



LARRAKEYAH PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The AGM for the Larrakeyah Primary School Board was held on Thursday 11th 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 2021 board members – Chad Banfield (Chairperson), Evan Tyrrell (Secretary), Hayley Leuken (Treasurer), Kenny Grant (Parent rep), Brad King (Teacher rep), Carmel Spruhan (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 members who were on the school board last year and volunteered their time and gave valuable support to the school. Special thanks to Ridwanal Hoque (Parent rep) and Rick Collister (Teacher rep) for their contributions as outgoing members.

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.

Tomorrow we celebrate Harmony Day. All students will participate in Harmony Day activities in class groups



and have the opportunity to wear national costume or orange clothing. Harmony Day is a day to celebrate Australia's diversity and it is also wonderful to celebrate the diversity within our own school.

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

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

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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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>



DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 18th March

Harmony Day.

Tuesday 23rd March

Parliament House Excursion
(5's from 4/5 B, 5K & 5/6MS).

Wednesday 24th March

Parliament House Excursion
(5S, 6S & 6P).

Friday 26th March

Early Childhood Assembly.

Thursday 1st April

Rugby League GALA Day.

Thursday 1st April

EC Easter STEAM Day.

Friday 2nd April

Public Holiday– Good Friday.

Monday 5th April

Public Holiday– Easter Monday.

Friday 9th April

Middle/ Upper Primary Assembly.

Friday 9th April

End of Term 1.

Monday 19th April

Commence Term 2.



Thank you to Domino's Pizza Darwin City for sponsoring SLT with pizza vouchers.



News from the School Board

The AGM for the Larrakeyah Primary School Board was held last week, at which time there were two vacancies for parent members. I am pleased to announce that Hayley Leuken and myself were the two successful candidates at the election. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Hayley, and also to congratulate Carmel Spruhan (Teacher representative) on their appointment to the School Board. Fathma Mauger, Bradley King, Evan Tyrell and Kenny Grant continue as on-going members of the Board as well. Commiserations to Abul Mohammed who was the unsuccessful parent candidate – we anticipate Abul will continue to use his enthusiasm for the benefit of the school in a number of ways.



I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to all Board Members for their contributions to the school, in particular to the non-continuing members Rick Collister and Dr Ridwanul Hoque. Rick has served on the School Board and the School Council that preceded it for a number of years. Rick's input to the Board during that time has been valuable. Ridwanul's contributions to the Board have added to the diversity of input when reaching consensus.

Following the AGM, a brief board meeting was held where the office bearers were determined. I am serving another term as Chair, Evan Tyrell remains as Secretary, and Hayley Leuken is now the Treasurer. The School Board can be contacted through the lbs.schoolboard@education.nt.gov.au email address or by contacting myself Chad on 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.

Traffic and Pedestrian Safety continue to be an issue for the school, and requires all members of the school community to actively engage in practices that reduce the possibility of accidents. The School Board engaged SJ Traffic Consulting to perform an independent Road Safety Assessment of the Children's Crossing due to ongoing safety concerns. Whilst the City of Darwin has made some changes and is considering others, this report confirms the school's position that more improvements are essential. This report has been provided to the Council this week, together with restatement of the schools concerns and suggestions. As parents, please use courtesy, patience and comply with all road rules and parking restrictions, including in Marella Street. Additionally, eliminating the vehicle queue across the school crossing is an easy way of significantly increasing the safety of the Children's Crossing – all this requires is for all parents to arrive via the Larrakeyah Terrace / Murray Street circuit and turn left into the Kiss and Go Carpark.

Regards

Chad Banfield

Chairperson

SLT NEWS:

MR PAUL KIRBY PAYS LPS A VISIT



Mr Paul Kirby is the Member for Port Darwin and has been working with the SLT for the past few years. He came to visit our school to discuss leadership and our goals.

READING AWARDS

Level 10

Saumya Adhikari

Billy Otgontugs

Bonnie Martin

Aagney Adhvijay

Harshika Niraula

Pia Sjogren

Axel Ango

Dylan Boyd

Siddhant Mohite

Level 20

Ben Abe

Jo Jo Smith

Rytham Parajuli

Minay Sharma

Sienna Blomfield





HARMONY DAY

This year Larrakeyah Primary School is celebrating Harmony Day on **Thursday 18th of March** in a variety of ways, which are listed below. Rotational activities from 1.40pm– 2.20pm.

