

# Larrakeyah Primary School

Newsletter, Wednesday 8th May, Term 2

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have wonderful staff at Larrakeyah Primary. Please consider submitting a nomination for the 2019 Teaching in the Territory Excellence Awards. To nominate an inspirational and dedicated educator visit the Teaching in the Territory Excellence Awards Nominations can be submitted by school staff, students, parents and guardians and members of the community. Nominations close 4pm on Friday 24 May 2019. Categories include:

- Northern Territory Principal of the Year
- Northern Territory School Leader of the Year
- Northern Territory Primary Teacher of the Year
- Northern Territory Secondary Teacher of the Year
- Northern Territory Aboriginal Educator of the Year
- Northern Territory Special Educator of the Year
- Northern Territory Vocational Education Trainer of the Year
- Northern Territory Education Support Person of the Year

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual assessment program for schools since 2008. Next Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 May, students will undertake the 2019 NAPLAN tests. NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four domains of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children.

## Professional Development Day for Teachers – Friday 24 May

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](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.

## **Dates to Remember**

### **Tuesday 7th May—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.

**Tuesday 14th– Thursday 16th May**– NAPLAN.

**Wednesday 15th—Friday 17th May**– Year 4 Camp Batchelor.

**Friday 17th May**– NAPLAN Catch Up.

**Monday 20th– Thursday 23rd May**– Book Fair.

**Wednesday 22nd May**– School Photo Day.

**Thursday 23rd May**– Early Childhood Assembly. (Hosted by Transition Irwin)

**Friday 24th May**– Professional Development Day (Student Free Day)

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

**Friday 31st May**– Whole School Assembly (Hosted by 2/3 Panatos).

**Wednesday 5th June**– ZONE Athletics.

**Thursday 6th– Friday 7th June**– Year 3 Camp,

## **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>



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## **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.





## ICE BLOCKS

For Sale

After School every Monday,  
Wednesday and Friday.

\$1.00 each

Room 8- Ms Korfias's Class

All money raised will be going  
towards SLT fundraising.

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

# ANZAC Assembly

On Wednesday April 24 we commemorated ANZAC Day at Larrakeyah School. The event was hosted by our School Captains, Skipp Martin and Megan Cannon, who did a fabulous job hosting but also helping to setup our beautiful photo display. Our ECA singing group delighted us with their performance of "The Last ANZAC" that they had been practising all term. Mr Braden Searle,



our year 6 teacher, spoke to the students about ANZAC Day and how important our school value of RESPECT is, not only to our everyday life, but to the Anzac spirit. Students walked along the path of Our Special ANZAC's to lay their class handmade wreath at the base of the flagpole while Squadron Leader Amanda Gloury read the Ode and Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth Thomas assisted Logan to raise the flag. A big thank you to all our terrific volunteers as your support is appreciated.



Once the formalities of the Assembly were complete some guests stayed to share a few Anzac biscuits and classic mateship.



At recess and lunch students got to show off their "Special

ANZAC's" to their friends in the photo display. This encourages students to discover their own family history as well as share their pride with others.



This year we had an extra special display due to it being over 100 years of Service Nursing. Larrakeyah Primary School was very lucky to have a NORFORCE Field Ambulance visit our school.

WO2 Kerrie Lees and Private Jess Ford shared their time, vehicle and knowledge with 15 of our classes. Climbing into the ambulance, playing with equipment including an eye and listening to their heart with a stethoscope really pipped student's curiosity and fun factor. A static display of field ambulances since WW1 and nursing wasn't half as exciting as the seeing the real thing. But discussions of the story of Simpson and his donkey with the colouring in and the medic arm bands continued to engage our students to discover more about our ANZAC Day legends, which many of our classes did, with their own activities and discussions into the ANZAC Day, from poems to poppy's displayed in our library everyone was involved.



## **Defence School Mentor**

Last week students made positive affirmation posters about themselves titled "I Am..." this week it is Mother's Day craft.

Big thank you to Skipp and Megan (hosts), ECA singers, Mr Braden Searle, Amanda Gloury, Kenneth Thomas, Logan Thomas and our wreath layers for assisting to make another ANZAC Day Assembly something to be proud of. Thank you also to Rick Collister, Brad King and Anthony for all the behind the scenes setup to make it run smoothly. Thanks to NORFORCE for allowing a G-wagon Field Ambulance visit and WO2 Lees and Private Ford for displaying it to the children. It was "so cool!" Thanks to all the parents who shared in the commemoration, it is always great to have you attend.

