



LARRAKEYAH PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember

Friday 28th March

Middle/Upper Assembly

Wednesday 2nd April

Whole School STEAM Day

Friday 4th April

Dream Job Dress Up Day

Last Day of Term 1

Tuesday 15th April

Students Return Term 2

Thursday 17th April

Early Childhood Easter Hat Parade

Friday 18th - Monday 21st April

Easter Break - Public Holiday

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The AGM for the Larrakeyah Primary School Board was held on Thursday 13th March. Many thanks to parents and staff who attended. The School Board consists of parent members and teacher representatives. Thank you to those who expressed an interest in being a member of the School Board. Congratulations to our 2025 board members – Kristy Rees (Chairperson), Leigh Robke (Secretary), Andrew Lee (Treasurer), Nicholas Peters (Parent rep), Cheryl Thompson (Teacher rep) and Riley France (Teacher rep). We all look forward to working together to improve outcomes for students whilst focusing on the strategic direction of the school. Thank you to the members who were on the school board last year who volunteered their time and gave valuable support to the school. Thank you to Mary Boeck (teacher rep) for completing her two year term. A special thanks to Haylee Leuken who has been on the school board for a number of years and completed her recent two year term. We thank Haylee for her knowledge, skills, contributions, calm approach and her unwavering support of the school.

Last week we celebrated Harmony Day. All students participated in Harmony Day activities in class groups and many wore a national costume, orange clothing or the special Harmony Day shirts. Harmony Day is a day to celebrate Australia's diversity and we are proud to acknowledge and celebrate the

diversity within our school.

A reminder... The wearing of full school uniform has been inconsistent in the past with a noticeable number of students wearing alternative clothing with the school shirt. This year, the school is strictly enforcing the uniform policy.

The wearing of full school uniform is compulsory in all government schools. Children must wear their uniform to school every day which includes a school dress or school shorts/skorts with school logo if wearing the school shirt. Shorts/skorts that do not have the school logo are not acceptable. Additional clothing such as leggings, cardigans must be navy blue or black. As per the uniform policy, leggings or bike pants are additional items and as such do not replace the shorts/skorts. They can be worn underneath skorts, shorts or the dress. Parents can use the \$200 government school voucher to purchase uniforms. Thank you to parents who have been most proactive and supportive in ensuring that children are wearing full school uniform to school everyday.

A reminder that next week is the last week of Term 1. **Students resume Term 2 on Tuesday 15th April.**

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

Recent Notes Sent Home

Year 4 - Batchelor Outdoor Education Centre Camp.

SLT and House Captains - Grip Leadership Conference.

Year 6 - Singapore Study Tour Information and Permission Note.

Via Audiri

ECA Term 2 reminder

Dress up day reminder

Canteen specials Wks 8-10



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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Defence School Mentor

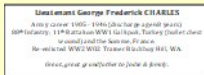
hello!

Our ANZAC Day Assembly will be on Thursday 24 April (after school holidays and Easter next term). We have kindly had parents volunteer for guest speaker and flag raiser and we are incredibly lucky to have a RAN singer and bugler perform live for us. If you are interested in being the Ode Reader please let me know ASAP.



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 Kids Anzac Colouring Competition, please have your art returned to school by Tuesday 1 April (no fools) so it can be submitted to Mates4Mates [Darwin Centre | Mates4Mates](#). If you need another print just ask Jodie.



Defence Member Family Support – have a heap of events coming up. To register see [Defence Member and Family Support - Darwin Events - 4 Upcoming Activities and Tickets | Eventbrite](#). Congratulations to the children receiving your **Child of the ADF** Medallion this Saturday. It 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. You can also purchase a medallion for "perseverance on the Homefront" from [Military Kids | OPPTSD.org.au](#) and we can discuss something special for presentation.

Kookaburra Kids - have great programs coming up in Darwin in their Defence Kids programs and are also looking for volunteers. The program is dedicated to supporting the unique needs of children from serving and ex-serving ADF families. [The Department of Veterans' Affairs](#) is funding the program which provides camps, activity days and age-appropriate mental health education, focusing on coping skills and resilience, while allowing children to bond with peers who are facing similar challenges. For Defence families the challenges can be vast, including and not limited to:

- A young person doesn't like their new location.
- A young person is struggling to make friends.
- Mum has depression.
- Dad has anxiety.
- Mum's away a lot.
- Dad has PTSD.
- Sister is anxious.

