04/12/24 Term 4 Week 9



LARRAKEYAH PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Next week is our last week of the school year. 2025 draft class lists will be displayed outside the front office next Tuesday afternoon. This list will be in draft as staff changes can occur prior to the commencement of the 2025 school year. Student reports will be sent home with students next Wednesday. Next Wednesday we also have "Meet The Teacher" where students will meet their new teacher for 2025.

Once again, we had an excellent school board this year who supported Larrakeyah Primary to continue to operate as an Independent Public School. Many thanks to our Board members this year – Kirsty Rees, Hayley Leuken, Natalie Dimmock, Nicholas Peters, Leigh Robke, Cheryl Thompson and

Mary Boeck. Thank you also to all parent volunteers who have given us their time to support in various ways throughout the year. Your support has been greatly appreciated.

It has been another outstanding and rewarding year at Larrakeyah Primary. Our school review was an excellent acknowledgement of the strong commitment to student achievement and wellbeing as well as recognition of excellent teaching and innovative programs. We are proud to end the year with our Arts Specialist teacher, Angeline Vrettis, winning the category 'Inspiring Educator Award' at the NT Performing Arts Awards. This is so well deserved as Angeline delivers an outstanding Arts program as well as the highest level of school productions

each year. Congratulations Angeline!

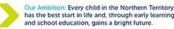
We extend best wishes to families for the festive season. A reminder that next Thursday 12th December is the last day of the school year. Please note that students resume next year on Wednesday 29th January 2025.

Regards, Fathma Mauger 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.

Enrolment at Larrakeyah Primary School in 2025

Please complete if your child/children will not be (other than year 6 students) attending Larrakeyah Primary School in 2025.

Return to the office by hard copy or email, larrakeyah.admin@education.nt.gov.au as soon as possible.

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Parent Name:		
Parent Signature:		



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).

The school has concern for student safety, hence the school's procedure is that parents are contacted after school if a student is not collected after the supervision time. Parents are also contacted in the morning if a student is arriving at school early.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 6th December

Middle/Upper Assembly House Captain Election

Tuesday 10th December

Year 6 Graduation

Wednesday 11th December

End of Year Awards
Class Parties
SLT Elections

Thursday 12th December

Christmas Dress Up Day Last day of school

Monday 13th January

Office re-opens for 2025

Wednesday 29th January Students Return to School



audiri SkoolBag

Larrakeyah Primary uses Audiri App to keep families up to date

We ask that all families download the app. This is our primary means of communication keeping families up-to-date especially during an emergency

Available from Apple App store or Google Play store

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 Audiri App.

Tap on School logo then use FFORMS

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 Board

Hello Larrakeyah School Community,

Wow! What a whirlwind of a year that was! Last year was going to be hard to beat with the 60th birthday celebrations, but again this year, Larrakeyah Primary School delivered an outstanding education for our children whilst maintaining the strong community connection and events we have all come to enjoy.

My personal favourites are always the Sports Carnival and the School Performance, but this year I had the added bonus (and stress, I won't lie) of the Singapore Trip with my eldest going through Year 6. It highlighted for me yet again the incredible work of our dedicated teachers at Larrakeyah who provide these opportunities and experiences for the benefit of our children through their goodwill and energy. They are truly wonderful, and we are very fortunate to have them walk alongside our journeys, guiding and shaping our children.

This year the Board has focussed on strengthening our Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) Program and advocating for improved school infrastructure. We are pleased to report that our OSHC program has made significant progress in this past 12 months, and we appreciate the parent feedback that we received about the service improvement.

Our position in the queue for infrastructure upgrades was confirmed by former Minister for Education, Michael Monaghan immediately prior to the election. We will continue to advocate for improvement with the new government as the opportunity arises.

Over the holiday period, we are expecting works to commence on upgrade of the junior school playground area, and we look forward to this being completed in early 2025 with some special new pieces to arrive in Term 1, 2025. Watch this space, little ones!

As we close out 2024, a reminder to all parents to please download your copy of A Night at the Oscars. The download will remain available for only a short time from now until the end of the term before it will be removed from the provider's website. Whilst the performance recording didn't come with on physical disk this year, a USB in a nice gift box will make a wonderful Christmas gift for the grandparents.

