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The Creek This Week

Andrews Creek Primary School



Upcoming events

Thursday 4 May

School Association Meeting

Friday 12 May

Mother's Day Event 2.30pm

Wednesday 17 May

ACPS Cross Country Carnival

Wednesday 7 June

NWPSSA Cross Country Carnival

Monday 12 June

Public Holiday

Thursday 22 June

Mid Year Reports sent home

Monday 26 - Thursday 29 June

Parent Teacher Meetings

Principal's Message

Welcome back to Term 2, and I hope everyone had a restful Easter period and our students enjoyed their holiday break.

On Tuesday 25 April, we were represented and paid our respects at the ANZAC Day service in Latrobe. Russell and Lachlan marched with me to the 10:00am service. Russell proudly wore his Great Grandfather's medals.

We have had a busy start to Term 2. On Wednesday 26 April we joined the Minister for Education, Children and Youth, Roger Jaensch MP, in welcoming around 60 000 Tasmanian students back to school for Term 2. Our school was privileged to host the Minister and his media crew. They used our school as a backdrop to encourage school communities to regularly attend school. We thank the students of our school who greeted the Minister upon his arrival, as well as those who spoke to him about the excellent programs we offer here at the Creek as he walked through the playground and kitchen garden.

Andrews Creek Primary School was praised by the Minister for its high attendance rate of 92%, well above the state average of 82% (down from 88% in 2019, before COVID). I am pleased to join the staff in thanking our parent and carer communities for helping to ensure that our students are here, ready to learn each day.

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Some of Minister Jaensch's key points were:

- Access, participation and engagement in learning is a priority, and regular school attendance is proven to improve student outcomes.
- Going to school every day gives your child every chance to learn and grow, and connect with their mates and teachers.
- When your child goes to school every day, it opens their options and builds their social skills, relationships and confidence.
- Even just missing one day a fortnight can mean your child misses up to a year and half of their education, between Kindergarten and Year 12.
- School is the best place for our children to be, as it will lead to bright futures.

Your child will be influenced by your positive attitude and excitement about school. Share these most common positives from students of all ages about school. School is where they can:

- Spend time with their friends and teachers.
- Create new and fun experiences.
- Find their interests.
- Learn new things.
- Open up their options for whatever future they want (whether that's their dream job or to travel around the world).

We understand that going to school isn't always easy for all students. If you're struggling to either get your child to school or guide their learning pathways, support is available. Please talk to your child's teacher about your situation.

I am confident that you will see ongoing promotion of "Every School Day Matters" through social media and directly from school over the coming months as the Government continue this very important campaign. Please let us know if your child is, or is going to be, absent from school by completing a SkoolBag form.

I wish everyone a successful Term 2 and would like to highlight to our students the level of expectation in relation to application in class, uniform, and respect for self, others, and our environment. Let's have a great term.

Yours in Partnership

Paula McGlade
Acting Principal



State Athletics

These two students pictured above are heading to Launceston tomorrow to represent the North-West Coast in the State Athletics Carnival. We wish them all the best!

Creek Cafe



Creek Cafe is starting back on Tuesday 16 May so keep an eye out for information on our menu items.

Thank You

In the holidays one of our dad's, Callum Rolls, kindly donated his time to come and concrete around the outside of the new Gaga Pit to prevent the area getting muddy in winter. Thank you so much for your contribution.



Soccer 2023

Soccer has resumed and the Devonport Junior Soccer rosters are published and available at <https://djsa.dribl.com>.

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.

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

Follow the DJSA Facebook page for messages and game updates.

Cross Country Carnival



Our Cross Country has been scheduled for **Wednesday 17 May at 1.30pm.**

Parents/carers are welcome to come along and cheer on our runners. Our track will once again, be around the oval and creek area. We will have more details closer to the event.

Students from Grades 3-6 who qualify for the NWPSSA Cross Country will be heading to Ulverstone on Wednesday 7 June to compete against other schools.

Playgroup Term 2

Here are our Term 2 Playgroup dates. Come along and join Mrs. D each Thursday for a play, sing and story. Don't worry if you can't come for the whole session, just pop in during the times below when you can.

