Larrakeyah Primary School

# Newsletter

04/11/26
Term **4** Week **5**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Friday 6th November**
E/C Assembly
**Mon 9th Nov - Friday 13 Nov**
Book Fair
**Wednesday 11th November**
Remembrance Day Assembly
**Friday 13th November**
M/U Assembly
**Friday 27th November**
School Captain Elections

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# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Last week the Year 6 students organised a Halloween disco which was well attended by parents and students. It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying this school community event. Thank you to the Mr France and Year 6 teachers for the organisation and to the parents who donated items and assisted with the selling of food and drinks.
Last Friday was World Teachers' Day and we celebrated our wonderful teachers. Many thanks to our School Board for acknowledging our dedicated staff and organising a staff morning tea with Janet Redding's food van. Thank you to Robyn Cahill, our local MLA who presented staff with an incredible cake that she baked and decorated herself. The efforts to celebrate our staff were greatly appreciated.
Last Friday, the NT Department of Education and Training held the World Teachers' Day NT Excellence Awards. Congratulations to Caitlan Ingle who was a finalist for the Primary Teacher of the Year – Darwin Region. We are proud of Caitlan. I was proud to win Principal of the Year- Darwin Region and was also the NT overall winner for Principal of the Year. It was an honour to win both awards and to acknowledge the supportive school community in which I work.




Regards
Fathma Mauger
Principal



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# Enrolment at Larrakeyah Primary School in 2027

Please complete if your child/children **will not be** (other than year 6 students) attending Larrakeyah Primary School in 2027. 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 2027.

| *Names of child/children* | *Current Year Level/s* | Destination |
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Parent Name:

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Parent Signature:

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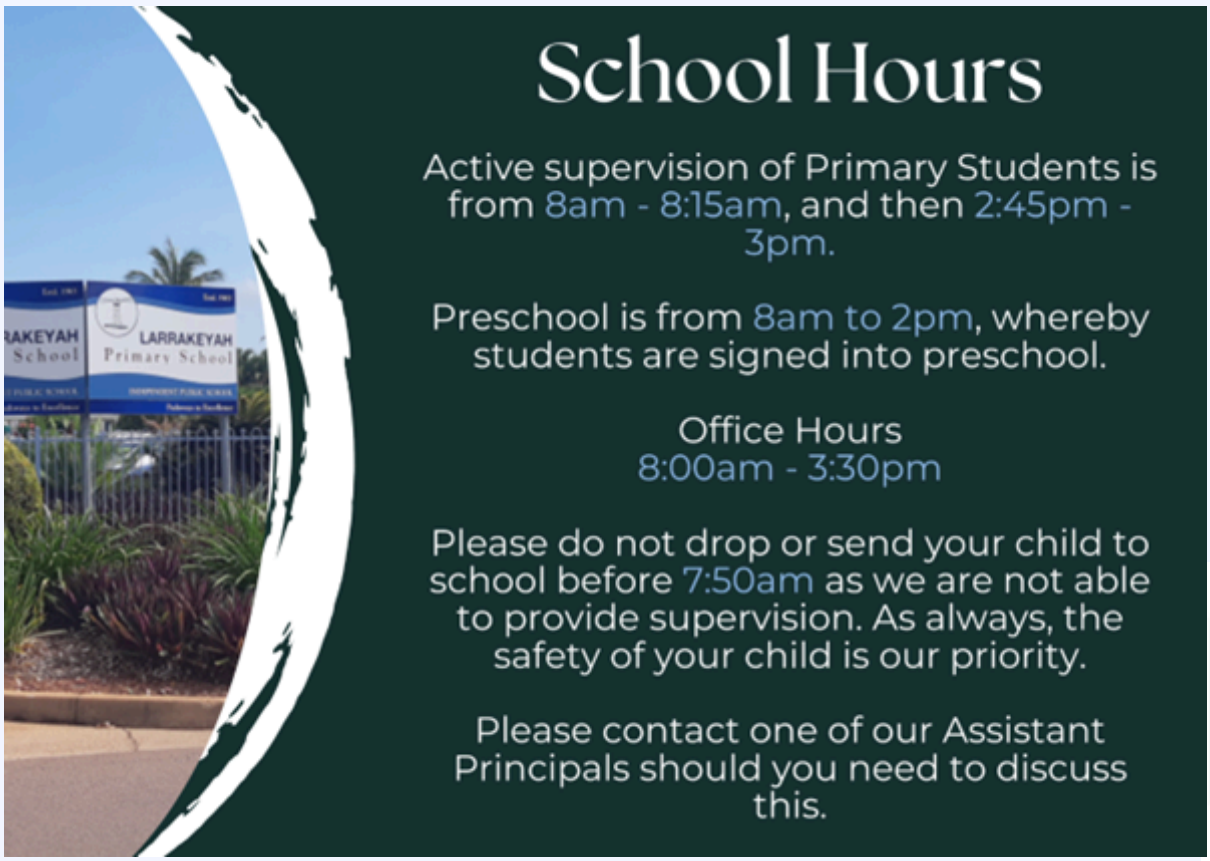
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## RECENT NOTES SENT HOME

