



Andrews Creek
PRIMARY SCHOOL
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The Creek This Week

Andrews Creek Primary School



Upcoming events

Tuesday 30 May

P-2 Wilfred Gordon
Performance in Devonport

Friday 2 June

Merit Assembly 1.30pm

Wednesday 7 June

NWPSSA Cross Country
Carnival in Ulverstone

Thursday 8 June

School Association Meeting

Monday 12 June

Public Holiday

Friday 16 June

Grades 3-6 Don College
Musical Devonport

Prep Excursion to The Hive

Thursday 22 June

Mid-Year Reports sent home

Monday 26 - Thursday 29 June

Parent Teacher Meetings

Principal's Message

Happy Mother's Day to all of our wonderful Andrews Creek Mums. Mother's Day is a very special day to honour the important role of mothers and mother figures in our lives and to celebrate their unconditional love and support.

It was especially wonderful to see over 100 members of our parent/carer community celebrate Mother's Day here with us on Friday. A big thank you to Mrs Dick, who once again spoiled us with her delicious scones, and to her Grade 5/6 helpers who baked the scones and made the jam from the raspberries grown in our garden here at Andrews Creek. Thank you to all who came and celebrated with us.

Recently I attended the Resilient Kids Conference in Launceston. Among the speakers was Karen Young. Karen began her career as a psychologist and has worked extensively with children, teens and families, and in educational and organisation settings. She is the author of four books, including the bestselling 'Hey Warrior' and 'Hey Awesome', which creatively assist children to understand and manage anxiety.

It was a brilliant presentation. Karen's stories were full of energy, passion, empathy, and insight, and I highly recommend you attend one of her presentations if you get the chance. Karen taught us that anxiety is a very normal part of being human, but for as many as one in five children, it can reach intrusive levels, interfering with family life, friendships, and school performance.

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Karen's presentation provided information and strategies to help parents, carers and educators support children and adolescents to build courage and resilience, uncover their strengths, and overcome anxiety. She had practical strategies to help children and teens thrive through everyday levels of anxiety or more intrusive anxiety.

If you are interested, look for her books in our school library (just recently ordered) and have a read of some of her amazing articles on her web site.

<https://www.heysigmund.com/blog/>



Yours in Partnership

Paula McGlade
Acting Principal

COVID-19

As there are COVID cases in our community, a reminder that RAT tests are still available at the school office for those families who need them. Could we please ask that parents/carers test their child if they are sick with cold/flu like symptoms. In line with Public Health Department and our COVID-19 Safe Schools Plan, children and visitors should not come to school if unwell.

Please see the attached link to the Department's COVID-19 information.

bit.ly/42O3mtH

Thank you for your co-operation.

Creek Cafe

MENU

Tuesday 30 May
Zucchini Slice

Tuesday 13 June
Mince Porcupines

Tuesday 27 June
Pumpkin or Minestrone Soup

Tuesday 4 July
Pop Up Canteen

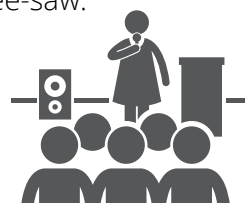
Orders due back the Friday before
Gluten free options available

Merit Assembly

We have a Merit Assembly coming up on **Friday 2 June at 1.30pm.**

Parents/carers from 3/4H and 1/2BH are invited to attend as these classes are sharing an item.

Parents/carers of award recipients will be receiving an invite from their class teachers a week before the assembly via See-saw.





Cross Country Carnival

We had a wonderful afternoon yesterday at our 2023 ACPS Cross Country Carnival. We would like to thank our PE teacher, Mrs. Hayes for organising this event and our Groundsmen, Mr Polden for all of his hard work getting our creek area tidy and safe. We would also like to thank the LHS students who came along to help at our checkpoints down at the creek.

Rubicon were our winners with 403 points with Franklin close behind.

Below is a list of our place getters from each grade. These students from Grades 3 - 6 will have the opportunity to attend the NWPSSA Cross Country Carnival in Ulverstone on Wednesday 7 June. They will receive a notice next week. Congratulations to everyone who participated.



