



LARRAKEYAH PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember

Friday 1st August

M/U Assembly

Monday 4th August

Picnic Day—Public Holiday

Wednesday 13th August

Softball Gala Day

Friday 15th August

E/C Assembly

Cross Country Gala Day

Thursday 21st August

Year 6 Singapore Study Tour
Parent Evening

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Last week we had excited Transition students who celebrated 100 days of learning and being at school. They certainly looked 100 days older, brighter and smarter!

We also have many excited Year 5 and 6 students commencing our QUEST program. QUEST is an award-winning, innovative program that we developed and is aimed to connect and inspire. The program brings real life contexts to the modern day classroom by using industry professionals and 21st learning skills (creativity, critical thinking, collaboration and communication) through project based inquiry learning. Teachers have been organising, planning and preparing for this exciting program so that students can select their area of interest from various projects. Following the implementation of the program, there will be a QUEST showcase of learning.

Students in Years T-4 are participating in the ASPIRE program. ASPIRE exposes students to inquiry based learning and working with industry professional leading to the QUEST program. In ASPIRE, teachers plan and implement an inquiry project using 21st century learning skills and involve an industry professional. Students from the same year level learn beyond the classroom and work on the inquiry project with an industry professional. The projects this term are:

Transition - For people who do not have access to all their senses, how can they observe the natural world?

Year 1 - How can old ideas inspire new creations that are better for people and the planet?

Year 2 - How have technological changes made our lives easier in home, work, travel and communication, and what patterns can we see that help us predict future inventions?

Year 3 - The Black Footed Tree Rats are native endangered animals. How can we contribute to their conservation?

Year 4 - What technology can be used to make buildings use less energy and be built more sustainably?

Like QUEST, ASPIRE culminates in an Expo of Learning. Larrakeyah Primary is recognised for its innovative programs that inspire students and develop the important skills that students will require in the future.

Parent/teacher/student 3-way conferences will be held on Monday 11th August and Tuesday 12th August. The relationship between home and school is very important. It is also important for parents to speak with teachers regarding their child's progress. We have an online booking system and school interview booking information has been sent home.

Regards

Fathma Mauger

Principal



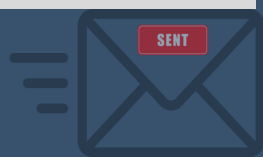
Larrakeyah Primary School is a member of the Darwin City Schools and in partnership with Darwin Middle School, Darwin High School, Northern Territory Open Education Centre, Ludmilla Primary School, Stuart Park Primary School and Parap Primary School.

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

Audiri

- Year 6 Singapore Study Tour Final Information Evening.
- Class Notes
- Year 4 Cooking and Gardening
- NCCD National Consistent Collection of Data
- Moana—Tickets
- Year 6 Singapore Study Tour Insurance Quote
- New Design for Secondary Schools in the Northern Territory
- 3 Way Conference
- Aspire Excursion



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!

Defence Kids Club last week we discussed parents being away and who has a Defence Bear (nearly everyone). Therefore, we crafted teddy bear hats in preparation for the Teddy Bear Picnic.

Our **Annual DKC Teddy Bear Picnic** is on *Thursday 7th August*. This lunchtime event acknowledges that sometimes our parents have to go away for work, training, exercise, deployment or are just super busy. These times can be hard, so sometimes we cuddle our ADF bears (that can be requested via Absent Partner Support with the Defence Family Helpline) or someone special instead to help us feel better. Deliciously sweet biscuit fun for our Defence Kids. Please make sure you reply with your permission by email, so your child doesn't miss out.

Also, Save the date for our **Annual Defence Dad's Lunch** on *Friday 5th September*, 12:45pm.

Term 3 is a super busy term with learning, excursions, sports events, Quest and Aspire, and the added performance practise for the School Production "Moana". I recommend you keep *17th September* evening free for the concert and purchase tickets now. You won't want to miss this amazing event and watch with pride as your child shines on stage at the Darwin Entertainment Centre. The tempo of the term can be very tiring for little people (and big) a good sleep routine will help battle the big emotions that come with tiredness and please make sure you keep positive communication with your teacher so everyone can support your child.

The Lost and Found box is starting to overflow outside the admin block. Please remember to put names on all items coming to school. We have a No Hat No Play policy and there seems to be students missing playing with friends in the sunshine as they have lost or forgotten their hat. I only have a few spare hats to share.

