



LARRAKEYAH PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember

Friday 5th December
2026 House Captains Elections
Tuesday 9th December
Year 6 Graduation
Wednesday 10th December
End of year Awards Assembly
SLT 2026 Election & Meet the
teacher
Class Parties
Thursday 11th December
Year 6 Assembly
Students last day of school

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Next week is our last week of the school year. 2026 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 2026 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 2026.

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 – Kirsty Rees, Nicholas Peters, Leigh Robke, Andrew Lee, Cheryl Thompson and Riley France. 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. We were proud to be recognised at the *Australian Education Awards* as the winning school for "Best Use of Technology" and recognised by *The Educator* as one of the best 34 schools in Australia. We were extremely proud of our students who were the winning TOMS team and represented the school and the NT at the international TOMS competition in Sydney. This is reflective of our students, the hard work of staff and a supportive school community.

We extend best wishes to families for the festive season. A reminder that next Thursday 11th December is the last day of the school year. Please note that students resume next year on Wednesday 28th January 2026.

Regards,
Fathma Mauger
Principal



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

Enrolment at Larrakeyah Primary School in 2026

Please complete if your child/children **will not be** (other than year 6 students) attending Larrakeyah Primary School in 2026.

Return to the office by hard copy or email,

larrakeyah.admin@education.nt.gov.au as soon as possible.

My child /children **will not be** attending Larrakeyah Primary School in 2026.

<i>Names of child/children</i>	<i>Current Year Level/s</i>	<i>Destination</i>

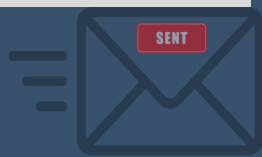
Parent Name:

Parent Signature:

Recent Notes Sent Home

Audiri

- Class Party Notes
- Christmas Dress Up Day
- Camp Australia OSHC Parent Information Evening
- ECA Term 1 2026 Registration Form
- Coloured Sand Recall



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 use the Audiri App. Tap on School logo then use EFORMS

School Hours

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

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

Office Hours
8:00am - 3:30pm

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 School uses the Audiri App to keep families up to date

Available from Apple App Store or Google Play



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From the Board

Hello Larrakeyah School Community,

Who is tired? C'mon, hands up..... me too. But whilst the 'busy' seems to ramp up in December, so does the opportunity for reflection. Sitting here reflecting on 'the year that was' at LPS, my heart is full and I know that we have set ourselves up well to deliver a strong 2026.

This year saw the return of the flagship events on our school calendar - school camps, Aspire, Quest, our extra curricular activities, our school sports carnival, Halloween disco and of course, our sell-out performance - Moana.

We were also able to add new experiences and successes in 2025. I'd like to thank fellow Board members, Nicho Peters and Riley France, for introducing LPS into the interschool AFL program in Term 3. Additionally, we saw the return of swimming lessons offered through LPS at the start of Term 4. I'd also like to congratulate our Tournament of the Minds team that travelled interstate to represent our school; a truly fantastic achievement and experience for all students involved.

Academically, the school has reached new heights and is a clear leader in innovation, not just in the Territory, but on the national stage. Earlier this year, we won the Best Use of Technology Award at the Australian Education Awards for IntelliLearn, a concept developed and designed entirely in-house at LPS and used in our classrooms. We have also been recognised in the media today for our exceptional performance and growth in NAPLAN results. These results are a testament to our innovation and excellence in leadership, our courage to explore new things and be informed by data, and they come to life through an incredibly talented team of dedicated teachers. Thankyou to all at LPS who have made these things possible in 2025 - we are truly best to have the Territory's leading educators at our school!

As parents will be aware, the Board has been working hard to drive improvement in our OSHC services for some time now. With increasing regulation and complexity in the sector, the Board has taken the decision to transition delivery of our OSHC service to a specialist provider, Camp Australia. This transition will occur over the end-of-year school holidays, with families that require OSHC over the holidays able to attend alternate Camp Australia sites. Camp Australia will be ready to commence operation of our LPS OSHC at the start of Term 1, 2026. The Board took this decision to ensure sustainable, high-quality delivery of OSHC services to our LPS community, and we thank you all for working with us through the transition period.

In 2026, our Annual School Improvement Plan highlights continued focus on numeracy and wellbeing, and literacy returns as a third key focus area. Additionally, the Board will continue to focus on OSHC performance and safety around the school drop-off and pick-up areas. We are currently working with NT Police to explore how we can further deter and reduce activities that place our students at risk in times of peak movement.

Moving into 2026, 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, Darwin Entertainment Centre venue for the school concert, subsidising ECA Community engagement activities, additional equipment for students at recess and lunch, additional technology in classrooms and upgrades to student playground areas. It would be great to continue to deliver these important enhancements to the learning experience.

Lastly, I would like to wish our Year 6's and families leaving us this year well on the next stage of their journeys. We hope you carry fond memories of LPS with you always.

