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The Creek This Week

Andrews Creek Primary School



Upcoming events

Friday 3 March

Coffee & Fitness Morning

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

Thursday 23 March

School Association AGM

Wednesday 5 April

Last day Term 1

Thursday 6 April

Student Free Day

Wednesday 26 April

Term 2 Starts

Principal's Message

We offer many opportunities for leadership at Andrews Creek Primary School, both in the classroom and at a school level. Leadership is a skill for life, and we ensure all students have regular opportunities to be involved and strengthen their leadership skills. By encouraging students to take on leadership roles, we can empower them to become more confident, motivated, and successful individuals. Leadership flourishes in an environment that encourages it.

It is important that students be exposed to leadership opportunities during their schooling so that they can learn how to build relationships, plan, solve problems, and make decisions. Furthermore, it facilitates the development of interpersonal and communication skills.

Last week, Honourable Mike Gaffney MLC, visited our senior students to discuss the building blocks that a successful leadership team needs...

- Cooperation.
- Communication.
- Affirmation, and
- To be able to organise events and activities.

In addition, he discussed the characteristics of successful leaders within a team and what we can do to become a high functioning leadership team. These include:

- Expect the best.
- Respect for yourself.
- Think before reacting.
- Care for others, and
- Search for peaceful solutions.

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Above Photo: Student Council (Absent Russell)

One of the highlights of being in Grade 6 at Andrews Creek, is the opportunity to be a Student Councillor, House Captain, Sports Leader and Library Monitor. This week we held the election and voting process.

We were all very impressed with the amount of thought and detail that our Grade 6 students put into their speeches. You should all be very proud of your efforts. To the students who did not get the position they applied for, I know that each one of you had the capacity to fulfil the role to a high standard and would have done a fantastic job. However, we are unable to offer positions to all students who apply. Despite this, I hope you continue to challenge yourselves and strive for the opportunities that come your way.

Congratulations to our 2023 Grade 6 Leaders:

Picture on front page (Russell Absent)

Student Council

Lexie, Amelia, Celia, Mitskie, Ella, Russell, Ellie & Jelioca.

Franklin House Captains

Captains - Elsa & Blaize

Vice - Brandon & Lachlan

Rubicon House Captains

Captains - Lynkon & Ellie

Vice - Celia & Amelia

Sports Leaders

Russell, Daylia, Diesel, Lynkon, Jelioca, Lachlan, Ella, Celia, Ellie, Elsa, Patrick, Blaize, Brandon, Mitskie, Lexie and Amelia.

Library Monitors

Amelia, Celia, Ella, Mitskie, Diesel & Brandon.

Our Sports Leaders take our Daily Fitness program each morning. Our Library Monitors help with putting books away and keeping our library tidy.

Our House Captains help at our athletics and cross country carnivals, as well as help organise lunch time sports activities. Our Student Council organise fundraising activities, host assemblies and other events. Our student leaders will be presented with their badges at our next school assembly.

We are looking forward to seeing our Grade 6 leaders flourish and shine throughout the year. They have already made a great start to their Grade 6 journey, and we can't wait to witness their growth and successes ahead.

Yours in partnership

Paula McGlade

Acting Principal



Above Photo: Franklin House Captains



Above Photo: Rubicon House Captains

Creek Cafe

Order forms are in the classrooms and are due back with the correct money.

Creek Cafe will run **every second Tuesday** this term and orders are 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 7 March - Chow Mein - Orders due Friday 3 March.

Tuesday 21 March - Fried Rice - Orders due Friday 17 March.

NWPSSA Athletics Team

Congratulations to the following students from Grades 3-6 who have qualified for the ACPS Athletics Team to compete in Penguin on 8-9 March. These students received their notices last week and permission forms were due at the office this Monday. Please return ASAP if you haven't already.

We wish the team good luck for next week!

Grade 3 - Zeke, Oliver B, Kade, Lucy, Evie, Evora,
Reserves - Ryder & Lusiana.

Grade 4 - Oakley H, William, Jasper, Sophia, Riley, Faith.
Reserves - Harry B & Lucy H.

Grade 5 - Caleb, Zen, Taylor, Harry J, Lauren, Eden, Kira,
Amber
Reserves - Ayla & Liam.

Grade 6 - Lachlan, Patrick, Russell, Lynkon, Jelioca, Celia,
Mitskie, Amelia.
Reserves - Diesel & Elsa.

Swimming & Water Safety Program

Our Swimming & Water Safety Program is coming up at the Latrobe Pool from 20 - 31 March for our Prep - Grade 6 students. Our PE teacher, Courtney Hayes will be joined by Ausswim instructors to take the program. Students in Grades 3,4,5 will participate for 10 days and Prep, Grade 1,2,6 students for 5 days.

Parents will receive a notice next week detailing swimming times and what students need to bring.

You do not need to complete any permission forms as these were part of the validation forms that were completed at the start of term.

