



The Creek This Week

Andrews Creek
PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Andrews Creek Primary School



Upcoming events

Saturday 19 August

Games Night 7pm

Wednesday 23 August

Book Week Dress up

Friday 25 August

Merit Assembly 1.30pm

Thursday 31 August

Book Fair in Library

Friday 1 September

Father's Day Celebration

Thursday 7 September

School Association Meeting 7pm

Monday 11 September

Claws on the Line 5/6's & Parent Session

Friday 29 September

Last day Term 3

Monday 16 October

First day Term 4

Principal's Message

We received incredibly exciting news this week, with ACPS achieving outstanding results in Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN testing that truly reflect the dedication and hard work of our exceptional students, teachers, and supportive families. Our students demonstrated significant achievement across all subject areas comparatively to similar schools in Reading, Grammar and Punctuation, Writing, Numeracy and Spelling. These results are featured on page 2. The students pictured above were awarded STAR cards from their class teachers for their significant growth in NAPLAN writing scores since Grade 3. Congratulations!

While celebrating these fantastic testing results, we also emphasise that success comes in many forms, and at Andrews Creek Primary School, we celebrate not only the highest scores but also the progress made by each student from Kinder to Year 6. Whether it's mastering a difficult concept, improving in a particular subject, or showing exceptional growth in their skills, every achievement is valued. Throughout my brief time thus far at ACPS, I have been inspired by many students sharing their achievements. Most recently I have had visits from fabulous writers in Year 1 who have been reflecting on their writing progress from the beginning of the year until now, numerous STAR Cards for demonstrating the school values and last week, students from Years 5 and 6 participated in the 5/6 Sports Expo, demonstrating resilience, courage and respect for themselves and others.

As we move through the second half of the school year, let us continue to encourage our students to embrace challenges, develop resilience and celebrate success.

Congratulations once again to our Year 3 and 5 students on their fantastic testing results and to all students on their continuous efforts to improve and be their best.

In Partnership,

Emma Scicluna
Acting Principal

Andrews Creek Primary School NAPLAN results

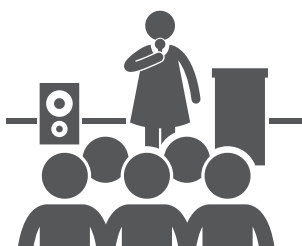


Merit Assembly

We have a Merit Assembly coming up next Friday 25 August at 1.30pm.

Parents/carers from 4/5 & 5/6 classes are invited to attend as these classes are sharing an item.

Parents/carers of award recipients will receive an invite from their child's class teacher.



School Satisfaction Survey

The School Satisfaction Survey will be launched at the end of this month. This is one of the ways families are able to acknowledge the great things that Andrews Creek Primary School are doing well and provide feedback on areas where we may improve.

Survey links will be sent to families via the Audiri App on the 28 August.

We would appreciate it if you could make time to complete the survey as this provides us with rich and valuable feedback. You will have received a reminder text message this week. If you require support to complete the survey, please contact the office. The survey is carried out on a secure website and all responses are anonymous and confidential.

Book Week Activities

This year's theme for Book Week is "Read, Grow, Inspire". We will be celebrating Book Week during Weeks 5 and 6 and there will be several exciting activities taking place at the school.

On Wednesday 23 August, we will have a dress-up day, there will be an assembly held at 8.55am in the courtyard to give students an opportunity to share their costumes with everyone. Families are invited to attend and join this celebration with their children.

Students are welcome to remain in their costumes for the duration of the day, however if they would like to get changed after the assembly, they will need to bring full school uniform to change into.

"Write a Book in a Day" on Thursday 24 August.

Parents and carers of the students participating received a notice last week. Please make sure your child is at school at 8.20am and they need to be collected at 5.30pm that day. Lunch is provided but please pack your child fruit and snacks.

Book Fair

Will be held in the library from 2-3.30pm on Thursday 31 August.

Students will have the opportunity to go and view the books with their class during the week. Cash or EFTPOS accepted at the book fair. If you can't make it, you may send cash to school with your child, and they will have a chance to come up to the library after lunch and spend their money!

Games Night

Our Games Night is just 2 days away, to be held at Wesley Vale Football Club on Saturday, 19 August between 6.30-9.30pm.