Merry Christmas to all, enjoy the holiday period with family - especially those precious little people who are growing way too fast! See you all in 2026.

Kristy Rees
Chairperson



Defence School Mentor

Oh my, the school year is coming closer to an end and already at week 9. School reports, graduations, assemblies, class parties, so much going on and for some Defence families they are juggling this with farewells to friends, removalists, packing, uplifts, and all the tricky things that come with moving your family, again. Not to mention a cyclone thrown in too for everyone just in case you weren't busy enough.

Remembrance Day Commemorative Assembly Thank you to those that braved the rain and joined our students for the Remembrance Day Assembly. Big thank you to Squadron Leader Michael Earle for your speech, Lieutenant Colonel Matthew Sherry reading The Ode and raising the flag with Eloise and Owen's help, our student hosts that stepped up to the challenge and did a fabulous job, the class wreath layers and Mr Burgans tremendous trumpeting. I was especially very proud of the student speakers who spoke of their own unique reasons of the importance of Remembrance Day. Please don't hesitate to let me know if you are interested in being part of our ANZAC Day 2026 Commemorations.

The last **Defence Kids Club** for 2026 was our Defence Farewell Party. So lovely to see Defence students join in the fun all together. Over 50 Students enjoyed pizza, poppers and a lot of laughter. Thank you to the wonderful parent Xmas elves that came to help serve pizza to the kids it was great.

Before leaving at the end of week 6, 29 Defence students received 1:1 DSM support to help them in their transition from LPS. Each departing student had photos with friends, and each family should have received a USB with a collection of photos from their time at Larrakeyah (just a few happy memories to take with them). Over 20 students made new blue school passports recording their great memories; made a leaf to join the Defence Kids Family Tree so they know they won't be forgotten; chose a shell to remind them of their resilience, courage and confidence if they forget what an awesome Darwin Hermit Crab they are. Some had the opportunity to research their new school and even get to email their new DSM. For all these families leaving the Larrakeyah School community, I wish you all the best on your future posting and adventures ahead.

[Moving with children | ADF Members & Families | Defence](#) and [Changing schools | ADF Members & Families | Defence](#)

I wish you all a very festive Christmas season and an amazing New Year! See you in 2026.

Jodie Murdoch DSM jodie.murdoch@education.nt.gov.au 89813211
Defence Family Helpline 1800 624 608





Visible Learning in the Classroom

Maths Focus and The Arts

3/4 Carswell and Whole School

Writing

T/1 Taylor and 2 Shorna

Click on the links above to visit our website to read the latest articles or to access previous articles



Larrakeyah Primary values the language and cultural background of all students.

Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Answer online

<https://bit.ly/larrakeyah25>

Responses and comments are anonymous.



Your opinion matters

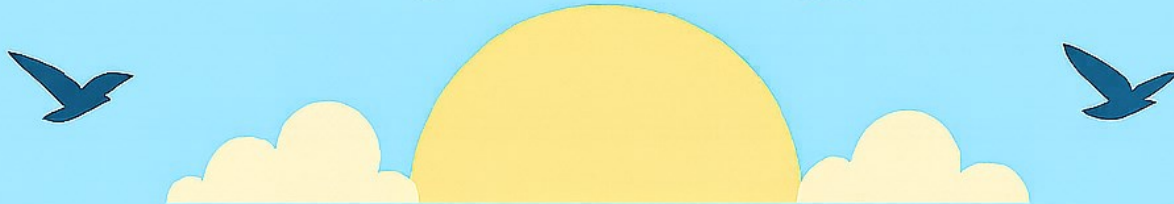
Feedback helps us create a happy and successful school.

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

Reading offline?

Scan with your smartphone camera or QR code app.

Ride Right, Stay Bright



- Please keep your seat belt fastened at all times.
- Kneeling or turning around in your seat to talk to a friend behind you is not a safe practice.
- This can distract the driver and make the bus unsafe for everyone.
- We want you to have a safe and comfortable bus ride, so please stay seated properly. You can always catch at school.



COME & TRY CRICKET AT OUR FREE

Girls only

2-DAY CRICKET HUB

WHERE CRICKET MEETS A BURST OF COLOUR!

