



# LARRAKEYAH PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

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 focussed on wellbeing, writing, data and curriculum integration. This is important professional development for continuous school improvement and was a highly successful day for our teaching staff.

Our Year 3 students returned from a sleepover/camp at the Territory Wildlife Park last week. Thank you to Mr King, Mrs Korfias, Mrs Jentz, Ms McManus and Mr Cruse for their time and organisation for the camp. Thank you to parents for volunteering your time to assist as your support is valuable and greatly appreciated.

It has been great to see most parents following the "No Right Turn into School Carpark" signs that have been erected by The City of Darwin. This is helping to reduce the congestion on Packard Street. All parents should be accessing the carpark for drop off/pick up via Larrakeyah Terrace and Murray Street.

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

Next Wednesday, Semester One student reports will be sent home. Parents should be aware of their child's progress through the 3-way conferences last term and communication with the teacher. Below are the definitions of the A-E grades that teachers will be using:

- A = Evidence of learning demonstrates outstanding achievement at this year level.
- B = Evidence of learning demonstrates high achievement at this year level.
- C = Evidence of learning demonstrates sound achievement at this year level.
- D = Evidence of learning demonstrates limited achievement at this year level.
- E = Evidence of learning demonstrates very limited achievement at this year level.

Some parents consider a "C" grade as not good. However, a "C" grade means that the student is performing at the expected year level and it is where the majority of our students are placed. It is important that parents discuss the report with their child, identifying strengths and possible areas for improvement.

We had the first session today of our Sports Carnival with track and field events for middle and upper primary students. Tomorrow we have the Early Childhood tabloids. This Friday, we have our whole school House marches, Primary/Early Childhood/Preschool races, 100/200m races and relay races. Please come along and support your children.

Next week is the last week of Term 2. Students resume Term 3 on Tuesday 20th July.

Regards,

Fathma Mauer  
Principal



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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.

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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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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**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.

**Wednesday 23rd June**

ZONE Athletics Gala Day.

**Friday 25th June**

Middle/ Upper Assembly.

**Friday 25th June**

End of Term 2.

**Tuesday 20th July**

Term 3 Commence.

**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 traffic situation and pedestrian crossing safety appears to be improving, with the City of Darwin completing the painting of the kerb extensions, and the erection of new signs which clearly prohibit right hand turns into the school carpark from Packard Street. Since the installation of these signs, Council staff have returned to complete some pruning to make these signs more visible. It is very encouraging that most parents are complying with this new rule, however for those that are still turning right into the carpark please be aware that we are expecting police enforcement to commence in the near future. By being patient, considerate and following this and other road rules a safer road environment will be the result for all.

The 25% plans for Stage 1 of the Masterplan were endorsed by the Board at yesterday's board meeting, which now leads into the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics progressing these plans to a 100% completion stage. Whilst we are yet to receive any commitments for funding the actual works, every step completed is one step closer to seeing this important infrastructure come to fruition.

In other exciting news, the school athletics carnival will be held during the remainder of this week. Parents are most welcome to attend to cheer their children, however please follow the school's COVID safe procedures should you attend.

On a similar note, I very much enjoyed being able to attend and assist at the Year 5 camp at the Litchfield Environmental Education Campground in Week 7. It was really wonderful to see how much all of the children enjoyed and grew as a result of this wonderful experience. In my opinion these camps are another feature of what makes Larrakeyah Primary School such a great school. A massive thank you to the school, teachers and the parent volunteers all of whom allow these camps to happen.

The end of term is rapidly approaching. Whilst some families will be making the most of the beautiful weather at this time of the year to explore our own backyard, others will be travelling to catch up with family and friends. Whatever you do, please stay safe, and have a great break and recuperate ready for the second half of the year.