An email requesting information of those families with a parental absence due to training, exercise or deployment has gone out this week. Please, even if you have already mentioned it to me, can you confirm so I can make sure your child gets a bit extra attention while this is happening. Also consider tapping into your Defence Community networks and resources, including DCO, community houses, Defence Family Helpline and Open Arms and Kookaburra Kids. Don't hesitate to pop in for a chat if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child while your partner is away.

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](http://www.militarykids.com.au) and let me know so I can assist with a presentation at school.

DSM Cuppa and Cake on Friday 17 May at 8:30am in the Staffroom. Good opportunity each term to catch up with myself and other Defence parents over a cuppa, cake and Timtams.

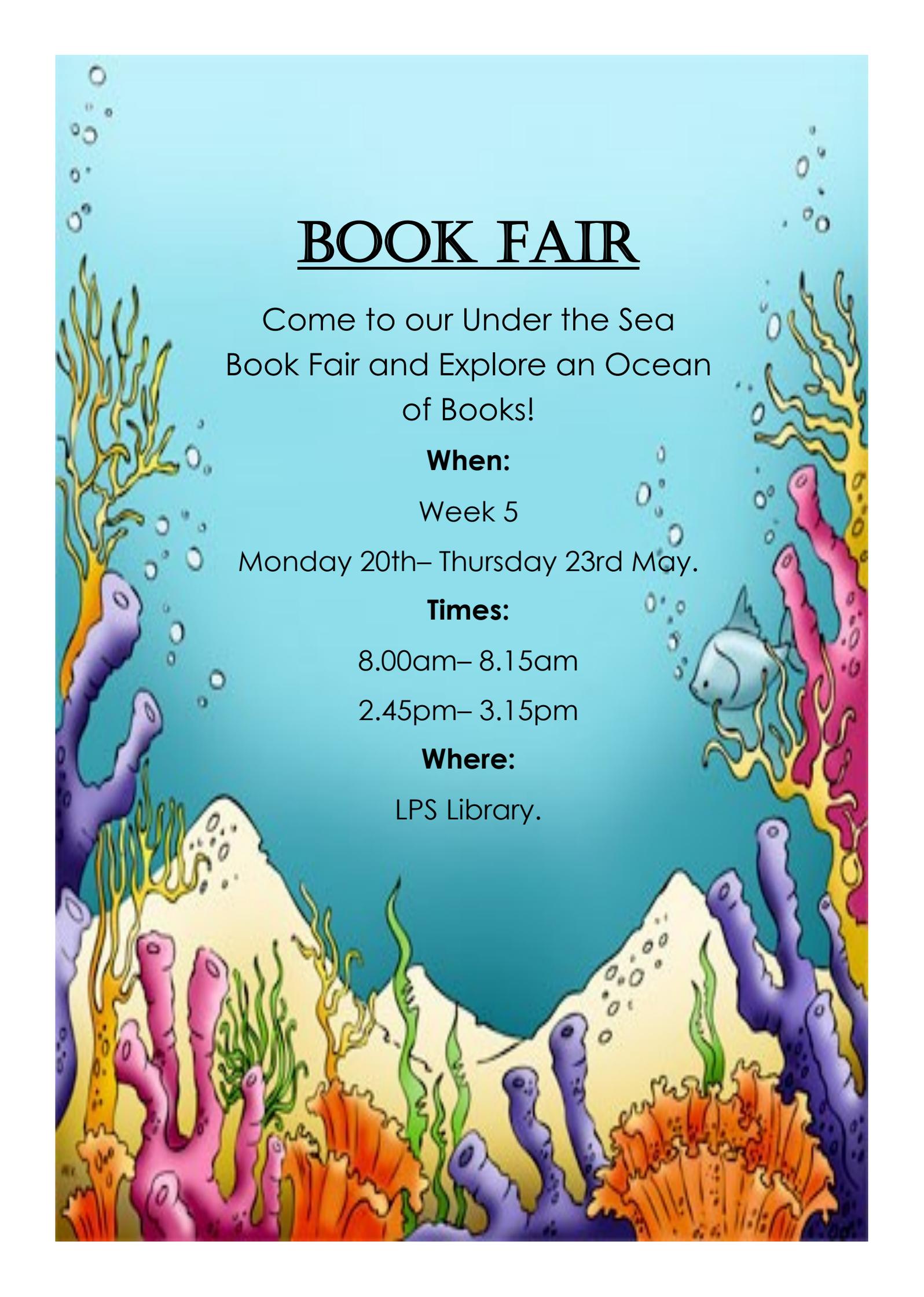
To all our wonderful Mum's, I hope you enjoy your Mother's Day and get totally spoilt with love.