Moving into 2025, may I please remind families of the school's annual voluntary contribution of \$150 per child. These contributions allow the school to deliver a range of benefits to enhance our childrens' experience at LPS, including books for the library, the mobile laptop trollies, and the sporting equipment available on the oval and through the student borrowing system for lunchtimes. It would be great to continue to deliver these important enhancements to the learning experience.

Lastly, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and well-earned break away from the 'busy' with the people who matter most. See you all in 2025.

Kristy Rees
Chairperson



My child is supported by teachers and staff to do their best.

Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Answer online

https://bit.ly/larrakeyah9

Responses and comments are anonymous.



Your opinion matters

Feedback helps us create a happy and successful school.

We use feedkback to inform programmes, initiatives, and improvement plans.

Reading offline?

Scan with your smartphone camera or QR code app.

The School Front office will be closed from 3pm Friday the 20th December until 8am Monday 13th January 2025.

REMINDER TO PARENTS – NO RIGHT HAND TURN INTO THE SCHOOL

The City of Darwin have erected a sign prohibiting a 'Right Hand Turn' from Packard Street into the main school 'Kiss and Go' carpark. Please be advised parents need to abide by the road regulations.







Reading Awards



Term 4 Week 8 & 9 2024

Early Childhood and Middle/Upper

Level 10

Ethan Floyd T/1 Gangotena Kaia Lockley T/1 Gangotena

Level 20

Jimmy Shen 1/2 Stenhouse Olivia Coleman T/1 Gangotena

Owen T/1 Gangotena Cooper Smith T/1 Gangotena

Chantelle 3 Gaskin Poppy Summers 4 Miller

Lexile

Douglas Reye 3 Brown Ellie 3 Brown

Giselle Yuen 3 Gaskin Hamish Strachan 3 Gaskin

Lachy Grierson 3/4 Goodear Kaylin Hoang 5 Loughran

Kenny Huynh 5 Loughran Cathy Cui 4 Miller

Aahan Khadka 4 Thompson Aarav Sharma 4 Thompson



Defence School Mentor



pllo! DKC Defence Kids Club had its annual Hermit Crab racing and Sandy crab was grand champion again. Lots of fun was had and many children overcame their own personal fears and touched or picked up their racers. All crabs were amazing ambassadors of showing students Resilience, Courage, and confidence = big Smile!

This week is also the Farewell Pizza Party with 60 students coming along to say goodbye to most of our 30 Defence students leaving LPS. Thank you to our kind parent volunteers that will be pizza elves at the party.

I have been busy updating little blue school passports, photo sessions

DKĆ Farewell Pizza Lunch - Thursday 5th December 2024

Apple slinky last spiralising on Tuesday recess.

with friends, leaving leaves and new school research to assist students in their transition out of Larrakeyah and on to new adventures, hopefully with a confident and positive mindset. It is a sad and happy time looking back on memories that have been made and the new memories we will build. The friends we will say goodbye to, for both those going

and those staying. An easy way for friends to keep in contact is to have a suitable email address that you can have your student give to friends or use a kid's messenger platform. See the DMFS website for advice on Moving with children | ADF Members & Families | Defence and Changing schools | ADF Members & Families | Defence

Thank you to all the ADF families who have volunteered in the school over the last year, your kindness and effort is appreciated and thank you to those that have continued to support the Defence School Mentor Program.

In case I don't get the opportunity to personally wish you all a happy holiday in the crazy last week of School. Have fun on school holidays, wherever you go and whatever you do shine bright! For those leaving all the best for your future adventures and those returning see you in 2025!

Jodie Murdoch DSM J jodie.murdoch@education.nt.gov. au

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Writing Focus

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DECEMBER 12TH, SUN SMART CLOTHING

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

January 2025



JANUARY 2025

Events are subject to change, visit: darwin.nt.gov.au/ school-holidays

THURSDAY 2 JANUARY

Rhyme time

3 - 24 months 10:00 am - 10:30 am Nightcliff Library

FRIDAY 3 JANUARY

Fun in the Parks - Decorate your own Library bag

5 - 12 years 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Lyons Community Centre

SATURDAY 4 JANUARY

Family story time

All ages 10:00 am - 10:30 am Darwin City Library and Casuarina Library

MONDAY 6 JANUARY

Fun in the Parks - Sports session

5 - 12 years 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Top End Indoor Sports Centre

MONDAY 6 JANUARY cont...

