



# LARRAKEYAH PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Last Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August the annual Australian Education Awards were held in Sydney. The awards showcase the top performing schools, principals, department heads and teachers for their outstanding achievements and transformative work that makes a profound difference to the lives of students across Australia.

In the past, we have been fortunate to be shortlisted as finalists and the school has won the Best STEM program. Although no wins this year, we were proud to be finalists in 4 categories. Head of Department of the Year – Danni Mattiazzo, Primary Teacher of the Year – Carmel Spruhan, Principal of the Year Government- Fathma Mauger

and Best Use of Technology – Larrakeyah Primary School. Congratulations!

Parent/teacher/student 3-way conferences were held this week. The relationship between home and school is very important. Thank you to parents for working in partnership with the school and making a time to speak with teachers regarding their child's progress. If you missed this opportunity, please contact your child's teacher.

Australian schools are required to report on student, parent and staff satisfaction under the Australian Education Act 2013. Each year, the School Survey collects the opinions of staff, students and their families about school performance. It contains questions that aim to provide schools with key insights

into wellbeing, engagement, and learning experiences from the perspective of the school community.

The survey is open until Friday 23 August 2024. Please access the link : [2024 Parent Survey - Larrakeyah Primary School](#)

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. We use survey results to inform school planning and improvement. Your feedback is appreciated.

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.



Use or transmittal of the information in this email other than for authorised NT Government business purposes may constitute misconduct under the NT Public Sector Code of Conduct and could potentially be an offence under the NT Criminal Code.

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**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Aug**  
Science Week

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August**

Touch Football Gala Day  
Early Childhood Assembly

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug**  
Book Week

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**

Middle/Upper Assembly

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept**

Year 6 Singapore Study Tour

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

ASPIRE Expo

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

Parliament House Excursion 1



**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>**



# Reading Awards

Term 3 Week 3 2024

**Middle/Upper**

## **Lexile**

Tselmeg Altanbaatar	5 Carswell	Jana Elmekawy	5 Carswell
Shubrin Ghimire	5 Loughran	Jack Le	4 Thompson
Loki Wilson	4 Thompson	Noah Sues	4 Thompson
Shayaan Mirza	4 Thompson		



# Defence School Mentor

*hello!* Our Annual DKC Teddy Bear Picnic last Thursday, over 56 Defence Kids enjoyed the sweet fun of biscuit decorating. The event was to acknowledge the challenge of parental absence as being a part of the Defence lifestyle, and some coping strategies to help navigate the feelings of “missing” someone special. Big THANKS! to Karen Jerrett from your Larrakeyah Neighbourhood House for coming along to help with the sprinkles, Ms Mattiazzo and Mr King for helping with the icing spreading.

**Annual Defence Dad’s Lunch** - Friday 30 August 2024, 12:45pm in the Cooking Room. An opportunity for students to spoil their Defence Dad and share a hotdog lunch and activities to celebrate and make memories with “Dad/Grandad”. Please email your RSVP before Wednesday 28 August 2024. Email invites will go home this week with all the details.

**Education Assistance / Tutoring** - At your recent 3-way conference, if you discovered your Defence child is struggling educationally due to changing schools and you are within the first 18 months of your ADF posting, you may be eligible to apply for Education Assistance. Please speak to your teacher or myself if you think tuition may be of benefit, or for help with your application; or for more information see [Education Assistance Scheme | ADF Members & Families | Defence](#) ; or contact the Defence Family Helpline for details.

**Posting Out** – Please keep me up to date with your posting details so I can make sure your child gets support in the lead up to your relocation DFMS advice on [Moving with children | ADF Members & Families | Defence](#) and [Changing schools | ADF Members & Families | Defence](#)

**Remembrance Day** – we require a volunteer Guest Speaker to do a short 5-minute speech, Ode reader and a flag raiser for our upcoming Commemorative Assembly on Monday 11/11/24, 10:45am. If you are interested or know of someone suitable, please let me know. Don’t miss out it is, usually a lovely opportunity to help build special childhood memories with your children while at LPS.

Jodie Murdoch DSM [jodie.murdoch@education.nt.gov.au](mailto:jodie.murdoch@education.nt.gov.au) 89813211  
**Defence Family Helpline 1800 624 608**



# 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.



**Larrakeyah Primary works with me to support my child's learning.**

**Do you agree or disagree with this statement?**

**Answer online**

<https://bit.ly/larrakeyah2>

Responses and comments are anonymous.



## Your opinion matters

Feedback helps us create a happy and successful school.

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

## Reading offline?

Scan with your smartphone camera or QR code app.



# Heartfelt Helpers



## **Year 5 & 6 LPS Quest Group**

### **Weeks 4, 5 & 6**

Heartfelt Helpers have been meeting with different organisations around Darwin including Melaleuca Australia, Silas Roberts Hostel and Share the Dignity to investigate how these organisations help people in the community. Soon they will be putting together Heartfelt Helper Handy Bags filled with essential items to donate to people in need.



ABORIGINAL  
HOSTELS LIMITED



***"Our aim is to raise awareness around how we can help others less fortunate than ourselves."***

We would like to kindly ask people from our Larrakeyah Primary School community to donate an item they consider essential. This may be a toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo or conditioner, deodorant. **No aerosols please.**

**A collection box will be placed next to the Lost Property table during weeks 4, 5 & 6 if you wish to donate.**

**Thank you for your support!**

Heartfelt Helpers Quest Group



You're invited to  
Larrakeyah Primary  
School's



# ASPIRE

## Expo of Learning

Transition to Year 4 Students will showcase their findings and solutions based on their inquiry question they have learnt about during Term 3. .

The exhibition will be held on

**5th September 2024**



Larrakeyah Primary School  
11:30am – 12:45pm





# Visible Learning in the Classroom

Writing Focus

4/5 Mostris and 5/6 Spruhan

Math Focus

Transition Taylor and 2 Fernance



## 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 CONCERT

*“A Night at  
the Oscars”*

*Thursday 19th September, 7pm  
Darwin Entertainment Centre*

Dress Code: Formal Black Tie Event.

Parents and visitors attending are encouraged to come dressed in suits and evening gowns to attend this glamorous Oscar event.

## 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.



**BUSSY'S  
CORNER**

## Crossing the road safely

Always get assistance from an adult to cross the road.

If not

Use the marked road crossing to cross the road

1. Stop at the kerb, not on the road.
2. Look in all directions for approaching traffic.
3. Listen for anything coming.
4. Think about if it is safe to cross the road.

Try not to cross the road from between parked cars or near trees and bushes as drivers may not see you.

Can parents/guardians please ensure that students understand their responsibilities as outlined in the *Code of Conduct for School Bus Travel*. Click on this link for the Code:

[https://nt.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0010/547624/code-of-conduct-for-school-bus-travel.pdf](https://nt.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/547624/code-of-conduct-for-school-bus-travel.pdf)



### Did you Know?



**Platypus** is the only animal that has no stomach.

check out more amazing facts at [www.dinosaurfacts.com](http://www.dinosaurfacts.com)

# 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