If you haven't purchased your table get in quick so you don't miss out on all the fun!

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/acps-social-games-night-tickets-672814846317>

Thank you to our hardworking School Association Committee for organising this event.



Andrews Creek Primary Book Week Activities

**Dress-up day
&
Don College
Students visit
Wednesday 23
August**

**Write a book in a day
Thursday 24 August**

**Book Fair
Thursday 31 August**



**SATURDAY
19 AUGUST** | **WESLEY VALE
FOOTBALL CLUB**

**DOORS OPEN AT : 6.30PM
GAMES STARTS AT : 7PM**

Tickets available from eventbrite:
bit.ly/44xuYEc
\$80 per table (maximum 8 ppl) or \$10 per person + booking fee

Father's Day

We are hosting a special Father's Day afternoon on Friday 1 September from 2:30pm. We invite Dads to come along and enjoy a special snack and spend some time with your child playing games outdoors. If you are unable to make it Pops or Uncles are also welcome.



Creek Cafe

Menu Items and dates for Term 3!

Orders are due back the Friday before.

Tuesday 22 August - Savoury Toast (2 slices)

Tuesday 5 September - Chicken Massaman Curry (not spicy)

Tuesday 19 September - Beef Tacos (Deconstructed)

Tuesday 26 September - Pop Up Canteen

If you would like to check ingredients in our Creek cafe items please head to Audiri/Skoobag under the Creek Cafe tab.



ICAS Assessments

The ICAS portal has now closed. Dates for each assessment have been set for this term.

If your child is away on the testing date they can sit the test within that same week on another day.

Spelling Bee - Monday 21 August

Science - Tuesday 22 August

Maths - Tuesday 29 August.

Pre-Kinder

Our Pre-Kinder sessions have been confirmed for those children turning 5 in 2024. Session dates and times are on the poster below.

Enrolments

We won't be handing out enrolment forms/packs until 23 October and these will be due late November. To assist you getting documents ready before October, here is a list of items you will need to attach to your enrolment application. We will need original copies brought into the office and we will make a copy.

- Student ID - Birth Certificate or Passport
- Parent/carer ID - Drivers Licence (current address) or Passport
- Proof of residential address - Utility bill (phone, electricity, rates), lease, or bank statement.
- Student Immunisations Record - Print out from Medicare (my gov).

Pre-Kinder

Monday's
9-10.30am

Term 3 & 4 Dates:

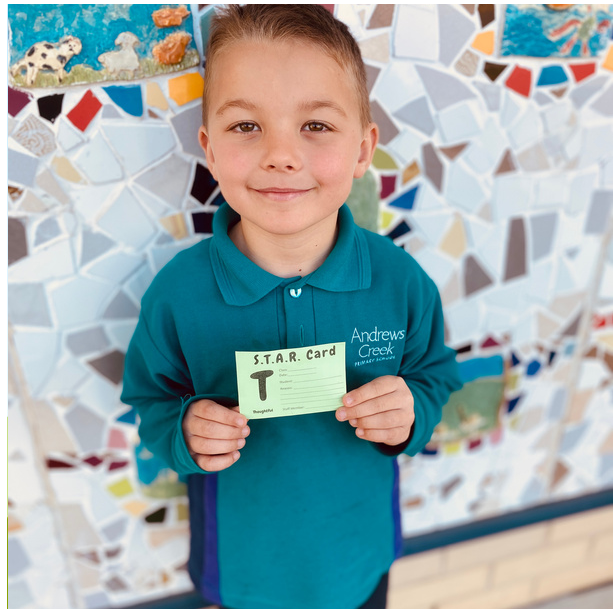
4 September, 11 September,
18 September, 25 September,
16 October, 23 October, 30 October,
13 November, 20 November, 27 November.

Orientation Evening Session

4 December 6.30pm in Kinder room for
parents/carers.

Enrolment Packs will be handed out on
23 October.





STAR Cards

Amelia S. - for being an excellent sports leader - clear instructions and very organised.

Jack (4/5) - for doubling his mental maths score in one term!

Bella A. - for expressing sincere gratitude.

Lusiana - for expressing sincere gratitude.

