



# LARRAKEYAH PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the start of the 2025 school year. It is wonderful to see students returning to school and those who are starting their first year at school. A special welcome to our new students who have enrolled and our new staff.

The Northern Territory Government has a \$200.00 per child Back To School Payment Scheme. The Back To School Scheme entitlement funds are provided to schools on behalf of parents. Schools provide the goods and services for parents to purchase with their entitlement. Parents or guardians of NT students enrolled from Preschool to Year 12 in Term 1 are eligible for the Back To School Payment Scheme which must be accessed by the end of Term 1. However, parents or guardians of preschool students enrolled in an NT school can access the entitlement in the term the student first enrolls provided their child has not previously enrolled and attended another NT school in 2025. If you have not yet accessed the \$200 NT Government Back To school Payment, please visit the front office.

The School Board has suggested \$150.00 for voluntary parent contributions. Many thanks to those parents who have

already made voluntary parent contributions to the school as these funds further assist our school with innovative programs and projects. Larrakeyah Primary relies on parent voluntary contributions to enable the school to provide additional student and school resources and programs.

This year, parent voluntary contributions will help to provide:

- Darwin Entertainment Centre venue for the whole school concert
- Subsidising the Extra Curricular Activities – community engagement
- Additional equipment for students to access at recess and lunch breaks
- Additional technology in classrooms
- Upgrade to student playground areas

The wearing of full school uniform is compulsory in all government schools. Please ensure that your child wears their uniform to school every day. This includes the school shorts/skorts if wearing the school shirt.

Larrakeyah Primary is an Independent Public School (IPS) – one of the first six

selected IPS in the Northern Territory and recognised for its commitment to high expectations, high standards and high achievement. We were very proud of the school review last year, with the school receiving Outstanding rankings across all 9 domains.

I trust 2025 will be a happy and successful year. The partnership between home and school is always important. If you have any concerns or issues regarding your child, we encourage you to contact the class teacher in the first instance. Myself, Brad King (Assistant Principal Middle/Upper Primary), Danni Mattiazzo (Assistant Principal, Early Childhood), Ashleigh Church (Senior Teacher Early Childhood) and George Mamouzellos (Senior Teacher Upper Primary) are also available.

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.

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**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

ECA starts

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

Early Childhood Assembly

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

Middle/Upper Assembly

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

Early Childhood Assembly

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

Middle/Upper Assembly

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup> - Mon 24<sup>th</sup> March**

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**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

Early childhood Assembly

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

Middle/Upper Assembly



**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!

Hello & Welcome everyone! If by chance you haven't met me yet or got my emails, my name is Jodie Murdoch, and I am your Defence School Mentor (DSM). For those that don't know my role is to support the 68+ Defence (Army, Air Force, Navy) students and their families during their time at Larrakeyah Primary. My office is located in the Reading Room (next to room 9), and I am here Tuesday, Wednesday 8:30am to 3pm and Thursdays 9 to 2pm this term. If you are a Defence Family and haven't already received an email from me, please let me know so I can make sure I have the right details to contact you and support your child throughout the year.

Hopefully you will settle well into your new classes and new routines. If you find you have concerns, your child is having difficulties, or you have deployments happening, please let me and your teacher know so we can suitably give the support your child requires.

**DSM Welcome Cuppa & Cake** – Defence parents please feel free to join me for a cuppa in the staffroom from **8:30am, 6 Feb. 2025**. Opportunity for parents to meet new friends and staff at LPS.

**Defence Kids Club** Thursday lunchtimes in the MP (multi-purpose) room behind the stage. Please encourage your children to come along and hang out with other Defence Kids and have some fun.

**Start of year tips:** Names on hats please (and all your child's other stuff) No hat, no play, no fun in the sunshine with new friends.

Healthy easy bite size lunchboxes so no-one gets left behind eating while new friends play.

Parent phone number slips of paper that your child can give to a new friend for parents to organise an out of school playdate to help cement the friendship from "a kid in my class" to "my friend".

Do not miss the **ADF members and families' event: Welcome to the Top End - Darwin** ADF members and families are invited to join DMFS and command for a morning of fun and information sharing. A large range of local community groups and sporting organisations will be there, plus local, Territory and Commonwealth government services. It is a great opportunity to find out more about Darwin and surrounding areas and the supports available during your posting. We will have fun activities for families as well as military equipment displays from local units. Enjoy the activities in air-conditioned comfort.

Where: **Darwin Convention Centre – Stokes Hill Rd, Darwin**

When: **Saturday 08 February 2024 – 9:00am to 1:00pm**

[ADF Members & Families event: DMFS Darwin's Welcome to the Top End 2025 Tickets, Sat, Feb 8, 2025 at 9:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

## Helpful links:

**Larrakeyah Neighbourhood House** and get to know Karen and the members of your community, as well as **Robertson Barracks Family Group** for loads of events, activities & fun see <https://www.larrakeyahhouse.com.au/> or Facebook pages.

