

Larrakeyah Primary School

Newsletter, Wednesday 12th February, Term 1

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As an Independent Public School we established a partnership with the Confucius Institute at CDU to implement a Chinese language program. This year, students in Years 3-6 will be learning Chinese and taught by a trained teacher from the Confucius Institute at CDU. Chinese lessons commenced this week. We welcome the support from the Confucius Institute. We also welcome the support from the NT School of Language who will be working with our Years 1-2 students on a Chinese program. Our Preschool and Transition students will be participating in an online Chinese language program supported by the class teacher.

Congratulations to our student leaders. School Captains are Evanie Powell and Noah Po-Ching. House Captains and Vice Captains are: King- Nicholas Back and Sophie Hannon (Captains), Nicholas Finch and Olivia Byrd (Vice Captains) Goyder- Max Mackenzie and Olivia Cocker (Captains), Nikolaos Varvaris and Loretta Earley (Vice Captains) Leichhardt- Marcus Bonica and Gwendolyn Ellis (Captains), Neel Massey and India Secondis (Vice Captains) Wickham- Joon Choi and Rylee Mohrwinkel (Captains), Peter Harvey and Eloise Watson (Vice Captains). Members of our Student Leadership Team (SLT) include Layla Fulmanski (3M), William Knight (3Mc), Tilly Athanitis (3P), Elizabeth Tsirbas (3 /4M), Frankie Kellett (4M), Erin McGrath (4S), Elijah Tyrrell (4/5S), Jesse Gill (5K), Felix Wagnon (5R), Advait Sangameshwar (6S) and Samrath Chhina (6P). Student voice is important and we look forward to the leadership that our students will bring this year.

A reminder to all parents about the Drop-Off-Zone at the front of the school, particularly our new families. We have very clear signs and bright green lines that indicate No Parking in this zone. The Drop-Off-Zone is designed as a quick drop-off and pick-up area to keep traffic flowing to avoid congestion. In the interest of student safety and courtesy to other drivers, please continue to remember the following: Do not park in the Drop-Off-Zone. If you have to get out of the car to escort your children into the school, preschool or come to the front office, please find a carpark. Move as far along as possible before dropping off your children as this allows other cars to move in behind you. Please continue to move to the start of the yellow line. Do not stay in the middle of the carpark to drop off your children. This is very dangerous for children and obstructs cars moving out of the Drop-Off-Zone. The wearing of school uniform is compulsory in all government schools. Please ensure that your child wears their uniform to school every day and that you are aware of the school uniform policy. Please have a read on the school website www.schools.nt.edu.au/larrakeyah . If students are wearing leggings or jumpers in the cooler weather, it is recommended that these are navy blue or black. We also have a school jacket that can be purchased. It is important that parents contact the class teacher or school each time a student is absent. An email, phone call or note is fine. Notification can also be given via the school website. A medical certificate is required to be provided to the school if a student is absent for 3 or more consecutive days. We are required to maintain daily student attendance records and unnotified student absences affect school funding. Also, in the case of student lateness, students are required to come to the office to collect a late pass before going to class. We are at the start of a new school year and a number of students are arriving late, missing class instructions and learning. Please ensure that your child is punctual for school - school commences at 8.15am.

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.

IT'S A BOY!

Congratulations to Ms Potts and her partner on the birth of baby son Lincoln Max MacPherson.

All are doing well.



Dates to Remember

Monday 3rd– Friday 14th February

PAT Testing.

Friday 14th February

Whole School Assembly.

(Hosted by 5 Korfias)

Wednesday 19th February

Year 3 Bombing of Darwin Excursion.

Monday 24th -Tuesday 25th February

3 Way Conference.

Wednesday 26th February

Sports GALA Day– Netball.

Friday 28th February

Early Childhood Assembly.

(Hosted by 2 Dowling)

Friday 6th March

Whole School Assembly.

(Hosted by 4 Spruhan)

Monday 9th March

*COGSO training for interested and continuing board members.

(4pm- 5pm school library)

Tuesday 10th March

*School Board AGM.

(5pm in school library)

Sports GALA Day– Cross Country.

Friday 20th March

Early Childhood Assembly.

(Hosted by 1/ 2 Zikos)

Sports GALA Day– Touch Football.

