



LARRAKEYAH PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember

Thursday 17th April
Early Childhood Easter Hat Parade
Friday 18th - Monday 21st April
Easter Break - Public Holiday
Thursday 24th April
ANZAC Day Assembly
Friday 25th April
ANZAC Day - Public Holiday
Friday 2nd May
Middle/Upper Assembly
Monday 5th May
May Day—public Holiday
Tuesday 6th—Friday 9th May
Mother's Day Stall

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome all to Term 2. Last term we said farewell to teachers Bidy Miller who returned to Sydney and Tamiaka Fernance who is now travelling overseas. We welcome back teachers Caroline Gangotena and Emma Loughran who have returned to Larrakeyah Primary.

On Monday staff had a professional development day combined with Moil Primary, Wulagi Primary and Stuart Park Primary. All schools involved have a focus on Mathematics in their Annual School Improvement Plan (ASIP). An external consultant, Guy Constable, presented "Learning Through Doing". "Learning Through Doing" is a comprehensive Mathematics program that is now in place from Transition through to Year 6. The program aligns with our school's emphasis on hands-on learning. The program supports teaching and learning in all areas of Mathematics: number and algebra, measurement and geometry, and data and statistics. Learning Through Doing makes Mathematics engaging and supports teachers to differentiate their approach to match what students need.

A number of students travel to and from school using public transport. The school has previously raised concerns regarding overcrowding of buses and primary school students having to stand in buses which resulted in solutions offered by the Department of Infrastructure,

Planning and Logistics. It is also important for parents to provide feedback, particularly if there are concerns regarding student behaviour on buses or other safety issues. The link is <https://dli.nt.gov.au/feedback>

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. 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. Additional items must be navy blue or black.

We look forward to another successful term. 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 Riley France (Senior Teacher Upper Primary) are also available.

Regards
Fathma Mauer
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

Via Audiri

Cambridge Checkpoint Test - Year 6

Year 5 Camp

Cooking and Gardening - Year 6

Registration Darwin Region Touch Football

Easter Hat Parade - Early Childhood

Year 4 Camp

Impetigo - School Sores

Second Hand Uniforms



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!

Welcome to Term 2. It is a bit of a topsy turvy start with lots of holidays and public holidays making it difficult to get back into a routine. I do hope you enjoyed last week's school break and have a chocoliciously good Easter this weekend.

Our ANZAC Day Commemorative Assembly will be on Thursday 24 April, 8:30am. Thank you to all the parents who have kindly volunteered their time to help make our students ANZAC Day commemorations and learning something special. Please feel free to join us for the event, especially if your child is a wreath layer.

We are very excited and extremely fortunate to have 1st Health Battalion visit our school; each class will have the opportunity to see the display and vehicle after the Assembly. This will allow students to learn about and compare a modern field ambulance to the famous story of "Simpson and his donkey" from the battlefield at Gallipoli 110 years ago.

Thank you to those that have sent in a photo of their special ANZAC to be included in our display. It is great for students to be able to share their own family history with their classmates.

Defence Kids Club will be working on slouch hat crafts for Anzac Day.

Please remember to let me or your teacher know if a parent is going away. Any changes in circumstances can affect your child's learning and behaviours at school, so good communication helps us understand a student's changing emotions or focus whether it be someone away or moving and allows us to support them during these times. Note you are also able to register with Defence Family Helpline and request a Bear and Book pack if the parent is gone for a while.

The weather is changing but the dry season is trying to arrive which means lots of items make their way to the LOST & FOUND box. Please make sure your child's name is on all their items they bring or wear to school. We have a "No hat, no play" policy so please remind your students to bring their hats each day, so they don't miss out on fun in the sunshine and of course keep drinking lots of water because it is still very hot!

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

Math Focus

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

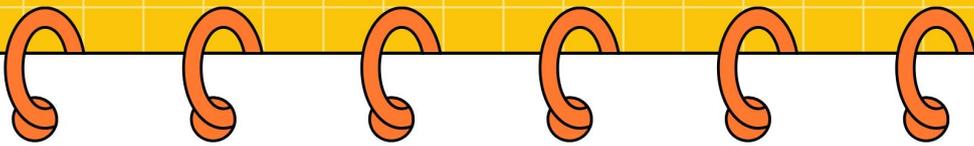


SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

The school offers a selection of high-quality second-hand uniforms for just \$2.00. We also welcome uniform donations; please visit the front office for more information.