Movie - Garfield

All ages 10:00 am - 11:45 am Casuarina Library

Baby book time

3 - 12 months 11:00 am - 11:30 am Darwin City Library

TUESDAY 7 JANUARY

Rhyme time

3 - 24 months 10:00 am - 10:30 am Karama Library

Animal education

5 - 12 years 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm Darwin City Library

WEDNESDAY 8 JANUARY

Fun in the Parks/Fun Bus

- Territory Childcare Group-Cloud Dough

0 - 12 years 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Malak Community Centre

STEAM zone

All ages 10:00 am - 11:00am Darwin City Library

FEATURED ACTIVITIES

Sports with Fun in the Parks

Fun in the Parks is getting sporty these school holidays and invites you for a sports and squash session. Enjoy, stay active, and have a fantastic time while discovering new skills!

Rock painting

Have you heard of the rock game? You paint a rock, you hide it in your community, you go out and find other painted rocks, and you make some one's day. If you want to be a part of the Rock Game, join us and create your own painted rock.

Geektacular

Meet-connect-play! Our annual by-fans, for-fans event is back. Expect the usual - DnD, cosplay, boardgames, minimarket and esports - along with some fresh takes from the creative brains of the Geektacular emerging producer team.

Regular programming

Baby Book Time, Rhyme Time and Family Story Time for children five years and under will continue through the holidays as per usual programming. Programs do not run between Christmas and New Year.

Fun Bus will be joined by Territory Childcare Group every Wednesday.

darwin.nt.gov.au/school-holidays

WEDNESDAY 8 JANUARY cont...

Baby book time

3 - 12 months

1:00 pm - 1:30 pm Casuarina Library

Cafe skills *

15 - 25 years 3:00 pm - 6:30 pm The Meeting Place by GTNT

THURSDAY 9 JANUARY

Rhyme time

3 - 24 months 10:00 am - 10:30 am Nightcliff Library

Animal education

5 - 12 years 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm Nightcliff Library

FRIDAY 10 JANUARY

Fun in the Parks - Engineering /construction fun

5 - 12 years 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Lyons Community Centre

LEGO club

All ages 3:30 pm -4:30 pm Casuarina Library

SATURDAY 11 JANUARY

Family story time

All ages 10:00 am - 10:30 am Darwin City Library and Casuarina Library

MONDAY 13 JANUARY

Fun in the Parks - Squash session

5 - 12 years 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Darwin Squash Centre

Baby book time

3-12 months 11:00 am - 11:30 am Darwin City Library

Board games afternoon 8 years +

3:30 pm - 4.30pm Karama Library

TUESDAY 14 JANUARY

Rhyme time

3 - 24 months 10:00 am - 10:30 am Karama Library

LEGO club

All ages 10:00 am - 11:00 am Nightcliff Library

Animal education

5 - 12 years 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm Karama Library



WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY

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Fun in the Parks/Fun Bus Territory Childcare Group -Mini beasts and creatures

0 - 12 years 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Malak Community Centre

Baby book time

3 - 12 months 1:00 pm - 1:30 pm Casuarina Library

Rainbow bedtime stories with Drag Territory

All ages 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Darwin City Library

THURSDAY 16 JANUARY

Rhyme time

3 - 24 months 10:00 am - 10:30 am Nightcliff Library

Movie - Harold and the Purple Crayon (closed captions)

All ages 10:00 am - 11:30 am Darwin City Library

Animal education

5 - 12 years 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm Casuarina Library

FRIDAY 17 JANUARY

Fun in the Parks - Rock painting

5 - 12 years 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Lyons Community Centre

STEAM zone

All ages 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Casuarina Library

SATURDAY 18 JANUARY

Family story time

All ages 10:00 am - 10:30 am Casuarina Library

Austan family story time

All ages 10:00 am - 10:30 am Darwin City Library

Geektacular 15 - 25 years 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm Casuarin a Library

NOTE: All events are free. Events marked with ** require bookings.

Children aged 10 years and under must be accompanied by an adult.

