



LARRAKEYAH PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember

Friday 6th March

M/U Assembly

Wed 11th - Mon 23rd March

NAPLAN

Friday 20th March

E/C Assembly

Thursday 26th March

Cricket Gala Day

Friday 27th March

M/U Assembly

Thursday 2nd April

Tennis Gala

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

A reminder...Next **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 by this **Friday 6th March**. Please note, there is also mandatory training provided by COGSO for those parents interested in nominating and for continuing Board members this **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.

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

We still have a number of parents, particularly parents new to the school, who are turning right into the drop off zone at the front of the school. 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.

Thank you to parents for attending the Parent/teacher/student 3-way conferences last week. This time is always a great opportunity for parents to speak with teachers regarding their child's progress. Although we have scheduled these conferences each semester in line with reporting requirements, parents are welcome to contact their child's teacher for a meeting/3-way conference at other times outside of this schedule.

Regards
Fathma Mauger
Principal



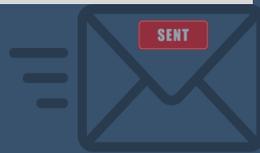
Larrakeyah Primary School is a member of the Darwin City Schools and in partnership with Darwin Middle School, Darwin High School, Northern Territory Open Education Centre, Ludmilla Primary School, Stuart Park Primary School and Parap Primary School.

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

Canteen Specials wk 6-10
Year 6 - Singapore Information and sign up
Year 6 - Year 6 shirt order 2026
Harmony Day information
Cricket Gala information
Year 3 and 5 - NAPLAN information



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 We Last week we finished our Defence Kids Club ID cards to focus on belonging. This week I am away so no DKC until next week.

Last week I attended a DSM workshop and met the new and friendly Family Liaison Officers and the super cool DFMS Social Workers from our local DFMS branch. They are here to help and support our local ADF families.

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/> including the upcoming **ADF Member & Resident Family Event: Child of the ADF Medallion – Darwin** at RAAF Base, Saturday, Apr 11 from 9:30 am to 11 am, register through Eventbrite.

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 24th 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.

Many students (Defence and non-Defence) helped commemorate the 84th Anniversary of The Bombing of Darwin, by making and flying a paper plane. Larrakeyah Squadron did some impressive origami and some serious crash landings as part of the fun of learning about our Darwin history.

Hayleigh from Kookaburra Kids [Defence Kids | Kookaburra Kids](#) has sent through a program with events and activities for Defence kids nearly every month and upcoming camps, to find out more or join in the fun, follow them on <https://www.facebook.com/kookaburra.kids.northern.territory/>

Recently I have heard parents discussing the challenges of their family's use of digital technology, if so, please consider downloading the Beacon App. Developed by The Kids Institute Australia in partnership with Dolly's Dream, Beacon is a free cyber safety app that provides practical, trusted guidance to help families navigate the digital world
[Beacon | Cyber Safety App](#)

Defence Education Assistance Scheme Tutoring – if 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.

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Defence Family Helpline 1800 624 608



Visible Learning in the Classroom

[Reading Focus and The Arts](#)

[Transition Mostris](#) and [Photography](#)

[Maths Focus](#)

[5 Thompson](#) and [6 Harris](#)

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the latest articles or to access previous articles





