



# LARRAKEYAH PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November we held our special Remembrance Day assembly, though a different format this year due to cautionary COVID safety measures in place after the lockdown. Thank you to Nathan Ware and Nina Dyer, our school captains for their role as MC. It was lovely to hear Nathan read his dad's speech on behalf of his dad, our special guest speaker Lieutenant Colonel Gavin Ware. Our Year 6 students also recorded their thoughts on Remembrance Day and prepared a video for other students to watch in class. Thank you to Jodie Murdoch for her great organisation.

Thank you to our school community for supporting our teachers with professional development last Friday. Teachers were involved in a whole school professional development day which focused on student wellbeing, Mathematics data analysis and Writing.

Unfortunately, due to COVID cautionary measures, we were not able to collaborate with other teachers from Darwin City schools for the afternoon session, so we worked with our own staff to discuss school Mathematics data and strategies for further improvement. This was a highly successful day for our teaching staff.

Please read our exciting news below. Larrakeyah Primary has been shortlisted as a finalist in the International School Awards. Schools around the world nominate. It is a huge achievement to have our QUEST program recognised at an international level. Winners are announced 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

We have commenced the process of organising classes for next year. When teachers organise classes, they consider

various factors when placing students such as friendships, student ability, student behaviour and individual learning needs. A reminder to parents...If you have a particular request, such as siblings being in the same class, please contact your child's class teacher. Unfortunately, requests, such as requesting a particular teacher, cannot be considered.

In preparation for class planning next year, we need to know if students will not be attending Larrakeyah Primary in 2022. Please complete the attached form and return to school asap if your child will not be attending the school next year. Thank you to those who have already advised the school.

Regards,  
Fathma Mauger  
Principal



**Our Ambition:** Every child in the Northern Territory has the best start in life and, through early learning and school education, gains a bright future.



We are proud to be part of the world's largest international community of schools.



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.

The community of Larrakeyah Primary School acknowledges and pays respect to the Traditional Custodians of the land on which it is based, the Larrakia People, and pays respect to the Elders—past present and emerging

# Larrakeyah Primary School

has been shortlisted in the  
**Pathways to Continued and University Education Category**  
for our **QUEST** program.

We highlighted our upper primary QUEST Program that we created to bring industry into the classroom and students work on inquiry projects. Last year, there were only 2 schools shortlisted for this category – British International School, Abu Dhabi and the English International College, Spain.

National Geographic sponsors Pathways to Continued and University Education Category. This award will recognise how an initiative supports students in preparing them with the skills and selection process to best fit future study that includes continued education and lifelong learning.

Hundreds of big international schools worldwide enter these awards ie. Sweden, Netherlands, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Prague, Thailand etc. It is amazing that we are shortlisted for Australia.

The International School Awards are hosted by ISC Research with the support of International School Leader Magazine. The gala awards evening is usually held in London but due to COVID, the event will be live-streamed January 18 2022 and the winners will be announced.

THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL  
**AWARDS**  
HOSTED BY ISC RESEARCH

Shortlisted for  
the 2022  
International  
School Awards

## 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.

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Larrakeyah Primary  
School.



## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Friday 26 November**

EC Assembly

**Friday 3 December**

M/UP Assembly

School Captain Elections.

**Friday 10 December**

House & Vice House Captain  
Elections

**Wednesday 15 December**

End of Year Award Assembly.

**Thursday 16 December**

Whole School - Year 6 Assembly

Christmas Dress Up day

Last day of Term 4.

**Monday 31 January**

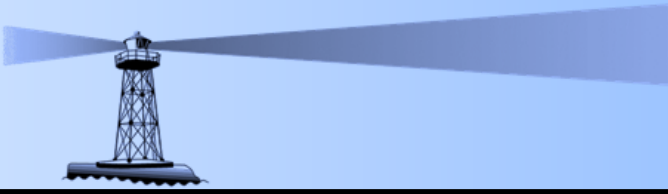
Students return for

Term 1 2022.

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>





## WHOLE SCHOOL STEAM DAY

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021, Larrakeyah Primary School participated in a Whole School STEAM Day. We partnered with The Territory Wildlife Park, who provided real world problems for our students to solve. The problems were:

### Early Childhood Problem -

*Design of a simple water play area that could be installed at the park.*

### Middle and Upper Problem -

*Create ideas for dingo enrichment items.*

We commenced the day with a presentation from a Territory Wildlife Park Ranger who posed the problems to our students. Following the presentation, we had a class vs class Breakout Box challenge, where students solved 4 problems to obtain the codes to unlock the locks on the boxes. Congratulations to 5 Spencer, 5/6 Mamouzellous Spruhan, 4 Dix, Transition Soltesz, T/1 Church and 1/2 Reynolds for breaking into the boxes. After recess, students began to ideate solutions to the problems and created prototypes using Mystery Bags (brown paper bag with 20 random items inside. Some items included were sticky tape, patty pans, pipe cleaners, paper cups and plates.) They then presented their ideas to their class, with a class winner decided. The class winner then presented to the Territory Wildlife Park after lunch via ZOOM. The day was a huge success with the Territory Wildlife Park mentioning that our students 'exceeded their expectations.' Our Local Member, Paul Kirby and the Education Minister, Lauren Moss visited some of our classes and spoke with our students about their solutions. This day encouraged the use of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills: Creativity, Critical Thinking, Collaboration and Communication.



