



The Creek This Week

Andrews Creek Primary School



Upcoming events

- Friday 17 February**
Questacon Circus P-6
- Wednesday 8 March**
NWPSSA Athletics Grade 3/4's
- Thursday 9 March**
NWPSSA Athletics Grade 5/6's
- Monday 13 - Friday 24 March**
NAPLAN Grades 3 & 5
- Wednesday 15 March**
Noella Mackenzie Parent
Workshop 9.30-10.30am
- Monday 20 - Friday 31 March**
Swimming & Water Safety
Program
- Wednesday 5 April**
Last day Term 1
- Thursday 6 April**
Student Free Day
- Wednesday 26 April**
Term 2 Starts

Principal's Message

Dear Families

Welcome back to Andrews Creek Primary for 2023. I hope everyone had a fun and relaxing holiday. I am very excited to have the opportunity to be your Principal for Term 1. It is very evident Andrews Creek is a high-performing school, totally focussed on ensuring all students are happy, engaged learners. I look forward to continuing to build on all the great things happening and we wish Ms Maney all the best for her time at Latrobe Primary School.

Welcome to our new staff: Mr Ned Popic who will be team teaching on Grade 3/4 with Mrs Hinds and Mr Grant Polden, our new groundsman, while Mr Steve Connelly is on leave. We wish Mr Connelly all the best for his year of study. We welcome back Mrs April Bishop who is returning from leave to teach Prep this year. We also welcome our new families and students: Nyah, Robert, Ruben, Sharma, and Dominic.

A special welcome to our Kinder students as they transition to their formal schooling years. We are very lucky to have such a strong Playgroup and Pre-Kinder program, supporting a smooth transition from home to school.

It is also an exciting time for our Grade 6 students as they become the oldest students in the school and head into their last year of primary school. I know many of them are looking forward to taking on extra leadership roles.

A big thank you to the staff for their work in the holidays to create inviting and learning-rich classrooms and congratulations to students on a very positive start to 2023. There is an energetic vibe around the school, with staff motivated and dedicated to making 2023 another successful year.

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It has also been fantastic to see students excited to be back, working hard with their learning from day one. Congratulations on being Andrews Creek Shining Stars! Adding to the excitement of the beginning of the year has been the installation of the Gaga Ball Pit and the first stages of our outdoor classroom over the summer holidays. We would like to thank the School Association for their fantastic fundraising efforts in 2022 that helped fund the Gaga Ball Pit. It has been a very popular addition to the playground. The outdoor classroom will be a fantastic extension of the indoor classrooms and will maximise the use of the school and our grounds. There will be many uses for this area, including picnics, socialisation, relaxation area, small group interventions away from the classroom and much more.

While I have met many families over the two years I have been at the Creek, I look forward to the opportunity to get to know all families better. Please make sure you come and talk to your child's class teacher or myself if you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning and progress.

Yours in partnership

Paula McGlade
Acting Principal

Validation Forms



We still have some validation forms outstanding. These were due to the office last Friday. If you have not returned these forms, please do so as soon as possible as they contain important information that we require. This is especially important if you have changed your contact information and staff need to contact you.

Book Club

Book Club Issue #1 is out now. Students received a catalogue last week. Parents/carers can order via the LOOP online system at the link below. When choosing your child's class in your profile, please click the option "All Classes" in the first drop down box and then all the ACPS classes will appear in the second drop-down box and allow you to select your child's class.

Click the link below to order:
[LOGIN \(scholastic.com.au\)](https://www.scholastic.com.au)

**Orders due
23 February**



Athletics Carnival 2023

Our Athletics Carnival will be held in Term 4 again this year.





FREE
ENTRY



Andrews
Creek
PRIMARY SCHOOL
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WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH

9.30AM - 10.30AM

AT ANDREWS CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL

COME AND JOIN US AT OUR

Noella Mackenzie

Parent Workshop

This is a free event however you must register using the link below by Friday 10 March.

<https://forms.office.com/r/yS6Ata6KSW>

Parent Workshop

We are honoured to host Noella Mackenzie at Andrews Creek Primary School. During her visit, Noella will present ways to strengthen our children's literacy skills before they begin school.

Noella is an Independent Education Consultant, ALEA Senior Fellow, and Adjunct Associate Professor in the School of Education at Charles Sturt University, NSW. Her passion is the teaching and learning of writing in the early years.

