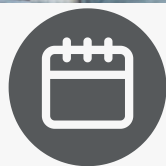




The Creek This Week

Andrews Creek
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Learn Inspire Shine

Andrews Creek Primary School



Principal's Message

Upcoming events

Thursday 30 March

Progress Reports sent home

Monday 3 April

Twilight Carnival 4-6pm

Tuesday 4 April

Pop Up Canteen

Wednesday 5 April

Last day Term 1

Easter Egg Hunt

Thursday 6 April

Student Free Day

Wednesday 26 April

Term 2 Starts

Friday 28 April

ANZAC Day assembly

11.15am



The Kindergarten classroom is always buzzing with fun and enthusiasm. The students are learning all about listening and participating in group discussions. They alternate between activities with Mrs D. and Mrs Hooper, mat time, indoor and outdoor play, PE, Music and Library. Already this year Kindergarten have been lucky to participate in our Kitchen Garden Program with Mrs Dick. They have had so much fun.

This week, I visited specifically to ask them what they loved most about Kindergarten...

Ziggy said she loves doing her jobs for Mrs D. Ziggy couldn't choose a favourite one because she likes doing them all.

Bodhi, Fletcher and Arlo were very excited to show me the monster trucks and said that was their favourite activity.

Esther loves to paint. Her favourite colour is red and she loves the way finger paint tickles her hands.

Brooklyn, Freyja and Wesley were super excited to tell me all about their work in the garden with Mrs Dick; watering plants, eating raspberries and picking apples to make apple crumble. They even used the apple curler!

Frankie loves crafting because she can make anything she likes with glue and Wynter loves to play with the playdough.

Max and Hamish were busy playing with the cars and trucks and building with the blocks.

Phoenix loves playing anything with his friends and Elliot loves to create sandcastles and villages in the sandpit with her friends.

Indiana said she likes library because she gets to read books.

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A highlight of my day is to have visits from students who have received STAR cards for the week. It is wonderful to see the Kinder students so excited to receive a STAR card for upholding one of our star values - Safe, Thoughtful, Always do your best and Respect.

Our students are very fortunate to have Mrs D. and Mrs Hooper who are passionate about fostering their wellbeing, creativity, engagement, and achievement. It is evident from the successful start of the new school year for our Kindergarten students that our Launching into Learning and Pre-Kinder programs play a significant role in supporting the transition to school for these students. Kinder class members and their families should be extremely proud of what they have accomplished so far in this school year. Congratulations on being OUTSTANDING Andrews Creek Shining Stars. It will be a pleasure to watch you flourish throughout the year.

Yours in Partnership

Paula McGlade
Acting Principal

New 3/4 Teacher

We have a new 3/4 teacher starting in Term 2. Miss Courtney Howell will be teaching the 3/4 class Monday - Thursday while Mrs Hinds continues in her Quality Teaching Coach role. Here is Miss Howell's introduction.

"I am very excited to be joining the teaching team at ACSP. I am very passionate about lifelong learning and personally dedicated to consistently reading and researching. I am an experienced Early Childhood Teacher who has been working in our local community for the last 9 years supporting many learners and families. In my personal time I enjoy spending time with my family, reading, and exploring our beautiful community."

Courtney Howell

ANZAC Day

Our Student Leaders have been invited to march and lay a wreath at the Latrobe service on ANZAC Day.

5/6W will also be hosting a special ANZAC Day assembly on Friday 28 April at 11.15am at our flagpole. Parents/carers are invited to attend this assembly.

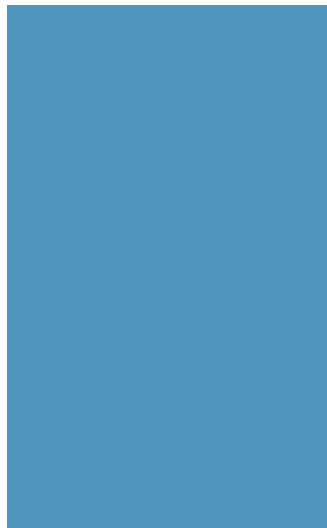
Progress Reports

Progress Reports are going home today in your child's bag so please keep a look out for them.

The purpose of the Progress Report is to give you a brief overview of how your child has settled into the school year.

Please contact your child's teacher if you would like more information.