- Proposed priority enrolment area amendment consultation
- Hot 100 NT School Voting Open
- Congratulations - World Teachers' Day NT Excellence Awards

# 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




audiri

**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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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

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# Congratulations!

Larrakeyah TOM Team International Finals Success!

A huge congratulations to our Tournament of Minds team, We Seam Smart, (Shelby, Terry, Anna, Dottie, Eiliya and Christos) for receiving Honours in the Social Sciences category at the International Finals!

After two full days of activities leading up to the tournament, followed by a very long competition day on Saturday, our students represented our school exceptionally well. We couldn't be prouder of the way they conducted themselves throughout the events. They showed respect, made sure others felt welcome and were genuinely happy for the teams who were announced as winners. Their positivity and teamwork were just as impressive as their achievement.

This is a particularly special result, as they were the only NT team to come away with an award at this year's International Finals, and the first NT primary school team to receive an award since 2021!



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# Proposed priority enrolment area amendment consultation

We are seeking community feedback on a proposed change to priority enrolment areas.

The proposal would move the priority enrolment area from **Larrakeyah Primary School** to **Stuart Park Primary School** for **Wagait Beach (Mandorah)** and **Parap Primary School** for **The Gardens** effective at the commencement of the 2027 school year.

This proposal forms part of ongoing enrolment management planning to ensure students can access high-quality educational facilities and resources across the school network. Effective enrolment management helps balance student numbers between schools, supports sustainable school operations, and assists in maintaining appropriate learning environments for students.

**Why is this change being proposed?**

Larrakeyah Primary School is experiencing high enrolment demand and increasing pressure on available capacity while the proposed schools have capacity to accommodate additional students.

The proposed boundary adjustment would help balance enrolments between neighbouring schools and support long-term planning for future student growth.

**Impact on students and transport**

There will be no impact to the enrolment status of students currently enrolled at Larrakeyah Primary School. Siblings of current students will also remain eligible to enrol.

Students who live in the The Gardens and Wagait Beach will be eligible to enrol at Larrakeyah Primary School until 27 January 2027, the first day of term 2027. After the commencement of the term students should enrol at Parap Primary School and Stuart Park Primary School.

Students currently enrolled in Preschool at Larrakeyah Primary School who live in The Gardens and Wagait Beach will be eligible to continue their Transition enrolment at Larrakeyah for the 2027 school year.

The department will also ensure that bus routes are reviewed to ensure school bus access remains available to students.

**Have your say**

The department is committed to understanding community views. We invite families, residents and community members to provide feedback on the proposed change.

Feedback can be provided by **Friday 13 November 2026** via email: darwinschoolops@education.nt.gov.au or phone: 8901 1371.



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## Defence School Mentor

Hello all! Apple Slinky fun is on every at Tuesday recess on the buddy bench, making healthy choices fun! All students are encouraged to bring an apple along to slinky-ize and say Hello!
Remembrance Day Commemorative Assembly, Wednesday 11 November 10:45am
Hope to see you in the Assembly Area for the Commemorative Assembly to build memories with your child (especially if they are a wreath layer or speaker).



