



# LARRAKEYAH PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The AGM for the Larrakeyah Primary School Board was held on Wednesday 13th March. Many thanks to parents and staff who attended. The School Board consists of parent members and teacher representatives. Thank you to those who expressed an interest in being a member of the School Board. Congratulations to our 2024 board members – Kristy Rees (Chairperson), Hayley Leuken (Secretary), Natalie Dimmock (Treasurer), Nicholas Peters (Parent rep), Mary Boeck (Teacher rep) and Cheryl Thompson (Teacher rep). We all look forward to working together to improve outcomes for students whilst focussing on the strategic direction of the school. Thank you to the members who were on the school board last year and volunteered their time and gave valuable support to the school.

Thank you to Nidia Korfiass (Teacher rep). Nidia assisted in organising the school's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration and volunteered many hours. Thank you to Clive Garland for completing his two year term and supporting the Board with his valuable knowledge and skills, particularly in his role as Treasurer.

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a nationwide annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN commenced yesterday for our Years 3 and 5 students. NAPLAN tests are one aspect of each school's assessment and reporting process and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance. Each teacher will have the best insight into their students' educational progress.

Parents/carers can use NAPLAN reports, along with other school assessment reports, to discuss their child's strengths and areas for improvement with their teacher.

Next Thursday 21st March we celebrate Harmony Day. All students will participate in Harmony Day activities in class groups and have the opportunity to wear national costume or orange clothing. Harmony Day is a day to celebrate Australia's diversity and it is also wonderful to celebrate the diversity within our own school.

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.



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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



## 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**

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup> - Mon 25<sup>th</sup> March**  
NAPLAN

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March**  
Harmony Day

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**  
RSPCA Dress up - Favourite Animal

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 8:30am**  
Early Childhood Easter Bonnet Parade  
(Hats made in classes)

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup> March - Mon 1<sup>st</sup> April**  
Easter Break

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April**  
Last Day of Term 1

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April**  
Students Return Term 2

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April**  
Professional Development Day  
(Pupil Free)



**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  
EFORMS

**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>**

# News From the School Board

Hello Larrakeyah Primary School community,

The School Board has had a good start to the year, having met early in Term 1 in preparation for the AGM, and again last night at the AGM. At the AGM myself and our Principal, Fathma Mauger, presented our reports; both of which were a wonderful celebration of the ongoing success of Larrakeyah Primary School, thanks to its strong leadership, teaching commitment to excellence and school culture. It was a nice moment to reflect on the successes of 2023, and also acknowledge the challenge ahead to back it all up again in 2024!

From a Board perspective, we have seen two changes in our composition. With Nidia Korfias moving on to new opportunities this year, her role as Teacher Representative will be filled by Cheryl Thompson. We also saw our one of our Parent Representatives, Clive Garland, complete his term on our Board as Treasurer. Clive is replaced on the Board by our newest Parent Representative, Nick Peters. We thank both Nidia and Clive for their valuable contributions, insights, commitment, humour and friendship over their respective terms, and welcome Cheryl and Nick to their roles.

With the change in Board composition, we also have a change in responsibilities. Our new composition and responsibilities are as follows:

Kristy Rees, Chairperson

Hayley Leuken, Secretary

Natalie Dimmock, Treasurer

Nick Peters, OSHC Sub-Committee

Fathma Mauger, Principal

Mary Boeck, Teacher Representative

Cheryl Thompson, Teacher Representative

As a Board we are committed to continuing our support for the school in bringing innovative new programs to life for our children. You may have noticed a change in the program offerings under ECA this term with the inclusion of more community focussed programming. This term, ECA programming includes visits to the RSPCA in Darwin, an activity which the Board has agreed to subsidise to encourage student participation in their wider communities. The Board covers the cost of the transport to and from this program, and has long subsidised the cost of buses for offsite sporting programs to ensure that our students have the opportunities to participate in a range of programs to extend the development of healthy minds, bodies and community spirit. We are seeking additional ideas for community focused initiatives for inclusion in our ECA programming this year, so please reach out with any connections or suggestions.

Additionally, you will have noticed the call for community input to our Quest (Years 5 & 6) and Aspire (Years T - 4) programs. Both programs work with members of the community and industry professionals helping students to obtain specific knowledge and skills within the field being explored. We are pleased to see some good suggestions coming through from parents already, however there is always room for more. If you are, or know, a knowledgeable community member of industry professional that may be interested in participating, please reach out to the school.





# Defence School Mentor

hello!

Our ANZAC Day Assembly will be on Wednesday 24 April (Week 2, Term 2). We are now requesting Defence Parents that are interested in volunteering for the roles of Guest Speaker, Ode Reader, and Flag Raiser to please contact me, details below.

