



LARRAKEYAH PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember

Friday 1st May
M/U Assembly
Hockey Gala Day
Friday 15th May
Golf Gala Day
Tues 19th - Thurs 21st May
Year 5 Camp
Mon 25th - Wed 27th May
Year 4 Camp
Friday 29th May
Soccer Gala Day
Whole School STEAM Day

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Last Friday 24 April, we held our special ANZAC Assembly. It was wonderful to have Susan Bowden, Chief Executive Department of Education and Training, attending and it was great to see many parents.

Thank you to our school captains, Frankie and Madden for hosting the Assembly. Thank you to Jodie Murdoch (DSTA) and Brad King for the organisation. A special thank you to our guest speaker, Squadron Leader Stephanie Gartshore. Her speech about the importance of Anzac Day and the Anzac spirit was outstanding, resonated with us all and was particularly relevant to the students. Thank you to Colonel Troy Wilson for his role in reading The Ode during the ANZAC Assembly. Thank you to Sergeant Ashton Knight for raising the flag and a bugler from the RAN Band who played The Last Post and The Rouse. The ANZAC Assembly was an important event for our school

community.

World Teachers' Day - NT Excellence Awards nominations open

Nominations are now open for the World Teachers' Day - NT Excellence Awards and will close on **Sunday 31 May 2026 (Term 2 Week 7)**.

The awards are an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the outstanding contributions of teachers, specialist teachers, early childhood educators, principals, leaders and support staff who are making a difference in students' lives.

Over the years, our school has had finalists and winners in these awards and it is great recognition for our staff. To submit a nomination and for more details on categories, please visit the [World Teachers' Day - NT Excellence Awards website](#)

Regards

Fathma Mauger

Principal



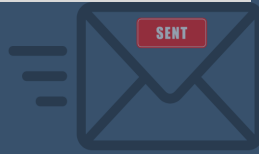
Larrakeyah Primary School is a member of the Darwin City Schools and in partnership with Darwin Middle School, Darwin High School, Northern Territory Open Education Centre, Ludmilla Primary School, Stuart Park Primary School and Parap Primary School.

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

- Increased Traffic Activity
- Canteen Special
- Class Notes
- Year 6 Cambridge Primary Checkpoint Test
- Sail Away Concert Attendance



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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Message from the Board

Hello LPS community,

The school board has had a strong start to the year. We were fortunate to be joined by our local member for Port Darwin, Hon Robyn Cahill OAM MLA for our most recent Board meeting. The Board took this opportunity to share the LPS's longstanding history of high performance and success, and to discuss the challenges we face around traffic management for student safety and the school's infrastructure Master Plan. Our infrastructure goals include investment to expand our preschool, expand the number of classrooms available in our main school, and improve our STEAM facilities to position LPS in a leadership role amongst the Territory's public schools and create new opportunities for our students.

You may have noticed our Principal, Fathma Mauger, remind parents about families about our school values – Respect, Responsibility and Achievement - in a recent newsletter. We all enjoy the strong school culture at LPS, and many of us may have even selected to live in the school's catchment to facilitate attendance at the school because of our reputation for positive culture and performance. The Board would like to reiterate Fathma's message that these values are not just for students; they are for all members of the school community. The school has a Code of Conduct which we adhere to, and that Code includes parent conduct in the school. We encourage all parents to understand of the Code to support our school culture ongoing. A copy of the Code of Conduct is available here: <https://larrakeyahprimary.com.au/resources/>

We would like to highlight our ongoing relationship with our close neighbours, the Department of Defence. We have a large number of Defence families attending LPS, and our relationship with Defence supports not only those families of serving members, but also our civilian children who have the opportunity to learn about our defence forces and our military history. The Board would like to thank those representatives of the ADF who supported our Anzac Day service last week, including Squadron Leader Stephanie Gartshore, Lieutenant Colonel Troy Wilson, Sergeant Ashton Knight and a bugler from the RAN Band. We would also like to take the opportunity to thank those veterans and currently serving members in our school community for their service to our country. Lest we forget.

Lastly, a reminder to parents that we will have our annual Sports Carnival at the end of Term 2. Whilst the whole of school running races are scheduled for the final day of the term, please be sure to check the events earlier in that same week. Earlier in the week, all students will have the chance to participate in either tabloid or track and field sports and may appreciate your support on the day they are scheduled to participate.

I look forward to seeing you all around the school now that the dryer weather is upon us!

Kristy Rees

Chairperson

Larrakeyah Primary School Board

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Defence School Mentor



hello!

Thank you to all those that were able to attend our schools **ANZAC Day Commemorative Assembly** last week. It was fabulous to see so many families and uniforms in the crowd. A big thank you to our Defence volunteers; guest speaker Squadron Leader Stephanie Gartshore, entwining the Anzac Spirit in with our school values; Lieutenant Colonel Troy Wilson for reading The Ode, flag raising by Sergeant Ashton Knight with a bugler from the RAN Band playing the Last Post. Also, thanks to our school captains

Madden and Frankie for hosting, and our wreath layers who proudly laid their class made wreaths. Susan Bowden Chief Executive, Department of Education and Training joined us in our commemorations and so too did Channel 9 news, where two students spoke eloquently about being Defence kids when they were interviewed. Guests shared drinks and Anzac biscuits afterwards. I do hope all those that marched or attended the Dawn services had a day filled with pride, spending time with mates, family and making new memories.