Remembrance Day Photo display If you have a special Defence person (past or present) who you would like to acknowledge for their service, please email a photo to jodie.murdoch@education.nt.gov.au with some basic details like name, title/rank, service or any interesting info like deployments, so we can make them into a small plaque and include them in this year's Remembrance Day lawn photo display, so no one is forgotten whether it is a parent, great great grandparent, their contribution, sacrifice and service are part of your family military history.
Defence Kids Club - Currently we are making fabric poppy badges made from old uniforms for students to wear on Remembrance Day. Students will find us in the MP room at lunchtime on Thursday. Next, we will start the hermit crab fun to help prepare students for moving to new locations.

POSTING? LEAVING? Please let me know so we can start the process of saying goodbye with mementos, friend photos and happy memories, new school research, emails to your new DSM…. please email me your moving details including last day, new location, new school and send in your blue school passport for updating so no one misses out getting support. DFMS advice on Moving with children | ADF Members & Families | Defence and Changing schools | ADF Members & Families | Defence

Events - There are many upcoming events in November and December, so keep your eye open on your Defence network socials.
Kookaburra Kids have activity days coming up What's On | Kookaburra Kids, they are also looking for parent volunteers contact Hayleigh.ciesiolka@kookaburrakids.org.au
Your local community houses have family friendly activities, and so too do Mates4Mates Darwin Centre | Mates4Mates

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

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# VISIBLE LEARNING CLASSROOM

Reading & PE & ICT

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Maths

2 Pogue and 3 / 4 Ingle

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# Staff Spotlight

LARRAKEYAH PRIMARY SCHOOL

## GRETA HAYTER



**How long have you been a part of the Larrakeyah Primary School community?**
I joined the Larrakeyah Primary School community at the beginning of 2025, so I am coming up to two years!

**What is one lesson or activity you love to teach, and why do you think it resonates with the students?**
I love teaching a variety of different sports and seeing students develop new skills and confidence along the way. I particularly enjoy teaching athletics, as it allows students to try different events, challenge themselves and discover new skills.

**What's your favourite part about working with the students and staff at Larrakeyah Primary School?**
My favourite part is building relationships with students across all year levels and watching them grow in confidence, develop their skills and achieve things they might not have thought they could. I also love working alongside such a friendly, welcoming and supportive team of staff.

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Visible Learning Podcast Episode 8 - Larrakeyah Media

## Larrakeyah Primary looks for ways to improve.

Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

**Answer online**

https://bit.ly/larrakeyah29

Responses and comments are anonymous.

**Your opinion matters**

Feedback helps us create a happy and successful school.

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

**Reading offline?**
Scan with your smartphone camera or QR code app.

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# 11 NOVEMBER

# Who will you remember?

Let no one be forgotten this Remembrance Day 2026. We would love to include your special soldier/serviceperson in the lawn display in front of the flagpole for Remembrance Day Assembly. They can be from the past or present, a soldier from battles long ago, peacekeepers, veterans or serving members from today. Add some interesting information like their name, rank, unit, service, or conflict …. And of course, who remembers (loves) them. International soldiers are welcome too.



*Private Fredrick Stanley Bennett LAMB*
*1918 age 18yr 1 month*
*WW1 (France) &*
*WW2 (Aust)*
*Great grandfather to*
*Ms Jodie & her family.*

We can show everyone how proud we are of their spirit, sacrifice and contribution they have made. These photos will be on display this Remembrance Day at Larrakeyah Primary and students can read & place poppies on them at recess & lunchtime.

Email photos to:
jodie.murdoch@education.nt.gov.au
Photos must be into Jodie before end of week 4.

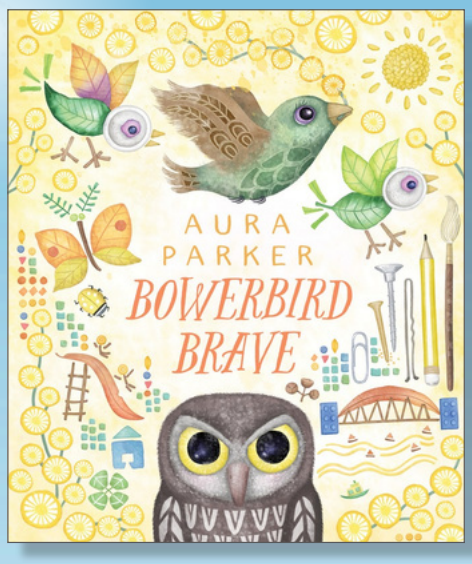
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# You're invited to