Posting Out - I know many ADF families are trying to tick everything off their NT bucket list before leaving as they have already received posting orders. Student's attitudes and behaviours can start to change knowing they are going. Please email me of your upcoming relocation once known so I can start the farewell process with your child. DFMS advice on [Moving with children | ADF Members & Families | Defence](#) and [Changing schools | ADF Members & Families | Defence](#) and consider [Raising Children Network](#) for solid parenting advice on all stages and ages of children.

3 Way Conference—if you find your ADF child is still struggling academically due to moving schools and you are within 18 months of your posting, then consider applying for Education Assistance Scheme Tuition which can financially help with the cost of 14hrs of tuition for your child. See [Education Assistance Scheme | ADF Members & Families | Defence](#) for more information.

Remembrance Day Volunteers needed we need volunteers – an Ode reader and a flag raiser for our upcoming Commemorative Assembly on Tuesday 11/11/25 are needed. If you are interested or know of someone suitable, please let me know ASAP. I will also be looking for 6 x year 6/5 students to speak at the assembly "Why Remembrance Day is Important to their family" so please encourage them to contact me if they want to do it. And if you are keen to volunteer for ANZAC Assembly 2026, please contact me as I am expected to submit my support request application to JOSS shortly for next year.

DMFS event - ADF Member & Resident Family – Ready, Set, Dodge! – Speed Darts Fri, 8 Aug, 5:00pm, to register [Defence Member and Family Support - Darwin Events - 2 Upcoming Activities and Tickets | Eventbrite](#) looks like fun!

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

Defence Family Helpline 1800 624 608

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News From the School Board

Welcome back for Term 3, which is always one of celebration at Larrakeyah Primary School.

Firstly, the Board would like to congratulate our incredible leaders for the school's recent recognition amongst other leading Australian schools. We have been listed as finalists in 5 categories, including 'Best Use of Technology' at the 2025 Australian Education Awards. For those who are unaware, our school staff have worked to create a customised, AI-powered teaching assistant that allows students to receive real-time feedback in relation to their written work. The award ceremony will be held in Sydney on 8 August, and we wish our school the very best of luck on the night.

We would also like to recognise our aspiring student athletes; from those who gave it a go and pushed outside their comfort zone at our school sports carnival, to those who represented our school at the Athletics Zone Sports event, earning our school 3rd place in Term 2! Well done to you all on your individual successes and the way you represented the school. The program of sports gala days continues into Term 3, and we would love to see students continue to have a go and embrace the opportunity to represent the school, and develop their sporting and teamwork skills.

The hottest show in Darwin is coming up in Term 3 and is not to be missed. Moana tickets are on sale now and selling fast! Please ensure you are prepared by purchasing your tickets and putting a bit of early thought into your attire for the evening. We would really love to see our entire school community embrace the island spirit in tropical dress. The performance is the culmination of a term of hard work and dedication from our students, and it is always a joy to see them shine on the big night.

And lastly... with all of this celebration, the Board has discussed new ways in which it will support innovative student ideas for fundraising at the school. With a working title "the Initiatives initiative", the Board has discussed making a matching-style contribution to new fundraising initiatives that are brought forward by students. These could be for the better of the community or the school, or it could be new methods to raise funds. The only caveat is that the Board matching contribution must go back into resources and equipment for the school, so for any community fundraising delivered, the Board's co-contribution would be towards a school-based cause. This is a great opportunity to have a dinner-time conversation around the impact we can have in the community and encourage our children to think about new ways to do things. Please encourage your child to bring any new ideas to school - we can't wait to hear them!

Regards
Kristy Rees
Chairperson



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Visible Learning in the Classroom

Writing Focus and ICT

1 Church and Year 5 and 6

Math Focus

6 Mamouzellos and 2 Stenhouse

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



Larrakeyah Primary gives my child opportunities to do interesting things.

Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Answer online

<https://bit.ly/larrakeyah18>

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.

