

Larrakeyah Primary School

Newsletter, Wednesday 28th October, Term 4

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This Friday 30th October is World Teachers' Day. In our increasingly complex and rapidly changing societies, teachers' tasks are more demanding and challenging than ever before. World Teachers' Day provides an opportunity for others to acknowledge teachers' contributions to education and recognise the dedication and commitment that teachers provide for today's children both in and out of the classroom. We have excellent teachers at Larrakeyah Primary who would be very appreciative of a word of thanks on this special day. Congratulations to Carmel Spruhan, Tayla Rutherford, Donna Jentz and Jodie Murdoch who were nominated for the Teaching in the Territory Excellence Awards. Congratulations to Carmel Spruhan who has been listed as a finalist in the 2020 Teaching in the Territory Excellence Awards (Primary Teacher of the Year category). Well done Carmel! The award winners will be announced this Friday on World Teacher's Day.

We had 160 responses to our parent perception survey last term. Thank you very much to those who responded as it is information that we consider to make further improvements for the school. Parent survey data is on the school website.

The Department of Health is conducting COVID compliance checks for schools. Our school was checked by a public health officer from the Department of Health and passed the check. This means we are compliant with all the COVID safety measures that are required to be in place.

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, Ilias Hourdas, is offering a Vacation Care program on this day. Please contact Ilias 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](https://larrakeyahprimary.com.au/blog)



Dates to Remember

Monday 19th—Friday 30th October

PAT Testing.

**Monday 26th October —Thursday 5th
November**

Middle Primary Swimming

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

Friday 6th November

Professional Development Day.

Monday 9th—Thursday 19th

November

Upper Primary Swimming

(Year 4/5 Smart, Year 4's, Year 5's and Year
6's)

Wednesday 11th November

Remembrance Day.

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.

News from the School Board

The Larrakeyah Primary School Board met on Monday, with a focus on traffic issues in the vicinity of the school.

The Darwin City Council has decreed that the Larrakeyah Naval Base entry will be returned to Packard Street for as much of the Larrakeyah Barracks Redevelopment Project as possible. The School Board is extremely concerned for the safety of students should they implement the currently planned measures. In addition to the reintroduction of two way traffic on Packard Street, the City of Darwin is going to eliminate all parking on both sides of Packard Street in the school block so that a right turn / U-turn queuing lane can be established to reduce traffic congestion. The Larrakeyah Primary School board is extremely concerned for the safety of parents and students if this measure is implemented as it requires pedestrians to negotiate two lines of traffic moving in opposite directions that are separated by a third lane of quasi stationary queuing vehicles. The solution appears to prioritise traffic flow and the amenity of Larrakeyah Terrace over pedestrian safety and student access considerations.

The City of Darwin did engage Tonkin Consulting Pty Ltd to provide a Road Safety Assessment which included recommendations on how to manage traffic for the remainder of the project. The School Board has identified and formally notified Tonkin Consulting of several issues with the analysis in this report, and does not have confidence in the proposed solution as either being safe or fit for purpose. The responses received from both the City of Darwin and Tonkin Consulting to our formal letters of concern have been dismissive and appear to show no real appreciation of our concerns.

Ultimately, the responsibility for the street design for traffic and pedestrian safety on Packard Street rests with the City of Darwin, however the Board will continue to press for an outcome that prioritises the safety of students.

The Board is still endeavouring to obtain additional infrastructure to cater for increasing numbers of students. The school expects that student enrolments will continue to increase broadly in line with historical trends - the number of students currently enrolled at the school is still greater than it was at the same time last year despite the affect of COVID travel restrictions.

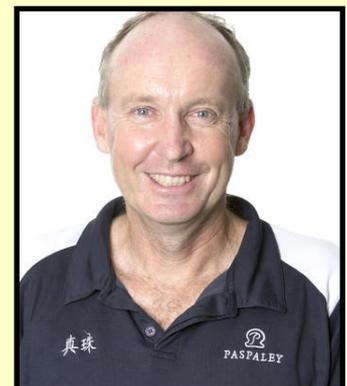
An update to the Preschool enrolment policy was also approved at the board meeting. This updated policy reinforces the applicability of the priority enrolment area to prospective Preschool students.

We are very fortunate in the Territory with the increased liberties that we enjoy in the new COVID normal compared to many other states and territories. One highlight for the school community is the resumption of parent attendance at school assemblies in a COVID safe manner. Please continue to be COVID safe and avoid complacency so that we can continue to enjoy these freedoms.

Regards

Chad Banfield

Chairperson





APPLE FOR THE TEACHER 2020

Mr George Mamouzellos, Year 4, has been nominated for Hot100 and Harvey Norman's Apple for the Teacher in 2020!

Please show your support and follow the link to cast your vote. You will need to select 'Larrakeyah Primary School' from the drop down menu. You may vote for as many times as you would like.

<https://www.hot100fm.com.au/win/apple-for-the-teacher/vote-now>



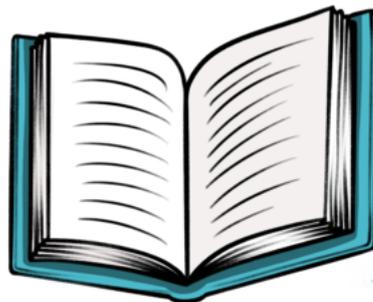
READING AWARDS

Level 20

Hannah Mercado
Linh Huynh
Manvi Manvi
Max Dickerson
Risma Puri
Sampurna Sapkota
Sera Hewage
Tamara Buadromo
Zach Rosier