NWPSSA - 3/4

Our 3/4 team ran yesterday at the Penguin Athletics carnival under the strong leadership of Mrs. Hardy!

The team went very well with many students listed below making the semi-finals. A big congratulations to Evora for making the Twilight Carnival for the 75m and Oakley H for winning the long jump, with a very impressive jump!

Semi Finalists

- 75m - Jasper, Faith, Evora.
- 100m - Oakley H, Zeke.
- 200m - Oakley H, Sophia, Zeke.

We didn't bring home the shield this year, but all of our students did their best and made ACPS proud.

Thanks, Mrs. Hardy for stepping in last minute to accompany our team.

Jelieca, Taylor, Lauren and Evora will head back to Penguin next Monday afternoon to represent the school in the Twilight Carnival. We wish them all the best!





Swimming & Water Safety Program

Our Swimming & Water Safety Program finishes tomorrow. We would like to say a big thank you to our PE teacher, Courtney Hayes, for all of her extra hours delivering this important program for our students, along with other instructors from the Austswim team.

Prep - Grade 2 students will receive a participation certificate with a tick list of skills they achieved in the water and how many metres they can swim.

Our Grade 3 - 6 students will receive a full progress report which indicates student's development and are assessed on their water skills, safety, survival techniques, and stroke development. The progress report is a snapshot of a student's achievement during their time in the program.

If you have any questions about your child's SWSP report, please contact Courtney Hayes, our PE teacher on -

courtney.hayes@decyp.tas.gov.au

Easter Egg Hunt

The school will be having a special Easter Egg hunt for students on the last day of Term 1. Each student will receive one small egg.

The School Association Committee will not be organising a raffle this year.



Pop Up Canteen



Alana has kindly offered to do a special pop-up canteen for the end of term. All foods are to be pre-ordered so don't miss out, as the cut-off date is 3pm today.

We have lots of delicious items on the menu including homemade sausage rolls, toasties, chicken burgers and some snacks.

Date: Tuesday 4 April

Orders close: Thursday 30 March (3pm today)

Order forms: Sent home with students on 22 March.

Traffic Rules

We would like to remind parents/carers of our school traffic rules.

- **DO NOT PARK** on Westwind Drive where the buses come in. Buses have a very small amount of space to get through the bus gate.
- **DO NOT turn left on Westwind Drive** when you come out of the drop off zone past the office. Please turn right and exit from boom gate at the end of the cul-de-sac.
- **DO NOT park in the short-term parking** at the front of the office unless you are planning on staying for under 5 minutes.

We appreciate your co-operation in making our school safe.





Absent: Kirsty Rolls and Sonia Badcock.

School Association Annual General Meeting

Last Thursday the School Association met for the Annual General Meeting.

2022 was a successful year for the School Association Committee. It has been great to have families involved with school events after such a lengthy time of COVID restrictions. We look forward to what we can achieve together in 2023.

We are so happy to hear that students are really enjoying the new Gaga Ball Pit and are sure it will continue to get plenty of use over the years to come.

We meet twice a term (in Weeks 2 and 7) in the school staff room, and parents, carers and community members are always welcome to attend. Meeting dates are announced in the fortnightly newsletter on our SkoolBag app.

Please feel free to say hi and have a chat with any of our current committee members, as we are interested to hear your ideas, suggestions or issues to ensure Andrews Creek continues to improve and best support our students.



We also have a new email address if you're more comfortable contacting us that way - andrewscreek.SAC@gmail.com



School Association Members 2023

Staff Members

Paula McGlade (Acting Principal)
Penny Armistead (Treasurer)
Serena Hinds

Parent Members

Rebecca Addison (Chairperson)
Alana Slater (Vice Chairperson)
Deanne Polson (Secretary)
Allison Febey
Matthew Bowles
Alyce Treloar
Kirsty Rolls
Sonia Badcock



Next Meeting:

Thursday 4 May 7pm at school.

A reminder that any member of our school community is welcome to come along to our meetings.



Merit Assembly

Congratulations to the following students who were our first recipients of a Learn, Inspire, Shine awards for 2023. More photos can be found on our Facebook post on Friday 17 March.

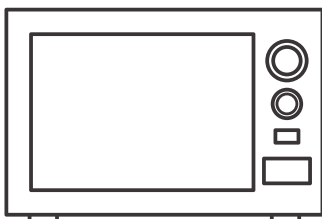
Learn - Bodhi, Elsie R, Sahara, Lincoln R, Lusiana, Eden, Lexie.

