



# LARRAKEYAH PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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## Dates to Remember

### Wednesday 25th February

Netball Gala Day

### Friday 27th February

E/C Assembly

### Friday 6th March

M/U Assembly

### Wed 11th - Mon 23rd March

NAPLAN

### Friday 20th March

E/C Assembly

### Friday 27th March

M/U Assembly

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On **Wednesday 11th March** we will have our School Board AGM at 5pm in the library. The School Board consists of parent members and teacher representatives. The School Board focuses on the school's strategic direction and works in partnership with the school in improving outcomes for students. There are also several committees in which parents can become involved as well. Currently, there is one vacancy for a parent member on the 2026 School Board. Information regarding the School Board is on the school website <https://larrakeyahprimary.com.au/about/school-board/>.

Interested parents are requested to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) addressed to the Principal. The EOI should include a brief statement about the candidate's interest in joining the School Board and include an outline of their skills and experience. EOIs can be delivered via the front office or by email to

[fathma.mauger@education.nt.gov.au](mailto:fathma.mauger@education.nt.gov.au) by **Friday 6th March**. Please note, there is also mandatory training provided by COGSO for those parents interested in nominating and for continuing Board members on **Thursday 5th March** 4.30pm-5.30pm in the library. If you would like to assist on a committee, for example, the Fundraising Committee, but are not interested in becoming a member of the Board, please let us know as your help and support would be very much appreciated.

The School Board has suggested \$150.00 for voluntary parent contributions. Many thanks to those parents who have already made voluntary parent contributions to the school. We still have parents coming to the front office to pay the \$150 voluntary parent contribution which the school really appreciates.

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 few reminders....please obey the traffic rules – there is **NO RIGHT HAND TURN** into the front of the school from Packard Street. 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.

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 and wearing the school shirt. Shorts/skorts that do not have the school logo are not acceptable. The coloured PE shirt can only be worn on the day your child has a PE lesson. Parents can use the \$200 government school voucher to purchase uniforms.

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

#### Class Notes

12 years and under Australian Football Trials 2026

3 way Conferences

Concert Auditions—Year 5 and 6

NAPLAN 2026 Information

Singapore Information and Sign Up

Netball Gala Expression of interest - Year 5 and 6

Darwin Regional Sport Selection Trials - Year 4, 5, 6



# 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!*

Thank you to those Defence parents who were available to come along to the Welcome Cuppa & Cake. It was nice to get to know you a little. I hope most of you got to go to the Welcome to the Top End Event at the Convention Centre where you were able to get heaps of information on Defence and Govt. services and support agencies as well as sporting clubs and community groups waiting for you to join.

**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. We have been playing get to know you games and paper plane making. This week we started our Defence Kids Club ID cards to focus on belonging.

**Defence Education Assistance Scheme Tutoring** – during the 3 Way Conferences next week if you discover your Defence student is struggling educationally with the changes of schools due to your posting, and you are within 18 months of your posting then you will be eligible to apply for EAS, which if successful would give financial assistance to help cover costs of 14hrs tutoring. For more information see [Education Assistance Scheme | ADF Members & Families | Defence](#) and discuss with your teacher if tutoring would be an appropriate option.

For any of you that aren't already aware this Thursday 19 February is the 84<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Bombing of Darwin, the 2026 Commemoration, is at the Darwin Cenotaph, The Esplanade, 9:30 am – 11:00 am if anyone from the public would like to attend.

At Larrakeyah Primary on Thursday to reflect on the city's wartime history and resilience, students are invited to make a paper airplane to represent the 188 Japanese planes that flew over Darwin that day. The paper plane flyover will take place at recess. *Parents, please help your child make a plane at home so they can join in the event.*

BOD Facts: 19 February 1942, Darwin was struck by the largest air raid ever conducted on Australian soil. Over 680 bombs were dropped on the harbour, resulting in the loss of more than 230 lives, injuring over 400 people, and leaving widespread destruction in its wake. But as a city and community we rebuilt.