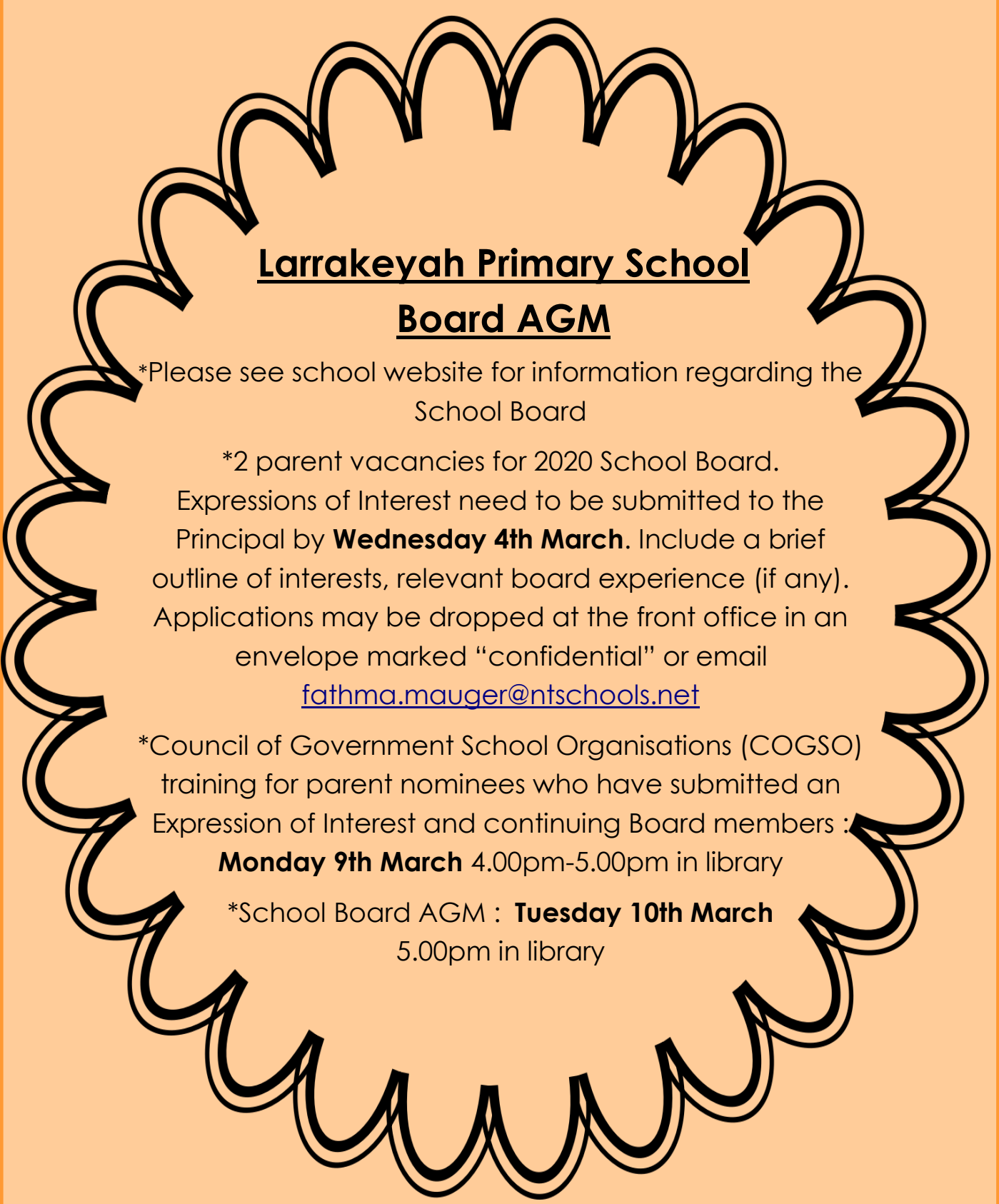
Friday 27th March

Whole School Assembly.

(Hosted by 4 Mamouzellos)

Monday 30th March– Friday 3rd April

Healthy Harold.



Larrakeyah Primary School
Board AGM

*Please see school website for information regarding the School Board

*2 parent vacancies for 2020 School Board.

Expressions of Interest need to be submitted to the Principal by **Wednesday 4th March**. Include a brief outline of interests, relevant board experience (if any). Applications may be dropped at the front office in an envelope marked "confidential" or email fathma.mauger@ntschoools.net

*Council of Government School Organisations (COGSO) training for parent nominees who have submitted an Expression of Interest and continuing Board members :

Monday 9th March 4.00pm-5.00pm in library

*School Board AGM : **Tuesday 10th March**
5.00pm in library

Defence School Mentor

Please let me know if you haven't, as yet, received any emails from me, it would be a shame for any Defence students to miss out on support.

Thanks to all the parents who came along to the Welcome Cuppa and Cake, last Friday. It was great to catch up with you and chat about a variety of items. Hopefully, you found it informative and friendly and have started to feel part of our School Community. If you couldn't make it, please remember you are welcome to pop in Monday, Tuesday & Thursday afternoons.

