

Larrakeyah Primary School

Newsletter, Wednesday 25th March, Term 1

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The AGM for the Larrakeyah Primary School Board was held on Tuesday 10th March. Many thanks to parents and staff who attended. The School Board consists of parent members and teacher representatives. Thank you to those who expressed an interest in being a member of the School Board. Congratulations to our 2020 board members – Chad Banfield (Chairperson), Evan Tyrrell (Secretary), Kenny Grant (Treasurer), Ridwanul Hoque (Parent rep), Brad King (Teacher rep), Rick Collister (Teacher rep). We all look forward to working together to improve outcomes for students whilst focussing on the strategic direction of the school.

Thank you to the parents who were on the school board last year and volunteered their time and gave valuable support to the school. Thank you to Jason Tutty. A special thanks to Zeynep Yalfirakli who was the board chairperson. Thank you to Rachita Jain who was one of the teacher reps.

Whilst the School Board focuses on the school's strategic direction, there are also several committees in which parents can become involved as well. We will be finalising subcommittees at the next Board meeting and providing further information. Last week we celebrated Harmony Day. All students participated in Harmony Day activities in class groups and had the opportunity to wear national costume or orange clothing. Harmony Day is a day to celebrate Australia's diversity and it was also wonderful to celebrate the diversity within our own school.

It is a concern that some children are arriving at school very early – some almost an hour before school commences. School commences at 8.15am. Parents need to be aware that supervision is provided from 8am.

School finishes at 2.45pm and parents are responsible for making arrangements for their child's supervision after school. If you are collecting your child from school, please be punctual. Office staff will follow up with parents if students are still waiting after the duty supervision at 3pm finishes in the afternoons. Students are not permitted to be playing in the school grounds when they are dismissed unless they are supervised by a parent.

We have an OSHC program operating after school and if parents require care for their child after school hours, please contact 89414521 or 0438813211.

The school sends information to families in regards to the Coronavirus that is distributed from the Department of Education. Please check notes sent home and also Skoolbag app. In addition, the school has always practised good hygiene and cleaning. Staff practise good hand hygiene and cough etiquette with students and we encourage families to do the same outside of school. Staff reinforce regular hand washing into daily routines in the classroom. There is thorough and regular cleaning of the school, including disinfecting commonly touched or frequently shared surfaces.

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.

Dates to Remember

Friday 3rd April

Dress Up Celebrating Australia

Thursday 9th April

Early Childhood STEAM Day (Easter Theme.)

Thursday 9th April

End of Term 1.

Friday 10th April

Good Friday (Public Holiday)

Monday 20th April

Resume Term 2.

Monday 4th May

May Day (Public Holiday)

Tuesday 5th– Friday 8th May

Mothers Day Stalls

Wednesday 6th May

Trial Sports Day (Years 3-6)

Friday 29th May

Professional Development Day

(Student Free Day)

Friday 5th June

Dress up Day

(Favourite Sports Team/ Player)

Monday 8th June

Queens Birthday (Public Holiday)

Wednesday 17th June

Sports Day (Middle/ Upper)

Thursday 18th June

Sports Day (Early Childhood)

Friday 19th June

Sports Day (Whole School)

Thursday 25th June

ZONE Athletics

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>



News from the School Board

The AGM for the school board was held on the 10th of March, at which time two new parent members were elected. I would like to congratulate Evan Tyrrell and Kenny Grant on their election. It was great to see so many parents interested in becoming a member of the board - for those who weren't successful, thank you very much for your enthusiasm, and we trust that you will contribute to the school in other ways. Following the AGM, a short board meeting was held where the office holders were determined. We are pleased to advise the following composition of the school board for 2020:

Parent Representatives:

- Chad Banfield – Chairperson
- Evan Tyrrell – Secretary
- Kenny Grant – Treasurer
- Ridwanal Hoque

Teacher Representatives:

- Rick Collister
- Bradley King

School Principal:

- Fathma Mauger

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing board members Zeynep Yaltirakli, Jason Tutty (parent representatives) and Rachita Jain (teacher representative) for their contributions last year.

The objectives of the board are to:

- Focus on the strategic direction of the school
- Represent the school community in working to provide the best educational opportunities for students
- Represent the school community in the governance of the school while supporting the values and vision.