MONDAY 20 JANUARY

Fun in the Parks - Water play

5 - 12 years 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Leanyer Water Park

Baby book time

3 - 12 months 11:00 am - 11:30 am Darwin City Library

Board game afternoon

8 years + 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Karama Library

TUESDAY 21 JANUARY

Rhyme time

3 - 24 months 10:00 am - 10:30 am Karama Library

Movie screening

All ages 10:00 am - 11:30 am Nightcliff Library

First Aid course*

15 - 25 years 8:45 am - 5:00 pm Casuarina Library

NOTE: First Aid Course runs for 2 days Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 January

WEDNESDAY 22 JANUARY

STEAM Zone

All ages 10:00 am - 11:00 am Darwin City Library

WEDNESDAY 22 JANUARY cont...

Fun in the Parks/Fun Bus Territory Childcare Group -Soccer skills

0 - 12 years 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Malak Community Centre

Baby book time

3 - 12 months 1:00 pm - 1:30 pm Casuarina Library

FREEze Skate *

12 - 20 years 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Darwin Ice Skating

THURSDAY 23 JANUARY

Rhyme time

3 - 24 months 10:00 am - 10:30 am Nightcliff Library

FRIDAY 24 JANUARY

Fun in the Parks - Slime making

5 - 12 years 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Lyons Community Centre Dalay Reading Club party

All ages 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm Casuarina Library

LEGO club

All ages 3:30 pm - 4:

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Casuarina Library



School Bus Route 204b Darwin High School / Darwin Middle School / Larrakeyah Primary School Tuesday 8 October 2024

What route is changing?

Route 204b (afternoon service) will:

- rename to the route 209;
- change the route of travel;
- effective from Tuesday 8 October 2024;
- Route 204 remains unchanged in the morning and afternoon.

What do students need to do?

Route 204b (afternoon service) will be renamed to route 209 and the route of travel will be changed.

The route 209 will depart at Darwin Middle and High Schools and finish at Parap Road (bus stop 310) at 3:30pm via Larrakeyah Primary School.

Please see the map attached on this flyer.

Why are we changing?

To improve the service and assist more students to go home from the schools.

For more information, please contact Public Transport on 8924 7297 or email: public.transport@nt.gov.au

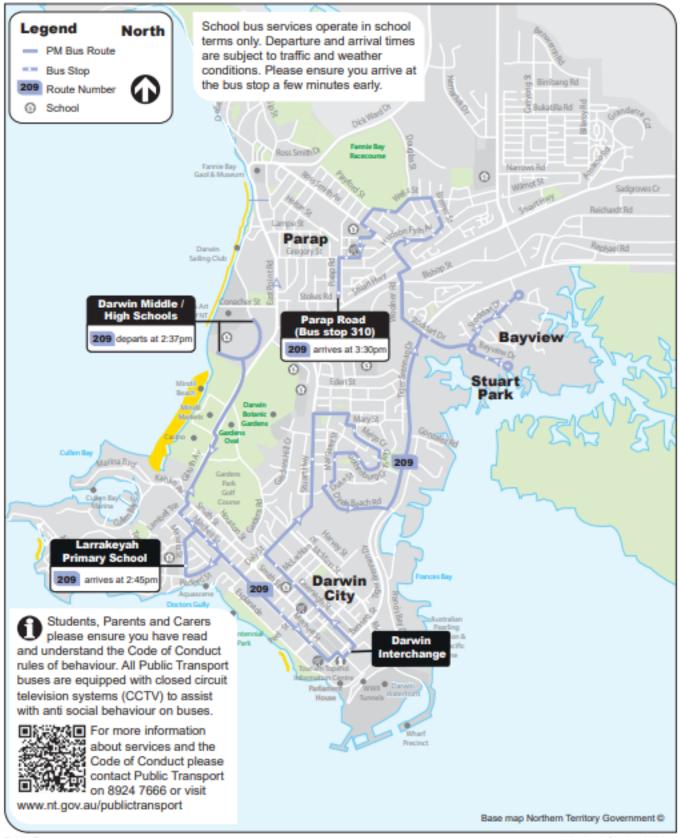


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Darwin High / Middle School Bus Service