Noella believes that children become confident writers through drawing and storytelling. During this session, Noella will talk to parents/carers about helping their children with literacy before they start school and during the early years of schooling, through drawing and talking.

Interested community members are invited to attend this exciting event, free of charge, at Andrews Creek Primary School.

If you would like to attend, we kindly ask that you complete the RSVP via the link below so that we are able to prepare our venue for the expected numbers.

<https://forms.office.com/r/yS6Ata6KSW>



PLAYGROUP

THURSDAY'S 9-10.30AM

TERM 1 DATES:

16 FEBRUARY, 23 FEBRUARY,
2 MARCH, 9 MARCH, 16 MARCH,
23 MARCH, 30 MARCH.



Playgroup

Mrs. D will be running Playgroup again each Thursday morning in our Kinder classroom starting next week! The poster above has our dates for Term 1. Please share with friends you think may want to come along and if you haven't already, please join our LIL Facebook group "ACPS Launching into Learning" for more information.

School Association

The Andrews Creek Primary School Association is having their first meeting for 2023 tonight and would like to invite any new parents/carers to attend.

Date: Thursday 16 February
Where: ACPS Staffroom
Time: 7 - 8.30pm



Subway

We are offering Subway lunches again each Friday in Term 1. Please see the flyer below for information on how to order. Orders must be in no later than 9.30pm on Thursday nights. If your child is away sick on the day you have ordered a subway lunch, you can call the Homemaker Centre Subway on 6423 2233 and postpone their order to the following week. This must be done early on the Friday morning.

Canteen Hub - Order here!
<http://bit.ly/3YmBDhY>

Creek Cafe

Our Creek Cafe is starting back on Tuesday 21 February. Thanks to Alana Slater we are able to run this very valuable program this year. If you are able to help Alana in any way, please let us know. All classes will have the opportunity to order lunch.

Order forms are in the classrooms and are due back with the correct money no later than this Friday 17 February.

Creek Cafe will run **every second Tuesday** this term and orders due the Friday before.

Gluten free options will be available by ticking the box on the order form. All items are \$3.50 per serve.

- Tuesday 21 February - Spaghetti Bolognese
- Tuesday 7 March - Chow Mein
- Tuesday 21 March - Fried Rice





Bus Travel

Our school is serviced by two Merseylink buses. For any enquiries, please call Merseylink Coaches on 6427 7626 or by checking: <https://www.merseylink.com.au/school-bus-list/>

Bus No 9 – Squeaking Point, Thirlstane and Port Sorell with an interchange to Shearwater and Hawley.

Bus No 66 – Wesley Vale, Frankford Hwy, Beer Street, Northdown, Sassafras, Harford, Bakers Beach, Latrobe Primary School, Latrobe High School and Moriarty.

Buses arrive at school between 8:40am and 8:50am.
Buses depart school between 3:00pm and 3:05pm.

To ensure the safety of our students, all students using a bus service are marked off a bus list. Students will be asked each day if they are 'bus' or 'pick up'. If your child is being picked up or needs to change buses, a Seesaw message to the teacher, a note or phone call to the school is essential. We will not take "word of mouth" from students. If the student is unsure of their travel arrangements home, we will use the information provided by you at the beginning of the year on the Student Travel Arrangement form.

A Bus Code of Behaviour form was sent home with students last week. If you haven't already returned it, please do so by Monday 21 February. Additional copies are available from the office.

It is our expectation that all students adhere to the Bus Code of Conduct while travelling on the bus.

Peaceful Kids Program

A new program called Peaceful Kids will be offered by Andrews Creek Primary School in 2023. We will be providing this program to small groups of students, and it will be led by Debra Knightley, our school nurse.

'Peaceful Kids' is a Mindfulness and Positive Psychology based program to lessen anxiety and stress and increase resilience in children from Prep to Year 12. The program gives children the skills, practice and support to utilise coping strategies that lessen the symptoms of anxiety and stress. This program helps children to build their emotional resilience, so they are better equipped to deal with the day-to-day stresses that life brings them. The program also involves parental involvement and commitment for supporting the strategies at home. More information about this program can be found at <https://www.peacefulkids.com.au/>

Please email our Acting Principal at: paula.mcglade@decyp.tas.gov.au if you are interested in having your child considered for this program.



Parent Communication

At Andrews Creek Primary School it is important to us that all members of our school community are well informed of events and news happening in our school. We have the following tools:



Seesaw App - Teacher Communication

Each class will be using the Seesaw app to share information with families. Class teachers will send you an email with more information.



