



# LARRAKEYAH PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Last week we celebrated Harmony Day. All students participated in Harmony Day activities in class groups and many wore a national costume or orange clothing. Harmony Day is a day to celebrate Australia's diversity. It was lovely to see students proud to acknowledge and celebrate the diversity within our school.

Next week is the last week of Term 1 before the mid-semester break. A reminder....we confirm that students resume school at Larrakeyah Primary on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 with Friday 19 April 2024 being a staff professional day (pupil free day). Staff from

Larrakeyah Primary, Stuart Park Primary and Moil Primary will be having a combined Mathematics professional development day with an external consultant on Friday 19 April 2024. This day has been approved by the School Board and NT Department of Education.

**Parents are requested to make arrangements for the care of their children on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024.** Our OSHC Director, Tamara Silva, is offering a Vacation Care program on this day. She will need to know as soon as possible if you need to book a place for your child. Please contact Tamara for

vacancies 89414521 or 0438813211 or [larrakeyah.oshc@education.nt.gov.au](mailto:larrakeyah.oshc@education.nt.gov.au)

Regards

Fathma Mauer  
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.



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A Northern Territory Government  
Independent Public School



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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**

**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>**



# Defence School Mentor

hello!

Our ANZAC Day Assembly will be on Wednesday 24 April (Week 2 Term 2). We are now requesting for Defence Parents that are interested in volunteering for the roles of Ode Reader, and Flag Raiser (assisted by your child). We are also looking for ADF veterans to visit classrooms and be involved in the upcoming Anzac Day commemoration activities.



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 include 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 Member Family Support have a heap of events coming up for next month. To register see [Defence Member and Family Support -](#)

[Darwin Events - 7 Upcoming Activities and Tickets | Eventbrite](#)

- **Bark Brigade** fun for you and your pooch Sat, 6 Apr, 9:00 am Jingili Water Gardens
- **Darwin Military Museum Family Visit**, are you interested in Darwin's military history? Thursday, April 11 · 9:30 - 11:30am ACST
- **ADF Equip** for ADF children (8 to 12 years) Resilience program assisting children from ADF families manage change. 1 Day workshop Fri, 12 Apr, 8:30 am, 8 Wing Australian Air Force Cadets

♥ ♥ **Child of the ADF Medallion, Darwin** the Child of the ADF Medallion is a small but important way of recognising the children that go through the emotional and at times difficult experience of having a loved one serve in the ADF. Sat, 20 Apr, 10:00 am, RAAF Base Darwin Cinema

Kookaburra Kids - have great programs coming up in Darwin in their Defence Kids programs. They still have a few spots left in each program so if you know of any young person that is connected to Defence that would like to come please go to the website to register. [www.kookaburrakids.org.au](http://www.kookaburrakids.org.au)

Wishing you all a very hoppy Easter!

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

**Defence Family Helpline 1800 624 608**





# Who's your special ANZAC?



**Private Fredrick Stanley  
Bennett LAMB**  
*1918 age 18yr 1 month  
WW1 (France) & WW2(Aust)  
Great grandfather to  
Ms Jodie & her family.*

Email a photo of your special ANZAC so we can put them into our 2024 ANZAC display. They can be from the past or present, a soldier from battles long ago, veterans or serving members from today. Add some interesting information like their name, rank, unit, service, or conflict .... and of course, who remembers (loves) them.

We can show everyone how proud we are of their spirit, sacrifice and contribution they have made. These photos/plaques will be on display this ANZAC Day Assembly at Larrakeyah Primary and students can read & place poppies on them at recess & lunchtime.

Email photos to [Jodie.murdoch@education.nt.gov.au](mailto:Jodie.murdoch@education.nt.gov.au)  
Photos must be into Jodie this term.

✿ **Anzac Day Assembly Wednesday 24 April 2024,**  
**8:30am**  
(Week 2 Term 2)

✿ Veterans interested in visiting your child's class after Anzac Day Commemorative Assembly for class activities please contact your teacher or myself and express your interest.



*Lest We Forget*



# HARMONY DAY

*Celebrating Our Cultural Diversity*



**21ST MARCH 2024  
LARRAKEYAH PRIMARY SCHOOL**



Students dressed in tradition clothing or in the colour orange, as orange is the colour that represents Harmony Day. They participated in rotational activities, exploring countries from around the world. A special thank you goes out to the Overseas Community Affairs Council - Republic of China (Taiwan) for their donation of Diablos and Spinning Tops which were enjoyed on the day.





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

The Animal Ambassadors are 12 students that have been visiting the RSPCA, NT, each Wednesday as their ECA activity for Term 1. Students have learnt about the 'Five Freedoms' that animals need to be healthy and happy. Whilst there, students have designed engaging and exciting training and exercise toys for the dogs to play with while they are waiting to be adopted.

The students have raised funds on Friday 22nd March by having a 'Dress up as your Favourite Animal' day to donate to RSPCA NT to go towards making the exercise toys and training equipment. Students across the school all had fun dressing up and used their imaginations with some creative costume designs.

