



LARRAKEYAH PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember

Friday 20th March

E/C Assembly
Harmony Day

Thursday 26th March

Cricket Gala Day

Friday 27th March

M/U Assembly

Thursday 2nd April

Tennis Gala

Last day of Term 1

Friday 3rd April

Good Friday

Mon 6th - Tues 14th April

School Holidays

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The AGM for the Larrakeyah Primary School Board was held on Wednesday 11th 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 2026 board members – Kristy Rees (Chairperson), Leigh Robke (Secretary), Nicholas Peters (Treasurer), Andrew Lee (Parent rep), Ashleigh Church (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 Cheryl Thompson (Teacher rep) for completing her two year term.

The school strictly enforces the uniform policy and 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.

A reminder...there is **NO RIGHT HAND TURN** into the front school carpark and drop-off zone. If you are using an Uber service for transport and accessing the drop-off zone, please advise your Uber driver.

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

- Harmon Day Information
- ECA Term 2 Information Reminder
- Under 12's Regional Netball Trials
- Under 12's Regional Cricket Trials
- Tennis Gala



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!

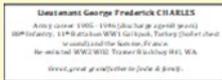


It has been a wet term so far, and the monsoonal weather has kept temperatures low, but the warmer days are starting to shine. Please remember to pack school hats “no hat no play” and water bottles so students can easily hydrate throughout the day. I have a few spare hats to borrow if students have forgotten theirs.

Defence Kids Club last week we used giant world and Australia maps to discover and compare where we have lived. Some students and lived in over 6 locations already. The discussions encompassed where we have travelled and where we still want to go. Defence students always surprise me with their knowledge of travel and the world around them.



ANZAC Day Commemorative ideas ... if you have any ideas or displays you would think would make our commemorative learning engaging for students please contact me. We are always looking for new and innovative ways of learning at LPS. Entwining defence history, past and present, with ANZAC Day traditions to make an engaging learning experience for all our students. ANZAC Day Assembly 24 April 2026 8:30am.



Who is your special Anzac? Who will you remember? We are calling for 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 Member and Family Support Our local FLO's Family Liaison Officers, Sandi Pappas and Wana Cole, are hosting [PEAP Partner Employment Assistance Program Information Session](#) Thursday, 26 March 2026 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. For information on upcoming activities and support see their website <https://defence.gov.au/members-families/> or see Eventbrite for fun upcoming events.

[ADF Members and Families – Mini Egg-splorers \(0-5 years\)](#) Wednesday, 1 April 2026 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am, Robertson Barracks Family Group – Robertson Barracks

[ADF Member & Resident Family Event: Child of the ADF Medallion - Darwin](#) Saturday, 11 April 2026 from 9:30 am to 11:00 am RAAF Base Darwin Cinema.

Kookaburra Kids [Defence Kids](#) | [Kookaburra Kids](#) not only have activity days and camps available to Defence children in Darwin but also has [Kookaburra Kids Connect | Kookaburra Kids](#) a range of fun and engaging online drop-in sessions. These sessions provide a safe space for young people to connect, have fun and learn about different mental health topics. To find out more or join in the fun, follow them on <https://www.facebook.com/kookaburra.kids.northern.territory/>

Careers and Conversation meetups Defence families, we focus on connection, peer support and genuine conversation and each session explores themes around purpose, employment and wellbeing. On the Second Wednesday of each month, 10:00am – 11:30am, Darwin Innovation Hub, Level 1, 48–50 Smith Street, Darwin City, To register for Careers and Conversations please visit: <https://events.humanitix.com/careers-conversations-nt>

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

Defence Family Helpline 1800 624 608



Visible Learning in the Classroom

Reading Focus

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

Maths Focus

[5 Loughran](#) and [6 Lawrie](#)

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/larrakeyah26>

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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ANIKA HARRIS

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

This is my 2nd year being a part of the LPS community and I have loved every bit of it!

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

I love teaching Health, especially the RRRR units, because they focus on real-life skills like resilience, emotional regulation and recognising character strengths. These lessons resonate with students as they feel relevant to their lives and help prepare them for the social and emotional challenges of high school.

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

My favourite part is seeing students grow and thrive every day and being part of a supportive staff team that values collaboration, positivity and making learning engaging and meaningful for every child. A special highlight each week is going out and versing students in handball (and sometimes even winning!).



HARMONY DAY

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH



BRING A PLATE OF FOOD TO SHARE

WEAR SUN SMART CULTURAL CLOTHING OR ORANGE SHIRT

Outside School Hours Care Newsletter



18/03/2026

Larrakeyah Primary School OSHC

Your
OSHC.



A message from your Coordinator

Dear families,

We are pleased to share some updates from our OSHC program.