We will need volunteers for Remembrance Day so please consider volunteering early so we can get it cleared by JOSS. The photo collection of our special Anzacs is growing and is extended to remember any serving person worldwide for the Remembrance Day display.

We were extremely lucky to have Petty Officer Jess Scheichl visit classrooms as part of our school Anzac Day commemorative activities. She shared some of her experiences as a Woman in Service, in the Navy. Answering lots of curious student's questions about her roles, travels and adventures on the patrol boats. Other classroom activities were creating wreaths, reading Anzac Ted and dressing up in the Army, Navy, AirForce uniforms on display in the library.

Defence Kids Club April is Month of the Military Child, so this week we will be painting Dandelions in celebration and then our activities will be in preparation to Mother's Day.

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

Defence Family Helpline 1800 624 608



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Staff Spotlight



JACKIE MOSTRIS

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

For the past three years, I've had the pleasure of being part of the Larrakeyah Primary School community. I've been teaching for seven years.

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

One lesson I love to teach focuses on building students' confidence and resilience through engaging, hands on activities. Having taught from Prep to Year 6, I find these lessons resonate because students feel supported and motivated. Watching their academic and personal growth makes the experience meaningful and rewarding for both them and me.

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

My favourite part of working with students and staff at Larrakeyah Primary School is the strong sense of community and teamwork. The students' enthusiasm and curiosity make teaching enjoyable, while the supportive, collaborative staff create a positive environment. Being part of a team dedicated to students' learning and wellbeing is truly inspiring.





[Visible Learning Podcast Episode 2—Larrakeyah
Media](#)

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School Band

Our school band is already hitting the right notes in just its third week! Students have shown fantastic enthusiasm and commitment as they learn their instruments, work together, and develop their musical skills. It's been wonderful to see their confidence growing with each rehearsal, and we're excited to watch their progress throughout the term. We look forward to sharing more as the band continues to develop and perform.



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THE SLT PRESENTS

Mother's
DAY STALL

TUESDAY 5TH - FRIDAY 8TH

MAY
WEEK 4

PRICES FROM:

\$2.50 - \$6.00

LOCATED NEXT TO EARLY
CHILDHOOD NETBALL
COURTS

UNTIL STOCK LASTS*

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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 committed to:

1

**Safety &
wellbeing**

In our schools:

- Everyone has the right to feel safe
- We act in ways that keep ourselves and others safe
- We respond early to concerns and support each other.

2

Respect

- We treat others with dignity, kindness and fairness
- We use clear, calm and respectful language.

3

Responsibility

- We take responsibility for our actions and choices
- We maintain high, yet achievable standards and support others to do the same
- We act with honesty and integrity
- We raise concerns in ways that support positive outcomes.

4

Partnership

- We work together to support student attendance, wellbeing and learning
- We remove barriers so children and adults can participate fully
- We share information clearly and respectfully
- We support each other to solve problems.

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Uniform Policy

Larrakeyah Primary School's Uniform Expectations

| | |
|--|---|
|  <p>School Shirt</p> |  <p>School Dress</p> |
|  <p>School Shorts</p> |  <p>School Skorts</p> |
|  <p>House Sports Shirt</p> <p>Worn only on days students have PE Lessons or when otherwise advised. These must be worn with school shorts or skorts.</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> |



Celebrating our winner!

Janith

from Larrakeyah Primary School!

Let's give a huge round of applause to Janith from Larrakeyah Primary School, one of the winners of the Term 1 Big Art Comp!

This term, children across the country showcased their creativity with bold, one-of-a-kind superhero designs. Janith's design truly stood out and will be printed on their very own t-shirt.

We're so proud of all the children who entered – and especially proud to celebrate Janith as a standout artist!



**Check out
Janith's
creation!**



Learn more:
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DARWIN REGION 12 YEARS & UNDER TOUCH FOOTBALL TRIALS



GIRLS & BOYS

**WED 29TH - THURS 30TH
APRIL 2026**



3.30PM-5PM



TERRITORY RUGBY LEAGUE STADIUM



- 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 and be enrolled in a Darwin Region School.

**PLEASE BRING
APPROPRIATE
FOOTWEAR , CLOTHING
AND WATER BOTTLE**

**MORE INFO FROM DARWIN REGION SPORT
OFFICE OR YOUR SCHOOL**

**Amanda - Pathways Coordinator - M: 0460 037 976
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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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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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](#).



**BUSSY'S
CORNER**

CDC NORTHERN TERRITORY

Look Down & Mind the Gap!

Remember to look down and
step carefully over the gap when
hopping onto the bus!

Hop on
safely!



**Parents/guardians, please ensure that students understand
their responsibilities as outlined in the Code of Conduct
for School Bus Travel.**

[https://nt.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/547624/
code-of-conduct-for-school-bus-travel.pdf](https://nt.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/547624/code-of-conduct-for-school-bus-travel.pdf)