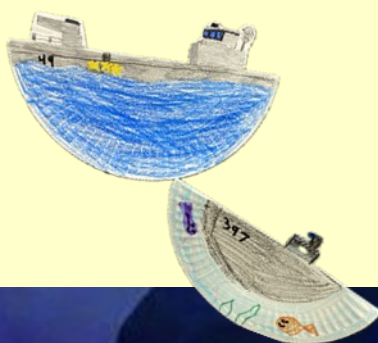
If you are an ADF veteran/ex-serving person, I would also like to have your involvement in the upcoming Anzac Day commemoration activities. Please also contact me via the details below.

Who is your special Anzac? Who will you remember? We are calling for more photos from **everyone** to update our "Special Anzacs" Display. Please email a photo of your current and past serving family members to be included in our lawn display at the base of the flagpole this ANZAC Assembly. Students can discover, connect and share their own family history with your help.

**Defence Kids Club:** Last week being Navy Week students celebrated by making boats and submarines for our craft activities to put on display in the DSM window (though most wanted to take them home). Here are a few photos of children with the 'Absent Partner/Parent Support Navy Bears', which you can request during times of absence via Defence Family Helpline.

See [Defence Member and Family Support - Darwin Events - 4 Upcoming Activities and Tickets | Eventbrite](#) to register for fun upcoming events.

Jodie Murdoch DSM [jodie.murdoch@education.nt.gov.au](mailto:jodie.murdoch@education.nt.gov.au) 89813211



# Reading Awards



Term 1 Week 5 and 6 2024



**Middle/Upper Primary**

**Early Childhood Primary**

## **Level 10**

Elise Carr	2 Nguyen	Murphy	1/2 Stenhouse
Bella Temelkoski	2/3 France	Thichar	1/2 Stenhouse

## **Level 20**

Abigail Gabelish	2 Fernance	Alex Foster	2 Nguyen
Alvin Chau	2 Nguyen	Harley	2 Nguyen
Ane Wehmeyer	2 Nguyen	Kristine Kwok	2 Nguyen
Maddison Pook	2 Nguyen	Victor Lee	2 Nguyen
Pyxis White	1/2 Stenhouse	Delilah	1/2 Stenhouse
Max Albert	2/3 France	Xavier	2/3 France
Isaac Miaris	2/3 France	Ruby Canuto	2/3 France
Kritan Bastola	2/3 France		



## **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.

# Hiring at OSHC

We are looking for passionate Educators who are looking for casual work.

The successful applicants will be committed to:

- Providing a safe, welcoming and enjoyable environment for 5-12 year old children.
- Actively contribute to programs that encourage and support positive outcomes for all children.
- Essential Criteria:

A minimum Certificate III in Children's Services, or working towards a Bachelor of Teaching.

Experience working with children aged 5-12 years.

Valid Working with Children Card (OCHRE Card).

First Aid, Anaphylaxis and Asthma Management.

Knowledge of the National Quality Framework and My Time Our Place.

Be available 5 days a week between 1-6pm and longer hours during our Vacation Care periods. Shifts will vary between 10-20 hours a week.

Please email your current CV with copies of any qualifications to [rose.gerlach@education.nt.gov.au](mailto:rose.gerlach@education.nt.gov.au)



## Visible Learning in the Classroom

Writing Focus

2 Nguyen and 3 Brown

Maths Focus

2/3 France and 1/2 Stenhouse





KEEP THE  
**Reading  
Rolling!**

in 2024 with Issue 2!

**SCHOLASTIC**

**ISSUE 2 2024 Book Club**

Open a world of possibility with reading

ORDERS DUE BACK BY:

**001 MAKING FRIENDS**  
Together Forever  
Dany's back to being a loner, but her mum is an alien imposter! 208 pp. AGES 10+  
\$18.99 \$12.00

**002 PUSHEEN**  
Stationery Set  
Includes 40 pp notepad, sticky notes, stickers, pen, highlighter  
AGES 6+ \$22.95 \$22.00

**003 THE FIREFIGHTER'S KITTEN**  
Includes kitty keyring  
Holly Webb  
NEW! The Firefighter's Kitten  
Can Lola rescue the stray kitten and help find him a new home? 128 pp.  
AGES 6+ \$20.99

**004 ANNI & DO NINJA KIDS**  
NINJA COMES!  
NEW! Ninja Games!  
Nelson and Kenny are inside their favourite video game. 192 pp.  
AGES 7+ \$15.99  
SAVE 44% \$9

**005 MINECRAFT ZOMBIE**  
Scare, Brrrrrrrr, Repeat  
With full colour pages!  
ZACH  
\$10

**006 DRAGON BALL SUPER**  
Vol 7  
Goku and his friends have to defend the planet once again!  
192 pp. AGES 10+  
\$13.99 \$15.00

**007 PIZZA TACO**  
BEST PARTY EVER!  
NEW! Best Party Ever!  
Pizza and Taco learn how NOT to throw a party!  
72 pp. AGES 6+ \$10.99  
SAVE 45% \$6

