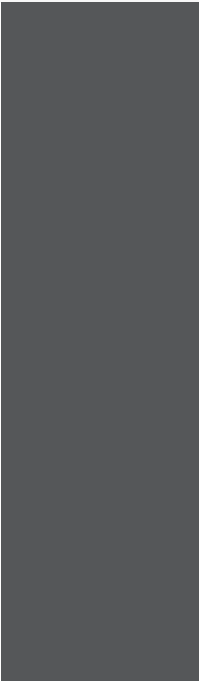


The Creek This Week

Andrews Creek Primary School



Upcoming events

Thursday 26 October

School Association Meeting

Tuesday 31 October

School Photos

Friday 3 November

Student Free Day

Monday 6 November

Public Holiday

Tuesday 7 - Friday 10 November

Grade 5-6 Hobart Camp

Friday 24 November

Grades 3-6 Triathlon

Tuesday 28 November

Athletics Carnival

Friday 1 December

Devonport Show Holiday

Wednesday 13 December

Christmas Concert

Friday 15 December

Grade 6 Big Day Out

Thursday 21 December

Grade 6 Assembly

Principal's Message

Welcome to Term 4! We have had a fantastic return to school. Students are energised and ready to learn, displaying excellent work habits and positive behaviours in our learning and play spaces. Also, well done everyone on ensuring we wear our hats during playtimes whilst we enjoy the warmer weather this term. There are many exciting things happening over the coming weeks – please keep an eye on our key dates!

On the first day back to school, we were fortunate to have Dr Karen Young present key information to staff and community members with the focus on Strengthening Children Teens & Young People Against Anxiety. This was an amazing opportunity to hear how we, as caregivers, can support and guide our young people as they navigate their emotions.

She explained that anxiety often emerges when children perceive a situation as threatening or uncertain, and it's their way of preparing for potential challenges. The feeling of anxiety serves an important role in our lives – to protect us from danger - but we need to help our children understand that not all anxiety is in response to real danger.

Scary (dangerous) – This is the kind of scary that are harmful or could hurt us, like a wild animal that's angry or a fire. These are the kinds of things that are not safe for us. This response keeps us alive.

Scary (safe) or Scary Brave – This kind of scary is where we learn and grow – stepping outside of our comfort zone! Trying something new, going on school camp or moving to a new class can make our heart beat fast, our tummy feel funny and want to avoid the discomfort, but with encouragement, positive talk and support from trusted adults, we can be BRAVE! As adults, we need to make sure we are not rushing to solve their discomfort or enable them to avoid the situation, but to work through it with them.

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Stay Connected:

Strong emotional connections are essential in helping children manage anxiety. Dr. Young emphasises the importance of open communication. Encourage your child to express their feelings, listen attentively, and validate their emotions. Let them know that you're there for them, cheering them on as they tackle new experiences.

Mindfulness and Relaxation:

Introducing mindfulness and relaxation techniques into your child's routine can also be incredibly helpful. Teach them deep breathing exercises, or even use a mindfulness app before bed. These activities can help reduce stress and promote a sense of calm.

Bravery in Action

Being brave doesn't mean we're not scared; it means we face our fears head-on. Talk to your kids about bravery and explain that every time they try something new, they're showing immense courage. The more they try, the braver they become.

So the next time your child faces anxiety before trying something new, remind them that being brave is the first step to learning, growing, and embracing a life full of exciting adventures.

Karen has published a range of books, including *Hey Warrior* and *Hey Awesome*, to help children understand anxiety. If you are interested in ordering and would like to preview them, we have a copy at the front office. Here is also the link to Karen's website.

www.heysigmund.com

Yours in partnership

Emma Scicluna
Acting Principal



Out of School Hours Care

Thank you to those families needing Out of Hours School Care and providing an initial response to the survey questions. The next step in this process is to attend a meeting.

Mick from Devonport Child Care Centre would like to meet with families who indicated they required care on Monday 30 October at 9:30am (to catch pre-Kinder families) or 2:30pm.

This meeting is essential to further understand ACPS needs, as well as provide you with information on costs/rebates for the service. We will continue to investigate if we can establish a service in 2024, however, we must stress that for OHSC to be a sustainable option for families, there must be consistent support of the service in Term 1, 2024 and beyond.