Regards

Chad Banfield

Chairperson

# 2021 Athletics Carnival Program

Wednesday: 16/06/2021		Thursday: 17/06/2021		Friday: 18/06/2021	
<p><b>8:30am</b></p> <p><b>Middle and Upper Primary Events on the Oval and Middle/Upper Undercover Area:</b></p> <p>800m races</p> <p>Field events: Shotput, Discus, High Jump, Long Jump</p>		<p><b>8:30am</b></p> <p><b>Early Childhood Tabloids on the Oval:</b></p> <p>Tabloids: Sling Throw, Long Jump, Bulls Eye, High Jump, Egg and Spoon Race, Shot Put, Over/ Under, Sack Relay</p>		<p><b>8:30am</b></p> <p><b>Whole School Running Events on the Oval:</b></p> <p>Marches and Chants</p> <p>Middle and Upper Primary- 200m Heats and Finals.</p> <p>Transition and Preschool races</p>	
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<b>12:45pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>12:45pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>12:45pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<p><b>1:30pm</b></p> <p><b>Return to Class</b></p>		<p><b>1:30pm</b></p> <p><b>Return to Class</b></p>		<p><b>1:30pm</b></p> <p><b>Oval:</b></p> <p>Announce Winning House of Sports Carnival 2021</p>	

### What do students need?

- House colours - come dressed in house shirts, school uniform or appropriate house coloured clothes for the day.
- Sun Smart Clothes (no singlets)
- Running shoes.
- Labelled hat.
- Labelled water bottles.
- Plenty of healthy snacks to keep you going.



### **The canteen will be open at recess and lunch times on all Sports Days!**

#### Be Sun Smart!



There will be sun screen for you to use at school but be extra prepared and put on sunscreen before school. Remember to wear sun smart clothes.

### Food and Drinks - Canteen

On Thursday and Friday, the canteen will be offering coffee/tea and cake.



Special lunch menu – order early

BBQ sausage in a roll

Thursday – Yiros

Friday – Chicken baguette



### Extra Information:

1. Our school sports day is a whole school event and the focus is on participation and enjoyment. Everyone should be encouraging this by cheering their classmates, friends, children and house mates on.
2. Students run in ages according to their age at the end of the year. That means they may be competing with students in other year groups.
3. Ribbons will be given out for 1-4 of each running heat (as well as finals. It is the top times to get into the finals – not placing from heats.
4. Ribbons will be given out for 1-4 for Middle/Upper field events.
5. Ribbons will be given out 1-4 for 800m races.



# DEFENCE SCHOOL MENTOR

Hope you all enjoyed a fabulous long weekend celebrating the Queen's birthday in the glorious dry season weather. This week's Defence Kids Club activity was to make crowns as we all need to feel special like a prince or princess every now and again. Last week students made their own paper dog and read "Sticking Together" by Rex D. Dog from Defence Housing Australia (DHA). Rex moves house, makes new friends and realises how important it is for his family to stick together especially when his mum or dad goes away. If you would like a copy then please let me know.

A reminder to email me if a parent is away on training, exercise or deployment. This will allow me to inform the teacher so we can help support your child during the time of parental absence. There are a range of activities that might be helpful and fun for them to do while Mum/Dad is away.

Wow we are now in week 9. Camps are done, sports days to go, go, go, before the holidays begin. Remember to keep the Defence Family Helpline 1800 624608 number handy if you require information or support over the break.

The DCO website is also handy for information and advice too.

There are a number of free and fun activities over the holidays from libraries, Fun Buses, cycle paths, playgrounds, Botanic Gardens, school holiday programs and water parks. A few handy links for activities: <https://www.darwin.nt.gov.au/community/programs/fun-for-children>  
<https://www.darwin.nt.gov.au/explore/whats-on>  
<https://www.waterfront.nt.gov.au/free-dry-season-school-holiday-activities>  
<https://schoolholidayactivities.com.au/school-holiday-activities-darwin/>

Also check out Facebook pages for these and your local Defence Community House activities.

On 1st July your Defence Community Organisation (DCO) will be officially changing name to Defence Member and Family Support (DMFS) Branch, this will not change the services and programs offered. They have some exciting events and activities planned for the year ahead so continue to follow them on Facebook, Instagram,

Twitter or ForceNet for up to date info and links to register through Eventbrite. Or check out their website [www.defence.gov.au/dco](http://www.defence.gov.au/dco) for advice and information. The June/July edition of The Top Ender Magazine [www.thetopendermagazine.org.au](http://www.thetopendermagazine.org.au) has a list of Sporting groups that might be useful as this time of year for many Darwin sports is the start of a new season or Term. There are many benefits of playing sport and joining teams, not only great for making new friends; developing physical fitness, self-esteem and confidence; improving movement and coordination skills; learning to listen and follow instructions and basic tactics; learn to lead, follow and be part of a team; learn about fair play and being a good sport. All these can help develop your child's education, learning and wellbeing at school too. The next round of \$100 NT Government Sports Vouchers will be coming out in July to help with the costs of school age students getting active through sport, recreation and cultural activities. See the link to get yours <https://nt.gov.au/leisure/sport/sport-and-swim-vouchers/sport-voucher-scheme-urban/get-sport-vouchers-for-your-child>

Have fun over the holidays and I look forward to catching up in Term 3.