Photos were uploaded to our Facebook page.

Grade 6

Boys - 1st Lachlan G, 2nd Lynkon C, 3rd Patrick M
Girls - 1st Cecilia H, 2nd Elsa K, 3rd Amelia S

Grade 5

Boys - 1st Jace A, 2nd Harry J, 3rd Zen Y
Girls - 1st Lauren R, 2nd Kira R, 3rd Allixandrea L

Grade 4

Boys - 1st Oakley H, 2nd William S, 3rd Jasper B
Girls - 1st Sophia S, 2nd Faith P, 3rd Riley B

Grade 3

Boys - 1st Zeke H, 2nd Kade, 3rd Oliver B
Girls - 1st Evora Z, 2nd Evie H, 3rd Caitlyn O

Grade 2

Boys - 1st Jack S, 2nd Oliver P, 3rd Kyle L
Girls - 1st Kenzie R, 2nd Mila N, 3rd Willow R

Grade 1

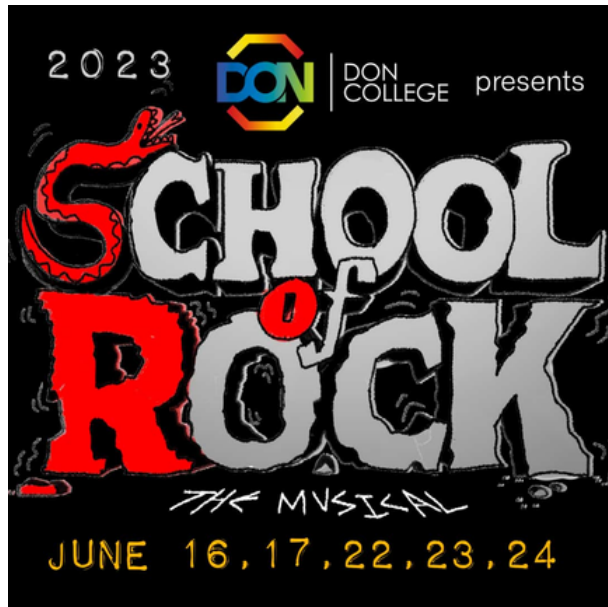
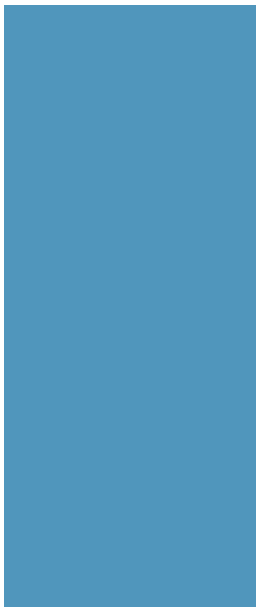
Boys - 1st Patrick S, 2nd Waylan M, 3rd Dustin E
Girls - 1st Poppy B, 2nd Emilia A, 3rd Nevae Z

Prep

Boys - 1st Finn, 2nd Leo P, 3rd Harvey T
Girls - 1st Ariana E, 2nd Laycie S, 3rd Bonnie G.

Kinder

Boys & Girls 1st Fletcher S, 2nd Ester H, 3rd Arlo H



Upcoming Performances

We have some excursions coming up at the paranaple Arts Centre this term.

On Monday 30 May, Prep, 1Boskell and 1-2 Bishop will be attending Wilfred Gordon show at 10.30am.

Our bus will be leaving school at 10am and returning at 12.50pm, after a play at The Bluff on the way home.

On Friday 16 June, 3/4, 4/5 and 5/6 classes will be attending the Don College Musical School of Rock.

Buses will leave at 9.30am and return to school at 12.40pm.

As you have given permission for your child to participate in minor excursions (via the Validation Form at the start of the year, and this is a minor excursion), we do not require written permission. **If you do not want your child to participate in this educational excursion, you will need to let the class teacher know as soon as possible.**

Brixhibition

ACPS will be entering one student in the Brixhibition Ulverstone Schools Challenge again this year.