SkoolBag App - Whole School Communication & Eforms

SkoolBag is a great tool that we use to get information out to all parents/carers quickly via an alert on your mobile phone or computer. You can also submit an absentee form when your child is absent from school or change your contact details. Just search "Andrews Creek Primary School" in your app store.

Newsletter - Every Second Thursday

Our fortnightly newsletters are packed with information, events, photos, community announcements and much more. These are uploaded to SkoolBag under the newsletter tab and can also be found on the ACPS website.

<https://andrewscreekprimary.education.tas.edu.au/>



Like our page on Facebook!

We use Facebook as a tool to upload photos about activities and learning happening at our school. This is a great place to see what your child is up to at school.

Hard Copy Notices - On Thursdays (Fridays for Kinder students)

In situations where we need a form signed, we will send home a hard copy notice. Where possible we try and send notices home on a Thursday/Friday so please check your child's bag. Notices that do not require a permission form will be published in the newsletter or on Seesaw.

Library

Library sessions have started with each class this week. It is one of our school goals to have all students borrowing books from the library. Libraries:

- Instil a love of reading in our students.
- Expose students to a large range of books.
- Support teaching and learning.
- Enhance reading skills learnt at school.
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If students have a special request of a book or series, please let Megan know and we may be able to purchase it for the library.

Please make sure your child returns their book on a weekly basis. We understand that chapter books may take longer to read. Any families with lost or damaged books will be charged a replacement fee.

Please also make sure that your child has a library bag. These can be purchased from the office for \$5.00 cash.

Library Days:

Tuesdays: 3/4 & 5/6

Wednesdays: Kinder, 1B, 1/2 B, 4/5A

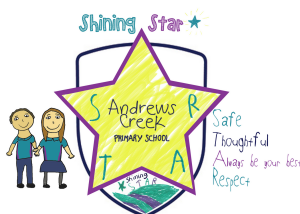
Fridays: Prep





STAR cards

- Elsa** - excellent problem solving in Maths.
- Kohbi** - spotted answering some very curly Maths questions.
- Oscar** - thoughtful help with packing up.
- Judd** - for fantastic listening on the mat.
- Lachlan** - for joining in with Daily Fitness with a smile.
- Nyah** - for having a go at our Daily Fitness program with a smile.
- Jobe** - for being a great listener and having beautiful manners.
- Sahara** - being a wonderful friend and support to a new student.
- Sharma** - for doing an excellent job with his collage today.
- Ivahna** - for being an excellent helper and demonstrating initiative.
- Chelsea** - for putting your best effort into your writing and drawing and for being a thoughtful friend and spending time with a new student.
- Charlotte Mc** - for her excellent work completing her collage.
- Alice** - for offering a toy to another student when they were upset.
- Ethan** - for pushing all our chairs in.
- Elsie Re** - for her excellent effort when collaging her letter E.
- Harper** - always using whole body listening.
- Hannah** - for using whole body listening all day.



School Levy Payments

Andrews Creek Primary School levies invoices will be processed next week, and families should receive a copy of the invoice in the next two weeks.

Families who have been approved for the STAS (Student Assistance Scheme) will not receive an invoice.

Prep-Grade 6 Levy is \$200

Kinder Levy is \$150

These invoices are due to be paid by 31 March. The preferred method of payment is Bpay.

If you have any questions regarding levies, please contact our School Business Manager, Megan at:

megan.yasui@decyp.tas.gov.au

COVID Safety

All Department for Education, Children and Young People sites are maintaining COVID-19 safety measures in 2023. To assist us we ask that parents/carers keep their children home from school when they are unwell.

This includes the provision of RAT tests that will be available for our ACPS families again this year. If you need tests, please ask our office staff.



Out of School Sports Activities

There are numerous sporting organisations in our community that run rosters each year for primary school aged children. These organisations often email us information to pass onto our parents/carers.

This year we will save all of these flyers in our SkoolBag app under the "Out of School Sports Activities" tab.

Just click on the Skoolbag app on your device and click on the ACPS logo and then you will see a list of different tabs.

So far, we have posted information regarding netball, hockey, basketball and football. In the coming weeks we will also be adding a post regarding the winter soccer roster for those wanting to play.

If you need help locating things on Skoolbag, please see Megan in the office.



Out of Hours Care

Devonport Childcare Services will continue to operate at ACPS in 2023. Please continue to support this service so it remains viable.