20 – 21 JAN 2026 | 8:30AM – 1PM

DXC ARENA, MARRARA



HAVE FUN LEARNING NEW CRICKET SKILLS

MAKE NEW FRIENDS ON THE WATER SLIDE

HAVE FUN DANCING

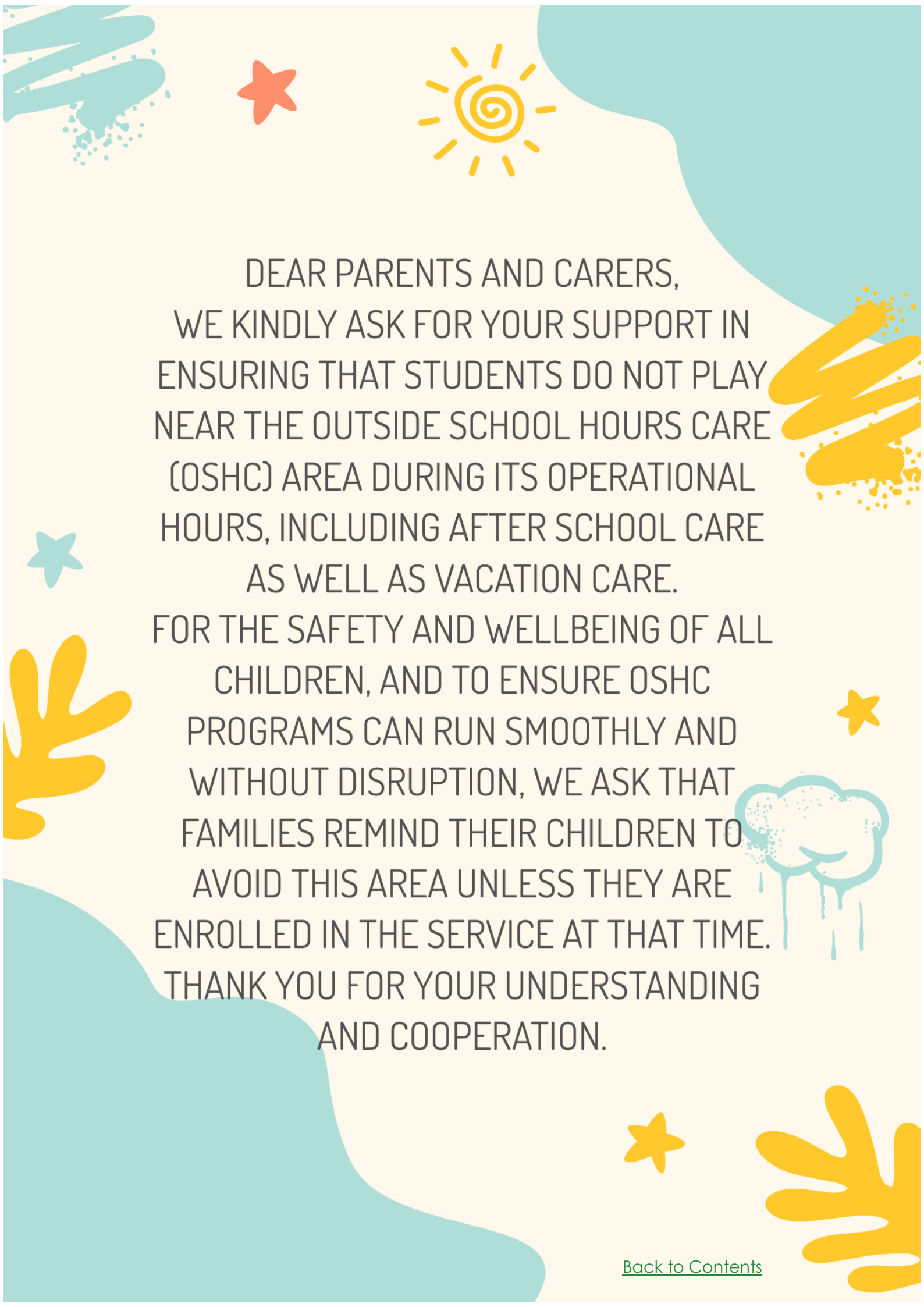
GET COLOUR BOMBED WITH WATER BALLOONS

RECEIVE A PARTICIPANT PACK (HAT & SHIRT)

FOR GIRLS AGED 5 – 12

**SCAN THE QR CODE,
REGISTER & RECEIVE FREE
MERCH**





DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,
WE KINDLY ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN
ENSURING THAT STUDENTS DO NOT PLAY
NEAR THE OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE
(OSHC) AREA DURING ITS OPERATIONAL
HOURS, INCLUDING AFTER SCHOOL CARE
AS WELL AS VACATION CARE.

FOR THE SAFETY AND WELLBEING OF ALL
CHILDREN, AND TO ENSURE OSHC
PROGRAMS CAN RUN SMOOTHLY AND
WITHOUT DISRUPTION, WE ASK THAT
FAMILIES REMIND THEIR CHILDREN TO
AVOID THIS AREA UNLESS THEY ARE
ENROLLED IN THE SERVICE AT THAT TIME.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING
AND COOPERATION.

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 BUS TRAVEL

Please take note of the bus routes in the links below and speak to your child about the best bus for them to catch. Bus 103 can become quite congested in the afternoon with some students unable to get on due to numbers. Bus 209 is an alternative option for some of our students, especially those who live in Bayview.

Be sure to check the links for details regarding your bus services and policies, including the Code of Conduct for school bus travel (referred to as the Code). It is crucial for parents to become familiar with the Code and ensure that their children understand the policy before allowing them to ride the school bus

[Larrakeyah Primary School - Bus Routes](#)

[Darwin High School/Darwin Middle School](#)

[Rules for catching a School Bus](#)

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