**Jodie Murdoch - DSM**  
**Helpline 1800 624608**

89813211

[jodie.murdoch@ntschoools.net](mailto:jodie.murdoch@ntschoools.net)

**Defence Family**

An underwater scene with a light blue background. In the foreground, there are various colorful coral reefs in shades of purple, pink, orange, and yellow. Bubbles of different sizes are scattered throughout the water. A single silver fish is swimming on the right side of the image. The overall style is cartoonish and vibrant.

# BOOK FAIR

Come to our Under the Sea  
Book Fair and Explore an Ocean  
of Books!

**When:**

Week 5

Monday 20th– Thursday 23rd May.

**Times:**

8.00am– 8.15am

2.45pm– 3.15pm

**Where:**

LPS Library.



# Mothers Day Stalls

Come and have a look on  
Tuesday 7th May— Friday 10th May.

**Recess= Transition —Year 2**

**Lunch= Year 3 — Year 6**

**Stall is located out side Ms Korfias's (Room 8).**

Come and grab a bargain!  
Items for sale are \$5.00 or \$10.00

**All money raised will be going  
towards SLT Fundraising.**

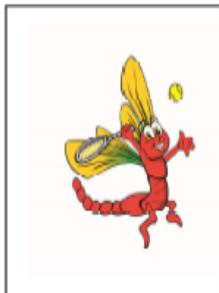


# 12yrs & under Tennis Squad 2019

You have been invited to nominate to participate in the 12yrs & under Tennis Development Camp as part of the Darwin Region. Your nomination form must be completed, signed by your school principal and submitted to the Darwin Region School Sport Admin Assistant ([darwinregion.ssnt@ntschoools.net](mailto:darwinregion.ssnt@ntschoools.net)) by **8th May** to be eligible for selection.

Darwin Region will be selecting 10 boys and 10 girls to the 12yrs & under Tennis Development Camp.

Nominated students must then attend 2 of the following match play sessions to be eligible for selection.



TRIALS			
Day	Date	Time	Venue
Friday	10 <sup>th</sup> May	6.30 – 8.00pm	Garden's Tennis Courts
	17 <sup>th</sup> May		
Saturday	11 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00am – 12.00pm	Tennis World, Marrara
	18 <sup>th</sup> May		

All successful team members will receive information about the camp and an invoice to make payment and a program once confirmed.

**Ages for participation:** 10 and 12 years (born no later than 2009 and no earlier than 2007).

Because the NT has an age dispensation in the School Sport Australia level, a percentage of players in the team may be turning 13 in the second half of the year of competition - i.e. born in 2006 between 1st July and 31st December.

**The Levy for this event is \$315.00**

## Event Information

Date: June 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>

Host: School Sport NT

Venue: Gardens Tennis Centre

## Team Official

Please contact the following team management with any questions or concerns:

**Darwin Region Coach:** Sam Giess      [sgiestennis@gmail.com](mailto:sgiestennis@gmail.com)      0421 411 664

**Darwin Region Manager:** Tooba Awais      [Tooba.awais@ntschoools.net](mailto:Tooba.awais@ntschoools.net)      0422158709

**Darwin Region Manager:** Emily Rains      [emily.rains@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:emily.rains@nt.catholic.edu.au)      0449 184 300

# 12 Years and Under Cricket



## SELECTION TRIALS

Boys & Girls

Ages 10—12 (age as of 31st of December) & students turning 13 between 1st July—31st December 2019.

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.

DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE
TUESDAY	14TH MAY	3.30 - 5.00PM	Marrara Cricket Ground
WEDNESDAY	15TH MAY	3.30 - 5.00PM	
THURSDAY	16TH MAY	3.30 - 5.00PM	

See your teacher for a trial permission note or contact the Darwin Region School Sport Office.

