

Larrakeyah Primary School

Newsletter, Wednesday 13th October, Term 4

Dear Parents and Guardians,

With COVID restrictions this year, there have been changes to a number of event formats. This year, there were video entries for the Tournament of Minds (ToM) instead of the live team performances at CDU. We are extremely proud of our students. The Larrakeyah ToM team was awarded second place in the Social Science category in this year's competition. It was a phenomenal achievement considering there were 92 entries! Congratulations to the Et Conquistador team: Liam Ward, Andreas Liveris, Elijah Tyrrell, Anika Abraham, Tallula Van Der Mark, Nokthor Tripura and Neel. Thank you to Mrs Beale for facilitating our ToM's team.

The BEAT was also not held at the Darwin Entertainment Centre this year. Instead, the event "Flight" was filmed. Our students participated in a dance segment. Well done to Sophie Hannon, Cai Jerrett, Skye Latham, Naomi Manahan, Shail Matookchund, Evangeline Robinson, Sinate Tabilai, Skyler Walo, Olivia, Evanie and Cora. Thank you to Mrs Vrettis for rehearsing with our BEAT dance students.

At the end of last term, our Year 5/6 students held the QUEST Expo to showcase their learnings from the QUEST program. QUEST is aimed to connect and inspire students, bringing real life contexts to the modern day classroom by using industry professionals and 21st Century learning skills (creativity, critical thinking, collaboration and communication) through project based inquiry learning. The QUEST Expo highlighted the inquiry projects - water sustainability, hospitality, forensic sciences, solar power, photography, media, cultural dance, VR technology and the fishing industry. Although adjusted for COVID restrictions – the QUEST Expo was very successful. A big thank you to Moorish Café and Lola's Pergola for their generous donations and support of the restaurateurs.

Thank you to Amanda Holtham, NT Port Manager, Qube Ports Pty Ltd, for continuing to organise 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. Thanks to Qube Ports, each term a class will receive an award/class prize for their consistent good behaviour and good standing in the school. Last term, the winning class for the award was Transition/Year 1 Dawson – congratulations.

Professional Development Day for Teachers – Friday 6th November

Friday 6th November is a professional development day for teachers. Teachers will be involved in professional development sessions based on the 'unpacking' of the 2020 recent school review report and the planning process for the implementation of the recommendations.

Teachers learning and working collaboratively will ensure that the school continues to move forward as well as build on the areas identified in the Teaching and Learning Improvement Framework outlined in the 2020 school review. 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, Illias Hourdas, is offering a Vacation Care program on this day. Please contact Illias to check for vacancies 0438 813211 or Larrakeyah.oshc@ntschoools.net

In preparation for class planning next year, we need to know if students will not be attending Larrakeyah Primary in 2021. Please complete the attached form and return to school asap if your child will not be attending the school next year.

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.

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>



Dates to Remember

Tuesday 13th—Thursday 22nd

October

Early Childhood Swimming

(Transition's, Year 1's and Year 1/2 Z+R)

Monday 19th—Thursday 29th

October

Book Fair.

Monday 19th—Friday 30th October

PAT Testing.

Wednesday 21st October

ECA Begins.

Monday 26th October —Thursday 5th November

Middle Primary Swimming

(Year 2's, Year 3's and Year 3/4 Timms).

INTERESTED IN LEARNING A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT OR SINGING?