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Staff Spotlight



SARAH STENHOUSE

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

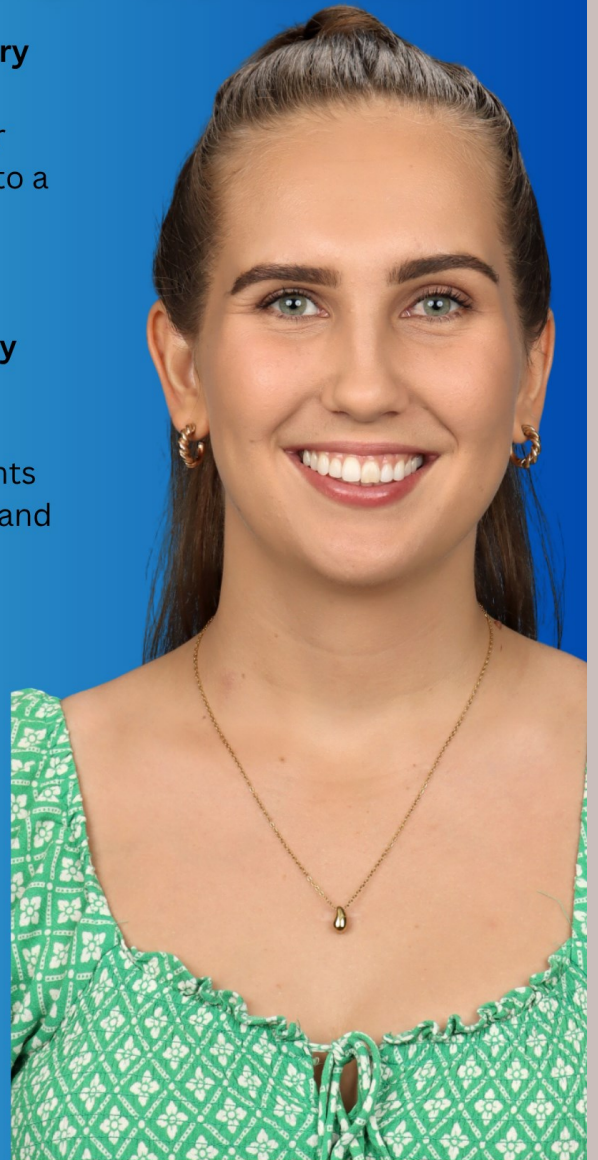
I've been part of the Larrakeyah community for just over four years. I began as a relief teacher before stepping into a classroom role, where I've had the pleasure of teaching Year 1 and Year 2 ever since.

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

I absolutely love teaching Science. It's such an exciting subject that connects to the real world and helps students make sense of everyday life. The hands-on experiments and seeing real changes unfold right in front of them really capture their curiosity and enthusiasm.

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

The warm and welcoming culture at Larrakeyah is something truly special. Every day starts with friendly smiles and cheerful greetings from students, staff, and even parents, including those outside my own class. It's incredible to be part of such a supportive and positive school community.





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

Tickets on Sale Now



MOANA

Tickets for this year production of Moana are sold through the Darwin Entertainment Centre website (www.yourcentre.com.au).

