



# LARRAKEYAH PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Larrakeyah Primary School has been selected and shortlisted in the World's Best School Prizes for Supporting Healthy Lives. The application process highlights our commitment to student wellbeing and the programs we have that support this. Our students in Year 5 and 6 participate in QUEST in Term 3 as a way of bringing real life contexts to the classroom through the process of inquiry, Kitchen and Gardening program supports health, hygiene and nutrition and our school wide YouHue program to support social and emotional learning. For more information about the awards please use this link: <https://bit.ly/3zCxugl>

Thank you to our school community for supporting our teachers with the professional development day last Friday. Teachers were involved in the whole school professional development day that focussed on wellbeing, Visible Learning and goal setting, mathematics and writing. The time for professional development is important for continuous

school improvement and the day was highly successful.

Students and teachers are excited about the upcoming Athletics Days in Week 10. On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June our Middle and Upper Primary Students will compete in field events and the heats for 100m and 200m and our Early Childhood (Transition to Year 2) students will participate in Tabloids events on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. This culminates in the Whole School Running Day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June where our Preschool students and those aged 5-7 years will compete in a 50m sprint and students aged 8-12 years who have qualified for finals will race on this day. There will be a Sausage Sizzle from 10am on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June in the undercover area in the upper primary playground. We look forward to welcoming parents and families to share in the excitement of the Athletics Days.

Next Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 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.

Regards,

Natasha Guse

Acting 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



## School Hours and Supervision



**Preschool:** 08:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Front Office:** 08:00 AM - 3:30 PM

**Primary School:** 08:15 AM - 2:45 PM

**Supervision is provided**

**before school (8:00 AM - 8:15 AM) and**  
**after school (2:45 PM - 3:00 PM).**



### 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.

Available from  
Apple App store or  
Google Play store

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June**

Middle/Upper Assembly

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

Middle/Upper Sports Day

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

Early Childhood Sports Day

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June**

Whole School Sports Day

Colour Run

Last Day Term 2

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

Students return Term 3

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August**

Kadul with Ryka Performance

### 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.

**We love to showcase the Visible Learning and Mathematics and Writing Focus activities our students engage in every week. 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>**

From the Larrakeyah Primary School Board Chair

It is once again very pleasing to see further external recognition of Larrakeyah Primary School's achievements through awards. The school has three finalists for the Australian Education Awards that will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of August in Sydney: Fathma Mauger for the Primary School Principal of the Year – Government, Danni Mattiazzo for the Head of Department of the Year and Larrakeyah Primary School for the Best STEM program. Additionally, Larrakeyah Primary School is a Top 10 shortlisted school for the World's Best School Prize in the Supporting Healthy Lives category, with the winner to be announced during Education week in October. To progress to this level at a national and international level is an extraordinary achievement and is a great reflection of the efforts of our Principal, School Leadership Team, Teachers and all other stakeholders of the school. If there anyone at the school who you believe should be recognised, now is an ideal time to nominate them for the Teaching in the Territory Excellence Awards - <https://teachingintheterritoryawards.nt.gov.au/home>

The new Covered Outdoor Learning Area is complete with the landscaping progressing well, and the planter boxes are being setup as part of the Cooking and Gardening Program. Whilst the use of the COLA structure has not yet been required to support school programs, it is now ready to do so whenever the necessity arises.

It has been great to see the Extra Curricular Activity program continuing to prove popular with students after its hiatus during Term 1. Unfortunately, increasing costs for buses has necessitated an increase in the fee for those activities which are undertaken away from the school.

A review the policies of the Outside School Hours Care program is underway. A number of policies have already been ratified at recent meetings by the School Board, with more policies to reviewed as the year progresses.

Whilst the traffic situation in Packard Street has been stable for some time, it is extremely concerning to see cars still turning right into the school carpark in contravention of the law and in blatant disregard to the safety of our children and other members of the school community. The congestion caused by vehicles making this illegal right turn completely compromises the sight lines that are essential for the safety of pedestrians using the school crossing. Please, please choose a safe alternative irrespective of whether the road is busy or not.