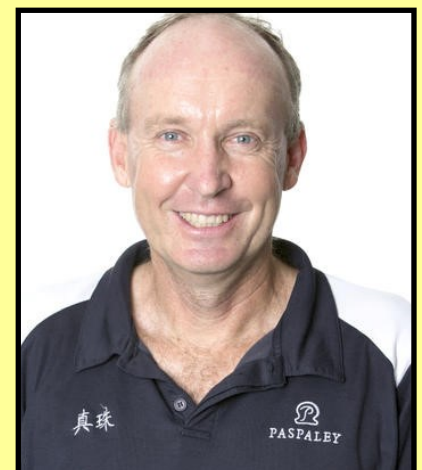
One of the projects that the board commenced last year was to engage Hully Liveris Design Company to update the school master plan. This was prompted by the school rapidly approaching classroom capacity, with an expectation that more classrooms will be required next year based on the historical growth of students. A focus of the master plan is to maintain as much open space as possible to provide a better environment for learning due the limited land parcel for the number of students. We expect this master plan to be finalised very shortly, at which point the board will be actively seeking funding from government for an additional classroom block, and additionally funding for a second Preschool classroom.

As parents, you can help this process by ensuring Territory politicians, including our local member Mr Paul Kirby, are hearing that having enough classrooms to meet expected demand at Larrakeyah Primary School is an issue that you feel strongly about. We believe that ensuring that all candidates for the upcoming NT elections are hearing this message from parents can also help the cause. The school board can be contacted through the lps.schoolboard@ntschoools.net or by contacting me on my mobile 0427 462 423. Please remember that management of the day to day activities of the school is the responsibility of the Principal – the Board's role is strategic and governance.

Chad Banfield

Chairperson

Larrakeyah Primary School Board



School Assemblies Cancelled

Due to the advice given in regards to the Coronavirus and the need to mitigate risk, Early Childhood Assembly and Whole School Assembly are cancelled for the remainder of this term. Apologies for any inconvenience but we need to consider the safety of students and staff.



UPDATED ADVICE RELEVANT TO SCHOOL SPORT NT

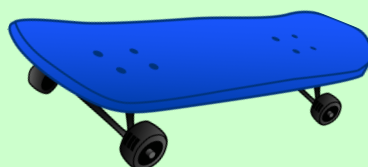
The decision has been made to cancel the following:

- The representative school sport program which includes local, district, regional, NT, national, interstate and international competitions.
- School Sport NT team participation in any national, interstate or international events organised across Australian or internationally.
- All school sport coordinator travel to very remote schools.

The above is effective as of 18 March 2020 and will continue until further advice.

Bikes, Scooters and Wheels

A reminder to all students and families, bikes and scooters are not to be ridden on the schools grounds. Upon approaching the school grounds, please get off your bike or scooter and wheel it to the storage area.





House Shirts

This year we are selling our new House shirts. We have designed the shirts from the students ideas and design's from 2019. The students decided on local animals to represent their houses. We have Goyder Buffaloes, King Red backs, Wickham Dingoes and Liechhardt Frill Neck Lizards. These shirts are made from light and breezy sports shirt material perfect for our tropical conditions. They can be worn on all sports days and to PE lessons throughout the year. If you are interested in buying a House shirt they will be available from the front office for \$35 each from the beginning of Term 2.



DRESS UP CELEBRATING AUSTRALIA

Come to school dressed up in your best Australian themed costume!

(Australian animals, Dress in Green, Firefighter etc)

Friday 3rd April

Gold coin donation – all money raised will go towards SLT fund-raising.

Please note, all costumes must comply with the school's sun smart policy.





Reading Awards

Level 10

Alisha Blair

Amiar Islam

Ashlesha Shrestha

Danny Liu

Ryan Liu

Sienna Blomfield

Tom Wild

Jacob Tolhurst

Level 20

Paua Wharewera

Zeewijk Gregory

Andrey Bon

Lexile

Lachlan Abe

Rosie Hassett

Callum Harvey

Mia Leahy

Chloe Ting

Tilly Athantis

Eva Wright

Jeshika Kshetry

Marianne Tabilai