LARRAKEYAH PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

NEON

70's

80's

90's

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A YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2021

GOLD COIN DONATION

TRANSITION - YEAR 6

TRANSITION - YR 2: 10:45AM TO 11:45AM

MIDDLE TO UPPER: 11:45AM TO 12:45PM

# News From the School Board

Report from the School Board Chairperson.

The School Board would like to congratulate Fathma Mauger for winning the NT Principal of the Year and Danni Mattiazzo for winning the NT and Leader in Education Awards for the Darwin Region in the 2021 Teaching in the Territory Excellence Awards. The Board also recognises the achievement of Ashleigh Church as a finalist for Northern Territory Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Educator of the Year. These awards are a great recognition of the dedication and performance of both the recipients of the awards and the whole school team. Once again, well done 😊.

Traffic arrangements in Packard Street are scheduled to change again this weekend with the new base entrance opening and the return to two way traffic to Packard Street. The NO RIGHT TURN into the school carpark road rule will remain in place permanently as it is essential for the safety of pedestrians using the school crossing, and as it also significantly reduces congestion. Parents using the "Kiss and Go" drop off will need to either continue to drive along Packard Street and use the new roundabout located inside the base to perform a U turn, or alternatively continue to use Larrakeyah Terrace and Murray Street to approach the school carpark from the west. The only safe and legal way to enter the school carpark is a left hand turn from Packard Street.

For parents using Marella Street to drop off children, please ensure that you pull over to the correct and safer left hand side of the road when dropping off and collecting children. If you enter Marella Street so that you can pull over to the school side of the road (ie travelling north-bound from the Packard Street end towards the Temira Crescent end) this safer (and legal) disembarkation practice will naturally occur. Please be courteous and patient for the safety of everyone.

Larrakeyah Primary School has been shortlisted in the Pathways to Continued and University Education Category in the 2022 International School Awards by for the school's QUEST program. Shortlisting in these prestigious awards hosted by ISC Research is a tremendous achievement in itself – out of hundreds of international schools there were only two schools shortlisted in this Category last year – the British International School, Abu Dhabi and the English International College, Spain. This is great recognition of the special programs which the school operates – not only just QUEST, but the Whole School STEAM days and the Cooking and Gardening Program, all of which are preparing students for life after school. The Pathways to Continued and University Education Category is sponsored by National Geographic, with the event to be live streamed this year on the 18<sup>th</sup> January due to COVID instead of the normal Gala Event in London.

Construction of the new Covered Outdoor Learning Area is very near completion. We are looking forward to the hand over which is scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December. The school board has funded this resource to ensure that school can continue to operate the signature programs of the school as student numbers increase.

We have had very good feedback from the school about how parents and students have coped with and accommodated the requirements specified by the government in relation to the recent COVID cases in the Northern Territory. Once again, we have been very fortunate that the consequences of these cases have had an extremely minor effect on the education of our children. Please continue to be COVID aware and engage in practices that reduce the chances of being affect both individually and as a community.

Regards

Chad Banfield

Chairperson

Larrakeyah Primary School Board

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# CHANGE TO TRAFFIC CONDITIONS ON PACKARD STREET

Traffic conditions for access to Larrakeyah Defence Precinct will change from 27th November 2021.

Access to the base will be provided via the Packard Street Entrance, please refer to the map below.

Traffic in front of the school will resume as two-way traffic from 27th November.

Please remember **NO RIGHT TURN** into Larrakeyah Primary School carpark is permitted.



## Defence School Mentor

**Defence Kids Club** (every Tuesday lunchtime in MP room)- Yesterday we had our annual Hermit Crab Races. We started with some happy crab dancing, colouring in and discussions as part of a program focusing on the things we need to pack on the inside of our shells for when we move and start new schools. "What do we need to pack in our shell to travel to a new beach?"

Resilience – because not everything goes the way we want straight away and there are some new challenges

Courage - because new things can sometimes be a little scary

A big smile to show the others how awesome we really are!

If you haven't already done so, please share (email) your leaving date with me so I can make sure I get the mementos and farewell activities done with your child prior to leaving LPS.

Even though our focus at the moment is on farewelling our Defence friends, please don't forget to let me know if your child requires some extra TLC because a parent is away. Or if you have any other concerns.

**Annual Pizza Lunch** is planned for Friday 3 December 2021. Notes will be emailed shortly so please place their order and give permission for your child to attend in the festivities via email by Wednesday 1 December 2021.

On Facebook Defence Members & Family Support (old DCO) is advertising posting and Welcome events for families with interstate relocations, see the Defence Members & Family Support website <https://www.defence.gov.au/members-families/> for more information or via Eventbrite.

Jodie Murdoch DSM [jodie.murdoch@education.nt.gov.au](mailto:jodie.murdoch@education.nt.gov.au)

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**Defence Family Helpline 1800 624 608**







THE STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM PRESENTS



# MOVIE DRESS UP DAY



FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER  
WEEK 8



**\$** GOLD COIN DONATION

Money raised will go to  
SLT Fundraising



Prizes for Best Dressed in  
EC, Middle & Upper Primary

# Enrolment at Larrakeyah Primary School in 2022

Please complete if your child/children **will not be** (other than year 6 students) attending Larrakeyah Primary School in 2022.

Return to the office by hard copy or email,

[larrakeyah.admin@education.nt.gov.au](mailto:larrakeyah.admin@education.nt.gov.au) as soon as possible.

My child /children **will not be** attending Larrakeyah Primary School in 2022.

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

Parent Name:

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Parent Signature:

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