Evie - for cleaning up the classroom library without being asked.

Matilda - for cleaning up the classroom library without being asked.

Tom - for being a caring friend to a student who fell over.

Willow - for always using whole body listening.

Harper - for always being safe in the classroom.

Lincoln C. - for having a positive attitude towards learning.

Delilah - for always trying her best and always being a focussed learner.

Ethan - for working hard to include words when writing.

Patrick S. - for packing up all the sandpit toys at the end of lunch.

Tarkine - for helping to tidy up another table without being asked to.

Phoenix - for always using amazing manners.

Wesley - for giving 100% effort with every task he undertakes.

Freyja - for always being a kind and caring classmate.

Ziggy - for always being willing to help clean and tidy the classroom.

Emilia - for always using whole body listening.

Lexie - for being a great leader during Daily Fitness.

Lili - for super improvements in writing.

Charlotte P. - for working well during maths group and for listening to all instructions.

Jobe - for working very hard on his writing and reading jobs.

Delilah - for always using whole body listening.

Bria - for using whole body listening all day today.

Chelsea - for always using whole body listening.

Kenzie - for always watching and quick to line up at drive through pick-up.

Mila - for using whole body listening all day today.

Maeve - for always using whole body listening.

Willow - for always using whole body listening.

Bohdi - for excellent listening during group time.

Wynter - for always being kind to others.

Brooklyn - for trying hard to ensure correct pencil grip when writing and drawing.

Max V. - for spending time helping sort and tidy the pizza shop.

William - for respectfully joining a group even when he could see all his friends were in a different group.

Lauren - for always watching and quick to line up at drive through pick-up.

Eden - for super improvements in writing.

Harry J. - for super improvements in writing.

Dustin - for always giving 100% in his talking jobs.

Isabella F. - for super improvements in writing.

Elsa - for being an excellent Sports Leader - clear instructions and very organised.

Finn - for his amazing writing!

Ariana - for her amazing sentence writing!

Kenzie - for safely and sensibly moving around the school to give other classes a message.

Ethan - for being an exceptional listener and being focussed and ready to learn.

Ruby - fantastic writing - showing some amazing progress.

Dustin - for great writing - such a big improvement!

Sophia - for thoughtful initiative. Thinking about solutions to problems automatically.

Micah - for working well during maths group.

Out of School Student Sports

Hi my name Maci and I love dancing. During the school holidays I competed in the Launceston Eisteddfods. I was in sections Jazz, Ballet and Lyrical.

I placed a 2nd in Ballet and received a highly commended in Lyrical. My favourite style of dancing is Lyrical.

What I love most about dancing is having fun and dancing with my friends. I also love the costumes.



If you have a picture or blurb about an out of school sport or activity your child participates in and would like them in the newsletter, please email Megan in the office at: megan.yasui@decyp.tas.gov.au



STAR Cards

Dominic - for working hard to learn his Oxford Words.

Madilyn - for putting 100% effort into your artwork.

Isla B. - for always being a respectful listener.

Sharma - for being a respectful listener during maths group.

Lucy T. - for being a respectful listener during maths group.

Jack S. - for always helping keep the classroom tidy.

Maeve - for always helping keep the classroom tidy.

Zen, Kira, Amber and Caleb - for making/demonstrating great growth in writing.

Lillie D. - for making great choices and respecting the rights of others.

Taylor - for dealing with a tough situation in a mature way.

RSPCA Visit

On Tuesday Liza came to our school from RSPCA to talk about taking care of animals. She was talking about how we have to look after our pets. The RSPCA has adopted about 500 pets in 2023 so far. Last year they adopted almost 900 cats and kittens to new homes! We learned that it costs the RSPCA over 3 million dollars to stay open. We also did a fun activity to see how much we know about the loving animals that they rescue. We really enjoyed it and can't wait to learn more about animals.

by Maci and Lucy S from 3/4H



5-6 Sports Expo



Basketball Report

Yesterday the 5/6's went to the East Devonport Recreation Centre and played basketball against other schools. We had lots of fun passing and shooting and learning new concepts concerned with basketball. We were amazing with the teamwork, and we had parents and Mr Wallace to cheer us on. Thanks to the parents who came along and to Mr Yasui for helping coach on the sidelines. We all collectively did well, tried our best and I'm sure most of us will want to do it again if we are in Grade 5.