Entries are due to the office for display between 29 May to 9 June and winners will be announced on Friday 16 at our courtyard assembly.

The overall winner must be available to take their creation to Ulverstone on Friday 14 July for the Brixhibition display.

Please check out the poster for design guidelines and more information has been uploaded to Skoolbag under the "Brixhibition" tab.

Good luck students and we look forward to seeing your creations.



Judging Thursday 15 June - Get building!

Our overall winner will have their creation displayed at the Brixhibition Ulverstone event on 15-16 July.

Lego display max size of 52cm x 52cm x 52cm, or four 32 x 32cm Lego baseplates. Categories for the competition: Kinder - Prep, Grade 1-2, Grade 3-4, Grade 5-6. Each Lego display must be an original or freelance design and not have ANY parts made from Lego kits. Individual entries only. The model must only be made out of standard Lego bricks (Duplo and Technic are allowed) and the model is not to include other materials.



Mid-Year Reports

A reminder to families that mid-year reports will be distributed on Thursday 22 June.

The report will show your child's learning achievement on a 9-point visual scale for students in Years 1 to 6 (and for Prep students at the end of the year).

The 9-point scale shows where your child's learning achievement is against the expected standard for their year level.

There will be no teacher comments in the report. This term parent/teacher conferences will be offered in Week 10 starting 26 June. These are a great opportunity to discuss how your child is progressing with their learning. We will communicate further information about booking your parent/teacher conference later in the term.

For more information about reports:

- School Reports FAQs
- Understanding the 9-point scale

Visit the Department's website at:

<https://www.decyp.tas.gov.au/parents-carers/parent-fact-sheets/reporting/>



Cyber Security

We ask that all parents/carers to be diligent and check their accounts regularly for fraudulent activity. We have had one parent so far who has had transactions that say "Andrews Creek Primary" however, these were not charged by our school. Please contact your bank as soon as possible if you notice anything strange on your bank statements.

For more information please head to the link below:

<https://www.decyp.tas.gov.au/cyber-investigation-frequently-asked-questions/>

Bush Dance

Next Friday, 26 May we have some special guests from The Billy Tea Bush Band visiting our school with their guitars, mandolin and some creative bush-dances so show it should be a lot of fun.

Students are invited to wear bush dance clothes to school on this day.



Aussie Bush Dance

Friday 26 May



The Billy Tea Bush Band is coming to ACPS!
Students are invited to wear bush dance clothes to school this day.



STAR Cards

Alice - for putting in a lot of effort and trying her best with a Science job.

Lucy T - for putting in a lot of effort and trying her best with a Science job.

Judd - for persevering with his task and being a thoughtful class member.

Fletcher - for a creative story and amazing illustrations.

Oscar S - for being organised to practise Oxford words and get tested.

Esther - for being a great helper during cooking with Mrs Dick.

Harry J - for being organised to practise Oxford words and get tested.

Hamish - for listening well during group time.

Mahli - for going the extra mile to help at the end of the day to clean our room.

Wynter - for always helping pack up to keep the classroom safe.

Ziggy - for including others in her play.

Kenzie - for using whole body listening.

Lincoln R - for reminding students to help tidy up.

Ella P - for being a respectful listener during mat time.

Natalie - for always thoughtfully completing her work to her best ability - what a star.

Bonnie - for her 'wow' drawing and labelling.

Tilly - for being a respectful listener during mat time.

Bonnie - for participating so enthusiastically during our literacy group.

Dominic - for listening and sitting respectfully during our literacy group.

Isla B - for helping Mrs Bishop put the laptops away.

Jasper - for always following our school expectations.

Sophia - for respectfully waiting for others to get their laptops first.

Izzy - for always having her hand up during discussion times.

Oliver P - for using whole body listening.

Hunter - for learning all single letter sounds.

Tarkine - for learning all single letter sounds.

Hannah - for tidying up sensibly and safely.