If you haven't returned your validation forms/permission forms by the start of swimming, please do so as your child will not be permitted to swim.

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>



FREE
ENTRY

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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>

ICAS Assessments

We are delighted to inform you that ACPS will be participating in the ICAS competition in August this year.

What is ICAS?

ICAS is an online academic competition that is designed to assess students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee and Digital Technologies.

Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for recognition and development. Every student who participates will receive a printed certificate and an online results report. Top performers will be eligible for medals.

Learn more about ICAS here.

<https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas>

How to participate in ICAS

If you wish for your child to participate in ICAS this year, please:

- Read about ICAS subjects and prices here: [icasassessments.com/products-icas](https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas)
- Read the terms and conditions here: [2023-ICAS-Assessments-Parents-PPS-TsCs_final.pdf](#) ([icasassessments.com](https://www.icasassessments.com))
- Go to Parent Portal to purchase tests here: shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps
- Enter our school's access code – **HMG783**
- Enter your child's details, select the tests you would like to purchase, then proceed to payment.

Registration closes on Monday 31 July.

We will publish sitting dates for each subject closer to August.



School Association – Chairperson Report

School Association nominations for the committee are open. The AGM for Andrews Creek Primary School Association will be on the 23 March commencing at 7pm. If you wish to become a committee member, please fill out a nomination form and return it to the school office on or before Thursday 16 March.

In case you are not aware, all parents/carers and staff members can be members of the school association. The committee consists of a maximum of 11 people and will be elected at the AGM or the week before. Parent committee members are elected for 2 years, however if your child is set to leave ACPS this year please do not hesitate to apply.

To get a feel for what is involved in being a committee member here is a rundown of just some of the activities undertaken during our last year. The School Association hosted BBQs on election day, picnic day, the athletics carnival and our Christmas concert. We really appreciated those who helped out and we had lots of fun cooking snags, collecting money and socialising with people.

One of the most successful fundraising events was the Trivia Night in September. Congratulations to the organizing team. In December, the Colour Run was held and was a great fundraiser and a lot of fun. The Gaga Ball Pit at ACPS is the end result. This was made possible by the actions listed above.

Additionally, grants were provided for poles, numerous attempts were made to hold working bees, creek signs, book fairs, entertainment books, optimistic talk about helicopter events, Bunnings BBQ plans, along with keeping up to date with school and community events. We should acknowledge and celebrate the contributions the association makes to the improvement of the school. If you would like to be involved, please come along to a meeting, or nominate to join the committee.

We would like to acknowledge the contributions of Liz Ferrara and Ben Hart, two retiring members of our committee. Over the course of many years, they have contributed many hours to maintain and improve school progress. Thank you both for your efforts.

Go the Creek!!

John Gibson
ACPS Association Chairperson

On tomorrow!

Coffee & Fitness Morning

Don't forget our Coffee and Fitness morning is on tomorrow, 8.30-9.30am here at school.

This is a great opportunity for parents/carers to come and have a cuppa and a chat and join in on our Daily Fitness activities.

Tea and Coffee will be served from outside the canteen window. You are welcome to bring younger siblings too. We hope to see you here.



COFFEE & FITNESS MORNING
A School Association Event

Friday 3 March
8.30am-9.30am

Parents and carers are invited to join us for a coffee, a sweet treat and some Daily PE!

Doors open from 8.30am and Daily PE starts from 8.55am.

Refreshments served from the canteen outdoor window.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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READING IN 3/4



We have been building routines this term! Patiently, we have been learning how to complete some of our daily tasks independently. It has taken lots of practice and lots of help. Now that we have them down pat, we have been able to start our reading groups. We love reading and are a bunch of book worms in 3/4.

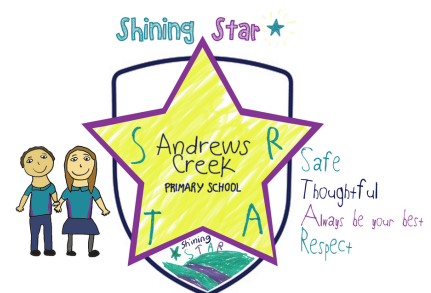




STAR Cards

- Bria** - for using whole body listening all day.
- Lincoln R** - for having a go at a difficult Maths task.
- Ryder** - for beautifully following instructions and showing off his incredible Maths skills.
- Rhylie** - for his amazing effort to practise his words out of school. Please know we are very proud.
- Layla M.** - for putting 100% effort into your writing.
- Indiana** - for always being ready to listen and learn.
- Wesley** - for always being kind to others.
- Esther** - for always helping during pack up time.
- Phoenix** - for being brave.
- Lexie** - for her outstanding participation in Maths lessons. Demonstrating excellent problem-solving skills.
- Eden** - we have noticed how much effort you are putting into listening and getting tasks done immediately.
- Sophia** - for your respectful listening and ability to follow sets of instructions.
- William** - for your thoughtful 'Good Morning' greetings.
- Isla B** - for giving her best effort in our measurement task.
- Delilah** - for having a go at reading a difficult book.
- Jack S. 1/2B** - for helping unlock the toilet door.
- Kyle** - for being kind and caring towards another student when he was hurt.
- Kenzie** - for always putting 100% effort into all her work.
- Ella B** - we appreciate the effort and care you put into your tasks.
- Alexander** - thoughtful conversations! Thoughtful helping! Thoughtful effort!