Assessments

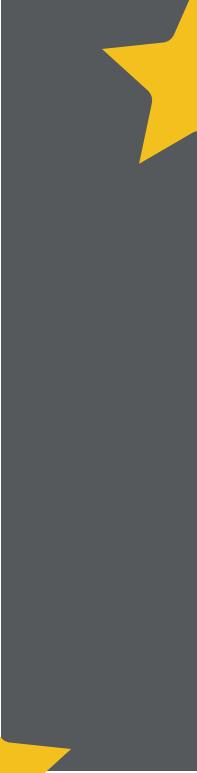
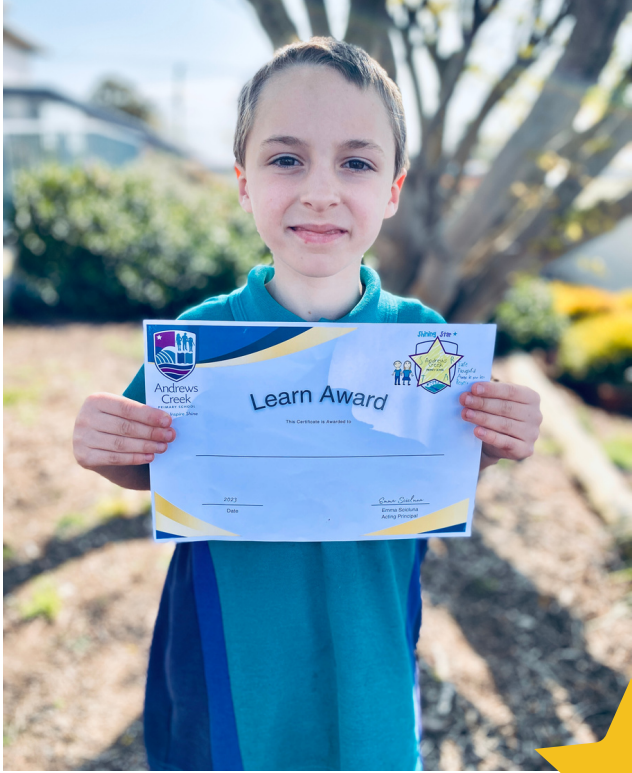
Students in Prep to Year Six will be undertaking a range of assessments this term as we work towards the end of the school year, including Progressive Achievement Testing (PAT), as part of their normal school program.

These assessments provide teachers information on how our students are progressing in Reading and Mathematics. We will use this data to inform learning supports and opportunities for students for the rest of the year and into 2024.

Student Free Day

A reminder that all public schools in the North have a Professional Learning/Student Free Day on Friday 3 November. The following Monday, 6 November is a public holiday. Students return to school on Tuesday the 7 November.





Merit Assembly



Congratulations to the following students who received awards at our last assembly in Term 3.

Learn - Hamish, Ariana, Waylan, Layla, Oliver B, Riley, Amelia S.

Inspire - Brooklyn, Bonnie, Jaxon, Bria, Mahli, Avah, Taylor.

Shine - Fletcher, Alby, Mila, Ella B, Lachlan G.

Athletics Carnival Date Change

Unfortunately, we have had to change the date of our Athletics Carnival. We are very sorry for this inconvenience, but we have just received confirmation that the LHS Orientation Day has been scheduled for Friday 8 December and we would really like our Grade 6 students to be at our carnival.

The new date for our Carnival is Tuesday 28 November. We hope that you can make this wonderful family event! We will advertise the program soon on our Audiri app.

Hay Bales Needed! If any of our families have any hay bales they can lend us for the carnival we would really appreciate it! Please let Megan in the office know if you can help us out. We would return them at the end of the day.

Sassafra
Friends Learning Together

Sassafra + Andrews Creek Primary
Athletics Carnival

Tuesday 28 November
9.15am-2.15pm
on ACPS oval

Come and join us for this fun family event!

School Association BBQ
Coffee Van
Lots of novelty races for kids and adults

Andrews Creek
Primary School





Footy Colours Day

Thank you to all of our families who supported our footy colours day last term. We raised \$149.50 for Fight Cancer Foundation.

Tell Someone

All children in Tasmania have a right to be known, safe, well and learning. We are highly committed to the safety of all students at our school.

Earlier this month, DECYP launched the Tell Someone initiative, to raise awareness in the community about child sexual abuse and grooming.

The Tell Someone website gives children and young people clear advice on what to do in situations where they feel worried, unsafe or unsure. It also gives adults advice and support on how to respond if they suspect or know a child is being groomed or sexually abused or is at risk of harm.

Please visit the website, read the information, and try to find a suitable time to talk with your children about this issue and the resources available. It's important that you both understand the possible signs of sexual abuse or grooming behaviour, and how to stay safe online and offline.

If reading this information has caused you distress, please visit DECYP's website for a list of support services. Please contact the school if you have any questions about this information.