Over the past few weeks, we have introduced varied options for afternoon tea to better cater to children's preferences and promote healthy eating habits. The children have responded positively, enjoying the variety and having opportunities to try new foods. We will continue to seek feedback and make improvements.

Looking ahead, our programs for next two weeks will focus on Big Art experiences and Easter Themed activities. Children will engage in creative activities, encouraging collaboration and self-expression. We will also be exploring easter through arts and crafts, games, and creative projects. Again, we welcome any feedback or suggestions, regarding programs or any learning experiences that children are interested in.

Thank you for your continued support.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to come to have a chat to us or for enrolment information please call 1300 105 343 or email: email@campastralia.com.au.



WHATS ON TERM 1

- Big Art Friday (every Friday)
- Superhero week (16th – 20th March)
- Free webinars for families and children. Grab a brochure!

Make a booking

Join in the fun of Outside School Hours Care activities and experiences with Your OSHC and Rocketeers.

[Book now](#)

Register free and book in 24/7 via our app

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campastralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



Find out more and book now at www.campastralia.com.au

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CANTEEN SPECIALS

Week 9 - 10

Week **9** Wed 25th Mar

Steak and Cheese Sandwich **\$6.00**



Week **10** Wed 1st April

Nuggets and Chips **\$6.00**



Try Para Sports

Presented by  Bupa

DARWIN



Paralympics Australia



Details

10 am - 1 pm

Saturday 28th March 2026

Territory Netball Stadium

Register Here:

<https://events.humanitix.com/bupa-try-para-sports-2026-nt>

Your paraBupa Try Para Sports is coming to Darwin.

Delivered by Disability Sports Australia in partnership with Paralympics Australia and presented by Bupa Australia, this free event provides an opportunity for people with disability to explore Para sport in a welcoming and supportive environment.

Participants can learn about different Para sports, understand eligibility and classification, and connect with local clubs and participation pathways.

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Darwin Region Sport Education

12 YEARS & UNDER BOYS & GIRLS CRICKET TRIALS

- Tues 24th, Wed 25th & Thurs 26th
March 2026
- 3.30pm-5pm
- DXC Arena, Marrara



Students born between 1st July 2013 - 31st
December 2016

Age dispensation applies for students born from
1/7/2013 - 31/12/2013

To be eligible for selection students must be
correct age attend 2 out of 3 days of trials and
be enrolled in a Darwin Region School.

For More
information
contact Darwin
Region Sport
education Office
or ask your
school for a
form.



Bring suitable clothes,
shoes and drink bottle

Amanda Macpherson - M: 0460037976 E: darwinsport.doe@education.nt.gov.au

Darwin Region Sport Education 2026



Upcoming Selection Trials



24-26

MARCH

12 Years & Under Cricket

Boys & Girls
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
at DXC Arena, Marrara

3:30 - 5:00 PM

29-30

APRIL

12 Years & Under Touch Football

Boys & Girls
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
at TRLS, Marrara

3:30 - 5:00 PM

29

APRIL

12 Years & Under Tennis

Girls & Boys
Self Nomination form due to Darwin Region Sport Education

NO TRIAL

19

MAY

10 - 19 Years Track & Field

Girls & Boys
Self Nomination form due to Darwin Region Sport Education

NO TRIAL

MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

Amanda Macpherson- Darwin Region Sport Education Pathways Coordinator



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Darwin Region Sport Education 2026

Upcoming Selection Trials



19-21
MAY

12 Years & Under Basketball

Boys & Girls
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
at DBA, Marrara

3:30-5:00PM

1-2
SEPTEMBER

15 Years & Under Cricket

Girls & Boys
Self Nomination form due to Darwin Region Sport Education

NO TRIAL

MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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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

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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](#).

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.

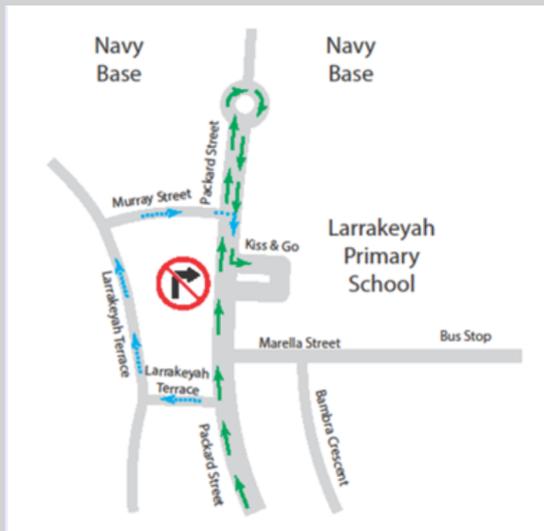
NO TOYS AND VALUABLES

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.

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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