Uniform Policy



Larrakeyah Primary School are enforcing the uniform policy in 2025
Students must wear the below only.
All items can be purchased through the front office administration area.



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

LARRAKEYAH PRIMARY SCHOOL'S

EARLY CHILDHOOD EASTER HAT PARADE

THURSDAY 17TH APRIL 2025

ASSEMBLY AREA

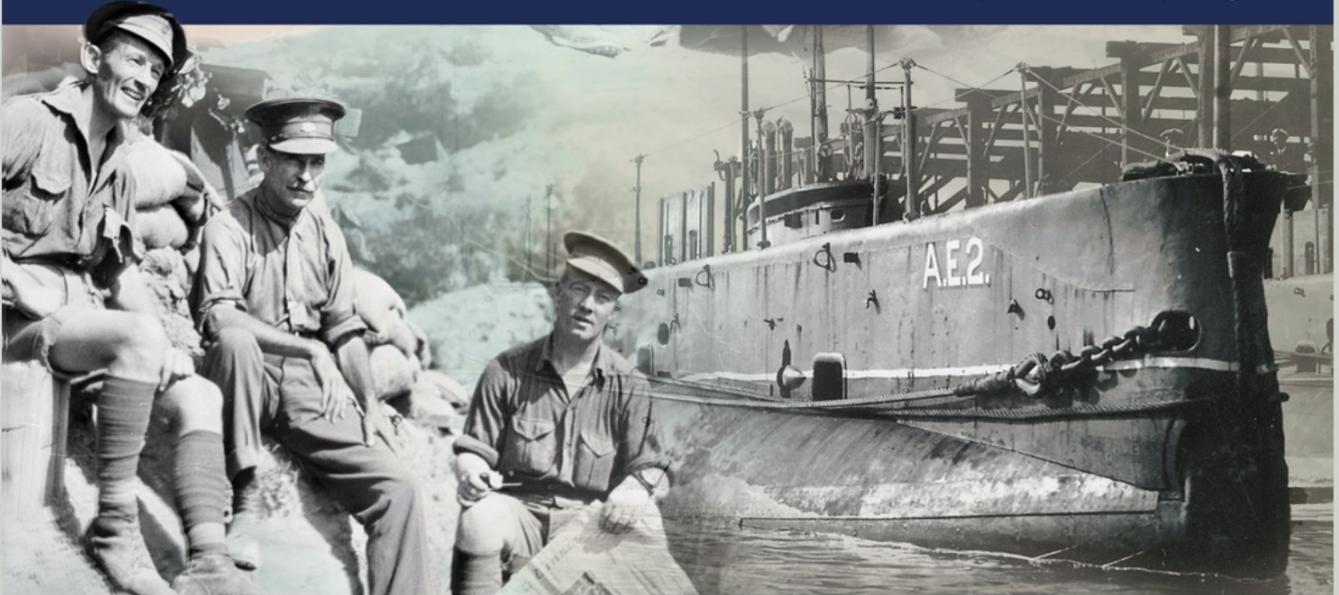
8:30AM

PLEASE NOTE: HATS WILL BE MADE DURING CLASSTIME
PARENTS/CARERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THE FUN!



ANZAC DAY

110 years since the
Gallipoli Campaign



Larrakeyah Primary School

Invites

All parents, carers, veterans and friends to join the students for the

2025 ANZAC Day Commemorative Assembly

On: **Thursday 24th April 2025**

At: **8:30am to 9am**

Where: **Undercover Assembly area**

(facing the flagpole)



Larrakeyah Primary's Anzac Day Commemorative Assembly will be hosted by our School Captains, Neve and Michael. Guest Speaker Lieutenant Colonel Cooper; Reader of the Ode Lieutenant Colonel Sandy Hedger; and flag raisers Corporal Euan Lamont and children.

Each class will lay wreaths.

Come along, share the commemoration with our students and place a poppy on our "Special Anzacs" photo display.



THE SLT PRESENTS

Mother's
DAY STALL

TUESDAY 6TH - FRIDAY 9TH

MAY
WEEK 4

PRICES FROM:
\$2.50 - \$6.00

LOCATED NEXT TO EARLY
CHILDHOOD NETBALL
COURTS

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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 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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After-School Language Classes

Join us
Term 2



\$180
PER TERM

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)

Local school bus pick up service available



ENROL
NOW

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