



# Larrakeyah Primary School

Newsletter, Wednesday 20th May, Term 2 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Although there is the "Roadmap to the New Normal", the school will continue to implement the measures that we have in place this term for the safety of students and staff due to COVID-19. Please read the information that has been sent home this week from the NT Department of Education .

We are still minimising the number of people moving in and out of the school grounds, particularly at drop off and pick up times, so please be aware of the following:

- We are requesting that parents "drop and go" if possible and reduce their time on school grounds. This means accessing Marella Street to "drop and go" or the front of the school drop off/pick up zone.
- To avoid groups of parents gathering and waiting outside classrooms, please drop your child at school and leave as quickly as possible.
- It is not always necessary to walk children all the way to the classroom. Maybe walk to the front of the school then children can walk themselves to the classroom.
- To avoid congestion outside classrooms, some parents who walk children to school have already organised with their child a place in the school to drop off/pick up ie. outside front office, outside library, Marella St walkway. This is a great idea for other parents to follow.
- Please do not enter classrooms.
- Ensure 1.5m distance between people.
- Parents and students are not to gather or play on playground equipment after school. Students dismissed from school are required to go home immediately.

Many thanks to parents who have put their own drop off/pick up measures in place which has been very helpful.

## Professional Development Day for Teachers – Friday 29 May

A reminder to parents...next Friday 29th May is a professional development day for teachers. Teachers will be involved in professional development sessions based on the focus areas of improvement in the school's Annual School Improvement Plan 2020. These areas are Writing, Mathematics and Data. In addition, teachers will be involved in sessions regarding 21st century learning. This is important in our ongoing striving for improvement in teaching and learning. This professional learning day has been 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. He will need to know as soon as possible if you need to book a place for your child. Please contact Ilias for vacancies 0438 813211 or [Larrakeyah.oshc@ntschoools.net](mailto:Larrakeyah.oshc@ntschoools.net)

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 29th May**

Professional Development Day  
(Student Free Day)

**Friday 5th June**

Dress Up Day  
(Favourite Sport/ Player)

**Monday 8th June**

Queens Birthday  
(Public Holiday)

**Friday 26th June**

End of Term 2

## School Banking

**School Banking has been suspended till further notice**

## Water Bottles

Students are required to bring a water bottle to school. Water bubblers can be used for filling bottles but not for direct drinking from taps.

## Lost Property

The Lost and Found box is overflowing, If you have lost lunch boxes, water bottles, jackets and hats please come have a look.



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**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

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Board is very pleased to report that the new Master Plan for the school was approved at the board meeting on Monday afternoon with some slight amendments that have now being incorporated. Hully Liveris Design Company developed a plan that cleverly lays out the new infrastructure to maintain an open and conducive environment to learning despite a limited land parcel size. With this important project now complete, the Board is now able to focus on sourcing commitments to fund the necessary infrastructure.

The Board believes that Stage One of the Master Plan needs to be commenced directly as the school is rapidly approaching its capacity – in fact the Pre School has been unable to accommodate all children that wish to attend and live in the school's primary catchment area for a number of years now. Stage One consists of four new primary classrooms to replace the old lunch shed, and two new Pre School classrooms to replace the existing Pre School building.

As parents, you can assist our efforts to obtain funding for this infrastructure by talking with politicians and candidates in the upcoming NT election about the urgent need for funding to avoid compromises having to be made in the education of your children.

The OSHC program is being well supported by many families, with numbers gradually returning towards earlier numbers. The programs have been adapted to operate with appropriate COVID precautions and additional resources to safeguard the health of all participants.

Fortunately, life in the Territory is starting to return to some form of normality, however many people are significantly affected financially. If you are in a position to support local businesses, please do so. Businesses such as the Canteen which provide an important service to the school community are dependent on patronage to be able to operate and continue to employ people.

Please stay safe and look after your health.

