



Larrakeyah Primary School

Newsletter, Wednesday 16th December, Term 4

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our Early Childhood STEAM Day last Friday was a huge success. The students were so engaged using the 4C skills – communication, collaboration, creativity and critical thinking. Thank you to the staff for organising the wonderful activities.

Congratulations to all students who received awards at our Awards Presentation Assembly. It is always a lovely celebration of our students' success. Thank you to Kerry Hudson, A/Executive Director, School Improvement and Leadership, Department of Education), Chad Banfield, Kenny Grant, Evan Tyrell and Ridwan Hoque (Larrakeyah Primary School Board members) for presenting awards. Thank you also to the parents who attended.

Last night we had the Year 6 graduation. Congratulations to our Year 6 students on completing their primary years. They have been a wonderful group of students and we all wish them well in middle school next year. We say farewell to Joshua Timms, Tayla Rutherford, Steve Lineham and Emily Tutty. Joshua will experience teaching in a secondary school next year whilst Tayla, Steve and Emily are leaving the Northern Territory to move interstate. We say farewell and have appreciated their contributions to our school. We wish them all the best with their teaching careers. We are pleased that Charlotte Moody, who has been teaching in a remote school this year, is returning to our school for first semester next year.

A reminder to parents that 2021 draft class lists are displayed outside the front office. This list will be in draft as staff changes can occur prior to the commencement of the 2021 school year. Student reports have been sent home with students. COVID-19 this year meant that we were learning in a changing landscape. However, we were prepared and managed the changes. Given COVID restrictions that have been in place, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our school community for continuing to work in strong partnership with our school. We have had an excellent school board who have supported Larrakeyah Primary to continue to operate as an Independent Public School. School board members have also used their skills and expertise to consistently lobby and support funding for additional infrastructure to further improve our school. Thank you also to all parent volunteers who have given us their time to support in various ways throughout the year. Your support has been greatly appreciated.

It has been another highly successful and rewarding year at Larrakeyah Primary. We wish you all a safe and merry Christmas. A reminder that tomorrow (Thursday 17th December) is the last day of the school year. The front office will be open for purchasing school resources packs, uniforms and making parent voluntary contributions from Monday 18th January 2021.

Please note that students resume on **Monday 1st February 2021**.

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.

News from the School Board

It has certainly been an interesting and challenging year, and we are very fortunate that the school has been able to continue to offer face to face teaching throughout the whole year. Whilst it is a little disappointing that some feature activities weren't able to be accomplished, we are so fortunate that has been so little impact on the continuity and quality of the education of our children compared to in other states. The Board would like to thank the Principal Fathma Mauger and her School Leadership Team for their hard work and dedication; and it was great to see the results of these efforts and those of all members of the school community recognised in the outstanding School Review that was completed earlier this year.

The school met with the Darwin City Council and Tonkin last week to discuss the ongoing traffic arrangements associated with the Larrakeyah Barracks Redevelopment Project. The meeting was very positive with the Darwin City Council agreeing to abandon the proposal for three lanes of traffic in Packard Street as originally proposed. After the end of this school term, the Council has decreed that the main access to the Naval Base will return to Packard Street, at which point two way traffic in Packard Street will also be restored. When this occurs, parents should continue to use Larrakeyah Terrace and Murray Street to access the Kiss and Go facility in the school grounds as this will help control congestion and enhance pedestrian safety. The Darwin City Council has also agreed to investigate the establishment of a school crossing in Packard Street between the main entrance to the school and Murray Street, and if things progress well we should see this in place before the beginning of Term 1 next year. With the changes to the traffic arrangements that will be occurring over the school holidays extra vigilance will be required, as well as continued consideration and patience to enhance the safety of pedestrians. Further information will be provided to families during the school holidays.

The Board met with the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics last month to advance infrastructure projects so that the school can continue to cater for increasing numbers of students. The school board is directly funding further design work for the classrooms that form Stage 1 of the Master Plan – this is to allow these projects to continue progressing whilst funding for construction is being sought. Whilst next year will be challenging to cater for the anticipated student population with the current number of classrooms, the situation is currently expected to become critical in 2022. As parents, you can help by keeping key decision makers in government aware of this need for additional infrastructure at the school.

The end of the school year is rapidly approaching, and would like to wish members of the school community and their families a happy, and safe time during this break. I'd like to thank the contribution of the members of the School Board that served this year, and appreciate the expertise that they have brought to the Board. Two parent representative positions will become vacant next year, and we encourage interested parents to consider standing for election at the AGM.

And finally, for those that celebrate Christmas we wish you a Merry Christmas, and to everyone we'd like to wish you happy and prosperous New Year.

Regards

Chad Banfield

Chairperson

Larrakeyah Primary School Board



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

Thursday 17th December

Last Day of Term 4.

Thursday 17th December

Year 6 Assembly.

Monday 1st February

Students Resume, Term 1 2021.

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.

Enrolment at Larrakeyah Primary School in 2021

Please complete if your child/children **will not be** (other than year 6 students) attending Larrakeyah Primary School in 2021.

Return to the office by hard copy or email,
larrakeyah.admin@ntschoools.net as soon as possible.

My child /children **will not be** attending Larrakeyah Primary School in 2021.