- Willow** - for always being a kind and considerate member of our class.
- Hamish** - for looking out for his friend and trying to cheer him up.
- Frankie** - for always putting in her best effort for every task.
- Elliott** - for excellent listening during group time.
- Ziggy** - for helping Mrs D clean up the corn, without being asked.
- Freya** - for being extremely well behaved during silent reading. She was setting the best example to her friends.
- Evie** - for keeping our playground free from rubbish.
- Harry B.** - for his exceptional bookwork and neat handwriting. Well done.
- Mahli** - for always helping her classmates without being asked. Great initiative.
- Amelia S.** - for showing impeccable listening skills.
- Jack S. 4/5A** - You can always be relied upon to follow our school expectations.
- Lexie, Elsa, Ellie, Jelicca, Amelia S, Mitskie, Celia, Lynkon C, Blaize, Ella H, Brandon, Russell, Diesel, & Lachlan** - for challenging themselves to nominate and prepare for a leadership position.
- Harry J., Kohbi, & Jace** - for cleaning up our school grounds.
- Emilia** - using whole body listening.
- Madilyn** - for using whole body listening.



NAPLAN

Students in Grade 3 & 5 will be sitting NAPLAN between 15 and 27 March 2023.

The National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are already learning at school. On its own, NAPLAN is not a test that can be studied for, and students are not expected to do so.

NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance; however, students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.

This is the first year NAPLAN will be held in March, having previously taken place in May. This change was made so school systems would have access to results earlier in the school year, so they can be used to inform teaching and learning plans for the remainder of the year.

Why NAPLAN is conducted online?

NAPLAN online provides a better assessment and more precise results.

One of the main benefits of NAPLAN online is that it uses tailored (or adaptive) testing. This means that students receive questions better suited to their abilities, so they can show what they know and can do.

Online testing also allows us to provide a wide range of accessibility options to support students with disability to access NAPLAN. Feedback from students is that they find the online test more engaging.

Please note that students in Year 3 complete the Writing Test on paper.

Parent information brochures and other resources.

For your questions on NAPLAN and what it means for your child please go to:

<http://bit.ly/3kgBZbh>

This link will take you to the official National Assessment Program (NAP) website.

Please contact the school if you have any further queries.



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>



Behaviour Management Policy

In 2023, the Department for Education, Children and Young People's Respectful Student Behaviour Policy and Process has been replaced by the Student Behaviour Management Policy and Procedure. School behaviour management expectations remain unchanged in the updated Policy and Procedure.

With this updated policy we now have a system-wide approach to behaviour management for all schools. This will ensure consistent application across all Tasmanian Government schools. The Student Behaviour Management Policy and Procedure is available via our website. The link is here:

<https://bit.ly/3mapQ8I>



Touch Footy

On 18 and 19 February, students participated in the State Touch Football competition held in Launceston this year.

The students pictured below were representing Andrews Creek Primary School.

The Devonport Touch Football Association will again be running the school roster in Term 4.



Above Photo: Library Monitors

Community News

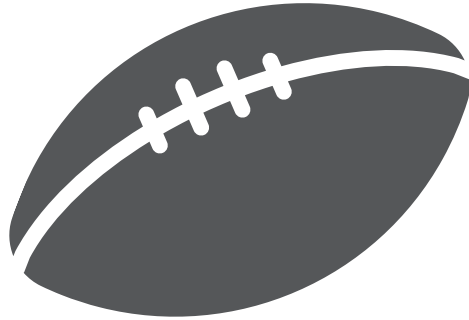
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ADULTS \$10
CONCESSION/
STUDENT \$7
U/14 FREE

NW ECOFEST
SATURDAY 1 APRIL '23
CAMP CLAYTON, ULVERSTONE
9:30AM-3:00PM

AEVA - ELECTRIC VEHICLE
TEST DRIVES
SUSTAINABILITY INFO
EKOIDS ACTIVITIES
WORKSHOPS
MUSIC
FOOD VANS
MARKET STALLS

SPECIAL GUESTS:
Hannah Moloney
Author: Good Life Permaculture
Presenter: ABC's Gardening
Australia
The Good Car Co.
Electric vehicle importers & advocates

Central Coast NRM
Local Carbon
Camp Clayton
Central Coast Council
North West Environment Centre
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