Contact the Darwin Region School Sport Coordinator for more information



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m: 0437 001 735 e: hannah.roll@ntschoools.net

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p: 08 8997 7518 e: darwinregion.ssnt@ntschoools.net

# 12 Years and Under Touch Football

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# O'Loughlin Catholic College

## Year 6 Open Day & Year 6 Information Evening

### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Year 6 Open Day 9:00am to 2:00pm

Year 6 Information Evening 5:30pm to 7:00pm

We invite prospective Year 7 students for 2020 to come and experience what a day in 'Middle School' may be like and to find out what the College has to offer!



Meet the teaching staff and students  
Participate in teaching and learning activities  
Check out the facilities



For bookings, contact: [secretary.oloughlin@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:secretary.oloughlin@nt.catholic.edu.au)  
Mueller Road, Karama - phone number: 8945 1277



## Save the Date – An Evening of Stargazing Tuesday May 14th

**ANU superstar Astrophysicist Dr Brad Tucker will visit Darwin High to talk about *the Universe and the future of space* followed by an evening of stargazing with the audience.**

In the past few decades, rapid progress in technology has led to a complete change in our view of the Universe. In the next few decades, this will change even more as we become an inter-planetary species. Dr Brad Tucker will talk about some of these discoveries, from planets around other stars, to exploring the Universe and maybe even visiting other planets, and show we are now turning science fiction into reality.

**Dr Brad Tucker** is an Astrophysicist/Cosmologist, and currently a Research Fellow at the Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics, Mt. Stromlo Observatory and the National Centre for the Public Awareness of Science at ANU. Brad received Bachelor's degrees in Physics, Philosophy, and Theology from the University of Notre Dame. He then undertook a PhD at Mt. Stromlo Observatory at the Australian National University. He is currently working on projects trying to discover the true nature of dark energy, the mysterious substance causing the accelerating expansion of the Universe, which makes up 70% of the Universe. He's one of the leads of the Kepler Extra-Galactic Survey, a Kepler Space Telescope Key Program, to understand why and how stars blow up. He is also leading a project to build a network of ultraviolet telescopes in the upper atmosphere, which are being built at Mt. Stromlo, a search to find Planet 9 - a hypothetical new planet on the edges of our Solar System, as well as a new mission to capture and mine an asteroid.

**Stargazing with Dr Tucker will take place after the event outside on oval at Darwin High School. Feel free to bring your own telescope to stargaze.**

**To book for the event please book through <https://www.anu.edu.au/events/the-universe-and-the-future-of-space-darwin-nt>**

**For enquiries, please email [sophie.mcconnell@ntschoools.net](mailto:sophie.mcconnell@ntschoools.net)**



# WINDOWS DAY 2019



## STRONG TOGETHER

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

St John's Catholic College supports students in transitioning from Primary School to Secondary School with our "Windows Into St John's Days."

These days aim to facilitate a seamless transition for students from Primary School to Secondary School through experiencing a regular school day.



### 2019 Windows into St John's Catholic College Days

Wednesday 29 May, 2019 | Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School  
Wednesday 5 June, 2019 | St Mary's Catholic Primary School  
Wednesday 19 June, 2019 | St Paul's Catholic Primary School

Students from other schools are also welcome

Parents are welcomed to attend the information sessions from 5:30pm - 6:30pm in the MP Room after each Windows Day.

Windows Days provide an opportunity for students to learn about our St John's Community, form friendships and reduce stress by experiencing a regular school day.

We invite families to make contact with the College for more information. All are welcome.

A CO-EDUCATIONAL SECONDARY COLLEGE  
OFFERING DAY AND BOARDING SCHOOLING

☎ 08 8982 2222

📍 10 - 54 SALONIKA STREET, THE GARDENS | LMB 13, DARWIN NT 0801

✉ ADMIN.STJOHNS@NT.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU

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JOIN US IN 2019 FOR

# Windows Day



EXPERIENCE A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A STUDENT AT ST JOHN'S

WEDNESDAY 29 MAY, 2019  
HOLY SPIRIT  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY 6 JUNE, 2019  
ST MARY'S CATHOLIC  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE, 2019  
ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

A CO-EDUCATIONAL SECONDARY COLLEGE OFFERING DAY AND BOARDING SCHOOLING. ALL WELCOME.