Regards, Chad Banfield

Chairperson, Larrakeyah Primary School Board  
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## House Shirts

The new Sports House shirts are proving to be extremely popular and are a real hit with the students and school community. It is great to see so much support for the school houses and everyone showing school pride. The students look great in the new Sports House shirts and all the feedback we have received is very positive. As they are so popular we are running low on some sizes and some have become unavailable. We are putting another order of shirts into our supplier and we will let you all know as soon as they arrive. If you are interested in buying a House shirt they are available for purchase at the front office for \$35.

We have designed the shirts from the students ideas and design's from 2019. They can be worn for the entire day your child has PE and for any of the Sports Carnival Days. The new House Sports shirts are not an official part of the school uniform so they cannot be worn on any other days or on school excursions. If your child is wearing their House Shirt on a non PE day, they will be required to 'borrow' a standard school shirt from the front office for the day.

**Please see below for your child's class PE day.**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
4/5 Smart	Tr Bostock	3 Marschall	3/4 Matthews	3 McManus
3 Lawler	4 Spruhan	1 Church	4 Mamouzellos	5 Rutherford
1 Mattiazzo	Tr/Yr1 Billows	1/2 Zikos (Year 1's)	6 Searle	1/2 Zikos (Year 2's)
2 Jentz		5 Korfias	Tr Soltesz	
			2 Dowling	
			6 Perryman	





## **READING AWARDS**

### Level 20

Jacob Saker

Tom Cocker

Sandilu Jayamahamudali

Dhanistha Bhandari

Rehaan Wasique

William Panagopoulos

### Lexile

Aliana Ecoy

Molly

Rhianna Tinson

Monica Murray

Alec

Thea Bartolome

Jacinta Fleming

## **Dress Up Day**

Come to school dressed in your  
**Favorite Sport/ Player!**



Friday 5th June



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

Gold coin donation – all money  
raised will be going to SLT  
Fundraising.

# Defence School Mentor

Are you a Defence family that has special needs? <https://www.defence.gov.au/DCO/Family/Special-needs.asp> There is a new coordinator for the Darwin branch of DSNSG <http://dsnsg.org.au/northern-territory/Darwin> Coordinator: Marina Talbot Email: [darwin@dsnsg.org.au](mailto:darwin@dsnsg.org.au) Phone: 0417 636 541

Another great resource is also Autism Northern Territory they are the peak body for Autism in the Northern Territory. They provide support for children, parents, carers, teachers, school staff and professionals working or living with those on the Autism spectrum. <http://autismnt.org.au/> they are based in the Nightcliff Shopping Centre. Both groups can give you support and advice on services and help available to your family.

If your child is having any difficulties with their education due to relocation/posting please see <https://www.defence.gov.au/DCO/Master/documents/Factsheets/Education-assistance-tutor.pdf> to see if you are eligible for the Education Assistance Tutoring Scheme.

Walking Bus - Beep! Beep! Please email me if you would like your student to be collected from their classroom and delivered to the Defence Gate at the end of the day on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays. This is to help improve our social distancing efforts, help reduce the traffic of parents within the school, increase confidence and independence of students while having a bit of fun. To save yourself having to come into the school, get your child to join the Defence Kid Club walking bus with Jodie and meet us at the gate.

I know there has been heaps of changes to deployments recently, but if you currently have a parent/spouse that is away on Deployment or going away on service related work please email me with the updated details so I can support your child with Absent from home support at school. You can also register for family absent support by registering with Defence Family Helpline 1800 624 608 and order a bear and book pack for the kids.

Medallions – if a parent has returned from deployment and would like your child to be awarded a Medallion for their perseverance on the home front, please contact me. Medallions can be purchased from <https://www.opptsd.org.au/shop>

The Dry season is upon us which means the weather feels milder but please remember that all students still require their school sun smart hats (name on please) to play and a water bottle to keep hydrated certainly since we are now unable to drink from the bubblers. Keep an eye on rashes, bites and sores even in this beautiful dry weather and keep them dressed to make sure they stay clean and uninfected when at school.

**Jodie Murdoch – DSM**

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[jodie.murdoch@ntschoools.net](mailto:jodie.murdoch@ntschoools.net)

## **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.



## **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 was 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.

