



LARRAKEYAH PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our Year 4 students returned from a successful camp at Batchelor last week. Thank you to Mrs Korfias, Mr Cruse, Mrs Lawler, Ms Dix and Ms Brown for their time and organisation for the camp. Thank you to parents for volunteering your time to assist as your support was greatly appreciated.

The City of Darwin have erected a sign prohibiting a "Right Hand Turn" from Packard Street into the main school "Kiss and Go" carpark. The intent is to relocate the queue for the Kiss and Go area from Packard Street to Larrakeyah Terrace and Murray Street, reducing congestion on Packard Street, aiming to improve the safety of pedestrians using the school crossing. The school has requested a larger sign that is more visible which should be installed this week. Council has advised that Police will be attendance to enforce this road rule.

Parents should be accessing the "Kiss and Go" carpark by arriving via Larrakeyah Terrace and Murray Street.

Also, please be aware of the crossing and stop to give way to pedestrians on the crossing.

Professional Development Day for Teachers Friday 4th June 2021

A reminder.... On Friday 4th June 2021, teachers will be involved in professional development sessions based on the focus areas of improvement in the school's Annual School Improvement Plan 2021. Sessions will be focussed on Writing, Data, Assessment and curriculum integration.

Teachers learning and working collaboratively to meet specific targets in the strategic plan will ensure that the school continues to move forward as well as build on the areas

identified in the Teaching and Learning Improvement Framework outlined in the 2020 school review. 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 89414521 or 0438 813211 or Larrakeyah.oshc@ntschoools.net.

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

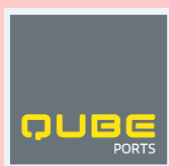
Primary School App



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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Math Focus and Writing Focus activities
our students engage in every week. Now,
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and access previous articles, visit our
News section in the Website.**

<https://larrakeyahprimary.com.au/blog>



DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 20th– Friday 21st May

School Photos.

Friday 21st May

EC Assembly.

Monday 24th May

Music Performance.

Monday 24th- Thursday 27th May

Year 6 Camp.

Monday 24th– Friday 28th May

Book Fair.

Friday 28th May

Middle/ Upper Assembly.

Friday 28th May

Dress Up Day– Hero Day.

Monday 31st May— Thursday 3rd June

Year 5 Camp.

Wednesday 2nd June

Tennis Gala Day (Year 3– 6)

Friday 4th June

Professional Development Day.

Thursday 10th– Friday 11th June

Year 3 Camp.

Friday 11th June

EC Assembly.

Monday 14th June

Queens Birthday– Public Holiday.

Tuesday 15th- Friday 25th June

Healthy Harold.

Wednesday 16th June

Middle/ Upper Track and Field Sports Day.

Thursday 17th June

Early Childhood Track and Field Sports Day.

Friday 18th June

Whole School Sports Day.

News from the School Board

Traffic

During the school holidays the City of Darwin installed kerb extensions to the school crossing and a “No Right Turn” that was intended to improve the safety of children using the school crossing by eliminating stationary traffic blocking drivers’ view of pedestrians. Whilst the kerb extensions appear to have improved the recognition of the school crossing by drivers, unfortunately a number of drivers are still continuing to turn right into the carpark in contravention of the sign. This is very disappointing as even one stopped vehicle waiting to turn right into the school can completely sabotage the safety improvements that result from the reduced congestion.

In the interests of improving safety, the City of Darwin will shortly be installing two larger signs in more visible locations that will explicitly state “No right turn into school carpark”. Once this occurs, police will be in attendance to initially educate parents, and after a short period of time to enforce this road rule. The recommended access to the school carpark is to turn left into Larrakeyah Terrace, follow the loop around Murray Street, and then turn right into Packard Street so that you can turn left into the school carpark – please see attached diagram.



Infrastructure update

We have received some very good news that the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics has been requested to progress the design of the Stage 1 works (Four new classrooms and a new Pre School building) from 25% to 100% during 2021-22. This will build on the school funded design work to 25% that is nearing completion. Whilst we are yet to receive any commitments for funding the actual construction, this work will make to project “shovel ready”, hopefully leading to construction funding as well as reducing the lead time once the project is approved.

And finally, please stay safe and enjoy this beautiful time of the year.

Regards

Chad Banfield, Chairperson

Larrakeyah Primary School Board

BOOK FAIR

To the Book Fair and Beyond!

When:

Monday 24th– Friday 28th May.

Times:

8.00am– 8.15am

2.45pm– 3.15pm

Where:

LPS Library.

School Photo Day

Thursday 20th – Friday 21st May



This year we are continuing to use the online school photo system for ordering. Both individual and family packs can be ordered online using the access key.

Orders and cash payments cannot be accepted through the front office. Flyers with the individual access key (as per below) will be sent home with students.

INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY PHOTOS CAN BE ORDERED WITH THE SAME ACCESS KEY

event
Photo

Larrakeyah Primary School - 2021

To order your school photos you need to log onto
www.eventphoto.com.au
And enter your special unique access key.

INDIVIDUAL ACCESS KEY: **FHDVZJF8**

Family photographs must be ordered before 4pm
the night before photo day. Please ensure your
orders are placed before this time



**LARRAKEYAH
PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

HERO DRESS UP DAY!



COME TO SCHOOL DRESSED AS YOUR
FAVOURITE HERO!

FRIDAY THE 28TH MAY.

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

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

MINECRAFT

June/July School Holiday Camps

\$135 per camp

28th & 29th June

1st & 2nd July

12th & 13th July

15th & 16th July

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
- *have enormous fun
- *Engage in 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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DEFENCE SCHOOL MENTOR

Defence Kids club on Tuesday lunchtimes has been busy. Last week we did "I am..." positive words craft about ourselves working on confidence with some pogo stick fun. This week being National Family Week we did a FAMILY acrostic poem and for craft a Welcome to the Dry dragonfly/butterfly puppet. Talking about the fun dry season activities we like to do as a family like camping, fishing, riding, picnics...going for ice-cream. These activities or creating family traditions can help build strong family connections and memories. On that note, I have found and used the very handy and well supported parenting website <https://raisingchildren.net.au/> to give guidance and advice for many things and for all age groups.

The Base Gate Walking Bus has returned on most Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday afternoons. Apologies it was cancelled today but my quarterly DSM workshop has changed this week's schedule. If you would like your Transition or year 1 child collected from class and walked to the Defence Base/School gate for pick up please let me know. The "Jodie" Bus was very successful last year with the children asking for it to return. Parents don't need to come through the school to the class on these days but can meet us at the undercover area next to the access gate at the end of the school day. This will encourage students to be a little more independent with packing and carrying their bag as well as being part of a group, sharing responsibility while building confidence and having fun at the end of day. Other students are welcome to jump on board and join the walking bus too. Beep, beep!

There are some families already getting their next posting orders, so we are busy making mementos and researching their new schools, not to mention collecting photos with their friends. If you are looking at moving on to new adventures and new posting please let me know so I can start the process of farewelling your child prior to you leaving LPS. Try the new website PostingConnect <https://ext.defence.gov.au/postingconnect> a Defence platform designed to support ADF members and their families through domestic postings that include a removal. The platform provides direct access to posting services, including Toll and Defence Housing Australia (DHA). For advice, support and services to assist your family with your move see the <https://www.defence.gov.au/DCO/>

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Defence Family Helpline 1800 624 608