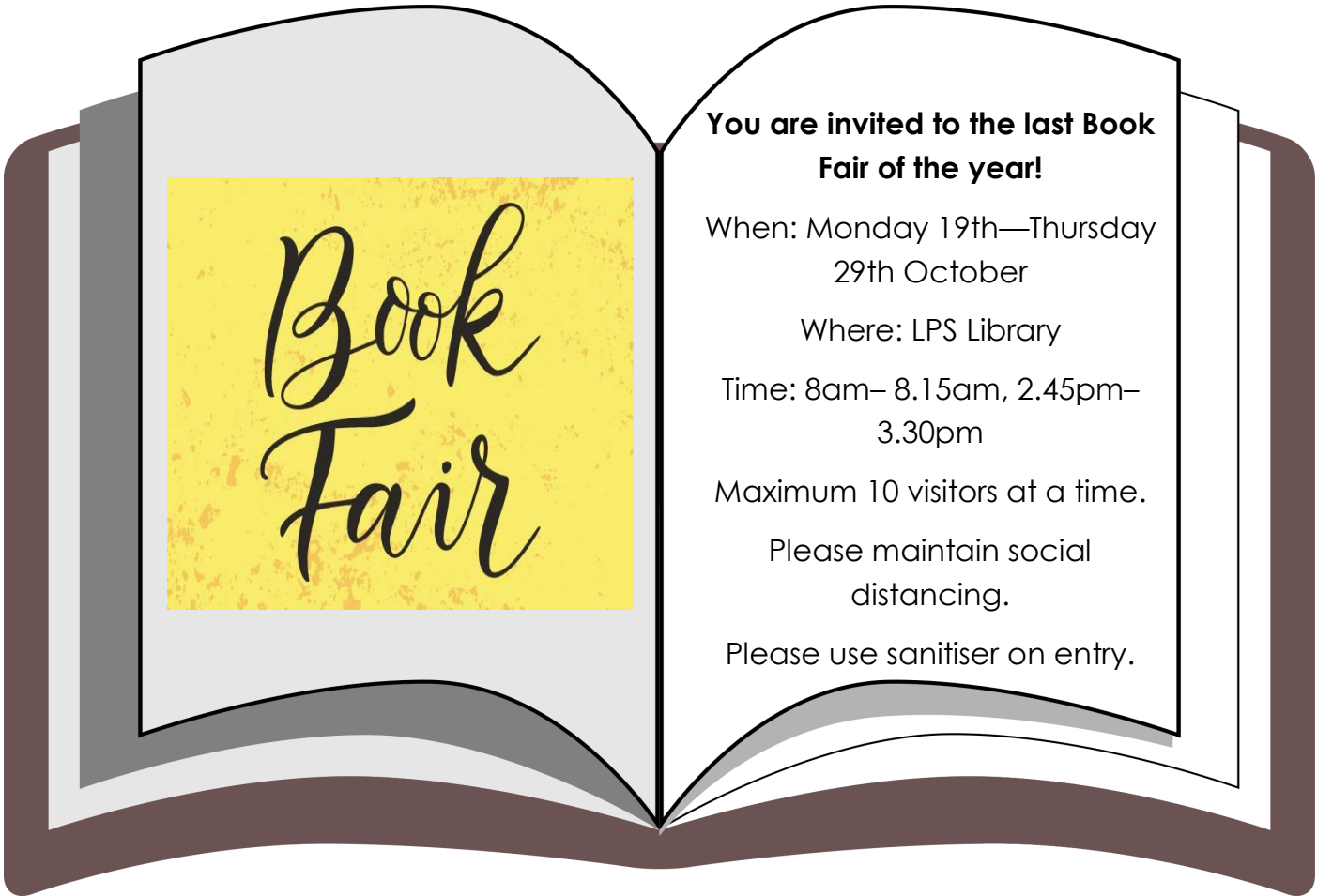


Enrolment applications are now open for new and continuing students in the NT Music School's 2021 Instrumental and Choir Program. Instrumental lessons are offered during school hours for students in Year 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 on flute, clarinet, saxophone, guitar, trumpet, trombone and percussion. Lessons are free with a \$50 contribution requested on placement and instrument hire from \$125. Choir is by audition and rehearsals happen after school.

Apply online now to secure your interest at www.ntms.net.au

Applications close—Friday 18 December 2020.

Should you require further assistance phone the NT Music School on 8963 5550.



Book Fair

You are invited to the last Book Fair of the year!

When: Monday 19th—Thursday 29th October

Where: LPS Library

Time: 8am– 8.15am, 2.45pm– 3.30pm

Maximum 10 visitors at a time.

