



LARRAKEYAH PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,
Sincere thanks to parents who have made the voluntary parent contribution to the school – and parents who are still coming to the front office to make this contribution. The School Board has suggested \$150.00 for voluntary parent contributions. 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

A reminder that the wearing of full school uniform is compulsory in all government schools. Children must wear their uniform to school every day which includes the school shorts/skorts with school logo if wearing the

school shirt.

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a nationwide annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN testing will be between 12-24 March.

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.

Some parents have asked to see previous tests to understand the test format and types of questions asked. The school does not keep previous tests but parents can access these via the link

<https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/for-parents-carers> Under the Resources tab at the top, the general information includes examples of previous NAPLAN tests.

Please note that there is **NO RIGHT HAND TURN** into the drop-off/pick-up zone at the front of the school. There

is road signage that clearly indicates **NO RIGHT HAND TURN** from Packard Street into the school. There is also a solid white line on the road which should not be crossed. Parents are encouraged to turn into Larrakeyah Terrace or go around the Larrakeyah Base roundabout to make a left turn into the school from Packard Street. This helps to minimise traffic congestion along Packard Street in the mornings and afternoons as well as eliminate safety issues. The Base carpark at the back of the school next to the roundabout can also be accessed by parents for drop-off and pick-up.

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.



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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



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.



Defence School Mentor

hello!



Welcome to week 3. Hopefully you have settled 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.

Thanks to those that were able to come along to the DSM Welcome Cuppa & Cake. I do hope you found it enjoyable and informative.

Parent Contact Please make sure the office has your *best contact details*. If your partner is regularly away or unable to answer their phone at work (due to recent changes), please make sure they are **not** the primary contact for the school. I know as some parents didn't get the events email due to it going to the other partner.

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. This week we will be finishing our DKC member id's (support belonging) and making paper aeroplanes, to practise folding for the Bombing of Darwin paper plane flyover Wednesday next week. With all the aviation specialists we have in Defence, I am sure there are some parents who have a few paper plane designs out there who could show their kids a fold or two.



BOMBING OF DARWIN DAY

83rd Anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin
Wednesday, 19 February 2025



Bombing of Darwin commemorations - our paper planes represent the 188 Japanese planes that appeared 9:58am on 19 February 1942. The attack was the first of at least 64 air raids on the Top End of Australia, which continued for 18

months and resulted in over 250 deaths of civilian and service personnel. The Bombing of Darwin highlights the tenacity, resilience, and spirit of those living in the Territory. If you would like to attend the commemorations or would like to watch the live stream. **Bombing of Darwin Commemorative Service, Wednesday 19 February 2025, Darwin Cenotaph, The Esplanade, Darwin, 9:30 am – 11:00 am**

[Bombing of Darwin | City of Darwin | Darwin Council, Northern Territory](#)



Hopefully you got to the Welcome to the Top End – Darwin, on Saturday and discovered some of the great supports, incentives and activities available to you and your families to make the most of your Darwin posting. To enjoy some of these opportunities make sure you claim your child's \$100 sports Voucher from the NT Govt. for all school students are now open. [24/25 Sport Voucher Scheme \(Parents/Carers\) | Search | GrantsNT Administration](#)

Helpful links:

Larrakeyah Neighbourhood House (LNH) and **Robertson Barracks Family Group (RFBG)** have lots of fun activities and upcoming events [Larrakeyah Neighbourhood House - Home](#) or Facebook pages.

The Top Ender Magazine don't miss getting your copy, its full of handy info *created by Defence Families for Defence Families*. 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://dsnsq.org.au/>

Autism NT for local guidance and advice www.autismnt.org.au or their Facebook page

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

Jodie Murdoch DSM jodie.murdoch@education.nt.gov.au 89813211

Defence Family Helpline 1800 624 608



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

Friday 14th February

Middle/Upper Assembly

Friday 28th February

Early Childhood Assembly

Thursday 6th March

Netball Gala Day

Friday 7th March

Middle/Upper Assembly

Tuesday 11th March

Cricket Gala Day

Wed 12th - Mon 24th March

NAPLAN

Friday 21st March

Early childhood Assembly

Friday 28th 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>



Larrakeyah Primary School

House Captains



Sadie



Amiar

**K
I
N
G**

Vice Captains



Eloise



Noah

House Captains



Sienna



Jana

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Vice Captain



Anna



Athlestan

House Captains



Eleanor



Eloise

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Vice Captains



Senuri



Norbu

House Captains



Sienna



Jacob

**G
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Vice Captains



Frankie



Aagney

Larrakeyah Primary School

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM/ LEARNING COMMISSIONERS 2025



SCHOOL CAPTAINS
Neve Ross
& Michael Baldry



2/3 Bromell
Abigail



3 Brown
Sarvad



3 Miller
Victor



3/4 Carswell
Wesley



4 Rowe
Paridhi



4 Ingle
Rose



5 Dorrian
Alexandra



5 Thompson
Poppy



5 France
Shelby



6 Harris
Lexi



6 Mamouzellos
Viola



6 Goodear
Ryan



Visible Learning in the Classroom

Math Focus

3 Miller

Writing Focus

5 France



**My child was well supported
to start school this year.**

Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Answer online

<https://bit.ly/larrakeyah10>

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.



