

Larrakeyah Primary School

Newsletter, Wednesday 10th April, Term 1

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Amanda Holtham, NT Port Manager, Qube Ports Pty Ltd, organised last year for Qube Ports to provide sponsorship to Larrakeyah Primary as an incentive for our students to demonstrate good behaviour that reflects our school values. Qube Ports philosophy of 'Making Zero Harm Your Choice' aligns to safe schools. This year, Qube Ports has increased their sponsorship to Larrakeyah Primary which is fantastic. Each term a class will receive an award/class prize for their consistent good behaviour and good standing in the school. We thank Qube Ports for their continued sponsorship. This term, the winning class for the award is Year 2/3 Panatos – congratulations.

Friday 24th May is a professional development day for teachers. Teachers will be engaged in professional development sessions on Writing, Assessment, ESL learners, Cambridge Curriculum and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics). Teachers across Darwin City primary schools will also be working together to discuss how they use data to inform teaching. This is important in our ongoing striving for improvement in teaching and learning. This professional learning day has been 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, Ilias Hourdas, is offering a Vacation Care program on this day. He will need to know as soon as possible if you need to book a place for your child. Please contact Ilias for vacancies

0438 813211 or larrakeyah.oshc@ntschoos.net

We say farewell to Felicity Manfreda, preschool assistant. Felicity will be taking long service leave and then leaving her position in the preschool. Felicity has worked at the school for 15 years and has seen children from many families enter and leave the preschool and then leave the primary school. Felicity has done a wonderful job and her passion for the environment is evident in the preschool surroundings. Felicity will be missed and we wish her all the best in the future.

This has been a busy and productive term. We are looking forward to ending the term with our whole school STEAM day on Friday. The mid-semester break is next week and we trust students have a safe, enjoyable break. Students resume school on Tuesday 23 April.

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.

Dates to Remember

Monday 8th– Friday 12th April– Easter Egg Guessing Jar Competition.

Friday 12th April– Whole School STEAM Day.

Friday 12th April– Brilliant at being Resilient Performance.

Friday 12th April– End of Term 1.

Monday 22nd April– Easter Monday Public Holiday.

Tuesday 23rd April– Commence Term 2.

Tuesday 23rd April– Commence Mothers Day Raffle.

Wednesday 24th April– ANZAC Day Assembly.

Thursday 25th April– ANZAC Day Public Holiday.

Friday 3rd May– Touch Football Gala Day.

Monday 6th May– May Day Public Holiday.

Tuesday 7th– Friday 10th May– Mothers Day Stalls.

Wednesday 8th May– Middle & Upper trial Sports Day.

Friday 10th May– Whole School Assembly (Hosted by 5 Korfias)

Friday 10th May– Mothers Day Raffle Drawn.

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, Math Focus 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>



Proud Sponsor of Larrakeyah Primary School.



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.



News from the School Board



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have held our second Board meeting on Monday 8th April 2019 and I would like to share some of the highlights from our meeting with you. The Board has discussed and approved the following:

- Submission of a letter to the NT Government to request growth and infrastructure support for 2019 and beyond for our school.
- Development of a new international partnership with Shekou International School in Shenzhen, focusing on STEAM programs and Chinese.
- Professional Development Day for Teachers to be held on Friday 24 May 2019.

Please email me: zepsta@gmail.com if you want clarification on any Board considerations or have any concerns.

Wishing you all a good break!

Zeynep Yaltirakli

Chair Person, Larrakeyah Primary School Board

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

Dear parents and caregivers.

How would you feel if your world was full of garbage? Well, here in Australia, the average person makes about 25 TONNES of landfill waste per year. That's an outrageous 2500 kilograms! Our mission at Larrakeyah Primary School is to reduce our waste by 50% and we need **YOU** to help us save the planet!



REDUCE

Firstly, we need to reduce our waste. Did you know that **5 million TONNES** of food waste ends up in landfill every year? This is disgusting. We need to stop putting our food waste in landfill. The food waste we collected in our audit should have been composted. At school, we have begun collecting all the food waste in compost bins. You can help us by letting us pack our own lunches so we're more likely to eat all the food instead of throwing it out.

REUSE

In addition, we need to start to reuse things such as plastic bags. The average Australian uses 170 plastic bags per year. **150 MILLION** of these end up as litter and only 3% of them are currently being recycled. 200 000 bags are dumped in landfill every HOUR. So many of these bags end up in the ocean, causing 100,000 marine creatures a year **die** from becoming entangled in them.

Support us by bringing your child's lunch in a container. If you must use a plastic or ziplock bags, make sure you tell your child to bring the bag back and reuse it!



