

Each teacher will supervise 2-3 groups in their classroom. We are working on a module called Keeping Friends helping us explore the concept of friendship, build relationships and develop skills in empathy and critical thinking. The module runs for 8 sessions. Our first session enables the children to get to know everyone in their group, agreeing on how they will work together and interact cooperatively with others. They will also begin to think about the meaning of friendship. We encourage you to talk to your children about Peer Support every week as it will help to reinforce the concepts learned in each session.



PEER SUPPORT



Cooperating and Listening

Week 2-

During Peer Support this week the children will look at qualities their friends may have and the concept that we choose friends based on the qualities we admire in them. They will also explore the skills of friendship, specifically those of cooperating and listening.

During the week encourage your child to show they are interested in the person they are talking to by being an active listener.



2019 Chinese Spring & Lantern Festival Celebration



15-16 February

Experience an authentic Chinese Year of the Pig



LEARN



Chinese Shaolin Kung Fu

ENJOY



Chinese Kung Fu Tea

TASTE



Chinese Snack & Food

MAKE



Chinese Dough Modelling

HUG



Chinese Panda

CHINA FESTIVAL MARKET
北 澳 中 国 节 庆 市 场

CELEBRATE



Chinese New Year



Time:

5:00pm-Chinese Market

8:00pm-Shaolin Kung Fu Show

Location:

Territory Netball Stadium

235 Abala Rd Marrara NT 0821



Details Chinese New Year

Date: Friday 15th and Saturday 16th February 2019.

Show starts: 8pm (Doors open 7.30pm)

Venue: Territory Netball Stadium, 235 Abala Rd Marrara.

Price: \$69, \$49, \$35, \$88 (for Family)

Contact: 0431-332-381.

Online tickets booking: www.ntix.com.au

Email:

ntshaolinshow@gmail.com



2019 Chinese Spring & Lantern Festival Celebration

15-16 February

Proudly presented by the Chinese Community of Northern Australia

The 1st Chinese Shaolin Kungfu Show
少林功夫
中国河南



The Sacred Place of Zen and Wushu
The Cradle of Shaolin Kungfu



Reuse, Reduce, Recycle!

This is the underpinning message for the Cooking and Gardening program this year. Our goal is to reduce the amount of waste going into landfill by 50% by the end of the year. Yr4 Students kick started our project this term by sorting the waste from the YR4 area of the school. What we were trying to find out is how much of the waste that is going into landfill at the moment could be reused/recycled. What we found was astonishing! Over three days we found that on average **80%** of the rubbish we are throwing into landfill could be reused or recycled! I was so impressed by the students' positive attitude and look forward to our next Gardening lesson where we will start to develop a plan to tackle this problem. As part of the gardening project we will also be learning about how to grow our own food as part of a sustainable lifestyle.



UPCOMING DARWIN REGION SELECTION TRIALS

Students must attend 2 out of the 3 days, be the correct age and attend a Darwin Region School to be eligible for selection in our Darwin Region Team.

For further information please contact the School Sport Coordinator.

12Y & U FOOTBALL SOCCER

DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE
TUESDAY	5TH MARCH	3.30—5.00pm	Larrakia Park Football Stadium
WEDNESDAY	6TH MARCH	3.30—5.00pm	
THURSDAY	7TH MARCH	3.30—5.00pm	

12Y & U AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL

DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE
TUESDAY	12TH MARCH	3.30—5.00pm	Sanderson Middle School Oval
WEDNESDAY	13TH MARCH	3.30—5.00pm	
THURSDAY	14TH MARCH	3.30—5.00pm	

12Y & U NETBALL

DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE
TUESDAY	19TH MARCH	3.30—5.00pm	Sitzler Courts Marrara
WEDNESDAY	20TH MARCH	3.30—5.00pm	
THURSDAY	21ST MARCH	3.30—5.00pm	

12Y & U RUGBY LEAGUE

DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE
TUESDAY	26TH MARCH	3.30—5.00pm	Anula Oval
WEDNESDAY	27TH MARCH	3.30—5.00pm	
THURSDAY	28TH MARCH	3.30—5.00pm	

Trial Permission Notes can be downloaded from the School Sport NT Website:
<http://www.schoolsportnt.com.au/pages/Darwin-%252d-Forms.html>



Darwin Region School Sport Coordinator: Hannah Roll
m: 0437 001 735 e: hannah.roll@ntschoools.net

Darwin Region School Sport Admin Assistant: Julie Kitsos
p: 08 8997 7518 e: darwinregion.ssnt@ntschoools.net

NEWS FROM DSTA

Thanks to all the parents who came along to the Welcome Cuppa and Cake, last Friday. It was great to meet you. We will be having a Cuppa & Cake once a term so watch this space for the next one. It was good to catch up with Jot, our DCO crew.