Inspire - Esther, Laycie, Judd, Delilah, Maci, Kohbi, Ella H.

Shine - Wesley, Finn, Nyah, Chelsea, Bella, Sophia, Caleb.

Class Room Appliances

As promised, staff have reviewed providing toasted sandwich makers and microwaves in the classrooms. Following a lengthy discussion, it became evident that these facilities have caused some concerns for teachers in the past; namely being removed from valuable teaching and learning time and being unable to supervise students while they are eating outside. In addition, safety and hygiene reasons are also of concern. **Therefore, we have decided not to have them returned to classrooms.** We have noticed that many students have opted to bring their lunch to school in a thermos as an alternative. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.



Soccer 2023



Devonport Junior Soccer rosters are now published and available at <https://djsa.dribl.com>. Games start this Saturday.

Parents and carers are also asked to please read and abide by the Junior Sport Codes of Behaviour that was attached to our Skoolbag message on Tuesday.

Any reported behaviour that goes against the codes will not be tolerated.

Follow the DJSA Facebook page for messages and game updates.

We wish all of our combined Andrews Creek Primary, Sassafras Primary and Port Sorell Primary students and families a fun and enjoyable soccer season ⚽

School Levy Payments

All families should have received their levy invoices for 2023. **These are due in April.** Levies are an important part of school revenue, so we appreciate your prompt payment.

If you are unable to pay by April, please speak to our School Business Manager, Megan.

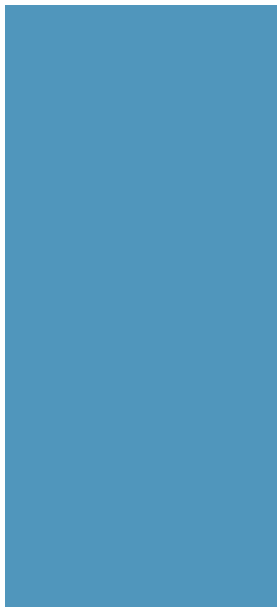


Grade 5/6 Camp

A notice was published on Skoolbag last week regarding the Hobart Camp in November.

Information and notices for camp will all be saved under "Grade 5/6 Hobart Camp" tab in Skoolbag.

Invoices for the camp will be sent home in early May.



STAR Cards

Amelia H - for showing impeccable listening skills.
Isla B. - for cleaning up the classroom safely.
Faith - for using her initiative to help around the classroom.
Oliver B. - for demonstrating respectful listening during assembly.
Lucy H. - for keeping the classroom free of hazards.
Declan - for eagerly wanting to be a classroom helper.
Asta - for being on the ball with thoughtful organisation to ensure our assembly item looked great.
Oakley H. - respecting the effort you are making to put your best foot forward in the classroom in 2023.
Russell - for an awesome effort running our first assembly for 2023.
Mitskie - for an awesome effort running our first assembly for 2023.
Jelieca - for an awesome effort running our first assembly for 2023.
Amelia S. - for an awesome effort running our first assembly for 2023.
Ellie - for giving her best in all Maths.
Kyle - for progressing well with his reading.
Kenzie - for putting 100% effort into your drawing and labelling.
Chelsea - for always being respectful of everyone and everything.
Kyan - for using whole body listening.
Leo - for always being a great listener during mat time.
Elliott - for showing care and concern for her classmates.
Brooklyn - for showing persistence with a cutting task.
Hamish - for always helping tidy up at pack up time.
Phoenix - for always using his manners.
Nevae Z. - for a beautiful drawing of herself for Harmony Day.
Poppy - for a beautiful drawing of herself for Harmony Day.