Kade - for helping with pack up and clean up after our Mother's Day afternoon tea.

Jedd - for helping with pack up and clean up after our Mother's Day afternoon tea.

Isla L - for helping with pack up and clean up after our Mother's Day afternoon tea.

Lynkon - for applying himself to tasks, especially in Maths.

Ella H - always uses her manners and is polite to all.

Liliarna - perseverance to master subtraction with regrouping.

Isla B - using whole body listening and working quietly.

Tarkine - helping tidy up the sandpit even though he was not playing in it.

Ella P - for helping another student when they dropped their lunchbox.

Ethan - for writing amazingly, sounding out words to write a sentence.

Brooklyn - for always using her manners.

Bodhi - for always working hard on all tasks.

Frankie - for always being kind to her classmates.

Elliott - for always helping during packing up time to keep our room safe.

Finn - for having a go at writing a sentence when he wasn't even asked to.

Bria - for always acting safely.



Tasmanian All Schools Cross Country

The 2023 Tasmanian Primary All Schools Cross Country Carnival is almost here. Get your entries in now!

Date: Tuesday 27 June 2023.

Entries Close: Wednesday 21 June at 12pm.

Where: Symmons Plains

Cost: \$22 per child.

Registration Link: https://www.onlineentry.com.au/XCPrimary_Tas_2023.aspx

Parents/carers will be required to take their child to this event as we won't be sending a bus.

YEP! Program Launch

The Commissioner for Children and Young People (CCYP) is excited to announce that our YEP! program. It is officially launching on 9 May 2023. Your Engagement Place (YEP!) is a place where children and young people, under the age of 18, can find ways to engage with CCYP and other organisations around Tasmania to have a voice on things that matter to them. Any child or young person aged under 18 who registers before 9 June, enters the membership draw for a chance to win an iPad. Children and young people can register [here](#).

You can check out our YEP! hub now by visiting our new [CCYP website](#). If you are an adult and would like to keep up to date with current engagement opportunities available to children and young people in Tasmania, fill out our [adult subscription form](#).

Should you have any questions at all about the new program or wish to promote an ethical engagement opportunity open to young Tasmanians, please do not hesitate to email them at:

childcomm@childcomm.tas.gov.au

or call us on (03) 6166 1366

Vaping & Young People

The rising number of children and young people vaping is a growing issue of concern in our community.

Electronic cigarettes (vapes) can be appealing to young people due to bright colours and flavours. But no vapes are safe as they are often full of harmful chemicals and nicotine. For this reason, vapes can be addictive and harmful for lungs, brain development and general health.

It is important to talk to your children about vaping. Try to be understanding, compassionate and non-judgemental as you support them to learn more about the dangers of vaping or in seeking support to quit.

Information on what vaping is, the impacts and how to support your child is available on the new Department for Education, Children and Young People webpage on vaping, which can be accessed here:

<https://www.decyp.tas.gov.au/about-us/projects/child-student-wellbeing/vaping/>



School Association Term 2 Update

Our School Association Committee meets twice a term to discuss various school matters, including opportunities for improvement. One focus has been traffic management, especially pick up at the end of the school day. We understand parking can be an issue and have been looking into ways to alleviate this. In the meantime, drive through pick up is a great option, and we also have two bus routes servicing our school.

Please see the link for route information:

<https://www.merseylink.com.au/schools-directory/andrews-creek-primary-school/>

Please also remember that when exiting the turning bay near the school entry - exit is right turn only. The turning bay car park is also available for families and carers at drop off/pick up times.

We are planning a special community cookbook to celebrate 10 years of "The Creek". We would love to collaborate with our past and present school community to put together a collection of favourite "tried and tested" recipes, creating a memento to keep for years to come. We will be looking for all kinds of recipes; - breakfast, snacks, lunchbox ideas, lunch, dinners, desserts, cookies and cakes, drinks, smoothies etc. If you have more than one to share, even better! We will post another update soon to let you know how to share your recipes.