By Zen

Cricket Report

We hopped on the bus at 9:00am and took it to the East Devonport Recreation Centre. This is where the basketballers got off. Then we headed off to Meercroft Park (a much quieter trip)! The weather was sunny and great for cricket.

We got off the bus at Meercroft Park at 9:30 AM. We walked up to a random spot and set up our tarp. We dropped off our bags there and Mrs. Hayes told us our groups. Then we got introduced to the other teams. There was Hilcrest Primary and Devonport Primary.

Firstly, we had our first match! Andrews Creek team 1 vs. Andrew's Creek team 2. Andrews Creek team 2 won the round by 3 runs! Wow a super close match.

Next, we dived into our bags and ate our recess. Yum! After, we had our second match against Hillcrest Primary school. Hillcrest won by a bit.

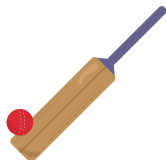
Soon after that, we had a quick lunch and played for 15 minutes.

Once we had lunch, we had a match with Devonport Primary school. After we batted and balled, we sat on the tarp, getting ready for the next match.

We had our last match for the day. We matched with Devonport Primary school again, but this time it was just for fun! Even the refs joined our game!

After we finished our last game, we packed up and hopped on the bus, at around 2:00pm then went to pick up the basketballers from the Recreation Centre, then back to school. When we got to school it was 2:30pm and we played dodgeball till the bell went!

By Mitskie and Cecilia





KINDNESS IN 3/4

This term, we have been learning about kindness.

Kindness is where we are kind and caring to others and teachers, as well as helping people nicely. It's also a choice/decision you make (Lucy S, Eleanor + Lacey).



Kindness is where you listen to others and you just be nice and people be kind to one another. Kindness is if someone falls over, you don't laugh (Indi, Oakley + Harry).

We are aiming to be ACPS Shining Stars. We can do this by being kind and not being mean to each other. We learned that when someone says or does something mean we get a crinkled heart and no one can undo a crinkled heart - not even a sorry! (Maci, Declan + Caitlyn).



In our class we are doing a 20 days of kindness challenge. Each day it's a different activity. All the students need to try their best. You have to want to do it. Each time you do one you colour a square in to track your challenges (Angus, Evora + Bella).



Some of the things we have done in the challenge: day one was to pick up rubbish around the school, day two was to compliment a classmate, and day three was to write a letter or note to someone who works in the school thanking them for their efforts (Lucy H, Nevaeh + Oliver).

ANGUS, EVORA + BELLA'S TIPS AND TRICKS TO BE KIND!!!

- YOU CAN HELP EACH OTHER.
- PLAY A GAME WITH OTHERS.
- ASK PEOPLE IF THEY ARE OKAY.
- INCLUDE PEOPLE IN YOUR GAME OR ELSE THAT PERSON WOULD GET A WRINKLED AND CRINKLED HEART AND THEY WILL BE VERY SAD.

EVIE, FAITH AND TIANNA'S KINDNESS TIPS:

- WHEN SOMEONE IS LONELY, YOU ASK THEM TO PLAY.
- CHEER SOMEONE UP WHEN THEY ARE SAD.
- IF SOMEONE FALLS OVER, YOU HELP THEM UP.
- IF SOMEONE LEAVES A JUMPER IN THE PLAYGROUND, YOU CAN PICK IT UP AND RETURN IT TO THEM.
- HELP SOMEONE TURN ON THE TAP.
- HELP A YOUNGER KID TIE THEIR SHOE LACES.
- HELP PEOPLE FIND THEIR MISSING THINGS.



Kindness MATTERS!

School Health News

August is the month of Dental Health and Sugar! Dental Health Week 7-13 August and Sugar Smart Week 22-28 August. So why is this of interest to you? They are timely reminders of all the good we can do for our children, through changing our family attitudes to processed foods/sugar and role modelling good behaviour with daily teeth brushing!



Dental Health Week is focusing on how our mouth is the gateway to our body and the avenue for change to our overall health.