Please contact Devonport Childcare services on 6424 3638 for more information. The link to enrol in this service is below.

<https://bit.ly/3xs236K>



Devonport Childcare Services

12:40



Out of School Sports Activities

Junior Hockey

Please find attached information about Devon Juniors Hockey coming up.



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Netball Information for Grades 2-6

Here is some information for any student from G2-6 that wishes to play netball this season starting on 11 March. Nominations close 23 F...



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Primary School Football Roster

Please click the link below for more information. Online form is due by Friday 17 February. <https://bit.ly/3InfscY>



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Devonport
Child Care
Centres Inc

Community News

RECRUITING NOW Juniors & Cadets



Port Sorell Fire Brigade are looking for individuals aged between 10 - 17yrs interested in firefighting to join our Juniors & Cadets Program!

The youth only training sessions will teach basic firefighting skills through fun engaging activities including firefighting competitions and development opportunities.

COME AND TRY

Join us at training for a station tour, information session and a chance to try out some activities.

Thursday 16th February

5.30pm - 6.30pm

Registrations necessary



Contact Port Sorell Fire Brigade on 0429 980 780

A RECLINK AUSTRALIA AND
LATROBE COUNCIL INITIATIVE



FREE EVENT

COME & TRY DISC GOLF

ON PIG ISLAND, BELLS PARADE, LATROBE

SUNDAY, 19 FEBRUARY, 2023

SESSIONS AT 10 AM, 11 AM AND 12 NOON

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

[HTTPS://LATROBEDISCGOLFFEB2023.EVENTBRITE.COM.AU](https://latrobediscgolfFeb2023.eventbrite.com.au)



JUST A REMINDER:

Don't Miss the Bus!

DEVONPORT

20 February - 30 May 2023

Devonport Recreation Centre Carpark
34 Forbes Street, Devonport

13 20 50

Call now to make a
FREE appointment

 BreastScreen
TASMANIA



COME & PLAY!

SPREYTON NETBALL CENTRE

SATURDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

Devon Netball will be holding a free NetSetGo Come and Play Day on Saturday February 18th at 10am. It is for children aged 5-10 years to give netball a try, get active and have FUN!

Community News



Tasmanian Tennis Academy

Term 1 2023 Registration is now open



Choose a sport your child can play forever...

To register go to www.coachpip.com

Pip 0438 687 542



Ages 3 and up



tennis
ACADEMY

A Learning Event of Department of Education, Children and Young People Tasmania

Crescendo Music Hub offers students the opportunity to join a vocal ensemble and/or learn a woodwind or brass instrument through participation in a band programme.

The **Vocal Ensemble Programme** provides students with tuition in vocal techniques and ensemble singing in a fun and welcoming environment. It is an ideal extension for children who love singing at school and wish to gain a fuller vocal experience. Students meet once a week after school at Reece High School for rehearsals. Our vocal ensembles perform at various events, such as concerts, community and official functions, eisteddfods and festivals.

There are three Crescendo Vocal Ensembles:

Piccolos (Grades 1 – 3), Junior (Grades 4 – 6) and Senior (Grade 7 – 12)

The **Instrumental Programme** provides students with expert tutoring in the areas of brass, woodwind, and for a limited rhythm section. It is an ideal extension for students who have enjoyed playing recorder and tuned percussion and would benefit from learning a concert band instrument. Students meet once a week at Reece High School for rehearsals and perform at concerts, eisteddfods and festivals.

There are two Crescendo Instrumental ensembles:

Junior (Grades 4 – 6) and Senior (Grades 7 – 12)

Crescendo membership is flexible, with the option to participate in both the Vocal and Instrumental programmes, or to choose one. An annual fee of \$220 per ensemble or \$400 for both Vocal and Instrumental Ensemble applies. Fee assistance may be approved on application.

Rehearsal times are as follows:

Tuesdays: Junior Vocal 3.30 – 4.30, Senior Vocal 4.00 – 5.30.

Wednesdays: Piccolos 3.15 – 4.00, Junior Instrumental 3.30 – 4.30, Senior Instrumental 4.30 – 5.30

Benefits for participants in structured music study can include:

- Building team work skills
- Increased self-confidence and emotional resilience
- Enhanced co-ordination
- Increased attention span & focus
- Positive social interaction

For further information please contact:

Dominique Baker, Coordinator 0407 244 602

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