Hope many of you got to this year's Welcome to Darwin Defence Connections Expo at the Convention Centre. The event was full of static military displays, kids activities, face painting, and heaps of information stalls from Govt. departments, Defence services, sporting clubs, hobby groups and local business. If you missed out put it in your diary for next year or check out www.defence.gov.au/dco for information and continued links to services.

Friendships, a good quick way to transition an acquaintance to a friend is to get to know them on the home front. Organise or encourage play dates outside of school. Either at your place, or neutral territory like a park or swimming pool,..... this will allow the kids to get together 1:1 without school distractions and get to know each other, their likes, dislikes and the things they have in common, and create an existing history. Maybe a positive reward activity like going to the skate park, waterslides or bicycle ride for something else with the new friend, this will show your child's positive behaviour/success in front of their peers/potential mates. Make it easy and put some mini notes with your parent contact details for your child to give to new friends so their parents can get in contact to arrange a playdate.

I know I personally made my best friends through my children. Sports, teams, clubs and volunteering is also a great way to break the friendship drought for kids & parents alike. The school is always looking for volunteers. It is a positive and engaging way to become part of our school community; either in class, excursions, assemblies, School Council or school committee members, just get in touch with the teacher or school to volunteer.

Hopefully everyone is now settled and into a routine. Morning checklist: Hat, water bottle, recess, lunch... please make sure your child has these items each day to make sure they have the necessary items to make the most of their busy days. No hat, No play! A hat means your child can play out in the sunshine with their friends. If they are complaining of running out of time to eat try cutting up their food to easy bite serves, so they don't miss out on playtime and their friends don't disappear in the playground without them.

With my recent internet trawling I have discovered a fabulous and informative website <http://raisingchildren.net.au/> . lit has lots of information and advice for families from pregnancy to teens to adults. It is also supported by the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

Looking for the right clubs, teams & hobbies consider NT Scouts & NT Girl Guide groups. They are fun, inclusive and adventurous while promoting confidence, leadership & life skills. <http://www.nt.scouts.com.au/> and <http://www.girlguidesnt.org.au/> Check out your local 1st Darwin Sea Scouts at 39 Temira Cres, Larrakeyah, enquiries to gl.darwin@nthq.scouts.com.au



Jodie Murdoch – DSM 89813211 jodie.murdoch@ntschoools.net

Defence Family Helpline 1800 624608



ICE BLOCKS

For Sale

After School every Monday,
Wednesday and Friday.

\$1.00 each

Room 8- Ms Korfia's Class

All money raised will be going
towards SLT fundraising.

Penalties apply for the following breaches of law:

- Failure to have adequate lighting on bicycle at night
- Riding bicycle incorrectly
- Carrying excess persons on bicycle
- Riding within 2 metres of rear of motor vehicle
- Failing to give way to pedestrian
- Riding in race or trial without permit
- Bicycle rider holding onto moving motor vehicle
- Riding bicycle without helmet, or without a securely fastened helmet
- Rider failing to ensure child or young person wears a helmet on a bicycle designed to carry them.

Requirements for safe cycling:

- 1 Bell or horn in good working order.
- 2 White light at front that works.
- 3 White reflector at front.
- 4 Brakes that work.
- 5 Seat and handlebars adjusted to suit the rider.
- 6 Red reflector at rear.
- 7 Red light at rear that works.
- 8 ALWAYS wear a helmet!



For further information regarding road safety please contact the Department of Planning and Infrastructure, Road Safety Branch.

