



# LARRAKEYAH PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April we held our special ANZAC Commemoration Assembly. It was lovely to see so many parents and community members attend this assembly. Thank you to School Captains, Willow and Andreas for hosting the ANZAC Assembly. Thank you to Jodie Murdoch (DSM) and Bianca Hyke for organising the Assembly. A very special thank you to our guest speaker Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Medlin for sharing his thoughts on the meaning of ANZAC Day

and the ANZAC Spirit. Thank you to Warrant Officer Angela Rigby and her children Annabelle and Caelan for raising the flag. Thank you to our Year 5/6 students Raphael, Max, Aishwarya and Abby for reciting an ANZAC Poem and Isabelle for reciting the Ode. This year we were lucky to have Mr Brian Manning, Assistant Principal Darwin Middle School, playing The Last Post and The Rouse, and we also thank him for his time.

The Department of Education and schools have a renewed

focus on attendance, especially in these COVID times. We understand that children become sick at times and are unable to attend school for a short period. It is important that you notify the school if your child is absent or sick for any reason. Attendance at school in the Northern Territory is compulsory. Regular attendance at school and engagement in learning is fundamental in student achievement. Being absent for one or two days doesn't seem much, but over a period of time it can have an impact on student learning as shown below.

Regards,

Natasha Guse

Acting Principal



### DOES ATTENDANCE REALLY MATTER?

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much, but...

If your child misses:	That equals:	Which is:	Over 13 years that's:
1/2 day per week	20 days per year	1 month per year	1.5 years of school
1 day per week	40 days per year	2 months per year	2.5 years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	4 months per year	5 years of school
3 days per week	120 days per year	Over half a school year	8 years of school

**Every day counts!**



**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  
uses SkoolBag App to  
keep families up to  
date



We ask that all families  
download the app as this is our  
primary means of  
communication.

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Monday 2nd - Friday 6th May** - Mother's  
Day Stall

**Thursday 5th May** - Zone Qualifying

**Friday 6th May** - M/U Digital Assembly  
Soccer Gala Day

**Tuesday 10th - Friday 20th May** - NAPLAN

**Friday 20th May** - E/C Digital Assembly

**Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th May** -  
School Photos

**Friday 27th May** - M/U Digital Assembly

**Tuesday 31st May** - Year 5 Excursion

## 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 through Skool Bag  
App.

Tap on School logo then use  
EFORMS

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](https://larrakeyahprimary.com.au/blog)



## Defence School Mentor

*Wello!* Thanks to all those that were able to join our ANZAC Day Commemorative Assembly on Friday week 1. A big thanks to our special guests, Warrant Officer Angela Rigby, (RAAF) who raised our flag with the help of her children, guest speaker Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Medlin, (NORFORCE) and Mr Brian Manning from Darwin Middle School who played the Last Post. Thank you to our amazing students who hosted the assembly, recited the poems and Odes and the wreath layers who proudly represented their classes.

Thanks to the school staff who supported the smooth running of the Commemorative Assembly. It has been a long time since we have had a whole school assembly and it was a wonderful example of the pride and respect within our school community. It was nice to also catch up with a few parents for Anzac bickies and cuppa afterwards.

Classes across the school participated in a variety of lessons leading up to our Assembly. These consisted of ANZAC Day displays, activities and learning sessions such as identifying Defence Bears, slouch hat craft, dress-ups, battle history, 75th anniversary of Australian peacekeeping operations to wreath making and learning why it is an important date to so many Australians. As well as some Two-up fun kids style (heads & tails). I am still working through the photos taken on the Anzac Day Assembly and emailing them to families.

Thanks to the families that sent photos in of their relatives and special Anzacs for our service display. Students are always full of smiles showing them off to their friends. If you didn't have an opportunity, please send your family photos in for Remembrance Day commemorations later in the year.