<https://tellsomeone.tas.gov.au>

New office staff member

Mrs Pearce has decided to extend her leave this term so we welcome Karen Smith to the office each Wednesday!

Hi, my name is Karen (or Mrs Smith, or Miss Karen as I've been called this week) and I will be working every Wednesday in the office. My first day at the school was lovely and I feel very welcomed by staff and students. I come from an Administration, Sales and Business Development background and I especially enjoy the face to face contact this role provides, as well as putting to use my administration skills. I really look forward to getting to know you and your family and assisting where I can.



Turning Up Matters



Welcome back to Term 4! We hope you enjoyed school holidays and are ready for another exciting term.

We all want the best for our children – for their futures to be as bright as possible. Showing up every day to school really matters. It gives your child every chance to learn, grow and find their interests.

This last stretch of the school year can sometimes be tricky. Keep it up, because each day is another chance to:

- be around friends
- learn new things
- find interests
- create dream futures (whatever that may be!).

If you're looking for tips on how to create better attendance habits, visit the Anything Can Happen website.

Please always talk to us if you're having trouble getting your child to school. We're here to help.



Out of School Sports

I was selected to be in the Tasmanian touch football U12s Boys team, to play in Queensland. I went on Monday 25 September. I went to the Sunshine Coast and I stayed at Alex Beach with my team. I went to play touch football against many teams from other Australian states including QLD, NSW and ACT. I played 7 games including 3 games on Friday.

The position I played was the link and the link sets up some of the attacks, but I think I did my best work in defence making lots of touches. I liked making new friends the most out of everything that happened on the trip.

Creek Cafe - Term 4

Unfortunately, we have to put Creek Cafe on hold for a few weeks as Alana is unavailable. We will let you know as soon as possible when Creek Cafe is back up and running.

In the meantime, don't forget that Subway is available every Friday for students to order. Order through the link below:

<https://app.canteenhub.com.au>



Book Club Issue #7

Book Club Issue #7 is out now! Orders are due in LOOP no later than Wednesday 1 November.

There will be one more issue of Book club before Christmas. Please remember to tick the gift order box if you would like your order to be a Christmas gift for your child so office staff do not deliver to classrooms.



School Association News

Celebrating 10 years of the Creek with Tea Towels & a Cookbook!

As a small fundraiser and a way to celebrate our 10 year anniversary as Andrews Creek Primary School our school Association has been busily preparing our Creek Community Cookbook ready to be sent to the printers as well as a very special Tea Towel made up of self-portraits drawn by all our students and staff.

Order forms will be going home with the eldest child from each family this Friday and required back by Thursday 2 November at 3pm.

Payment will not be required until 20 November. Families who receive financial assistance (STAS) will be offered a discount. Please enquire at the office.

Tea towels will be \$15 each and the cookbooks \$20 each, or you can buy them as a bundle (1 of each) for \$30.





STAR Cards

Phoenix - for the effort he puts in when completing his tasks.

Amber - for assisting in her own time with a project to help others.

Lexie - for assisting in her own time with a project to help others.

Mitskie - for assisting in her own time with a project to help others.

Isla B. - for having lovely manners and a positive attitude.

Arlo - for playing safely with his friends.

Hamish - for the kind way he shares books with his friends.

Brooklyn - for always using amazing manners.

Sharma - for being a respectful listener when watching 'The Snail and the Whale'.

Alice - for being a respectful listener when watching 'The Snail and the Whale'.

Hugo - for being a respectful listener when watching 'The Snail and the Whale'.

Waylan - for being a respectful listener at all times.

Lusiana - for respectfully following instructions at all times.

Archie H. - for always using beautiful manners and always thinking about others.

Freya H. - for helping to clean up our classroom in a safe and sensible way.

Mahli - for keeping the classroom safe, clean and tidy.

Maci - for keeping our classroom safe, clean and tidy.

Fletcher - for a positive start to the term. Keep up the great work!

Elsie R. - being a respectful listener during sharing circle time..

Finn - being a respectful listener during sharing circle time.

Patrick M. - you worked so hard completing your tasks one on one, well done.

Ruby - for knowing all letters and names and the 43 Jolly Phonics letter sounds.

Kenzie - for tidying up safely.

Maci S. - for reading quietly during partner reading time.

Arlo - for offering to put a piece of rubbish in the bin that Mrs Bishop found outside.

Grace - Interacting with kinder students at lunch, whilst being mindful of their safety.

Evie - picking up other people's rubbish from the courtyard.

Eleanor - doing an incredible job to complete her tasks in a timely manner.