DARWIN
 GPO Box 2520
 Darwin NT 0801
 Phone: 08 8924 7019
 Fax: 08 8924 7077
 Email: roadsafety@nt.gov.au

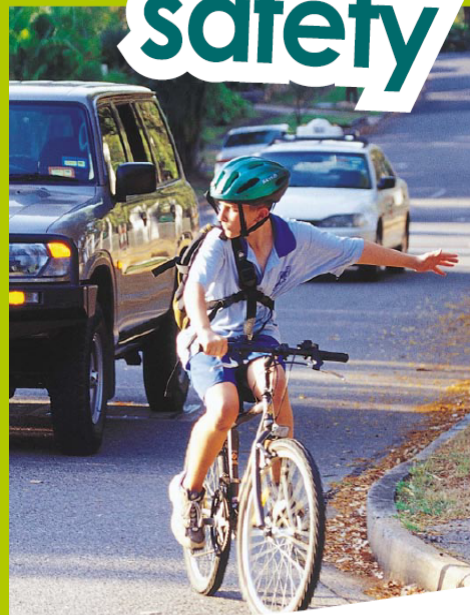
ALICE SPRINGS
 PO Box 2130
 Alice Springs NT 0871
 Phone: 08 8951 5354
 Fax: 08 8951 5151

www.roadsafety.nt.gov.au

For current legislation refer to the *Northern Territory Traffic Act and Traffic Regulations.*

www.nt.gov.au/dcm/legislation/current.html

cycling safety



Rules to remember when riding your bicycle



Helmets

- For a person under 17 years of age, an approved helmet must be worn at all times while riding, correctly fitted and fastened.
- For a person 17 years of age or older, an approved helmet must be worn, correctly fitted and fastened, when travelling on a road or on a bicycle lane that forms part of the road.
- The above helmet requirements apply to the rider and any person being carried on a bicycle.

Note: An approved helmet is a helmet that complies with Australian Standard AS/NZS 2063.

You must always have:

- At least one effective brake.
- A bell, horn or similar warning device in working order.

In addition:

When riding at night or in hazardous weather conditions causing reduced visibility, the bicycle must have:

- *Front light* – a flashing or steady white light that is clearly visible for at least 200 metres.
- *Rear light* – a flashing or steady red light that is clearly visible for at least 200 metres.
- *Rear red reflector* – that is clearly visible for at least 50 metres when a vehicle's headlights shine on it.

At all times when riding:

- Keep at least one hand on the handlebars.
- Do not carry more persons on the bicycle than it is designed to carry.
- Do not hold onto another moving vehicle while riding a bicycle.
- Always give hand signals to indicate which direction you are about to travel.
- Do not cause a traffic hazard by moving into the path of a driver or pedestrian.
- Do not carry a load that flaps, sways or overhangs the sides, front or back of the bicycle.
- If you are 16 years old or older, you may carry a person under 10 years in a bicycle trailer if it is safe to do so and the person is wearing a securely fitted and fastened helmet.

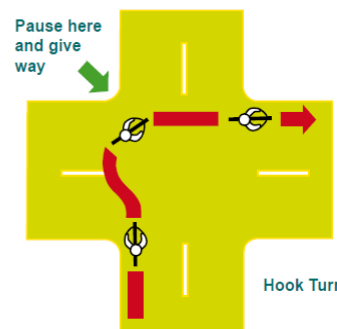
When cycling on bicycle paths and footpaths:

- You must keep to the left of any oncoming bicycle rider.
- You can ride on footpaths (unless prohibited by a 'No Bicycle' sign), but you must keep left and give way to pedestrians.
- Use your bell or horn to warn others, especially when riding up behind them.



When cycling on the road:

- As a bicycle rider you are "driving" a vehicle. You have the same rights and responsibilities as any other driver on the road.
- You must obey all road rules including traffic signs, lights and road markings.
- You must ride as near as practicable to the far left side of the road.
- You must not ride past, or overtake, to the left of a vehicle that is turning left.
- You can turn right from either the left or right lane of a multi-lane roundabout. If you use the left lane, you must give way to any vehicle leaving the roundabout.
- Do not ride across a road on a children's crossing, marked foot crossing or pedestrian crossing.
- Do not ride within 2 metres of the rear of a moving vehicle continuously for more than 200 metres.
- You can turn right at an intersection by making a 'Hook Turn' (see picture below) unless prohibited.



protect your brains = wear a helmet!