**ANZAC Day Assembly helpers needed!** Looking for volunteers from our Defence and Veteran community for the roles of Guest speaker (5 min only), Ode reader and Flag raiser for our upcoming Anzac Day Commemorative Assembly on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April, 8:30am – 9:30am. Please let me know of your interest so I can get approval from JOSS. Look forward to hearing from you soon.

I received my current edition of **The Top Ender Magazine**, which is full of handy info *created by Defence Families for Defence Families*. If you aren't getting your magazine contact [www.thetopendermagazine.org.au](http://www.thetopendermagazine.org.au)

**Helpful links:** Larrakeyah Neighbourhood Community House and get to know Karen and the members of your community, as well as Robertson Barracks Family Group for loads of events, activities & fun see <https://www.larrakeyahhouse.com.au/> or Facebook pages.

**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](http://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](mailto:jodie.murdoch@education.nt.gov.au) 89813211

**Defence Family Helpline 1800 624 608**



# Visible Learning in the Classroom

[Reading Focus](#)

[6 France](#)

[Writing Focus](#)

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the latest articles or to access previous articles





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# RACHAEL MOTTER

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

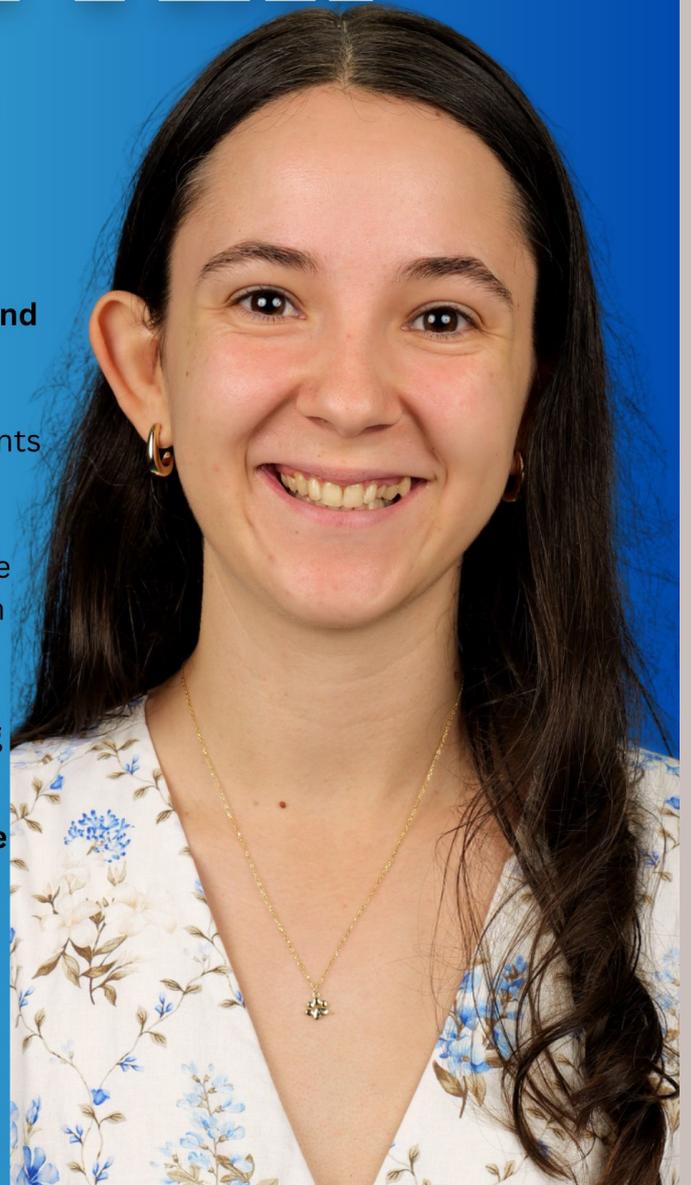
I have just started my fourth year at Larrakeyah Primary School.

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

I love teaching mathematics, particularly in early childhood, because it is incredible to watch students grow in number knowledge over the year. Many children begin with limited understanding or confidence in maths and it is so rewarding to guide them as they develop foundational skills and learn how to apply them in meaningful ways. Through hands-on activities, games and real-life problem solving, students begin to see maths as something they can do, not something to be afraid of.