It was great to see a number of you at this year's DCO Welcome to the Top End at the Convention Centre last Saturday. The event was full of static military displays, fun kid's activities, face painting, and heaps of information stalls from govt. departments, Defence services, sporting clubs, hobby groups and local business. If you missed out put it in your diary for next year or check out www.defence.gov.au/dco for information and continued links to services.

Friendships, the quickest way to transition an acquaintance to a friend is to get to know them on the home front or personal level. A simple way to do this is to organise or encourage play dates outside of school. Either, at your place, or neutral territory like a park, swimming pool... this will allow the kids to get together 1:1 without school distractions and get to know each other, their likes, dislikes and the things they have in common, which will create an existing history. Maybe a positive reward activity like going to the Skate Park, or waterslides or bicycle ride...for something else and could include the new friend. This will illuminate your child's positive behaviour/success in front of their peers/potential mates. So make it easy and put some mini notes with your parent contact details for your child to give to new friends so their parents can get in contact to arrange a playdate. I know I personally made my best friends through my children. Sports, teams, clubs and volunteering is also a great way to break the friendship drought for kids and parents alike. The school is always looking for volunteers. It is a positive and engaging way to become part of our school community; either in class, excursions, assemblies, School Board or sub-committee members, just get in touch with your teacher or school to volunteer. There are so many social and sporting avenues to meet new people. A list of local sports groups will be emailed to you for easy links this week.

Hopefully everyone is now settling into a routine. Morning checklist: Hat, water bottle, recess, lunch... please make sure your child has these items each day to make sure they have necessary items to make the most of their busy days. No hat, No play! A hat means your child can play out in the sunshine with their friends. If they are complaining of running out of time to eat try cutting up their food to easy bite serves, so they don't miss out on playtime and their friends don't disappear in the playground without them.

With my internet trawling I have discovered a fabulous and informative website <http://raisingchildren.net.au/>, it has lots of information and advice for families from pregnancy to teens to adults. It is also supported by the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

Jodie Murdoch – DSM 8981321 jodie.murdoch@ntschoools.net

Defence Family Helpline 1800 624608

ECO FRIENDS

This year we are applying for an Eco Schools award. Last year students showed such enthusiasm when addressing environmental issues within the Cooking and Gardening program, we have created a specialist team called 'The Eco Friends'. They will be managing some of the great initiatives we started last year such as the composting system and the 10c recycling as well as working on some new projects too! Each fortnight we will keep you updated on the progress of our 10c recycling as well as other project work within the school.

This week the Eco Friends completed a whole school rubbish audit, it was hard and rather smelly work but they got the job done! We found the mass of the following groups; Plastic, Glass, Paper and Card, Aluminum, Steel, Food, Liquid paper board and Miscellaneous. The results follow a similar pattern to that which we found last year; Food is the largest group, making up 60% of all waste, closely followed by Plastic at 15% and liquid paper board or juice boxes at 10%. It was interesting to observe that the group that created the largest volume however was plastic.

These results will form the basis of our goals for waste reduction for 2020.





DARWIN REGION SCHOOL SPORT NT PRIMARY INTERSCHOOL SPORTS DAYS



DATE	SPORT	VENUE	PARTICIPATING SCHOOL HUBS
Wednesday 26 February	Netball	Sitzler Courts Marrara	Darwin City & Nightcliff Only
Friday 28 February	Netball	Sitzler Courts Marrara	Casuarina & Sanderson Only
Tuesday 10 March	Cross Country (4.30 – 6.00pm)	East Point Reserve Gun Turrets	All hubs invited to nominate
Friday 20 March	Touch Football	Territory Rugby League Stadium, Marrara	All hubs invited to nominate
Wednesday 1 April	AFL	TIO 2	Darwin City & Nightcliff Only
Friday 3 April	AFL	TIO 2	Casuarina & Sanderson Only
Wednesday 22 April	Football (Soccer)	TBC	Darwin City & Nightcliff Only
Friday 24 April	Football (Soccer)	TBC	Casuarina & Sanderson Only
Tuesday 28 April	Rugby League/ League Tag	Territory Rugby League Stadium, Marrara	All hubs invited to nominate
Thursday 7 May	T20 Blast Cricket	MCG	All hubs invited to nominate
Thursday 28 May	Red Ball Tennis (Years 4 & 5 only)	TEMS	Darwin City & Nightcliff Only
Friday 29 May	Red Ball Tennis (Years 4 & 5 only)	Tennis World Marrara	Casuarina & Sanderson Only
Wednesday 24 June	Track & Field	Arafura Stadium Marrara	Pool A Schools
Thursday 25 June			Pool B Schools
Friday 26 June			Pool C Schools
Friday 14 August	Table Tennis	Marrara	All hubs invited to nominate
Wednesday 19 August	Hockey sixers	Marrara	Darwin City & Nightcliff Only
Friday 21 August	Hockey sixers	Marrara	Casuarina & Sanderson Only
Friday 28 August	Top End Orienteering	TBC	All hubs invited to nominate
Friday 25 September	Beach Volleyball	DIBV Winnellie	All hubs invited to nominate
Friday 23 October	Swimming	Parap Swimming Pool	All hubs invited to nominate
Friday 30 October	Gymnastics	Territory Gymnastics Academy	All hubs invited to nominate
Wednesday 11 November	3 on 3 Basketball	DBA Marrara	Darwin City & Nightcliff Only
Friday 13 November	3 on 3 Basketball	DBA Marrara	Casuarina & Sanderson Only