Melaleuca Australia are supporting families with connecting and effectively navigating school communication platforms such as Seesaw, School Interviews and other Apps by holding a workshop at Larrakeyah Primary School on **Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th of February**. If you are interested in attending you must first register in person at the registration session they will be holding in the Larrakeyah Primary School Library on **Monday 17th from 2:30-3:00pm**. Please feel free to walk in and join the registration session. After you have attended the Registration Session you can then attend the SeeSaw and Communication App Workshop sessions either on Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th between 3:30 and 4:30 pm in the Library.

If you have any questions please get in touch with Bradley King.

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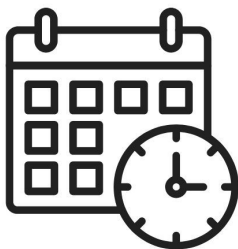
NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM -
LITERACY AND NUMERACY

NAPLAN 2025

- All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9, in Australia, do NAPLAN Tests in Term 1.
- NAPLAN tests students skills in Reading, Writing, Mathematics and their Language Convention Skills. They will complete 4 different tests. (Writing, Reading, Language Conventions and Numeracy)
- The test questions are presented in Standard Australian English Dialect.
- They will be required to read some of the questions presented or listen through provided headphones to the questions presented depending on the test.
- The test will adapt (get easier or harder) depending on how students answer the questions.

Tests are scheduled to take place during Weeks 7, 8 and 9 from the 12th of March - 24th of March.

If your child is going to be away during this time please make contact with your child's class teacher. Catch up sessions will occur during the testing period.



How can you help prepare your child for NAPLAN in the lead up?

- Access the public demonstration website. <https://nap.edu.au/naplan/public-demonstration-site>
- (Year 5 Students) Encourage them to type onto Word to help familiarise themselves with the keyboard and ability to proofread and edit typed texts.
- When driving in the car, have your child verbalise ideas to different writing prompts. (E.g. Should animals be kept in cages? What is your position? What are your arguments? What evidence could you use to support this? or What narrative could you create about an emergency? Who are the characters? Where did this take place? What is the problem? What is the resolution?)
- Make use of the Literacy Pro online texts. Ask your child to log in and pick a text with a quiz. They can read the text then answer the multiple choice questions. <https://educator-slz04.scholasticlearningzone.com/auth/intl/Login/AUS2226>

How to prepare your child for NAPLAN during the testing period?

- Ensure they are well rested and have a good sleep.
- Provide a healthy breakfast.
- Ensure they arrive to school on time (by 8:15am).
- Remain positive, wish them luck and remind them all they have to do is try their best.
- speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions about how you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN.



PERMISSION TO ATTEND DARWIN REGION TRIALS

12 Years & Under Australian Football

Ages 10 - 12 Primary & Middle School Students - Boys & Girls

Students born between 1st January 2013 and 31st December 2015.

You are invited to attend the 2025 12 Years & under Australian Football Selection Trials for Darwin Region.

To be eligible for selection in the Darwin Region Team students **MUST attend a minimum of 2 of the 3 trial days, be the correct age and attend a Darwin Region School**. Selectors will identify the students that will make up the Darwin Region Team and reserve members. Students will be selected based on their ability to meet game specific criteria and participate as a team member. Due to the high amount of participants that attend the trials, students are encouraged to attend all 3 days to give themselves the best opportunity for selection.

Results will be communicated via email within 5 days after the completion of trials, with those selected receiving a Darwin Region Team Member/Reserve Booklet and invoice to follow.

Darwin Region aims to take 2 boys teams and 2 girls teams to the School of Sport Education NT Championship Event being held in Darwin from the 29th April – 1st May 2025.

If you are selected for the Darwin Region, either as a team member or a reserve, it is expected that you will attend all trainings, hand in all paperwork and make all levy payments by the due dates.

Booklet paperwork (permission forms with principal and parent signature) is due back to the Team Manager/Darwin Region on the **27th of February**. Levy cost will be approximately \$537 with an initial \$100 deposit being due on the **6th of March** and remaining amount due on the **27th of March**. Failure to meet these requirements may result in the student losing their position in the team or as a reserve.

If the student is unable to attend a training session, please contact the team manager/coach prior to training.

School of Sport Education NT will be selecting 1 boys and 1 girls NT Team to compete in the School Sport Australia Championships in Maroochydore, Queensland 2nd – 9th August 2025.

IMPORTANT: Trial permission forms are preferred to be received via email to darwinsport.doe@education.nt.gov.au prior to the trials commencing. Once received a response will be emailed and a registration number will be issued, this number is requested to be remembered for trials.



TRIALS			
Day	Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday	18 th February	3.30 – 5.00pm	Sanderson Middle School Oval
Wednesday	19 th February	3.30 – 5.00pm	
Thursday	20 th February	3.30 – 5.00pm	
Please bring appropriate clothing, footwear and water bottle If strapping is needed please ensure this is done prior to trials			

SCHOOL OF SPORT EDUCATION NT EVENT DETAILS		
Date	Venue	Levy Costs (ESTIMATE ONLY)
29 th April – 1 st May 2025	TIO Stadium, Marrara	\$537.00 PAYMENTS MUST BE PAID BY DUE DATE

For any further questions please contact our office.

**Darwin Region Sport Education
Pathways Coordinator**

Amanda Macpherson

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Sport Education Coordinator**

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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





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