Playgroup

Thursday's
9-10.30am

Term 2 Dates:

27 April, 4 May, 11 May, 18 May,
25 May, 1 June, 8 June, 15 June
22 June, 29 June, 6 July



School Levy Payments

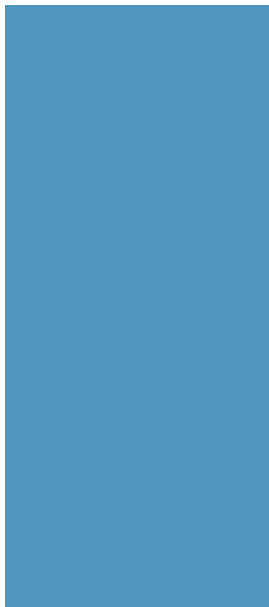
A reminder that all school levy payments are now overdue so please organise payment as soon as possible. Bpay is the preferred method.

Uniform Reminder

Our school uniform creates an identity for our school within the community and is an important aspect of being a student. It is very important that you encourage your child to wear his or her uniform with pride.

We ask that students refrain from applying nail polish and keep their jewellery to a minimum of studs or sleepers. We recommend wearing the school rugby jumper, leavers hoodie, or soft shell jacket during winter months for extra warmth. Black shoes should be worn with navy or black socks. The uniform policy can be viewed by clicking the link below.

<https://bit.ly/42cGnbm>



STAR Cards

Ellie - for being respectful and assisting fellow students without being asked.

Taylor - through great difficulty he has managed to complete his work.

Russell - is always considerate of others.

Kohbi - for a great result in Maths.

Oscar S - he can always be relied upon to follow school rules.

Keeley - for switching on her learning.

Ayla - for respectful listening 100%.

Blaize - for being respectful and assisting fellow students without being asked.

Ella P - for safely helping to tidy our room.

Micah - for challenging himself to have a go at sounding out some words.

Bria - for excellent effort with her persuasive writing task.

Lauren - for stunning artwork demonstrating care and skill.

Jedd - for fantastic attention and effort at swimming.

Lincoln C - for giving his very best effort in his writing task.

Eleanor - for using her beautiful manners.

Matilda - for trying her best with her spelling task.

Lucy S - for consistently being quick to change after swimming.

Evelyn - for safely and quickly, getting changed after swimming.

Lucy H - for continually offering to dry out class swimming caps each day.

Zen - always uses his manners and is considerate of others.

Ryder - for his enthusiasm and willingness to attempt his tricky sounds in his speech jobs.

Max V - for using our classroom toys safely.

Wynter - for always listening well during group time.

Caleb - always makes sure our class is safe by cleaning up when required.

Freyja - for being kind to her classmates.

Fletcher - for the effort and time he put in completing his "wow" picture.

Lincoln R - for helping to keep our classroom tidy and safe.

Harper - for always acting safely both inside and outside the classroom.

Oakley H - for being supportive in the classroom and including others.

Ayla - for a magnificent score on a Maths test.

Ella B - for a magnificent score on a Maths test.

Oliver B - for sharing his knowledge of Anzac Day to help answer a peer's question.

Tianna - for spending all morning doing reading tests and achieving a level 28.

Oscar P - for an excellent start to Term 2. Oscar has been focused on his learning and making good choices in class.

Wesley - for always using amazing manners.

Arlo - for including others in his play.

Freyja - for the effort she has put in to write her name correctly.

Indiana - for always helping to keep our class tidy and safe.

Ariana - for always trying her best and having a go at sounding out words during Jolly Phonics.

Alby - for always trying his best and having a go at sounding out words during Jolly Phonics.

Isla L - for showing great respect during our ANZAC Day service.

Poppy B - for showing great respect during our ANZAC Day service.

STAR Cards

Archie H - for great "wow" drawings for his Three Billy Goats Gruff work.

Grayson - for great "wow" drawings for his Three Billy Goats Gruff work.

Sahara - for great "wow" drawings for her Three Billy Goats Gruff work.

Hunter - for great "wow" drawings for his Three Billy Goats Gruff work.

Jaxon - for great "wow" drawings for his Three Billy Goats Gruff work.