Please maintain social distancing.

Please use sanitiser on entry.



READING AWARDS

Level 10

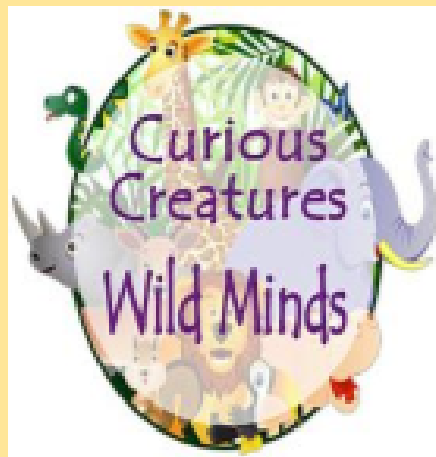
Amelia Dyson
Tom Nguyen
Billy Jamieson
Charlotte Menz
Anna Ananda

Level 20

Miheli
Arachchillage

Lexile

Ethan Dunne
Kayla Perrins
Kyren Godden
Lingfei Zhang
Nina Ganley



CBCA Book Week 2020

OCTOBER 17-23

Come dressed as a curious creature from a book you have read and loved! Be ready to tell everyone why you chose this creature from your much-loved book.

When? Friday 23 October

Why? To celebrate our love of reading.

And...for a chance to win your class's best-dressed creature who can convince everyone that this book is worth reading.

What? Each winner receives a gift voucher to be spent at the BOOK FAIR.



Defence School Mentor

Hello and Welcome back for term 4!

Hope you all enjoyed your school holidays and got a chance to have some fun and recharge your batteries for a busy term ahead. Term 4 is starting with a splash literally so please remember to pack your child's hat, bathers, towel, water bottle and healthy lunch all with their name on. With the extra swimming activity little bodies can get super-duper tired so it may effect mood and behaviours so please keep that in mind for suitable bedtimes.

For term 4 the D.S.M. timetable reverts back to 3 days a week so I will now be here Tuesday and Wednesday 8:30am-3pm and Friday 8:30am-1:30pm. Please feel free to email or phone or pop in for a chat on those days.

Last Term, Defence Kids Club (every Wednesday lunchtime in MP room) focused on Resilience, this term we will have Remembrance Day Activities and the focus will change to fun activities about moving and friends, including The Hermit Crab program to help with the challenges and attitude towards moving and change.

For a number of our Defence families you will be consolidating your households and preparing to post out of Darwin for new locations. The hunt for houses, schools.... is now on. It is a very stressful time for the whole family. Please let your teachers, myself and the school know you're going so we can help support your child during the lead up to the big changes ahead as well as with farewell activities and preparations for the new school.

Some links to help with the preparation to move: <https://www.defence.gov.au/DCO/Military-life/Moving-relocation/before-during.asp> <https://www.defencecommunityhub.org.au/>, <https://ext.defence.gov.au/postingconnect>

I would encourage everyone to get on the DCO webpage <https://www.defence.gov.au/DCO> and Facebook page as well as your local neighbourhood pages Larrakeyah Neighbourhood House and Robertson Barracks Family Group to keep up with fun supportive activities, upcoming events and webinars on offer to ADF families. For those interested in upcoming webinars see Eventbrite to register:
MWDU on 15/10/20- <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/an-adf-families-webinar-mwdumaking-home-in-2-locations-3-tickets-122010331185>
22/10/20 Deployment- <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/an-adf-family-webinar-deploymentpreparing-for-the-return-and-beyond-2-tickets-124962208329>
21/10/20- <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/an-adf-families-event-absence-from-home-coffee-conversations-darwin-tickets-122183956503>

Please remember the Defence Family Helpline 1st stop for information and support 24/7
1800 624 608.

Open Arms 1800 011 046 <https://www.openarms.gov.au/who-we-help/children> have a variety of different programs and counselling services to help individuals, families and children.

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