Isla L. - for a beautiful drawing of herself for Harmony Day.
Patrick S. - for taking good care of our Prep visitors.
Sahara - for a beautiful drawing of herself for Harmony Day.
Arie - for being a thoughtful member of our class and always asking if she can help in any way.
Arlo B. - for picking up fruit off the carpet without being asked.
Keeley - can be relied upon to always follow our school rules.
Delilah - for always speaking to others in a kind and caring manner.
Ivahna - for an excellent effort in her persuasive writing effort.
Alby - for safely helping to tidy our room and for having a go at sounding out and writing some words during Jolly Phonics.
Elsie Re. - for having a go at sounding out and writing some words during Jolly Phonics.
Laycie S. - for having a go at sounding out and writing words during Jolly Phonics.
Koa - for having a go at sounding out and writing words during Jolly Phonics.
Finn - for having a go at sounding out and writing words during Jolly Phonics.
Elsie Ro. - for having a go at sounding out and writing words during Jolly Phonics.
Leo - for having a go at sounding out and writing words during Jolly Phonics.
Hugo - for working hard to improve his name writing (especially his letter g).
Charlotte M. - for having a go at sounding out and writing words during Jolly Phonics.
Charlotte P. - for helping another student who was a bit unsure when swimming.
Esther - for always listening well during mat time and not calling out.
Frankie - for always being ready to listen and learn during group time.
Max N. - respecting your response to our reminders to tidy up handwriting.
Liliarna - being willing to do some extra jobs at home to better her maths skills.
Jasper - using his best manners to have a conversation out of school with Mrs A.
Bodhi - for always helping at pack up time and keeping our room safe.
Ziggy - for trying hard to master the correct formation of the letters in her name.
Ella - for following our class expectations at all times.

Kitchen Garden Program

Our Kitchen Garden program has started again for 2023 with our Prep students working with Mrs Dick for 4 weeks and now its Kinders turn.

The Prep class were very busy harvesting vegetables from our abundant garden and then using them in lots of different recipes.

Some of those included ice-cream sandwiches, using our raspberries, corn fritters, using our corn, and quiches, using our chook eggs and other veggies. Mrs Dick also brought in her special watermelon slicer and sliced our school grown watermelon. She even taught our students how to tell if your eggs are rotten.

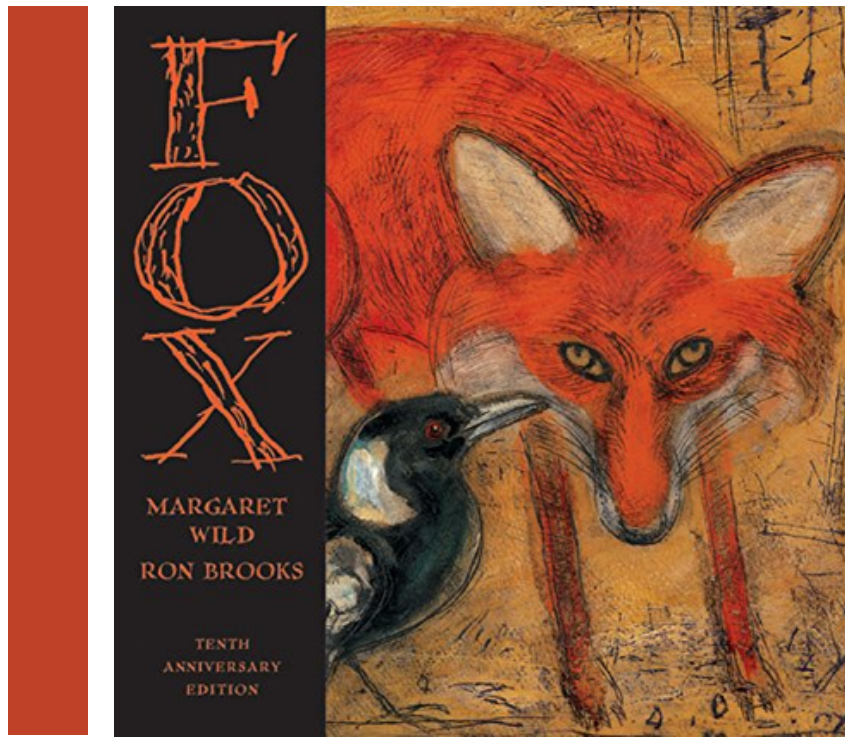
We are very lucky to have Mrs Dick at our school working with students to teach them how to grow fruit and vegetables and then using them to cook delicious things.



Class Focus - 5/6W

In class, 5/6 Wallace have been studying and looking deeply into the picture book, "Fox" by Margaret Wild and illustrated by Ron Brooks. It is a fabulous picture book that deals with many life traits in a truly delightful and impactful way. The language is rich and descriptive, and the creators carefully consider the font and style of text to best portray their story.