Lairdkeyah Primary School does not enter in all of the Darwin Region School Sport competitions listed. If you would like more information please contact Bradley King by email at [bradley.king@nts.schools.net](mailto:bradley.king@nts.schools.nt.edu.au).

UPCOMING DARWIN REGION SELECTION TRIALS

For further information please contact the Sport Education Coordinator. Trial permission forms can be downloaded from the School Sport NT website or from your in school representative.

12/15 YEARS & UNDER NETBALL

DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE
WEDNESDAY	4TH MARCH	3.30–5.00pm	Sitzler Courts Marrara
THURSDAY	5TH MARCH	3.30–5.00pm	
FRIDAY	6TH MARCH	3.30–5.00pm	

15 YEARS & UNDER TOUCH FOOTBALL

DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE
THURSDAY	19TH MARCH	3.30–5.00pm	Territory Rugby League Stadium, Marrara

12 YEARS & UNDER TOUCH FOOTBALL

DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE
FRIDAY	20TH MARCH	3.30–5.00pm	Territory Rugby League Stadium, Marrara

12 YEARS & UNDER AFL

DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE
TUESDAY	31ST MARCH	3.30–5.00pm	Sanderson Middle School Oval
WEDNESDAY	1ST APRIL	3.30–5.00pm	
THURSDAY	2ND APRIL	3.30–5.00pm	

12 YEARS & UNDER FOOTBALL (SOCCER)

DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE
TUESDAY	21ST APRIL	3.30–5.00pm	TBC
WEDNESDAY	22ND APRIL	3.30–5.00pm	
THURSDAY	23RD APRIL	3.30–5.00pm	

12 YEARS & UNDER CRICKET

DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE
WEDNESDAY	6TH MAY	3.30–5.00pm	Marrara Cricket Ground (MCG)
THURSDAY	7TH MAY	3.30–5.00pm	
FRIDAY	8TH MAY	3.30–5.00pm	



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 Darwin Region School Sport Admin Assistant: Julie Kitsoos
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House and Vice Captains 2020

Goyder



Max Mackenzie
Male Captain



Olivia Cocker
Female Captain



Nikolaos Varvaris
Male Vice-Captain



Lorretta Earley
Female Vice-Captain

King



Nicholas Back
Male Captain



Sophie Hannon
Female Captain



Nicholas Finch
Male Vice-Captain



Olivia Byrd
Female Vice-Captain

Leichardt



Marcus Bonica
Male Captain



Gwendolyn Ellis
Female Captain



Neel Massey
Male Vice-Captain



India Secondis
Female Vice-Captain

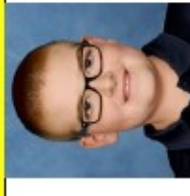
Wickham



Joon Choi
Male Captain



Rylee Mohrwinkel
Female Captain



Peter Harvey
Male Vice-Captain



Eloise Watson
Female Vice-Captain

Student Leadership Team 2020.



School Captain
Evanie Powell



School Captain
Noah Po-Ching



3 Marschall
Layla Fulmanski



3 McManus
William Knight



3 Panatos
Tilly Athanitis



3/ 4 Matthews
Elizabeth Tsirbas



4 Mamouzellos
Frankie Kelleff



4 Spruian
Erin McGrath



4/5 Smart
Elijah Tyrrell



5 Korfias
Jesse Gill



5 Rutherford
Felix Wagnon



6 Searle
Advait Sangameshwar



6 Perryman
Samrath Chhina

ICE BLOCKS

For Sale

After School every Monday,
Wednesday and Friday.

\$1.00 each

Room 8- Ms Korfias' Class

All money raised will be going
towards SLT fundraising.

Recycle With Us

Help us recycle plastic bottles, empty popper
boxes (without the straws) and cans.

The money raised will help our SLT (Student
Leadership Team) purchase what is needed for
our school.