So, if you know of any young person that is connected to Defence between 8-18 that would like to join in or you are interested in volunteering to the program visit www.kookaburrakids.org.au

I do hope you enjoy your week of school holidays and have some time to rest and reset for an even busier and rewarding term two. Remember DMFS, Mates4Mates and Larrakeyah Neighbourhood House all have activities on over the holidays for the family.

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

Defence Family Helpline 1800 624 608

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Visible Learning in the Classroom

Writing Focus

[1 Church](#) and [T/1 Taylor](#)

Math and Physical Education Focus

[6 Goodear](#) and [3 Brown](#)

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/larrakeyah13>

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.

Staff Spotlight

We're excited to launch a new series where we highlight our incredible teaching staff! Get to know the amazing educators shaping our school community through fun facts and insights.



BIDDY MILLER

How long have you been a part of the Larrakeyah Primary School community?

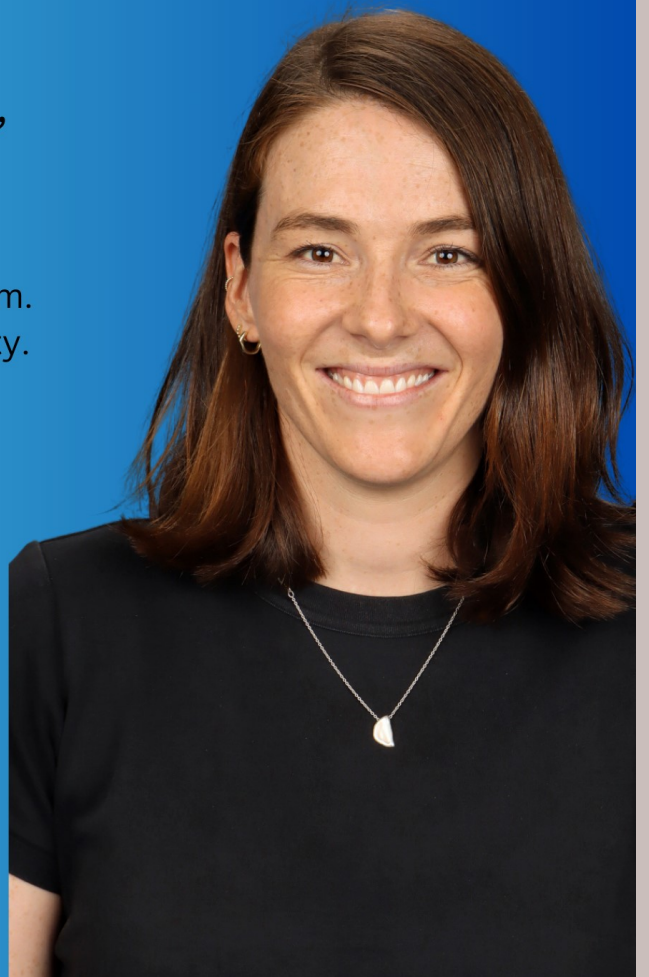
I began working at Larrakeyah Primary School at the start of 2024!

What is one lesson or activity you love to teach, and why do you think it resonates with the students?

I love teaching Science! It's an exciting subject that lets students explore the world around them. I enjoy how it sparks their curiosity and creativity. With hands-on experiments and fun activities, students can see ideas come to life, making learning enjoyable and memorable.

What's your favourite part about working with the students and staff at Larrakeyah Primary School?

My favourite part about working at Larrakeyah Primary School is the amazing sense of community. The relationships between staff, students and families create an environment where everyone feels valued and motivated to succeed together.