Ruby - for great "wow" drawings for her Three Billy Goats Gruff work.

Arlo - for working hard to write sentences about his Three Billy Goats Gruff drawings.

Harlyn - for working hard to write sentences about his Three Billy Goats Gruff drawings.

Nevae - for amazing "wow" drawings for her Three Billy Goats Gruff work.

Elizabeth - for excellent "wow" drawings for her Three Billy Goats Gruff work.

Mila - for being thoughtful this morning and helping Mrs Bishop set up new spots for everyone.

Allixandrea - for thoughtful care taken with all book work, particularly with mapping skills.

Sophia - for a magnificent score on your Maths test.

Amelia S, Blaize, Caleb W, Celia, Ellie, Elsa, Mitskie, Jeliaca, Kira, Lexie, Liam B, Lillie D,

Taylor B and Zen - for an excellent job by all of you hosting the ANZAC Day assembly.

Hugo - for working well during your Maths measuring job.

Liliarna, Allixandrea, Sophia, Eden, Avah, Ella B - for awesome participation in HASS - secret ballot work.

Kyan - for being a thoughtful listener during whole class learning time.

Bria - for being thoughtful by looking after a friend when she was not feeling well.

Bonnie - for listening well and actively joining in our dance at Music.

Hugo - for 20 outstanding speech sessions, always being a respectful learner.

Jack 1/2B - for doing extra Maths work.

Alby - for helping tidy up a mess that wasn't his to keep our room safe.



SkoolBag Name Change



You may have noticed that your SkoolBag app has disappeared from your phone. It is still in the app store but it just has a **new name, Audiri**.

The app will look slightly different when you log in. Absentee forms can be found under the Resources - Form tab.

The Resources - Groups tab is also useful when searching for a particular notice.

North-West Thunder

Students were treated to a visit from the St Luke's North-West Thunder Basketball players this week. They all had an amazing time practising their basketball skills with players, Luke and Venka. Thank you so much for coming to our school.

There are more photos uploaded to our Facebook page.



ANZAC Day



ANZAC Day fell during the holidays again this year and these two students pictured below, represented ACPS at the Latrobe ANZAC Day service.



5/6W also hosted a respectful assembly last Friday. Thank you to Zomury who came and played the Last Post for us.



School Health Nurse News

Body Image

Children are sensitive to messages about body image and appearance from their parents/carers. Often you may not even be aware of the messages your child is hearing from you. Parents/carers can have an incredibly positive impact on the way a child feels about the way they look and their self-esteem. Helping your child develop a healthy body image is important as it can also strengthen their relationship with eating and exercise and reduce the risk of developing eating disorders.

Some Helpful Tips...

- Reflect on your own relationship with your body.
- Discourage appearance-based talk and be mindful of language, for example - talking about diets.
- Talk to your child about the way they feel about the way they look, answer their questions and be supportive.
- Help your child stay body confident when using social media. Explain about filters. Have some fun with them together and explain that what they see is an altered reality.
- Encourage healthy relationships with food and exercise, make movement about fun.

We know that feeling good about your body or appearance is not always easy. If you are struggling with body image, visit ReachOut.com or chat to the Butterfly Foundation on 1800 334 673. They have great resources and ideas for yourself and for the children in your care.

Click on the link below from Healthy Tasmania for some ideas about healthy relationships with our bodies.

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

Nurse Debbie



Mother's Day

We are hosting a special Mother's Day event at school next Friday 12 May at 2.30pm.

We invite Mums to come along and enjoy a scone, cup of tea and spend some time with your child in their classroom. If you are unable to make it, Grandma or an Aunty can come.

Choir



Mrs Hardy has started a choir at ACPS. Students will meet each Thursday at lunch time to practice. We can't wait to see them perform their first song.

Traffic Reminders



A reminder to all parents/carers:

- When leaving the drop off area at the front office, **please turn right onto Westwind Drive** to avoid congestion and make our road safer.
- **Please DO NOT park in the No Parking areas outside the bus gate.**

Bookclub Issue #3

Issue # 3 is out now. Orders are due in LOOP no later than Friday 12 May.



Student Council

Here are some fun facts we bet you didn't know about us!