JENA CARSWELL

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

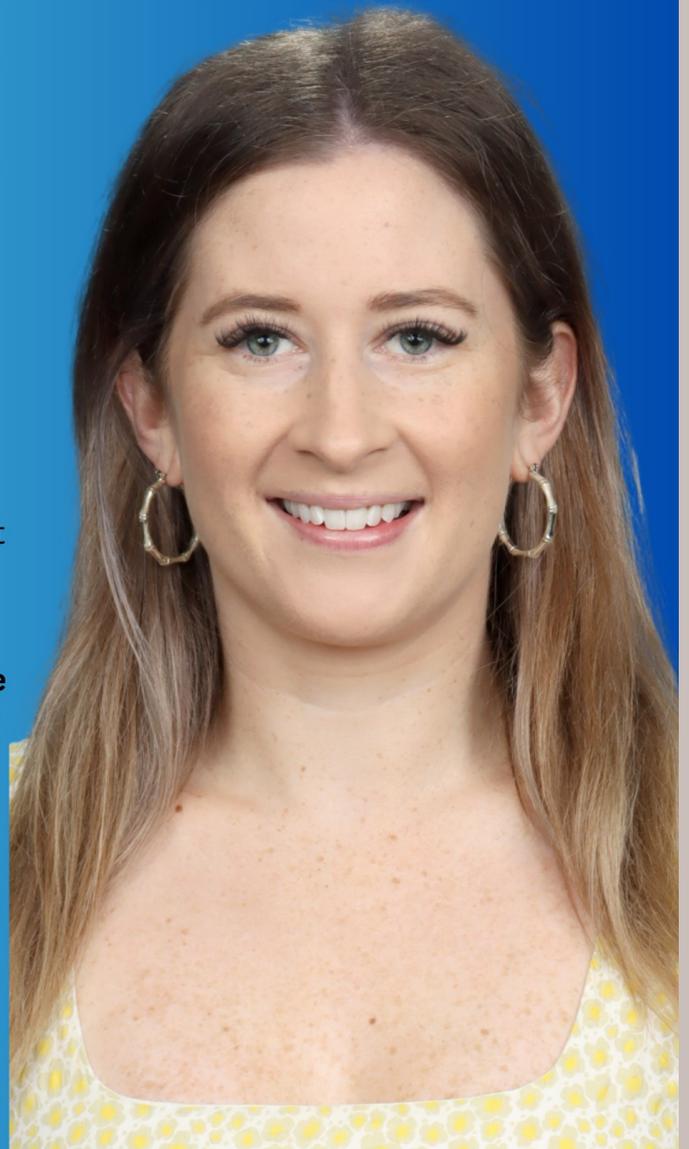
This is my fifth year at Larrakeyah Primary School.

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

I really love teaching HASS because it helps students see beyond their own world. Geography connects them to diverse cultures and global perspectives, while Australian history deepens their understanding of our land and builds respect for the stories and contributions of First Nations peoples.

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 definitely our community. Everyone is so welcoming! The staff are always supportive and kind and the students are curious about the world around them, which makes learning so much fun. I also really enjoy opportunities like sports days and camps, where you get to know students outside your own class in a different environment.





**BUSSY'S
CORNER**

CDC

NORTHERN TERRITORY

★ **Always Fasten Your
Seat Belt on the School Bus!** ☀️



★ **Seat belts on school buses keep
you safe by helping you stay in your
seat and protecting you if the bus
stops suddenly.** ★

★ **Always fasten your
seat belt on the school bus
to stay safe and protected
on your journey to and
from school.** ★



CANTEEN SPECIALS

Week 7 - 10

Week **7** Wed 11th Mar

Fish and Chips **\$6.00**



Week **8** Wed 18th Mar

Butter Chicken with Steamed Rice **\$6.00**



Week **9** Wed 25th Mar

Steak and Cheese Sandwich **\$6.00**



Week **10** Wed 1st April

Nuggets and Chips **\$6.00**





Darwin Region Sport Education 2026



Upcoming Selection Trials

10-12

FEBRUARY

15 Years & Under Netball

Girls Only

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
at Territory Netball Stadium, Marrara

3:30 - 5:00 PM

17-19

FEBRUARY

12 Years & Under Australian Football

Boys & Girls

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
at Sanderson High School Oval

3:30 - 5:00 PM

3-5

MARCH

12 Years & Under Football (Soccer)

Boys & Girls

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
at Larrakia Park

3:30 - 5:00 PM

17-19

MARCH

12 Years & Under Netball

Boys & Girls

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
at Territory Netball Stadium, Marrara

3:30 - 5:00 PM

MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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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

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APRIL

12 Years & Under Tennis

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

NO TRIAL

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MAY

10 - 19 Years Track & Field

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

NO TRIAL

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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](#).

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.

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.

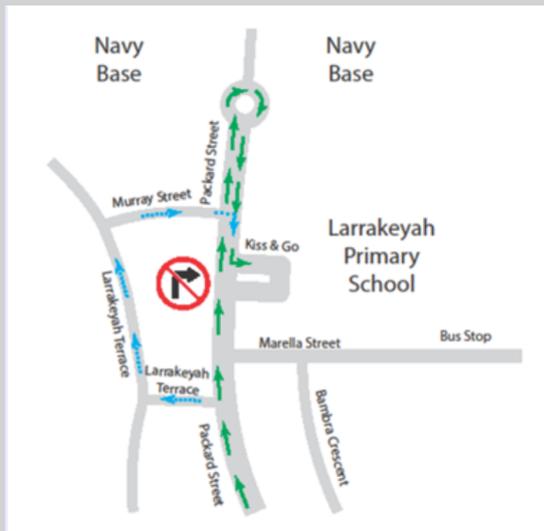
NO TOYS AND VALUABLES

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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