DENTIST



ENGINEER



NURSE



ATHLETE



FIRE FIGHTER



THE SLT TEAM PRESENTS

DREAM JOB DRESS UP DAY

STEWARDESS



PILOT



VET



MUSICIAN



ACTOR



POLICE OFFICER



DOCTOR



FASHION MODEL



TEACHER



DANCER



DETECTIVE



ARTIST



SINGER



SCIENTIST



WRITER



WEEK 10, FRIDAY 4th April

Gold coin donation

PILOT



JUDGE

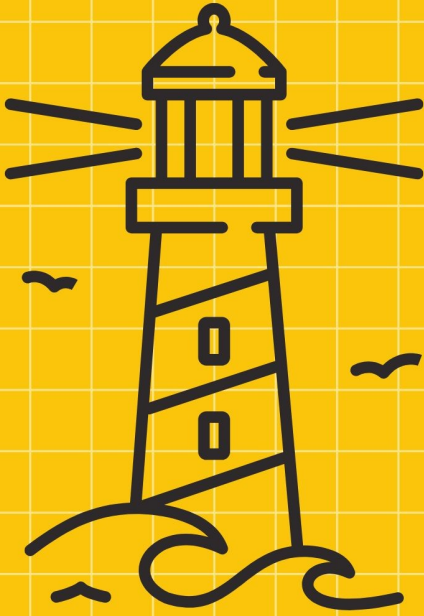


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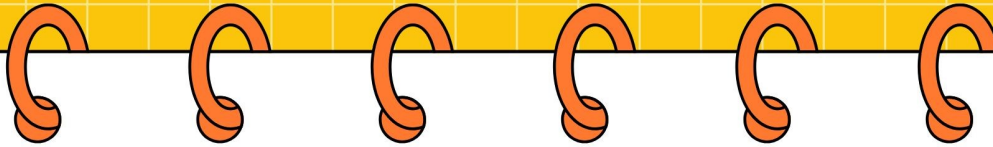


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Uniform Policy



Larrakeyah Primary School are enforcing the uniform policy in 2025
Students must wear the below items only.

All items can be purchased through the front office administration area.
The \$200 Government Back-to-School Voucher can be used to go towards
the purchase of uniforms.



School Shirt



School Dress



School Shorts



School Skorts



House Sports Shirt

Worn only on days students have PE Lessons or
when otherwise advised. These must be worn
with school shorts or skorts.

Leggings or bike pants must be worn underneath
school dresses, shorts or skorts and be the colours
navy or **black**. They are not a replacement of
the school shorts or skorts.

If you have any further questions regarding the
school uniform policy please contact:

Danni Mattiazzo
(Early Childhood Assistant Principal)
danni.mattiazzo@education.nt.gov.au

or
Bradley King
(Middle/Upper Primary Assistant Principal)
bradley.king@education.nt.gov.au

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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YOUNG TERRITORY AUTHOR AWARDS



Write and create a book and you could be the 2025 Young Territory Author of the Year!

The competition is open to all Territorians 18 years and under residing in the Territory at the time of entering a submission.

First prize - \$500

Variety NT Runner-up Award - \$250

School Entry prize - \$500

CBCA NT Wow Award - \$200

Enter online, by mail, at any City of Darwin
Library or your local library.

To find out more, go to: darwin.nt.gov.au/ytaa
or scan the QR code.



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PERMISSION TO ATTEND DARWIN REGION TRIALS 12 Years & Under Cricket

Primary & Middle School Students – Boys & Girls
Students born between 1st of July 2012 – 31st of December 2015.
Age dispensation applies for students born 1st of July – 31st of December 2012.

You are invited to attend the 2025 12 Years & under Cricket 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. Students are encouraged to attend all of the 3 days to give themselves the best opportunity for selection. Results will be communicated via email within 5 business days with those selected receiving a Darwin Region Team Member/Reserve Booklet and invoice to follow. Darwin Region aims to take 1 Boys and 1 Girls team to the School of Sport Education NT Event being held in Darwin 3rd – 5th June 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 **3rd of April**. Levy cost will be approximately \$490 with an initial \$100 deposit being due on the **16th of April** and remaining amount due on the **8th of May**. Failure to meet these requirements may result in the student losing their position.

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 a NT Team to compete in the School Sport Australia Championships in Ballarat, VICTORIA, 25th – 31st October 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	25 th March	3:30 – 5:00pm	DXC Arena, Marrara
Wednesday	26 th March	3:30 – 5:00pm	
Thursday	27 th March	3:30 – 5:00pm	
Please bring appropriate clothing, equipment, footwear and water bottle			

SCHOOL SPORT NT EVENT DETAILS		
Date	Host Venue	Levy Costs (ESTIMATE ONLY)
3 rd – 5 th June 2025	TBC, Darwin	\$490.00 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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Darwin Region Sport Education Coordinator

Madison Bange

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After-School Language Classes

Join us
Term 2



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, Korean, Mandarin, Russian

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

\$180

PER TERM

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Mon-Wed - 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Sat - 10:00am - 12:30pm

Sports Vouchers accepted

www.darwinlanguagescentre.nt.edu.au



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.

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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