I can touch my head with my feet. - *Cecilia*

I am known as the walking talking dictionary. - *Russell*

I face planted in assembly. - *Lexie*

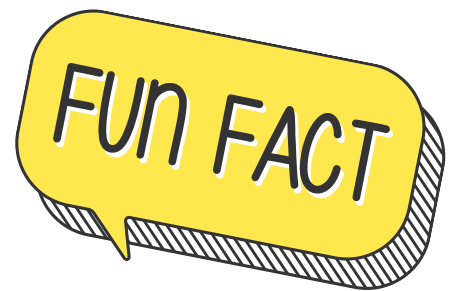
I have 2 cats, 2 dogs and a lot of horses. - *Mitskie*

I tripped over the hurdles at the NW carnival in front of hundreds of people. - *Jelieca*

I am the youngest Grade 6 at ACPS. - *Amelia*

I have my own business and I am a cheerleader. - *Ellie*

Ella absent.



On a more serious note, we have been busy brainstorming some fun activities for our school community so stay tuned Creekers.

Kindergarten 2024

Do you have a child that is due to start Kindergarten in 2024 and live in our school zone? If you know someone that isn't already a part of our school community that has a child due to start Kindergarten next year, please share this post with them.

We plan on starting Pre-Kinder sessions in Term 3 on Monday afternoons but we will keep you posted on our ACPS Launching Into Learning Facebook group. If you aren't already a member of this group, please join.

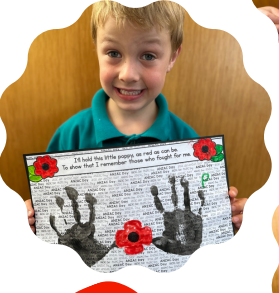


Kindergarten Enrolments 2024

If your child was born in 2019, living in our area, and you are intending on sending them to Andrews Creek Primary School for Kindergarten in 2024, we would like you to make contact with us so we can add them to our enrolment list.

Class Focus - Kinder

In Kindergarten, to commemorate ANZAC Day, we read the story, "My Grandad Marches on ANZAC Day" by Catriona Hoy and Benjamin Johnson. We made handprints and coloured a poppy. The poem reads: "I'll hold this little poppy, as red as red can be, to show that I remember those who fought for me." We also made some ANZAC biscuits with Mrs Dick.



Community News

Devonport Choral Society's production of

Disney FREAKY FRIDAY
A NEW MUSICAL



Book by **Bridget Carpenter** Music by **Tom Kitt** Lyrics by **Brian Yorkey**

Based on the novel *Freaky Friday* by **Mary Rodgers** and the Disney films

12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27 May @ 7.30pm
27 May @ 1.30pm

Town Hall Theatre, paranapple arts centre
145 Rooke Street, Devonport 6420 2900



20 May @ 1.30pm Relaxed Performance
Online sales not available for this performance

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia).
All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia

SCAN HERE For information and online bookings

FRESH FITNESS CO. PRESENTS

ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT Program



Tuesday's + Thursdays

FUNDamentals Program
(Yr. 4-6): 3.20pm - 4.10pm.

Emerging Athlete Program
(Yr. 7-9): 4.20pm - 5.10pm

Friday's

FUNDamentals Program
(Yr. 4-6): 3.30pm - 4pm.

Emerging Athlete Program
(Yr. 7-9): 4.10pm - 4.40pm.

*Limited spots available.
*Pricing listed on Facebook (scan QR code)

Parent Info Night
Friday 5th May - 5PM

At Fresh Fitness Co. Latrobe Group Training Room

Our school holiday taster program was such a success that we are launching our first 8 week ADP block.

OUR 8 WEEK BLOCK COMMENCES MAY 9TH AND CONCLUDES JUNE 26TH.

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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.

Make time for you

Unwind and share experiences with others who understand

- It's free to join
- Professional Support
- Children are welcome
- It's support for you

MyTime is a facilitated group for parents and carers of a child with disability, chronic medical condition or additional needs.

Join a MyTime group in Tasmania and meet other parents and carers of children with disability or medical condition.



Visit ACD Tas to find out about group locations and times or scan the QR Code.
acd.tas.com.au/calendar

mytime.net.au




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