Lexile

Otto De Wit

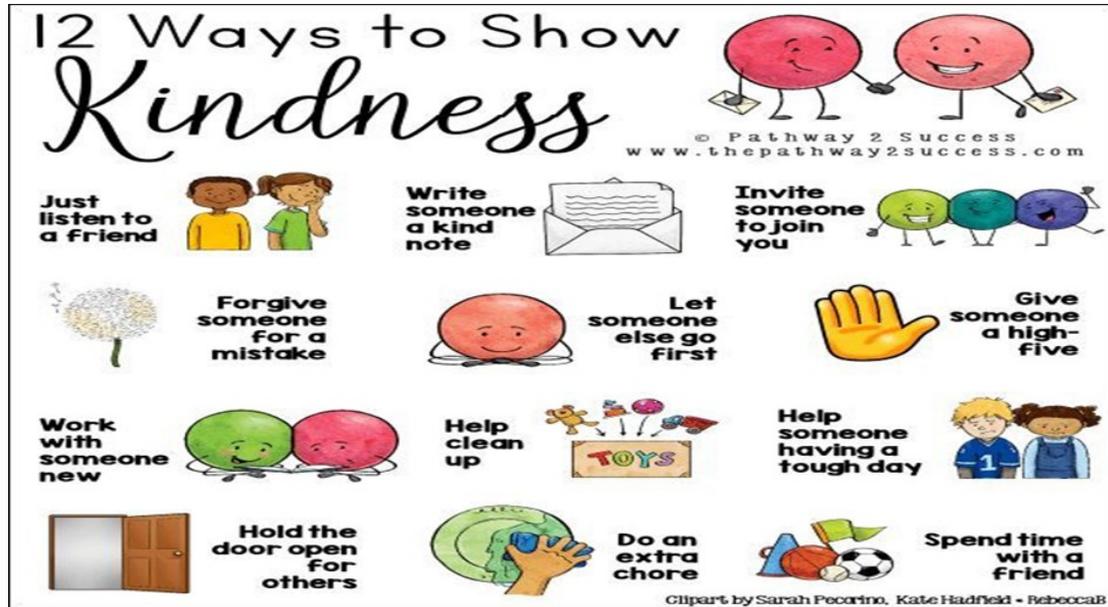




SLT NEWS



Thank you to Domino's Pizza Darwin
City for sponsoring SLT with pizza
vouchers.



Remembrance Day Display

Did you have a great, great, grandfather in the war? Do you have an uncle or aunty that sails away on a Navy ship? Family that went to faraway lands to protect others? What is your family's military history? Do you know? Well if you do then please share.

Our display of those that have sacrificed in past and those that continue to contribute to our peacekeeping efforts we remember them. Please send in or email a photo with name, rank, & relevant information to Jodie.murdoch@ntschoools.net so your special person to remember can be included in the lawn display for students to see, discuss and consider.

F.a.B. Library

Friends at Breaks

Friends at Breaks (F.a.B.) is our new recess program for students from Transition to Year 6 to meet new people and make new friends. The program is supervised by teachers and supported by our SLT. We have had a great time so far with lots of different students interacting and playing games in the Library.



F.a.B. Outside

Friends at Breaks

We have had our first F.a.B. Outside, which happens once a fortnight. We enjoyed large outside games and the fresh air. All having a laugh and getting along. We look forward to the arrival of some more outside games later in the term.



2020 CHRISTMAS RAFFLE!!!!

Calling on Donations

We are seeking donations towards our Christmas raffle. Gift cards or items that could be included in a hamper would be much appreciated. Raffle Tickets are sent home to be sold to family and friends.

\$2 each or 3 for \$5

Please drop off all donations to the school front office.

Raffle tickets and raffle ticket money are to be returned by Friday 11th of December.

The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 16th December.

Thank you for your support, from the LPS Board.



Defence School Mentor

Reminder: this term I will be here for 3 days a week, 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. The Defence Walking Bus will be on route again this term for Tuesday & Wednesday afternoons. If you would like your student to be picked up from class and walked to the Defence/School gate so parents do not need to come into the school then please email me so we put them on the pickup list. Or they can just join in the fun.

Remembrance Day is fast approaching so our Defence Kids Club activities will include poppy making. An assembly is planned to commemorate Remembrance Day (further details will be sent home later) so if you have any ideas to make it more special please let me know. If you haven't already, consider your own Military Family history (past & present) and send in a photo of your special military persons with a little information about them to be included in our Soldiers Walk photo display. This reminds us of the contribution and sacrificed in their time of service. It allows the children to delve into their own family history whether it was a long time ago or only recently, and know the importance of it.

If you are leaving LPS and relocating for a new posting elsewhere, please email me the date of your last day at LPS, location of posting, new school (if known) and if you require a new blue school passport or an update of your existing one. This will allow me to organise mementos and farewell activities for your student prior to departure.

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>, <https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/school-learning/school-choosing-starting-moving/moving-schools>

I really like this parenting website it has lots of great advice and practical information that can help with many of the parenting challenges that we face, <https://raisingchildren.net.au> it is supported by medical, educational and Govt. bodies to give guidance on a multitude of topics. Check it out!

If there is a Parent away on service for deployment or training, please let me know so your child can continue to receive Absent Parent Support at school and teachers can be advised if there is a noticeable change in student behaviour. Maybe just needing a little extra TLC.

The TopEnder Tri-Service Magazine has a new email address admin@thetopendermagazine.org.au so if, for whatever reason, you aren't receiving this little gem of information every few months contact them. The magazine made for Defence Families by Defence Families is still looking for contributions and people to join the committee. Next meeting at DEB 29/10/20 at 5:30pm <http://www.thetopendermagazine.org.au/>

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 including Cyclone Information Sessions see Eventbrite to register: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/defence-community-organisation-darwin-15240233051>

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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Defence Family Helpline 1800 624608