Providing Value to Families

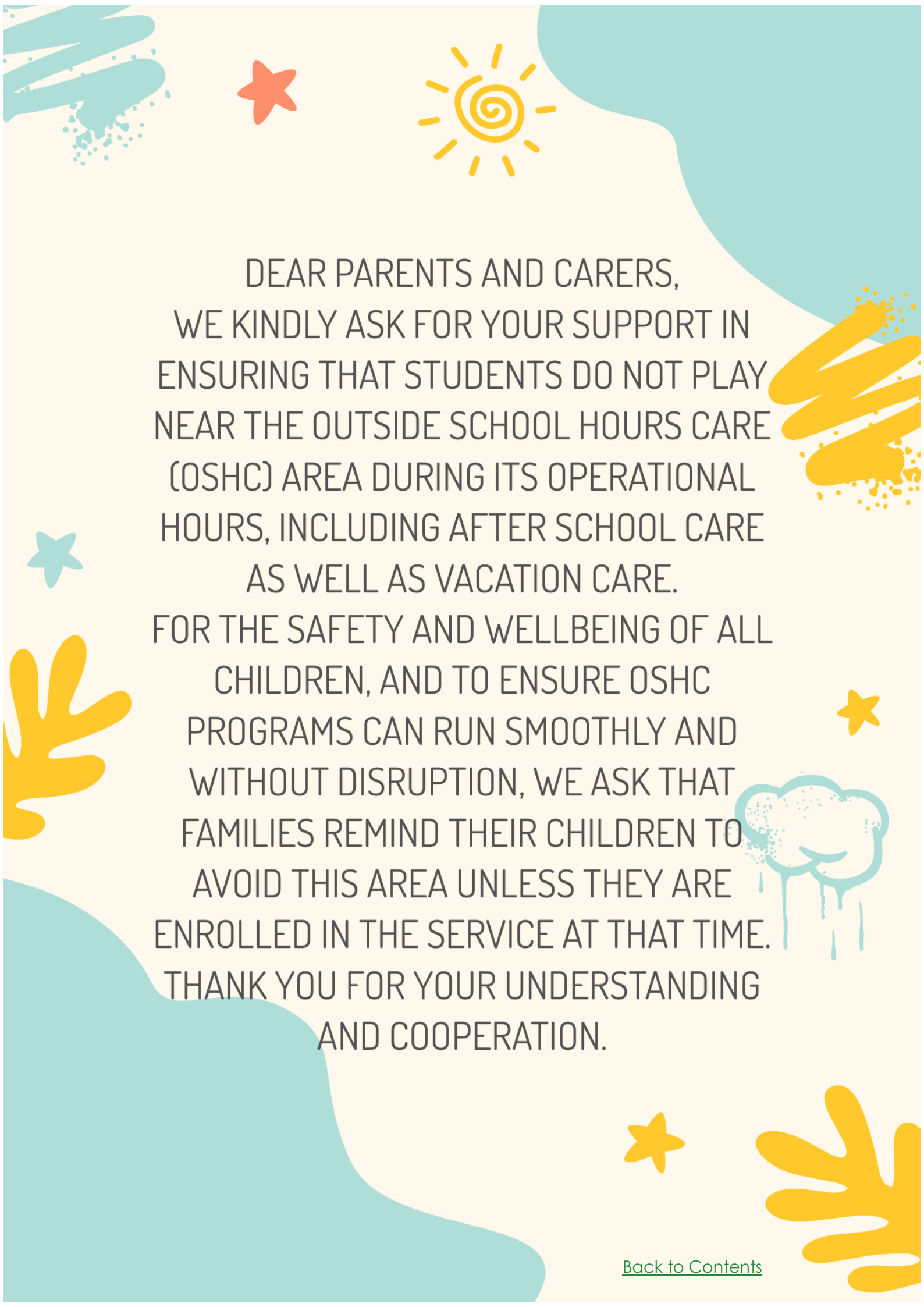
Book Club

ORDERS ARE DUE
Thursday
31st July

SCHOLASTIC **Book Club**

Purchases help build our school library

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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.

Antidote

A REMEDY FOR NOW

Presented by Tracks Dance Company
in association with Darwin Festival



From reflection to action, Tracks' Hope Collectors gather stories, sounds and moves from the Darwin community, distilling them into a suite of offerings that reflect playfulness, resilience and optimism.

Dance It

This free event celebrates the people of Darwin, inviting all to witness movement shaped by our collective stories.

Choreographed by Rachael Wallis, Jenelle Saunders and David McMicken.

Darwin Esplanade
(opp. Peel St)
Sunday, August 17
6:00pm

[REGISTER FOR THE FULL EXPERIENCE](#)

Listen Deep

A sonic journey to a new hope. Weaving together sounds, voices, and instruments from our community.

Devised by James Mangohig.

Tracks Dance Studio
Tuesday, August 19
6:00 & 7:30pm
\$30 & \$20 conc.

[BOOK NOW! LIMITED CAPACITY](#)

Tell Stories

Stories of the world we are in, and the futures we dream of. Join community story tellers diving into the meaning of hope.

Devised by Alyson Evans.

Tracks Dance Studio
Thursday, August 21
6:00 & 7:30pm
\$30 & \$20 conc.

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TRACKS

DARWIN
FESTIVAL

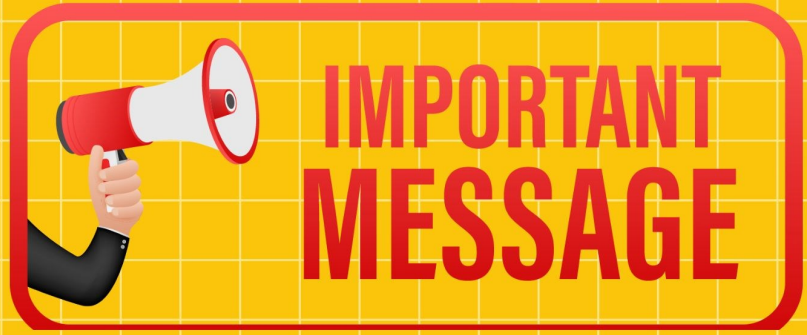
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Bookings
darwinfestival.org.au
More info
tracksdance.com.au



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.



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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