**To further support the RSPCA we will continue to accept donations of money, dog/cat treats, old towels, linen etc. until Thursday 4th April (Week 10). If you and your family wish to donate, please drop the items at the school front office. The Animal Ambassadors will present the donations to representatives of RSPCA Darwin at the Upper Primary Assembly Friday 5th April.**





# *Favourite Animal Dress Up Day*







# Reading Awards

Term 1 Week 8 2024

**Early Childhood Primary**



## **Level 10**

Arlo Price	1 Rowe	Charlie Rees	1 Rowe
Hongyi Zhang	1 Rowe	Joshua Gabey	1 Rowe
Kavi	1 Rowe	Lachie Reye	1 Rowe
Luke Miller	1 Rowe	Maya Tomassi-Baeza	1 Rowe
Bruce Ip	1/2 Stenhouse		

## **Level 20**

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### 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

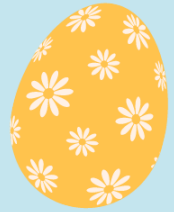
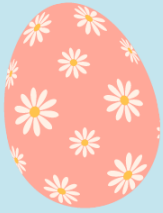
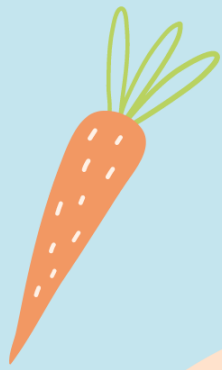
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Maths Focus and Physical Education

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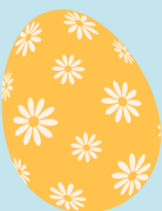
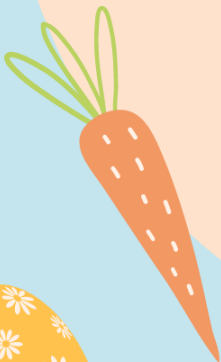
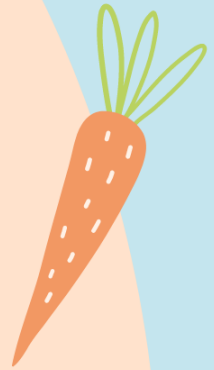






# EASTER LONG WEEKEND

FRIDAY 29TH MARCH -  
MONDAY 1ST APRIL







# Happy SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

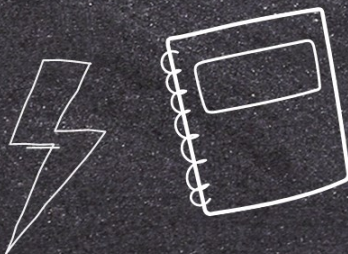
**MONDAY 8TH - FRIDAY 12TH APRIL**  
**TERM 2 COMMENCES MONDAY 15TH APRIL**







# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



DAY



# PUPIL FREE



FRIDAY 19TH APRIL



OSHC WILL BE OFFERING A VACATION CARE PROGRAM -  
BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

CONTACT: [LARRAKEYAH.OSHC@EDUCATION.NT.GOV.AU](mailto:LARRAKEYAH.OSHC@EDUCATION.NT.GOV.AU)





Supporting our  
Veterans' Families



## Show your support this ANZAC Day and purchase a Legacy Bear.

Legacy has been around for over 100 years, assisting the families of bereaved fallen soldiers. Fundraising in the Northern Territory stays local and helps the families with an array of things such as necessary home maintenance, tuition fees for children and monthly lunches for socialisation.

If you'd wish to purchase a Legacy Bear, only \$20 please scan the QR Code below. Ordered bears will be delivered to the school for collection.

Or for more information on Legacy <https://www.legacy.com.au/>



### CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

## 2024 Chinese Bridge Chinese Speaking Proficiency Competition Regional Final for Primary School Students from ACT, NT and WA

The Chinese Bridge (Hanyu Qiao) Chinese Speaking Proficiency Competition is an annual worldwide Mandarin speaking and performance competition. This year, the competition is again open to primary school students in Australia. The Confucius Institute at Charles Darwin University will host the 3rd Chinese Bridge Regional Final for Primary School Students from ACT, NT and WA. To enter, students need to submit a 3-minute video of themselves speaking in Mandarin and performing a Chinese cultural piece (see details next page). The overall top contestant will progress to the global final. For more information about the international competition and to see interesting entries from across the world, visit the official Chinese Bridge website: <http://bridge.chinese.cn/x3/>

Competition Theme 快乐中文 - Chinese, Joy and Fun!

For more information and to enter please email [confuciusinstitute@cdu.edu.au](mailto:confuciusinstitute@cdu.edu.au)





# 2025 Year 7 Parent Information Evening

**Thursday 18 April, 5-6pm**

**Black Box Theatre, MPH, Darwin Middle School**

The parent information session is a chance to meet our Principal and senior staff as part of our transitioning program for 2025 Year 7 students.

It is a wonderful opportunity for parents and students to learn about our school and what specialist programs we have available.

We look forward to seeing you there

 [www.darwinmiddle.nt.edu.au](http://www.darwinmiddle.nt.edu.au)

 08 8942 5200

 [enrol.darwinmiddle@education.nt.gov.au](mailto:enrol.darwinmiddle@education.nt.gov.au)



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# **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