# Larrakeyah Primary School's

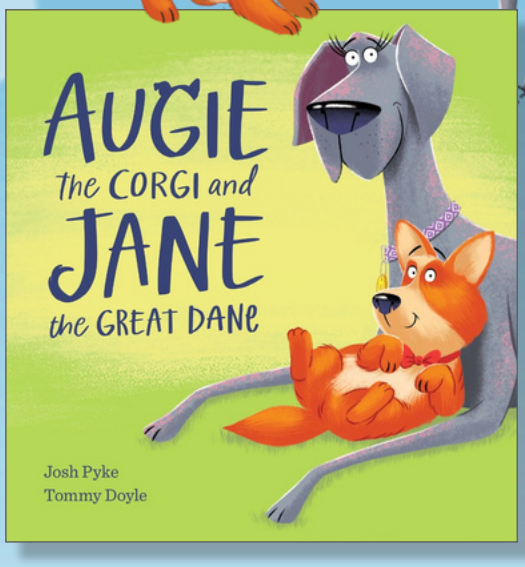
# SCHOLASTIC Book Fair

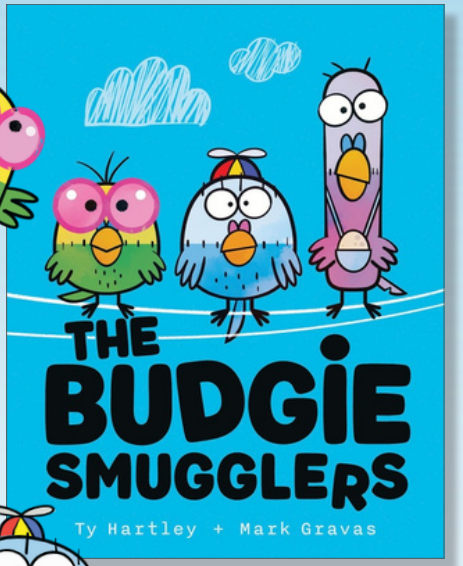
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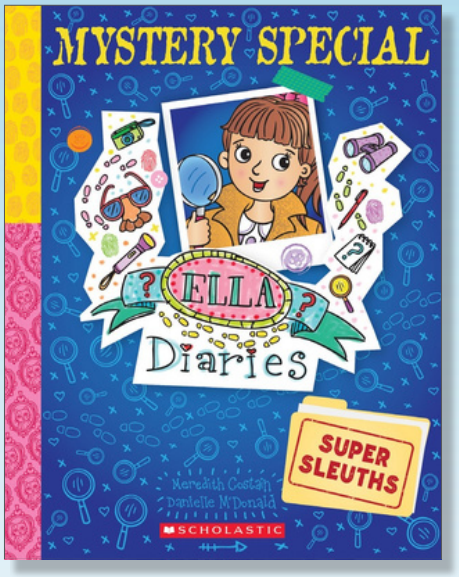


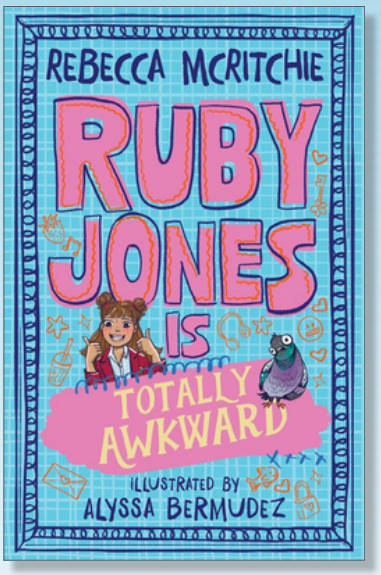







Date Monday 9th - Friday 13th November

Time 8:00am - 8:15am
2:45pm - 3:15 pm

Place Room 11, STEAM Room

*Find these books and much more at the Book Fair*

EVERY DOLLAR EQUALS RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL

SCHOLASTIC

SCHOLASTIC REWARDS

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# Respect and Responsibility in Schools

## Expected behaviours

These expectations apply to everyone on school grounds.