The construction plans for the new Pre School and General Learning Area block are in the process of being finalised. Once these are complete, the Board will reinvigorate efforts to secure funding for these essential projects. Whilst the previous Minister for Education advised a tentative funding commitment for the 2024/25 financial year, the Board strongly believes this work needs to be brought well forward. Whilst there is still a small remaining amount of classroom capacity for additional primary students, the immediate need is for pre-school capacity to allow any child of pre-school age who resides within the school catchment area to be enrolled in the Kindergarten program.

Regards

Chad Banfield

Chairperson

Larrakeyah Primary School Board

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## Defence School Mentor

Hope you all enjoyed a fabulous long weekend celebrating the Queen's birthday in the glorious dry season weather. Last week's Defence Kids Club activity was to make crowns in preparation for the Queens Jubilee Anniversary and we all need to feel special like a prince or princess every now and again. This 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. If a parent is away 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.

What a busy school term it has been with dress up days and discos last week; sports days and Colour Fun Run next week. Many of you have had the juggle of Covid, flu's and super busy work schedules, so I am sure you are all looking forward to enjoying the school break. Remember to keep the Defence Family Helpline 1800 624608 number handy if you require information or support over the break. The DMFS website is also handy for info and advice <https://defence.gov.au/members-families/Family/kids/Programs-products.asp>

There are a few Defence families already posting out of Darwin, we hope they leave with many happy and amazing memories and wish them all the best on their future adventures. These students are in the process of making mementos with friends and farewell activities to help prepare them for their goodbyes and the changes ahead. If you are posting out end of term please let me know ASAP so no one misses out.

Please consider following the Larrakeyah Neighbourhood House and Robertson Barracks Family Group on Facebook as they have information on upcoming events and activities that they and DMFS will be holding. In Darwin there are a number of free and fun activities over the holidays from libraries, Fun Buses, cycle paths, playgrounds, Botanic Gardens, Museums, shopping centres, school holiday programs and water parks. A few handy links for activities: <https://northernterritory.com/darwin-and-surrounds/events>, <https://www.darwin.nt.gov.au>, <https://www.waterfront.nt.gov.au>, <https://schoolholidayactivities.com.au/school-holiday-activities-darwin>

The Top Ender Tri-Service Magazine has just published the June/July edition full of Dry Season information and articles <https://www.thetopendermagazine.org.au/> you can read it online if you didn't get your copy.

Seasonal sports are about to change, 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://grantsnt.nt.gov.au/grants/sport-vouchers-parentcarer-requests-round-1-20212022>

Have fun over the holidays, safe travels and look forward to catching up in Term 3.

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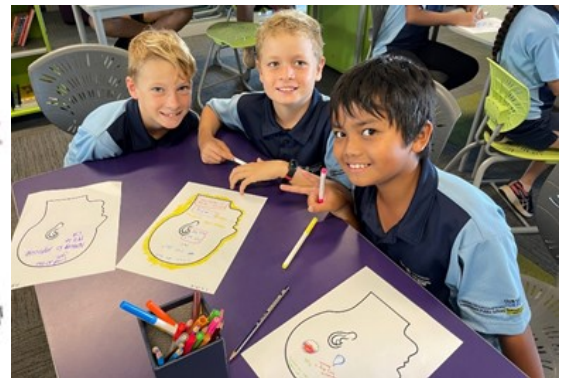
**Defence Family Helpline 1800 624 608**

# Mindfulness Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 2022

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June, students from Transition to Year 6 were involved in Mindfulness activities. At the beginning of Term 1 and 3, students participate in a wellbeing survey. These surveys give teachers an indication of areas of need for student wellbeing. After analysing the results for each year level teachers designed and created a Mindfulness activity to complete with 2 groups. On Friday afternoon, students were split between various year levels. They then went to 2 different classes and completed a Mindfulness activity. Some activities were Meditation, Breathing Techniques, Taming Angry Feelings, Gratitude and a whole lot more.