PM Service

209 Darwin Middle and High Schools and Larrakeyah Primary School to Stuart Park, Bayview and Parap



Public Transport Version 1 October 2024

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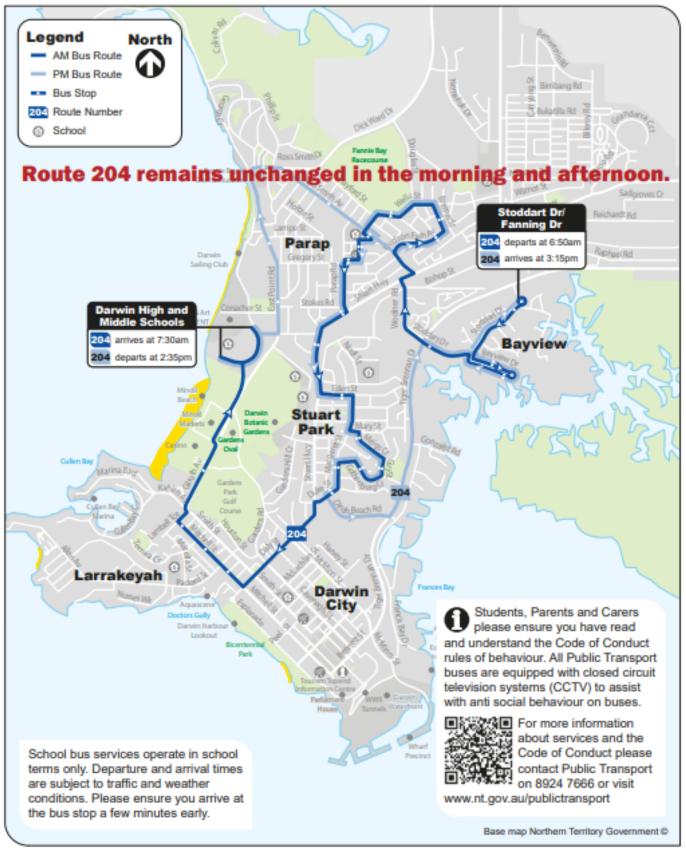
Darwin High / Middle School Bus Service

AM Service

204 Bayview to Darwin High School and Middle School

PM Service

204 Darwin Middle School and High School to Bayview



Public Transport Version 3 March 2015



School Hours

Active supervision of Primary Students is from 8am to 8:15, and then 2:45pm to 3pm.

Preschool is from 8am to 2pm, whereby students are signed into preschool.

Please do not drop or send your child to school before 7:50am as we are not able to provide supervision. As always, the safety of your child is our priority.

Please contact one of our Assistant Principals should you need to discuss this.



<u>Items and Valuables at School</u>



Please note that it is advised that students <u>are not</u> 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 DEFENCE Larrakeyah Primary PRECINCT School Drop Off / Pick Up BASE ENTRY

MIND THE RULES, FOLLOW SIGNS AND SIGNALS.

To alleviate the heavy traffic congestion during school drop off and pick up times, we request that all parents adhere to the following guidelines. A diagram has been provided for your convenience.

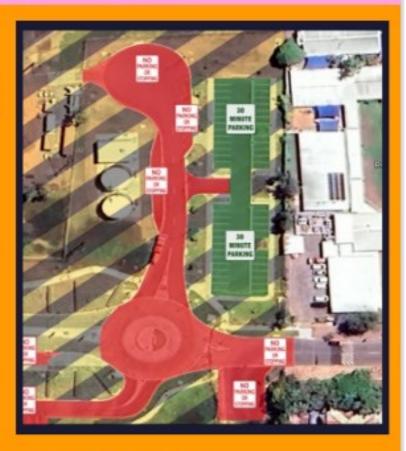
These guidelines are of utmost importance to ensure the smooth operation of the Larrakeyah Defence Precinct and allow unobstructed access for our ADF members and emergency services. Importantly, compliance is crucial to maximise safety.

DROP OFF / PICK UP ZONE (GREEN)

The paved road indicates the boundary of Commonwealth Property. Defence has generously provided access to parking bays for parents to easily drop off and collect their children from school.

EXISTING KISS AND GO ZONE (FRONT OF LPS)

Access to this area is via Larrakeyah Terrace, as indicated by signage. Please note that there is NO RIGHT TURN into the school from Packard Street.



BASE ROUNDABOUT

Parking or standing on the roundabout is strictly prohibited, and the roundabout is not to be used as a U-turn point.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Larrakeyah Base Management