Defence Family Helpline 1800 624 608

## Reading Certificates 2021 (EC)

### Level 10

Briella Fleming

Jayne Baker

Khang Nguyen

Terry Daly

Violet Todd

Brandon Hibbins

Clarence Sailor

Lachlan Chan

Saxon Wong

Zen Denson

Zoe Carr

### Level 20

Hayden Perrins

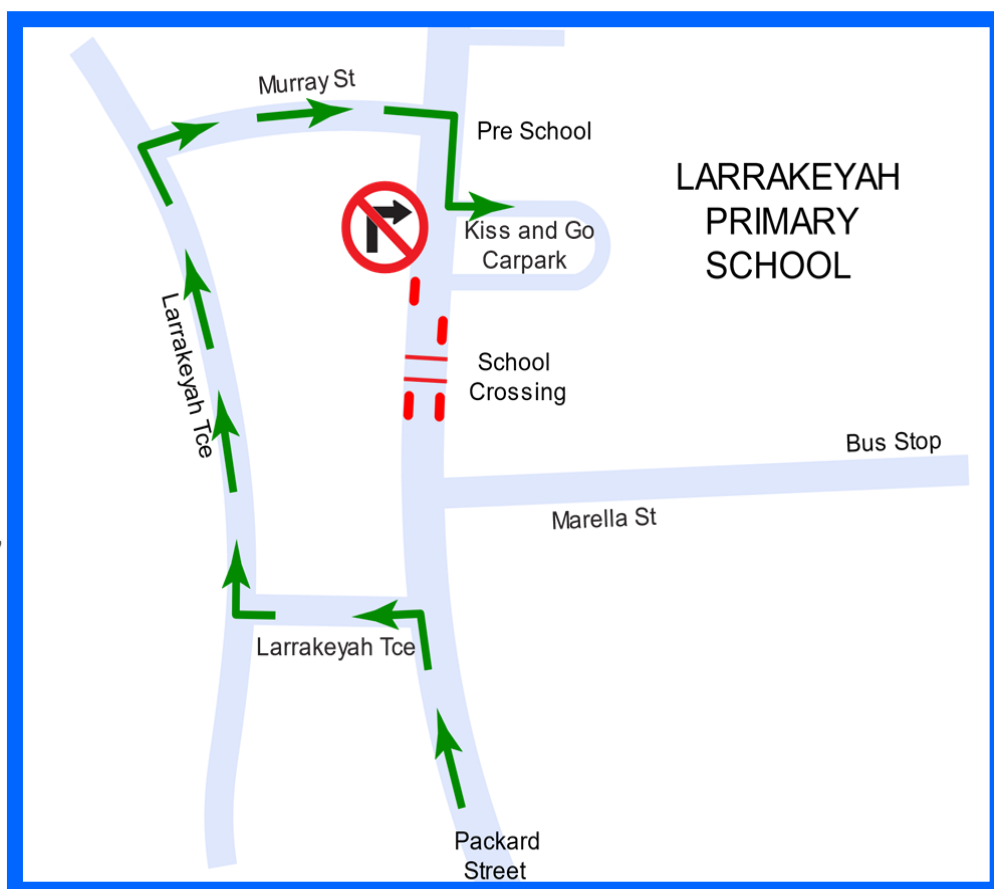
Anna Vaneesha Ananda



## Larrakeyah Primary School Traffic Safety Procedures

- Drivers using the “Kiss and Go” school carpark or parking on the school side of Packard Street should:
  - turn left into Larrakeyah Terrace,
  - follow the Larrakeyah Terrace, Murray Street loop,
  - turn right back into Packard Street,
  - turn left into the carpark.
- Be vigilant for pedestrians using the school crossing, especially when leaving the school carpark.
- All pedestrians crossing Packard Street should use the school crossing.

**Right turns are NOT permitted into the school “Kiss and Go” carpark.** They are illegal because they compromise the safety of pedestrians using the school crossing as well as creating congestion and frustration.



# MINECRAFT

## June/July School Holiday Camps

\$135 per camp

28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> June

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> July

12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> July

15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> 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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