## **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 supportive, positive culture. Teachers create engaging learning spaces that really put students first, and there's a strong sense of collaboration and support among staff that makes it a great place to work.





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# BRADLEY KING

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

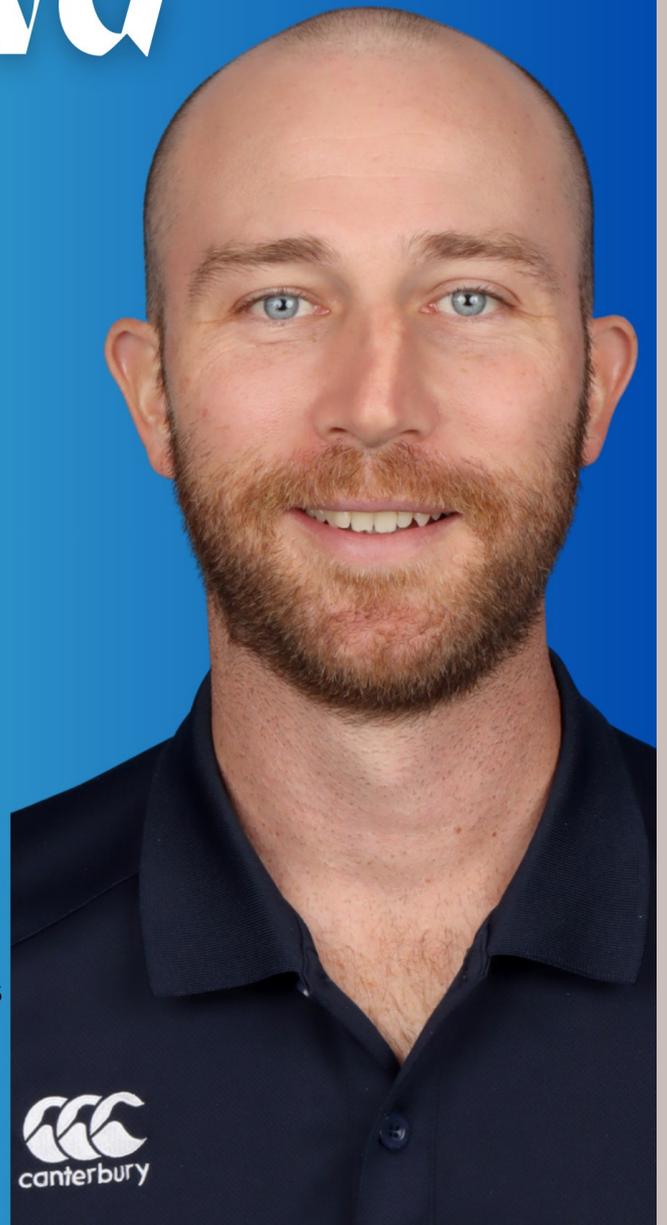
I have been part of the Larrakeyah Primary School community for 10 years, beginning as a Year 6 teacher in 2015. Since then, I have worked as a classroom teacher, specialist PE teacher and held multiple leadership roles.

## **What is one initiative, leadership focus or school improvement area you've enjoyed being involved in, and why do you think it's had a positive impact?**

I enjoyed being a part of the Culture Connect program because it gives students safe and meaningful opportunities to explore cultures, develop empathy and respect. Seeing measurable growth in confidence, understanding and student voice showed the program's positive impact on wellbeing.

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

My favourite part of working with staff and students at LPS is the strong sense of community, where learning is shared and encouraged by a wide range of leaders, teachers and sometimes the students themselves.



# 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

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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](#).*

## NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM - LITERACY AND NUMERACY

# NAPLAN 2026

- 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 11th of March - 23rd 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.

# CANTEEN SPECIALS

Week 5  
25th Feb



**Chicken Nuggets  
and Chips**

Price : \$6.00

## **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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# 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.

## 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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