After students participated in their 2 activities they then went back to class and completed YouHue. They needed to pick an emotion and make a comment on how they were feeling after completing the activities.

From analysing the YouHue results, students enjoyed themselves and would love to do this activity again. We are hoping to complete this afternoon again later in the year.



# Reading Awards

Term 2 Week 8

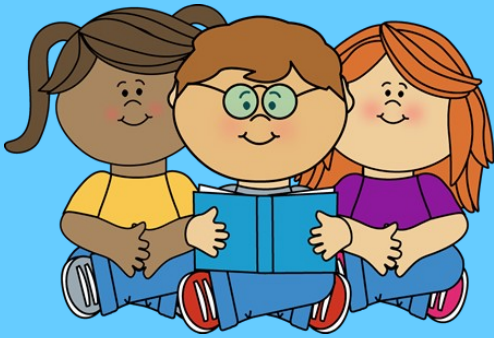
## Early Childhood

### Level 10

Alexa Lockley	1 Brown	Annabel Blair	1 Stenhouse
Carissa	1 Stenhouse	Krishna Dhaunya	1 Stenhouse
Lara Gandharba	1 Stenhouse	Maryam Irshard	1 Stenhouse
Ruby Canuto	1 Stenhouse	Talia Elzarka	1 Stenhouse

### Level 20

Rose Samaratunge	1 Brown	Colin Paterson	1 Stenhouse
Jenika Kshetry	1 Stenhouse		



### 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.

Reading Room Lady

## 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.*



**FRIDAY 24TH  
JUNE  
TERM 2, 2022**

**All fundraising will go  
towards purchasing new  
resources for our school.**



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# OPEN DAY



CULTURE AND CONNECTION

CULTURAL DANCES | STORY TIME  
CRAFT ACTIVITIES | STEAM ZONE | SCAVENGER HUNT  
GLITTER TATTOOS | LEGO ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY 26 JUNE 2022

11am-2pm | Casuarina Library



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# fun in the parks!

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

27 JUNE - 15 JULY 2022



**Mondays**  
10am-12.30pm  
(5-12 years only)

**27 JUNE: TIWI PARK**

Ball skills and puppet making with recycled objects + other activities

**4 JULY: BICENTENNIAL PARK**

Tile designs with sharpies + other activities

**11 JULY: SUNSET PARK**

Make and create woodworking + other activities



**29 JUNE: LAKE ALEXANDER**

Native plant potting and macrame pot holders + other activities

**6 JULY: WANGURI PARK**

Tile designs with sharpies + other activities

**13 JULY: JINGILI WATER GARDENS**

Family disco and circus workshop with Fairy Jill + other activities



**Wednesdays**  
10am-12.30pm

(5-12 years only)



**Fridays**  
10am-12.30pm  
(5-12 years only)

**1 JULY: SUNSET PARK**

Wand making magic + other activities

**8 JULY: YANYULA PARK**

Polymer clay creations with Piiij + other activities

**15 JULY: MOIL PARK**

Tropical food gardening for kids + other activities

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## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

26 JUNE - 16 JULY 2022

### DRUMMING MONKEYS

Cute and funny monkeys for the kids, great drumming for the adults, entertaining songs for all, with an environmental message.



### TOY MASH-UP

Join the Zesty Productions team for a holiday workshop that is sure to cater to even the strangest of sculptors, the kookiest of krafters and the maddest of makers.



### CULTURAL WORKSHOP

Join the Upai Purri Torres Strait Island dance group and learn the dances, songs and culture of their people.



### HIP HOP WORKSHOP

Learn the elements of Hip-Hop song-writing - rhythm and rhyme, and beat-making with established Rap vocalist and producer Mista Monk. Bookings required.



### OPEN DAY SUNDAY 26 JUNE

Explore a range of activities and programs at the Casuarina Library.  
Find out how libraries can connect you to fun.



## AND MUCH MORE