**The Top Ender Magazine** full of handy info *created by Defence Families for Defence Families*. To get the magazine contact [www.thetopendermagazine.org.au](http://www.thetopendermagazine.org.au)

**Defence Member and Family Support** for information on upcoming activities and support see their website or follow them on Facebook. <https://defence.gov.au/members-families/>

**Defence Special Needs Support Group** <http://dsnsg.org.au/>

**Autism NT** for local guidance and advice [www.autismnt.org.au](http://www.autismnt.org.au) or their Facebook page

**Raising Children** parenting website <https://raisingchildren.net.au/>

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**Defence Family Helpline 1800 624 608**





Darwin  
Languages  
Centre

# Does your child want to learn a language?

**Students welcome from Year 1 - Year 12**

**We offer the following after-school language classes:**

**Monday:** Greek, Japanese, Portuguese, Spanish

**Tuesday:** Auslan, Greek, Indonesian, Italian

**Wednesday:** French, German, Mandarin, Russian

**Saturday:** Mandarin (10:00am - 12:30pm)

## Join us in 2025

Mon-Wed - 4:00 - 6:00pm ✓

School pick-up service ✓

Sports Vouchers accepted ✓

**\$180**  
PER TERM



**ENROL NOW**

Contact Us  
8997 7000



More Information  
[www.darwinlanguagescentre.nt.edu.au](http://www.darwinlanguagescentre.nt.edu.au)



# 2025 NT MUSIC SCHOOL PROGRAM

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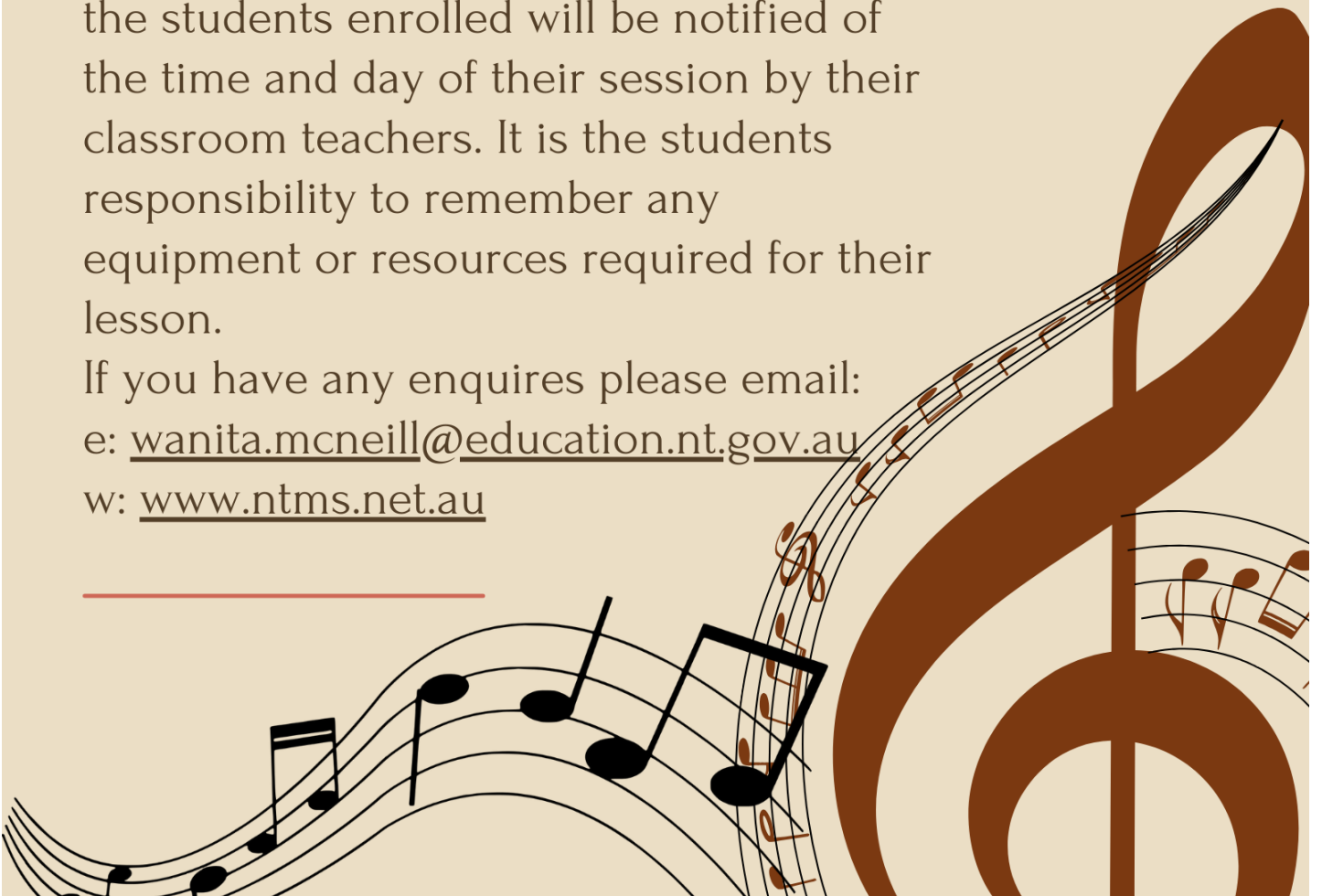
The NT Music School Program begins in Week 2. All enrolled NT Music School Program students continuing from 2024 will pick up where they left off in learning their instruments, while the newly enrolled students will have the opportunity to meet their NT Music School Teacher and begin to learn the basics. All lessons will occur during school time and the students enrolled will be notified of the time and day of their session by their classroom teachers. It is the students responsibility to remember any equipment or resources required for their lesson.

If you have any enquires please email:

e: [wanita.mcneill@education.nt.gov.au](mailto:wanita.mcneill@education.nt.gov.au)

w: [www.ntms.net.au](http://www.ntms.net.au)

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## 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.





# 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.



## 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 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