RECYCLE

Thirdly, we all need to start recycling. 91% of plastic around the world is not recycled, that is outrageous! We have begun recycling paper, cardboard and juice boxes at school. By recycling our juice boxes we are also making money! You should also ensure that your plastics, cardboard and other recyclables are going into the right bin.



You must now realise that our planet is turning into a disgraceful, ugly garbage dump! Imagine what that would be like! Nasty! We **need** your help to reduce, reuse and recycle our waste by 50%. Let us pack our own lunch, use a compost bin at home, re-use your plastic bags and ensure you recycle your paper and juice boxes. Together, we can make a difference.

- Year 4/5 Smart

Guess the Easter Eggs in the jar!

Come and guess how many Easter Eggs are in the jar for your chance to win the jar!

You can come and guess all week at recess or after school on Tuesday and Wednesday!

Monday 8th—Friday 12th April.



The guessing will be in Ms Korfias room
(Room 8)

50c a guess or \$2 for 5 guesses.

All money raised will be going towards
SLT Fundraising.

Reading Awards

Level 20

Madeline Ashton
Alexander Craig
Ethan Dunne
James Telford
Mai Chi Luong



LEXILE

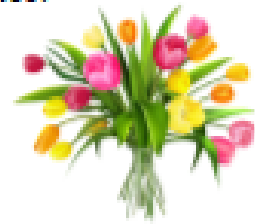
Lilly Cutler
Lydia Nixon
Sierre Grant
Max Wild
Daniel Nguyen
Jayden Douglas
Jesse Gill
Stella Bouhoris
Vivienne Do

Ali Oghli
Alyanna Diana
Chloe Staples
Loretta Earley
Olivia Byrd
Wil Kievit
Jasmin Jones
Neel Massey

LPS- Year 6 International Study Tour Fundraiser



Mother's Day Raffle



\$2 each or 3 for \$5

Drawn: Friday 10th May

Tickets can be purchased from Front Office in Term 2

1st Prize Basket

Approx. Value \$850

- 2x \$250 Flight Centre Gift Cards
- \$200 Dinner Vouchers
- 2 x Cushions
- Reed Defuses
- Tea Cup and Tea Pot set



3rd Prize Basket

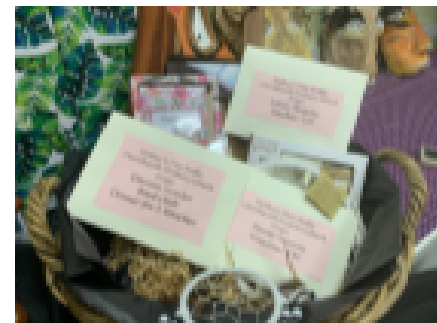
Approx. Value \$200

- \$100 Dinner Vouchers
- Cheese Board and Knife
- Mother Plaque
- Dream Catcher
- Inspirational Wall Hanging

2nd Prize Basket

Approx. Value \$600

- Double Tree by Hilton Voucher
- \$150 Dinner Vouchers
- Butterfly necklace and earrings
- Elephant Picture
- Plush throw rug
- Incense & burner
- Inspirational Wall Hanging



For your support!

Flight Centre, Lola's Pergolas, Fiddlers Green, Darwin Trailer Boat Club,
Parap Tavern, The Pearl Galleria, Double Tree by Hilton, House Table Home,
Yogi's Way

SLT NEWS

- Well done to everyone for participating in the 'Any Coin Challenge' we raised over \$900.
- GRIP Leadership students learnt about Leadership and how they can make a difference to their school.
- Animal Dress Up Day was a success it was a fun day for both students and teachers.
- Starting Term 2 please send any drink containers, aluminium, plastic, paperboard but no glass so we can help the environment and also collect 10c a container.



Easter Raffles please return by Thursday 11th April. Tickets are \$1 each or \$4 for 5. There are also spare raffles at the front office to purchase more. 1st prize is a basket hamper worth \$100. 2nd prize is a Dominoes Pizza Voucher worth \$55. 3rd prize is a jar of Easter Eggs. If you can donate to the school any items for future hampers please drop off to the front office and say it's a donation for SLT.

Thankyou for your support, SLT .



STEAM

science • technology • engineering art • math

DAY

The Whole School STEAM Day will be held on **Friday the 12th of April** from 9:15am - 12:45pm. This Term the Whole School STEAM Day is rotations of activities prepared by the teachers that last for 30 minutes. At 9:15am, teachers will stay in their classrooms and students will move in their Peer Support groups to scheduled classrooms to complete a STEAM activity or challenge within 30 minutes. At the end of the 30 minute session students will move onto the next classroom and activity. There will be a break for recess then the rotations will continue for lessons 3 and 4 after lunch.