Sugar Smart week is trying to increase our understanding that we consume too much hidden sugar in our diet and how to reduce it.



Two quick steps can get you started right away at reducing your families sugar intake:

- Calculate <http://www.sugarbyhalf.com/calculator> out how much sugar your family is consuming.
- Next, check out these simple, easy #sugarswaps <http://www.sugarbyhalf.com/breakfast> to reduce your family's sugar consumption.

Why is oral health important?

Globally, between 60-90% of school children experience cavities in their teeth. Research shows that the earlier children learn about good oral health, the better their long-term oral health will be. Poor oral health is also shown to impact factors such as performance at school, social skills, and self-esteem.

Students were given a new toothbrush/paste and information to encourage them to brush twice daily. Please also organise a visit to your local childhood dentist.

Ring: Oral Health Services Tasmania 1300 011 013 for a free or greatly subsidised dental visit.

Keep smiling and stay healthy!

Nurse Debbie



Bravehearts

Last Tuesday our K-2 students participated in the Bravehearts personal safety education program.

The show is underpinned by the following six principles of personal safety:

1. Differentiating safe and unsafe feelings
2. Recognising the bodies warning signs
3. Identifying private body parts, public body parts, and private and public places
4. Helping children identify language and feelings associated with secrets, and to identify adults to Go and Tell for their Safety Team
5. Reinforcing that there is no secret that children cannot tell someone.
6. Knowing what to do if they feel unsafe or unsure.



Community News

Come & Try 2023

If you wish to get involved with Little Athletics you can do so at any of the nineteen Centres Statewide.

Little Athletics Tasmania accepts the Tasmanian Government Ticket to Play vouchers.

Little Athletics Tasmania are hosting Come & Try days at three locations this September! Bring your friends for a fun and **FREE** introduction to Little Athletics.

Domain Athletic Centre, Hobart
Saturday 16th September
10:00am - 11:30am

Penguin Athletic Track, Penguin
Sunday 17th September
10:00am - 11:30am

Northern Athletic Centre, St Leonards
Sunday 17th September
2:30pm - 4:00pm

To register for any of our Come & Try Days, please click this link



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Join author and illustrator

Hannah Coates & Claire Neyland

Devonport Library, Monday 2 October 2:00pm - 3:00pm

for book sales, giveaways, book reading, arts and craft activities



The Tasmanian creative team who brought you *A Home for Little Penguin* has produced another beautiful children's book

Have You Seen a Monotreme?

This educational picture book explores belonging and celebrates diversity through rhyming text and exquisite watercolours.

Follow Platypus on her journey along the river, as she tries to find her place within the animal kingdom.

Devonport Library, paranapple centre, 137 Rooke Street

Bookings are essential. Call 6478 4230 or go to Eventbrite www.eventbrite.com.



Australian
Childhood Anxiety
TREATMENT STUDY

Free home-based
assessment and treatment for
7 to 12 year old children with fear
and anxiety disorders.

Does your child become very afraid of certain situations or objects, worry about a lot of things, get very distressed, or try to avoid things they fear?

About the study

Our team at Griffith University may be able to assist you. We are conducting a nationwide study that includes the following services at no cost to families:

- A thorough assessment of your child's anxiety with a trained psychologist via the telephone;
- Your child receiving one of two kinds of homebased treatments delivered on a PC, laptop or tablet; and
- Two follow-up telephone assessments with a trained psychologist 6- and 12-months after treatment to track your child's progress.

The study aims to find out if these two treatments are as effective as each other, and which children have the best response to each kind of treatment. This will mean that there are more evidence-based treatments available for helping anxious children.

About the treatments

Each treatment involves your child completing treatment sessions at home on a PC, laptop or tablet.

Each treatment involves your child learning practical strategies to better manage anxiety.

- One treatment helps children learn to control the focus of their attention on helpful things around them.
- The other treatment helps children learn to think differently and approach things they fear.

Each treatment includes information, telephone or email support for parents in assisting their child to better manage anxiety.

Prior studies have shown that children who complete each treatment experience significant reductions in anxiety.

Contact us

This study is being funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council and is led by Professor Alison Waters and a team of experts in childhood anxiety disorders.

For more information about our study and our team, or if you would like your child to participate, please contact us:

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