<i>Names of child/children</i>	<i>Current Year Level/s</i>	<i>Destination</i>

Parent Name:

Parent Signature:



TERM 4 NETBALL



In Term 4 on Wednesday evenings, Larrakeyah Primary School had two teams participate in a school-based wet season netball competition at Marrara. We had a 3/4 team led by Mrs Tutty and a 5/6 team led by Miss Perryman. A big thank you to both teachers for donating their time (with the assistance of Mr King), as well as Jamie Hannon and Kristie Mackenzie for umpiring each week. Thank you also to all families for helping their children to and from Marrara each week, washing bibs and scoring.

Both teams performed well above the standard and this is a testament to not only exceptional coaching, but also the work Mr King has done in PE with them over the last two years making netball a focus sport. As a result, the Year 3/4 team won 7 out of 8 games, and the Year 5/6 team were UNDEFEATED! As you can see, an outstanding result.

The sportsmanship, skill and respect the students consistently showed on court was reflective of Larrakeyah Primary School and all participants should be incredibly proud.

Congratulations to all.

YEAR 3

Madison Muller
Nina Ganley
Laila Morgan

YEAR 4

Imogen Aitchison
Evie Morgan
Robyn Tutty
Jasmine Banfield
Molly Peel

YEAR 5

Sajana Nakandage
Mia Anderson
Stella Bouhoris
Anna Koulianos

YEAR 6

Skyler Walo
Max Mackenzie
Sinate Tabilai
Jack Jones
Cora Ta'ala-Segi
Lucia Venturin
DJ Cleanthous
Sophie Hannon



5 Korfias News

Miss Jenny Nguyen with Year 5 Korfias completed her final placement at Larrakeyah Primary School. It was a pleasure to mentor Miss Nguyen and we wish her all the best in her teaching career.



SLT NEWS

SLT visited the NT Parliament House in which they had the opportunity to ask Mr Paul Kirby questions about his leadership journey and style, as well as have a reflection of the year, 2020. Thank you Mr Kirby for your support. SLT planted a kindness tree which is placed next to the buddy bench. This is a legacy tree of the Student Leadership Team 2020. Being kind was a focus this year as SLT believed being kind makes the world a better place. Thank you to the Tyrrell family for your support with choosing the plant and pot. We look forward to watching it grow like kindness in our school.



\$120.00 Per Child Per Camp

Camp 1 - Tuesday 22nd Dec & Wednesday 23rd Dec

Camp 2 - Tuesday 5th January & Wednesday 6th January 2021

Camp 3 - Tuesday 12th January & Wednesday 13th January 2021



MINECRAFT

Do you enjoy playing Minecraft? Do you like learning in fun ways? If your answer is yes and you are in Grade 3, 4, 5 or 6 then come join us in the school holidays for a 2day camp. No Minecraft experience necessary!

Venue: MALAK PRIMARY SCHOOL

8:30am -2:00pm

Camps are designed to:

- ✓ encourage collaboration
- ✓ develop social and communication skills
- ✓ engage kids in group problem solving environments
- ✓ be enormous fun
- ✓ be structured and offer Minecraft and real-life learning opportunities

As we have a limited number of places, please book your child's place to avoid disappointment. Bookings to be made via website only not through Malak School.

<https://www.wicksees.com.au/book-online>

Call Daniel 0412 144 404 for any questions

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Christmas Dress up Day



READING AWARDS

Level 20

Cy Rooney

Lexile

Lilly Edwards

Mia Robinson

Paua Wharewera

Sadie Earley

Safari Denson

Sarah Hodges

Madison Muller

Jett Latham

Swopnil Poudel

Rashmika Perera

Finley Carrigan

Henry Choi

Sy Sattler

Defence School Mentor

Last Friday we had the DKC Farewell Pizza Party. 55 students came along to enjoy pizza, poppers and an icy-pole. Festive, hanging with mates, full tummies, big smiles and excited goodbyes made a great time. Thank you to Lauren Price, Denna Menz, Erin Schumacher and Mr. Collister for being such helpful pizza elves.

The last couple of weeks I have been busy making mementos for farewelling students. Taking and collecting photos, filling out posting passports, activities with friends, researching new schools with students and chatting about any concerns they may have. I hope you all leave with many happy memories of your time here at Larrakeyah Primary School. I wish all the departing Defence families all the best with their new postings and new adventures ahead. Remember to be amazing little hermit crabs packing your resilience, courage and a winning smile with you to take to your new beach. Keep in mind that it is sometimes also difficult to be the friend staying as it is for the friend moving away. Friendships are precious and good friends aren't forgotten easily, so remember how important you are to others.

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>

<https://www.defence.gov.au/DCO/Master/documents/Factsheets/Moving-schools-factsheet-checklist.pdf>



The TopEnders Tri-Service Magazine has just gone online so if you know anyone posting up to Darwin please guide them to the very handy resource <https://www.thetopendermagazine.org.au/>

Please remember over the holidays the Defence Family Helpline 1st stop for information and support 24/7 1800 624 608. Open Arms (old VVCS) **1800 011 046** <https://www.openarms.gov.au> now have a much wider eligibility and a huge variety of different programs and counselling services to help individuals, families and children through difficult times.

A Safe and Happy Festive Season to All, Merry Christmas!

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Defence Family Helpline 1800 624608