



# LARRAKEYAH PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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## Dates to Remember

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Tennis Gala  
Last day of Term 1

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Good Friday

### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April

First Day of Term 2

### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April

E/C Assembly

### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May

M/U Assembly

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Last week we celebrated Harmony Day. All students participated in Harmony Day activities in class groups and many wore a national costume, orange clothing or Harmony Day shirts. Harmony Day is part of a national celebration that recognises the rich mix of cultures, backgrounds and experiences that make up our communities. We are proud to acknowledge and celebrate the diversity within our school.

Larrakeyah Primary responds to student wellbeing data and what students are telling us. Last year, we found that some student data highlighted the need to address racism. In response to the data and understanding the link between academic achievement and student wellbeing, the school initiated and developed Culture Connect, a wellbeing program for students. Teachers designed the program to strengthen empathy, confidence in speaking up, and cross-cultural connections, resulting in improved student wellbeing. Culture Connect provides safe, structured opportunities for students to explore identity, ancestry, and culture; recognise and challenge stereotypes, learn from Aboriginal Elders and refugees; and understand racism, including

systemic racism, in age-appropriate ways. Through role plays, storytelling, creative tasks, and guided reflection, students develop practical strategies to respond to racism respectfully and confidently. The Whole School Model embeds wellbeing at its core by prioritising psychological safety, respectful dialogue, and connection. Strong community partnerships, including local council reconciliation leaders, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parents within the school community and refugees from Melaleuca Australia further strengthens student engagement and real-world relevance.

The impact of Culture Connect is evidenced through pre and post assessment data. Culture Connect has created measurable improvements in student wellbeing, strengthened relationships across the whole school, and empowered students to become empathetic, confident, and inclusive young leaders. Please have a look at the clip of Culture Connect <https://youtu.be/7HkKxSfzWBE>

A reminder that this week is the last week of Term 1. **Students resume Term 2 on Tuesday 14th April.**

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

- Early Childhood Hat Parade
- Year 5 Camp
- ECA Term 2 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!* Oh my, we are already at the end of Term 1! I hope everyone has enjoyed the term and are fully settled into their new classes. If your child is still having issues settling in or making friends, please let me know, or contact your teacher via email or Seesaw so we can address these concerns.

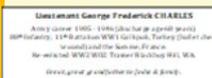
**Defence Kids Club** last week practised our resilience in the form of a pogo stick. It is a tricky challenge that the students love. They need to find the courage to lift both feet off the ground, while balancing, holding on, bouncing, and trusting someone at the same time to help, sometimes just falling off and having to get back up. The pogo stick builds student confidence and resilience, and a great example of bouncing back in a fun safe environment.

**ANZAC Day Commemorations** This year the School Anzac Awards theme is “Women in Service”, if any ADF Mum’s are interested in visiting a class and inspiring students by sharing the extraordinary roles that Australian women have held/hold in Defence then please let me know ASAP.

Week 2 next term is our school Anzac Day Commemorative Assembly. Please feel free to join the students for the Assembly and stay for a quick Anzac bikkie after. 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** has some upcoming events and you can also see [Defence Member and Family Support - Darwin Events - 3](#)

[Upcoming Activities and Tickets | Eventbrite](#) inc. Special Needs Support event for ADF Families who have dependants with recognised special needs or are awaiting diagnosis. 30 April 9am and [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 Cinema. Register now so you don't miss out.

If you are travelling away, have visitors or just staying home for the term break - I wish you all a safe, reenergising and chocolicious Easter!

Remember over the holidays the Defence Family Helpline is a 24/7 service to support and advise on services available for all ADF family members.

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**Defence Family Helpline 1800 624 608**

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# Visible Learning in the Classroom

## Reading Focus

3 Brown and 2 Fernance

## Maths Focus and Physical Education

3/4 Ingle and 2 Pogue

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



## Who's your special ANZAC?



**Private Fredrick Stanley  
Bennett LAMB**

1918 age 18yr 1 month  
WW1 (France) & WW2(Aust)  
Great grandfather to  
Ms Jodie & her family.

Email a photo of your special ANZAC so we can put them into our 2026 ANZAC display. They can be from the past or present, a soldier from battles long ago, 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.

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

Email photos to [Jodie.murdoch@education.nt.gov.au](mailto:Jodie.murdoch@education.nt.gov.au)  
Or via your teacher ASAP to be included.

**Anzac Day Assembly Friday 24 April 2026, 8:30am**

(Week 2 Term 2)



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# JODIE MURDOCH

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

I've been the Defence School Mentor at Larrakeyah Primary for 15 years and incredibly lucky to be part of so many students' educational and wellbeing journeys with millions of high fives!

## **What is one program or activity you enjoy leading in your role as Defence School Mentor and why do you think it has a positive impact on students?**

The Defence School Mentor Program has many great aspects, but the Defence Kids Club is the most fun and impactful for individual ADF students. However, our Anzac/Remembrance/Bombing of Darwin Commemorations bring the whole community together – Defence, Veteran and civilian families – with all our students' learning intertwined with traditions, history and a shared sense of pride.

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

What I love about working at LPS is it is never boring. The staff are innovative and incredibly dedicated, and the students are simply awesome! Keep shining bright everyone!





# **OFFICE CLOSURE**

The school office will be closed  
during the School Holidays.

Closed: Friday, April 3rd

Reopening: Monday, April 13th

Students return: Tuesday, April 14th

LARRAKEYAH PRIMARY SCHOOL'S

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EASTER HAT PARADE

PRESCHOOL - YEAR 2 STUDENTS

THURSDAY 2ND APRIL 2026

ASSEMBLY AREA

8:30AM

PLEASE NOTE: HATS WILL BE MADE DURING CLASSTIME  
PARENTS/CARERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THE FUN!



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## Larrakeyah Primary School

Invites

ALL parents, carers, veterans and friends to join the students for the

# 2026 ANZAC Day Commemorative Assembly



On: **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

At: **8:30am to 9am**

Where: **Undercover Assembly area**

(facing the flagpole)



Larrakeyah Primary's Anzac Day Commemorative Assembly will be hosted by our School Captains, Frankie and Madden. Guest Speaker Squadron Leader Stephanie Gartshore; Reader of the Ode Lieutenant Colonel Troy Wilson; and flag raisers Sergeant Ashton Knight and children, and Leading Seaman Chris Ellis playing The Last Post.

Each class will lay wreaths.

Come along, share the commemoration with our students, place a poppy on our "Special Anzacs" photo display,

# 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

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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.

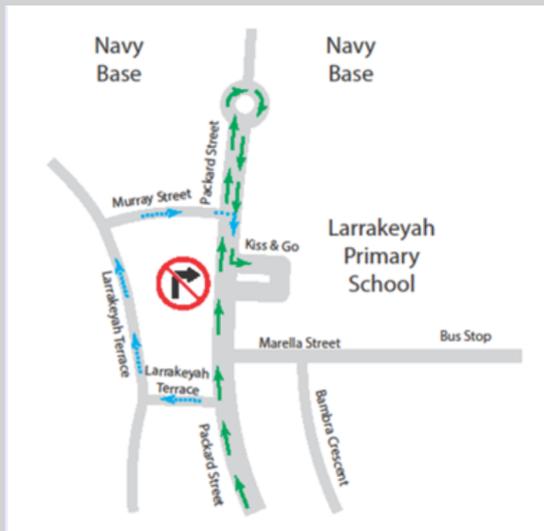
## NO TOYS AND VALUABLES

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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