Teachers will be providing a STEAM based activity or challenge that they will be facilitating on the day. Activities will be taking place inside their classrooms.

We also have the assistance of our CSIRO Scientist in Schools delegated scientist Kiara Cook, who is a qualified Environmental Scientist, to help out on the day.

Parents and families are welcome to visit during this time and if any parents and families would like to be involved and contribute please contact Bradley King by email bradley.king@ntschoools.net



Larrakeyah Primary



ANZAC Day

Assembly



All parents, carers, veterans & friends are invited to join the students for the ANZAC Day Assembly on



Wednesday 24th April, 2019 at 8:30am to 9am in the Assembly area.

The ceremony will be hosted by our School Captains, Guest Speaker is Mr Braden Searle (Year 6 Teacher/Navy) with a special performance of the “Last Anzac” from our ECA singing group. A photo display of “Our Special ANZAC’s” will guide the pathway for our class wreath layers, and feel free to place a poppy on your family plaque.

Please feel welcome to stay and have a cuppa and ANZAC biscuits after the ceremony to represent the mateship that the ANZAC’s shared.





ANZAC Commemoration Ceremony

Our ANZAC Day commemoration ceremony is on Wednesday 24th April and we would like as many people to be involved as possible.

We have so many proud families at Larrakeyah with military history, so if you have a special ANZAC, a past or current serving member, who you would like to have included in our lawn display, please email a photo (or copy) to Jodie DSM jodie.murdoch@ntschoools.net and provide details of service and the names of the children to go on the plaque in our 'Walk with Our Special ANZACS'. This display keeps the memory of those that have sacrificed and contributed, both in the past and today, relevant and appreciated. The kids are very proud too, to be able to lay a poppy on someone that is part of them and their own family history.

NEWS FROM DSTA

At DKC last week students made dandelion flowers to help celebrate the Month of the Military Child (a U.S. thing) but a good excuse to remind them how special they are. Some students also learnt how to make poppy rosettes for upcoming ANZAC displays. Today the children made Easter cards and a special treat.

Military children bloom everywhere the winds carry them. They are hardy and upright. (Anon)

Happy Easter! Wish you a fun, relaxing and chocolicious school break.

If you are looking for things to do over the break there are heaps of holiday activities to check out your local Larrakeyah Neighbourhood House and Robertson Barracks Family Group who both have a variety of activities and events including an Easter Egg Extravaganza on Good Friday 9am-12noon at the Rattey Club RSVP 12/4/19 \$5 child/\$10 family. So look at their Facebook pages to keep up to date with the fun. Consider visiting public pools, water parks, libraries, cycle ways, Botanical Gardens..... use FB, tourism and Darwin City Council webpages for more information. Other Holiday Activity ideas see the Darwin Family Life www.darwinfamilylife.com.au who also has a FB page with a school holiday guide. Free activities see - City of Darwin Libraries <https://www.darwin.nt.gov.au/community/libraries/kids-and-teens/school-holidays> , Darwin Waterfront, Botanic Gardens. Remember to use your last year's Entertainment Book vouchers before they expire too.

DCO KidSMART workshops will be running on the 15 and 16 April at your local Community Houses. The program is to help primary-age kids manage issues arising from posting, relocation and deployment. KidSMART mascot Tyler Turtle will help kids learn how to manage change, stay connected with friends, meet new people, cope when feeling stressed or anxious (particularly during times of parental absence and deployment), handle emotions and relaxation. Children should bring lunch, snacks and a drink bottle.

8 to 11 year olds workshop

WHERE: Larrakeyah Neighbourhood House, 20 Stevens Terrace WHEN: Tuesday 16 April 2019, 8.30am–2.30pm REGISTER through Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/defence-community-organisation-darwin-15240233051> by Monday 15 April 2019

5 to 7 year olds workshop

WHERE: Robertson Barracks Family Group, Lone Pine Chapel Multiuser Centre, Robertson Barracks
WHEN: Monday 15 April 2019, 8.00am–2.30pm. REGISTER Eventbrite by Friday 12 April 2019

MORE INFO dco.darwin@defence.gov.au or 08 8935 7900 www.defence.gov.au/dco Follow Defence Community Organisation

For families that have had a parent away on deployment and would like to get a medallion for your child in recognition for their strength during this time see www.militarykids.com.au and let me know so I can assist a presentation at school.

This week is the last call for photos of current and past personnel to be included in our "special ANZACs" Assembly lawn display. Please email or drop in the photo with your soldier/nurses/member general details including the student's names so they can be mounted prior to our **ANZAC Assembly**

Wednesday 24/4/19 8:30am. All families welcome!

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Defence Family Helpline 1800 624608