Several students were wearing their own medallions at our Anzac Day Commemorations, which they were so proud of. If you would like deployment recognition medallions for your child, please see <https://www.opptsd.org.au/shop>. If you would like a special presentation of the medallion, please contact me to help organise something a little special to promote their perseverance on the home front while a parent is away.

At Defence Kids Club on Tuesday lunchtime students were busy making dandelions to celebrate Military Child month and this week of course Mother's Day items. Hope all our mum's feel very loved on Sunday.

Kookaburra Kids has a branch here in Darwin. If you do not already know Kookaburra Kids support children aged 8-18 living in families affected by mental illness resulting from military service. The program provides free activities and camps and are always looking for volunteers. For more information see [www.kookaburrakids.org.au](http://www.kookaburrakids.org.au) 1300 566 525

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**Defence Family Helpline 1800 624 608**



# MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Week 3

2-6 May 2022

Gifts from \$2 - \$7

Before & After School



# Reading Awards

Term 2 Week 2

**Early Childhood**

**Level 10**

Macy

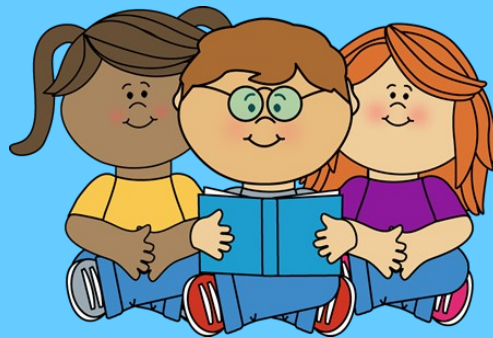
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Aaron Pillai

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## Help Needed

Our Reading Room needs help changing students daily readers.

Please call **89813211** and let us know if you can spare some time to help our school reading program.



## Items and Valuables at School



Please note that it is advised that students **are not** sent to school with toys or valuable items, including smart watches, as they can become lost and/or damaged.

Students will have full responsibility of the items or valuables and the school accepts no responsibility in the event an item or valuable is lost or damaged.



# Larrakeyah Primary School 2022

## Athletics Sports Carnival

### Zone Qualifying Sports Day

Thursday 5th May 8:30—12:15pm

*The Zone Qualifying Sports Day is for students who will be 10—13 years old by December 31st 2022 to qualify for the Darwin Region Zone Interschool Athletics Gala Day. Students will compete in Long Jump, High Jump, Shotput, Discus, 100m and 200m. The top 2 boys and girls in each event will be nominated to attend the Darwin Region Zone Interschool Athletics Gala Day in June to represent Larrakeyah Primary School.*

### Middle and Upper Primary Track and Field Sports Day

Wednesday 22nd June 8:30—12:15pm

*The Middle and Upper Primary Track and Field Sports Day is for students in Year 3—6 to compete in Long Jump, High Jump, Shotput, Discus, 100m and 200m. Students are competing for placing ribbons and for points in the House Athletics Sports Carnival Championship.*

### Early Childhood Tabloids Day

Thursday 23rd June 8:30—12:05pm

*The Early Childhood Tabloids Sports Day is for students in Transition—Year 2 to compete in Sling Throw, Long Jump, Bulls Eye, High Jump, Egg and Spoon Relay, Shotput, Over Under and the Sack Relay. Students are competing for fun, fitness and for points in the House Athletics Sports Carnival Championship.*

### Whole School Running Day: Finals

Friday 24th June 8:30—12:45pm

*The Whole School Running Day: Finals is for students in Preschool—Year 6 to compete in running events. All Preschool and 5-7 year old students will compete in the 50m sprint. Only students aged 8—12 who have qualified for the finals in the 100m and 200m will race on this day. Students are racing for fun, fitness, placing ribbons and for points in the House Athletics Sports Carnival Championship.*

*\*Parents and families are welcome to attend all the Athletics Sports Days, however we must remain Covid Safe so please stay out of the student tents and apply Covid Safe practices throughout the days.*