In class we focused on what was the most important message conveyed in the story, why the characters were chosen, the impact of the characters upon each other, the ethics and the illustration that had the most effect on the reader. Another task was to write a blurb of the story for the uninitiated and the task was that they could only use 66 words.



Fox, by Margaret Wild, is a great picture book which utilises complex and the stereotypical attributes of the animals. This book follows, Dog, Magpie and Fox on a journey of betrayal, loyalty, vulnerability and jealousy. Dog is a loyal character who befriends Magpie, only for the peace to be interrupted by Fox's arrival. Fox is sly and manipulative and has a secret plan. An amazing book!

By Russell



Fox, by Margaret Wild, is a great children's book that explains the importance of loyalty, friendship, trust, betrayal, and other issues. This book has awesome pictures and tells an interesting story. Ron Brooks drew the illustrations and chose different fonts for effect. Margaret Wild wrote the story and used sooth sentences and rich words. Together they make a great and memorable story. I love the ending.

By Amber



Fox, by Margaret Wild, is a book written for children and young adults. The book is about three animals: a fox, a dog and a magpie. Dog saves the injured magpie and becomes best friends, but a Fox comes along and tries to ruin their friendship and manipulates Magpie and convinces her to go with him and he leaves her to die in the sandy desert.

By Natalie



Fox, by Margaret Wild, is a terrific picture book that shows children the traits of loyalty, trust, betrayal, jealousy, selfishness, vulnerability and loneliness. Dog and Magpie meet and become best of friends and depend upon each other in order to survive. Fox comes along and decides to separate them by dividing and manipulating Magpie by tricking her into believing that she is able to fly again.

By Lexie



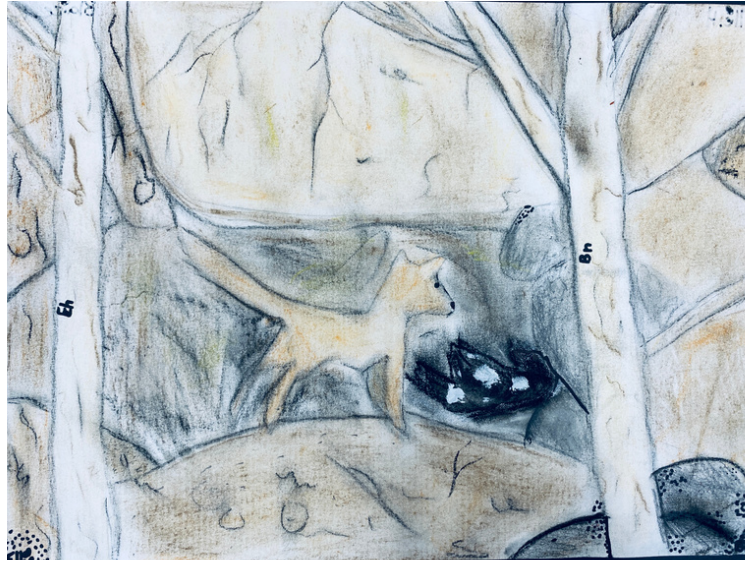
Fox, by Margaret Wild, is a mysterious yet entertaining book. This book focuses on jealousy and betrayal. I believe that this book teaches people to spread kindness but to be careful who you can trust. The pictures in this book tell the story alone and with the words, this is a powerful book. Dog, Magpie and Fox all had faults but also had their good qualities.

By Elsa

Class Focus - 5/6W



Amelia



Elle



Lillie D



Zen



Kira



Liam

Community News



The Port Sorell Fire Brigade is happy to invite you to our

Easter Picnic 2023
Saturday 8th April (Easter Saturday)
from 9.30am
Next to the Port Sorell Fire Station
\$5 entry per person (under 3 free)

Includes Easter Egg Hunt, Egg and Spoon / Sack Races, Tug-O-War, Free Chilled Water and Meet the Easter Bunny!

Also available on the day:
BBQ
Face painting
Firewood and Community Raffles

There will be limited credit card facilities on the day so please bring cash if possible.

This is a smoke-free event

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FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE ON DAY 2

When: Tuesday 18th April and Wednesday 19th April 2023

New players (Red ball) 3-5pm

Orange, green and yellow ball 9am-3pm

\$45 per person (Sibling discount available)

Ages 6 - 18

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- Sports
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- International food

Saturday 8th of April 2023, 11am to 2pm
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Poster Designed by
Grade 6 Student
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