Also being planned is a fun, social event for the grownups in our school community in Term 3. Save the date - Saturday 19 August.

As always, we would love to hear from you with any feedback, suggestions or issues. Feel free to have a chat with any of our members, or send an email to andrewscreek.sac@gmail.com

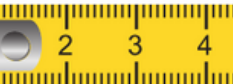
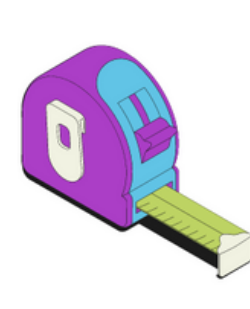
Anyone from our school community is welcome to attend our upcoming meetings. The next is being held on Thursday, 8 June.

Toys

A reminder that we do not encourage toys to be brought to school. Please ensure toys and trading cards are left at home. Lost and broken items can cause issues and we would like our teachers to focus on student's learning rather than solving these problems. We also ask that loom bands remain at home or are used as a decoration on school bags rather than worn as jewellery.

Class Focus - Prep

In Prep we have been learning about measurement. We have been practising how to measure objects with unifix cubes. Have a look at what we have been measuring in our room!



Biggest Morning Tea



Mrs Dick treated staff again yesterday to her delicious baked treats and sandwiches to raise money for the Biggest Morning Tea. It is the most popular day in the staff calendar each year!

Thank you, Mrs Dick, for all of your hard work supporting this cause.



Community News



Are you raising a relative's child or children?

If you live on the North West or West Coast, Mission Australia would love to hear from you!

The Community Kinship Engagement Program wants to:

- Understand your unique situation.
- If you would like, link you to supports or services, which are right for your family.
- Find out what has been positive for you or what has been challenging, when accessing help.
- Provide education, advice and advocacy to services regarding kinship families.

Contact us
Nicola - Community Kinship Engagement Practitioner
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Mission Australia respects and protects your right to confidentiality

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MISSION AUSTRALIA

Tasmanian Tennis Academy

Limited places for NEW players available!



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

Community News



FIND YOUR WAY DRAMA ACADEMY

DRAMA CLASSES

AGES 7+

HAMILTON HUB, LATROBE

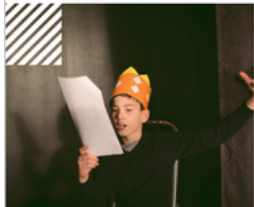
findyourwaytraining@gmail.com

First class
FREE

MONDAYS

3.30 - 4.30 pm

Register



DATES & FEES

Term 2

Mon, May 8 - Mon, June 26
(8 weeks) \$120

Term 3

Mon, July 17 - Mon, Sept 18
(10 weeks) \$145

Term 4

Mon, Oct 16 - Mon, Dec 18
(10 weeks) \$145

NATIONAL
INDIGENOUS
TENNIS
CARNIVAL
TAS

COME AND
TRY DAY
2023

Sunday May 28, 1-3pm
East Devonport Tennis Club
Wright St, East Devonport

A celebration of culture and sport, this carnival is open for Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander kids aged between 10-18



For more information, or to register

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Shaping the Future of Local Government

The Local Government Board is developing a bold package of reforms to improve the way Tasmanian councils work for their communities into the future, and they want you to have your say before the 21 June deadline.



Cradle Coast Consultation Group
Burnie, Central Coast, Devonport, Latrobe, Kentish, Waratah-Wynyard

The Local Government Board has advised that the status quo will not remain and is proposing a combination of structural change and specific "supporting reforms". These reforms have been developed from input from approximately 4,000 of Tasmania's 558,000 population.

This consultation identified nine (9) community catchment areas from the 29 current Councils. The Latrobe Council area has been identified within the Cradle Coast Community Catchment area, along with the current Kentish Council, Devonport City Council, Central Coast Council, Burnie City Council and Waratah-Wynyard Council areas.

To have your say on the structure of Local Government before the close of feedback on 21 June, go to <https://engage.futurelocal.tas.gov.au>, read the full report and make a submission.



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