### Staff

- Supervise students actively and support safe movement while modelling calm, professional and inclusive behaviour
- Foster a safe, welcoming environment that values all students' diverse backgrounds and abilities
- Maintain confidentiality and share relevant information appropriately to support student success.

### Students

- Be kind, respectful and responsible
- Follow instructions and move safely around the school
- Use respectful language and behaviour in person and online
- Care for shared spaces, resources, and our school environment
- Come ready to learn and use tech responsibly
- Ask for help when you need it - we are here to support you.

### Parents & Carers

- Communicate calmly and respectfully with school staff and families, in person, online and over the phone
- Support your child's attendance, wellbeing and learning, including safe and responsible technology use
- Raise concerns through the appropriate channels in a calm and constructive way
- Work in partnership with the school to support your child's success.

### Visitors & Contractors

- Act safely and respectfully at all times
- Respect the privacy of students, staff and families
- Help maintain a welcoming environment.

**How we work together: Be There. Be Safe. Belong.**
These three cues help everyone remember what matters most: show up, act safely and help each other feel included.

To find out more, scan the QR Code

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# Respect and Responsibility in Schools

## Our shared expectations

Respect and responsibility are the foundation of safe and strong schools. School communities thrive when there is trust, connections and shared responsibilities.

Through respectful and responsible behaviour our school is safe and inclusive, every child is known, valued and supported to reach their full potential.

With strong partnerships and a culture of kindness, responsibility, and respectful communication, we strengthen belonging, wellbeing, attendance and learning.

### Purpose

This framework outlines how we are respectful and responsible, creating safe and inclusive school communities for everyone.

### Applies to

Staff, students, parents and carers, volunteers, contractors and visitors.

| We are commited to: | In our schools: |
|---|---|
| 1 Safety & wellbeing | • Everyone has the right to feel safe<br>• We act in ways that keep ourselves and others safe<br>• We respond early to concerns and support each other. |
| 2 Respect | • We treat others with dignity, kindness and fairness<br>• We use clear, calm and respectful language. |
| 3 Responsibility | • We take responsibility for our actions and choices<br>• We maintain high, yet achievable standards and support others to do the same<br>• We act with honesty and integrity<br>• We raise concerns in ways that support positive outcomes. |
| 4 Partnership | • We work together to support student attendance, wellbeing and learning<br>• We remove barriers so children and adults can participate fully<br>• We share information clearly and respectfully<br>• We support each other to solve problems. |

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# Uniform Policy

## Larrakeyah Primary School's Uniform Expectations



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

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# NO MOBILE PHONES OR PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICES



Students in Northern Territory Government Schools are not permitted to use mobile phones or personal digital devices during the school day, including break times. This requirement reduces distractions and disruptions to learning, encourages social interaction and physical activity, and helps to create a safe environment free from cyberbullying and online content.

This means that students are not permitted to have mobile phones or digital devices in their possession during the school day. Phones need to be handed in to the class teacher at the start of the day.

Breaches of this policy will result in phones being confiscated from students.

Thank you for your support in reinforcing this expectation.

# NO TOYS AND VALUABLES

Please note that we kindly ask families to avoid sending students to school with toys or valuable items, including smart watches, as these can easily be misplaced or damaged during the school day.

Any items brought to school remain the responsibility of the student, and the school is unable to accept responsibility for items that are lost or damaged.

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# CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SCHOOL BUS AND FERRY TRAVEL

All Northern Territory (NT) primary and secondary school students can use the ferry and school bus network to travel to and from school.

To ensure that this travel is safe and enjoyable for everyone, the code of conduct must be followed.

Parents are reminded of the code of conduct for school bus travel, and the code of conduct for ferry travel. Please discuss this with your child.

For more information on ferry services and the school bus network, including bus routes and timetables, visit the Northern Territory Government website.

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# SCHOOL BUS TRAVEL

This is a friendly reminder that routes 103 and 209 will not service bus stop #70 (outside Woolworths) due to traffic congestion and ongoing anti-social behaviour in the area.

Students are to use bus stop #71 (outside St Mary's School) on Cavenagh Street both in the morning and afternoon.

Larrakeyah Primary School - Bus Routes

Darwin HIgh School/Darwin Middle School

Rules for catching a School Bus

## 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.






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