**008 BATTLE OF THE DINOSAURS**  
Includes 3D glasses  
NEW! 3D Battle of the Dinosaurs  
Awesome facts, stats and pics in eye-popping 3D! 48 pp.  
AGES 6+ \$15.99 \$12.00

**009 HARRY POTTER: CLAY CHARMS**  
Craft clay into your favourite characters from Harry Potter. 48 pp book, 7 colour clay, charm bracelet, clay shaping tool, display stand, glass.  
AGES 8+  
\$14.99 \$22.00

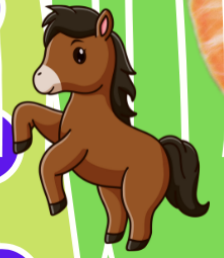
**010 HOW THE CRAYONS SAVED THE SCHOOL**  
NEW! How the Crayons Saved the School  
On a boring grey afternoon, seven colours surprise the school!  
\$3

**011 EASTER BUNNY?**  
Where's the Easter Bunny? Around the World  
Travel all around the world with the Easter Bunny and friends. 24 pp. AGES 4+  
\$14.99  
SAVE 82% \$3

**EVERY CHILD \$3**

SCHOLASTIC **Book Club**

Due back tomorrow,  
Friday 15th March



# *Favourite Animal Dress Up Day Friday 22nd March*

*Gold coin donation  
for the RSPCA NT*



Students as part of the ECA Activity 'Animal Ambassadors' have designed engaging and exciting training and exercise toys for the RSPCA dogs while they are awaiting adoption.

The Favourite Animal Dress Up Day (or even just the colour of your favourite animal) is to raise funds to assist in seeing this become reality.

**\* Please note: SunSmart Clothing is required\***





# HARMONY DAY

*Celebrating Our Cultural Diversity*

**21ST MARCH 2024**

**THIS YEAR LARRAKEYAH PRIMARY SCHOOL IS CELEBRATING HARMONY DAY ON THURSDAY 21ST OF MARCH IN A VARIETY OF WAYS.**

**ROTATIONAL ACTIVITIES FROM 1:40PM - 2:20PM: STUDENTS WILL BE ALLOWED TO TRAVEL AROUND THE SCHOOL PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THEIR CHOICE IN THIS TIME.**

**HARMONY DAY DRESS UP:  
ALL STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR A TRADITIONAL CULTURE'S CLOTHING OR ORANGE CLOTHES, AS ORANGE IS THE RECOGNISED COLOUR FOR HARMONY. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IN ALIGNMENT WITH OUR SUN SMART POLICY, SINGLETS, SPAGHETTI STRAPS OR STRAPLESS CLOTHING MUST NOT BE WORN.**

**PARENTS AND FAMILIES ARE WELCOME TO VISIT THE SCHOOL DURING THIS TIME AND PARTICIPATE IN THE HARMONY DAY CELEBRATION FROM 1:40 - 2:20PM.**



# **ATTENTION**



**Term 2 starts on  
Monday 15th  
April**



**Professional  
Development  
Day  
(Pupil Free)  
Friday 19th  
April**

OSHC WILL BE OFFERING A VACATION CARE  
PROGRAM - BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL  
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# *Darwin Region Sport Education*



## **NETBALL SELECTION TRIALS 2024**

### **12 YEARS & UNDER**

**STUDENTS BORN BETWEEN 1ST JULY 2011 - 31ST DECEMBER 2014**

Age dispensation applies for girls born from 1/7/2011 - 31/12/2011

To be eligible for selection students must be the correct age, attend at least 2 out of the 3 trial days and be enrolled in a Darwin Region School.

**WHERE: Territory Netball Stadium, Marrara**

**WHEN: Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th &  
Thursday 14th March**

**TIME: 3.30 - 5.00pm**



**Please bring appropriate clothing, footwear and water bottle**

**CONTACT DARWIN REGION SPORT EDUCATION OFFICE  
OR YOUR SCHOOL TO RECEIVE A PERMISSION FORM**

JORDIEE WILLIAMS - PATHWAY COORDINATOR  
HANNAH ROLL - SPORT EDUCATION  
COORDINATOR



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**DARWIN REGION  
SPORT EDUCATION**



# **TENNIS**

## ***TEAM NOMINATIONS***

**12 YEARS & UNDER  
STUDENTS BORN BETWEEN  
1ST JULY 2011 - 31ST DECEMBER 2014**

Age dispensation applies for students born  
from 1/7/2011 - 31/12/2011

To be eligible for selection students  
must be the correct age and be  
enrolled in a Darwin Region School.

**SELF  
NOMINATE**



**Contact [darwinsport.doe@education.nt.gov.au](mailto:darwinsport.doe@education.nt.gov.au) to  
get your form. Nominations due 28.03.2024**

# LARRAKEYAH DEFENCE PRECINCT BASE ENTRY

Larrakeyah  
Primary  
School Drop  
Off / Pick Up

## 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