Teachers have organised cultural activities and events for the students across all year levels. Students will be allowed to travel around the school participating in the activities of their choice in this time.

All students are encouraged to wear a traditional culture's clothing or orange clothes, as orange is the recognised colour for Harmony. Please remember that in alignment with our Sun Smart Policy, singlets, spaghetti straps or strapless clothing must not be worn.

Unfortunately due to COVID 19 restrictions, parents and guardians will not be able to attend Harmony Day at Larrakeyah Primary School.

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions or concerns please contact your classroom teacher.

Defence School Mentor

We are over halfway through the term, so we pulled out the old favourite pogo stick and cup stacking activity at Defence Kids Club. These are very popular activities that are fun and encourage resilience, confidence, unity, collaboration and friendship for the kids. Pogo stick – resilience building, a bit of bravery is required to take both feet off the ground, balance ourselves and jump at the same time knowing that we will inevitably fall off but have the confidence to know we can get back up and not only bounce back but bounce forward, sometimes with a little help. Cup stacking requires the children to share the cups and work together to make something big and once built the group gets together to blow the build down because we are stronger together than on our own. The smiles, laughter and positive encouragement that is shared is great.

Can you help? I am looking for Defence serving members or veterans from our school community to volunteer for from our ANZAC Day Assembly at Larrakeyah on Friday the 23rd April 2021 (week 1 Term 2). We are in need of a guest speaker (<5min speech) and would also like an Ode Reader and flag raiser. If you can help with any of these roles or have anything to contribute to the event to make it unique please contact me.

Special ANZACs display. Families Defence and civilian alike are encouraged to email photos of the students special Anzac (both current serving and past) to acknowledge students family military history. This is what Anzac Day looks like in our community! It isn't just the historic soldier at Gallipoli or the Western Front, it also looks like our community. So, get your families pictures in with the Anzac's name, an interesting detail (i.e., Conflict, title, unit, age,) and associated student name to be put on this year's display.

Recently I attended a DSM's workshop and we were introduced to a number of support services available to Defence families including Soldier On and their Pathways Program that supports veterans and families with practical employment and education support including job boards and study courses. For more info <https://pathways.soldieron.org.au/> or link to their NT Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/841778893233303/about> ; Defence Families Australia <https://dfa.org.au/> great NT Facebook page to let you know what's happening; Open Arms Veterans & Families Counselling <https://www.openarms.gov.au/>

Jodie Murdoch- DSM

jodie.murdoch@education.nt.gov.au

Defence Family Helpline 1800 624 608



The Tour De Rick (Top to Bottom)

37 days 3867kms 4 Cities 21 Towns 10 remote camps
1 man and a bicycle

Rick Collister in support of Beyond Blue

I am preparing for a solo bicycle ride from Darwin to Melbourne, via Adelaide, while on Long Service Leave. This is both a personal challenge and to raise money that will help improve the lives of people in Australia affected by anxiety, depression and stress.

I am supporting Beyond Blue because it provides valuable support for people, both young and old.

Details of the event are:

Date: 15th April – 21st May.

Time: Rain, wind or sunshine I will be riding 7 – 10 hours every day.

Activity: The Tour De Rick is a solo bicycle ride from Darwin to Melbourne.

I will be travelling via the Stuart Highway to Port Augusta, the Princes Highway to Adelaide and then via the Dukes Highway and Western Highway to Melbourne. Without a support vehicle, I will be carrying food, camping gear, safety gear and clothes. As a dedicated vegan I will maintain this diet throughout the tour which will be a challenge in itself.

For more information contact me on **0437 795 673** or

rick.collister@gmail.com.

If you and your children would like to follow my adventures over the next 9 weeks go to Facebook and search for: @TheTourDeRick and then Like the page.



MINECRAFT

School Holiday Camps

April School Holidays

\$135 per camp

12th & 13th APRIL 2021

14th & 15th APRIL 2021

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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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 YEARS & UNDER AFL

DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE
TUESDAY	23RD MARCH	3.30–5.00pm	Sanderson Middle School Oval
WEDNESDAY	24TH MARCH		
THURSDAY	25TH MARCH		

12 YEARS & UNDER TENNIS

DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE
FRIDAY	26TH MARCH	3.30–5.00pm	Gardens Tennis Centre
SATURDAY	27TH MARCH	8.30–10.00am	DITC, Marrara



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