Evelyn - helping in our class without needing to be asked.

Evie - being a well-mannered student at all times.

Angus - demonstrating how to move safely in the classroom at all times.

Caitlyn - demonstrating respectful listening at all times, especially during explicit teaching.

William S. - can always be seen trying his best and is helpful to friends.

Riley B. - willing to respectfully help other students if she notices they need it.

Sharma - being a respectful listener during sharing circle time.

Ella P. - being a respectful listener during sharing circle time.

Max - being a respectful listener during sharing circle time.

Rhyan - helping others with their work.

Esther - for always using excellent listening skills during group time.

Isla B. - working quietly to help others concentrate and focus on their work.

Wesley - always playing safely with friends.

Harper - tidying up safely and quietly.



STAR Cards

- Hugo** - for his fantastic start to term 4.
- Waylan** -for knowing all letters, names and sounds!
- Patrick** - for always safely following instructions and making amazing gains in his talking jobs.
- Lachlan** - assisting in a positive and helpful manner with setting up daily PE.
- Kira** - stepping up and taking on extra responsibility.
- Lillie** - stepping up and taking on extra responsibility.
- Lynkon** - really applying himself to his tasks.
- Oliver** - trying his best and having a go at a difficult task.
- Bria** - tidying up safely and quietly.
- Maeve** - helping others with their work and changing teams to help make them even.
- Ivahna** - tidying up safely and quietly.
- Mila** - tidying up safely and quietly.
- Freyja** - always being kind and involving others in her play.

School Photos

Our school photos are not far away! You can place your online order now! Please head to: orders.piedpiperportraits.com.au
CUT off date for family (Sibling) photos is 27 October at 4pm so don't miss out!



Andrews Creek Primary School

Photo Day: Tuesday, 31st October

Order in 4 easy steps!

1. Scan the QR Code or head to orders.piedpiperportraits.com.au and enter your email address and the access key provided below
2. Fill in details (please write names in as per school enrolment, no nicknames) for one child, select products and add them to your cart
3. To order for another child or to order FAMILY (sibling) portraits, click 'Continue Shopping' button at the top right corner (or on mobile device, click the ARROW at top right corner). For FAMILY portraits, select the eldest child's class from the drop-down list.
4. When you are ready, check out and ensure you receive an order confirmation receipt via email (check your spam/junk inbox if you do not receive within an hour)



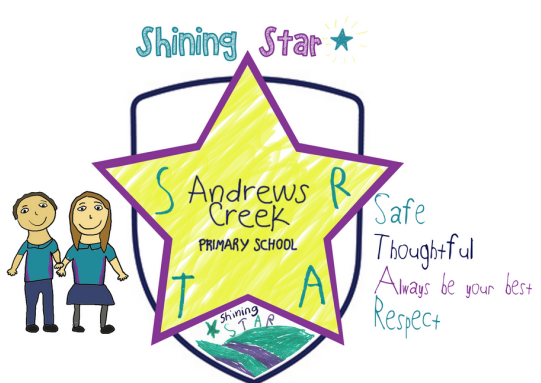
*PLEASE ENTER YOUR CHILD'S ENROLLED NAME, NO NICKNAMES.

ACCESS KEY: WCYR756F

The cut-off date for FAMILY (sibling) photo orders is **Friday, 27th October 4:00pm**

Should you have any queries regarding photo packages, please don't hesitate to call or email us.

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Bio Blitz

Hi, I'm Bella, and we did amazing stuff! We first went on the bus, and it took about 12 minutes (I think) to arrive at our destination. After we got off the bus we went to a spot and ate some fruit and recess, then a few people saw a bunny's dead head. But we were lucky enough to see a bunch of marvellous creatures.

First, we went on this beautiful pathway to find some plants to find out about them and what their names were. People had a few favourites, but I had one, and it was a Harts Tongue Fern. It has a nice colour and a soft prickly texture to it. Then we went to get specimen jars to go get some bugs, insects and other creatures to sample. There was a lot of people that got scorpions! We found a bunch of stuff like beetles, worms, centipedes, earwigs, millipedes and a lot of yellow worms.

After that we had an 8-minute break and went to our designated search area. We got our binoculars and went to a rocky path to do bird watching. We found a lot of birds like the green rosella bird and the cockatoo. We also learned that we could flip the binoculars to turn it into a magnifying glass. It was really cool to see our fingers, snails and leaves under it. Then we headed back to have some lunch and looked at bugs and insects up close! All-in-all, it was an incredibly good day and I am grateful to have been chosen to go.

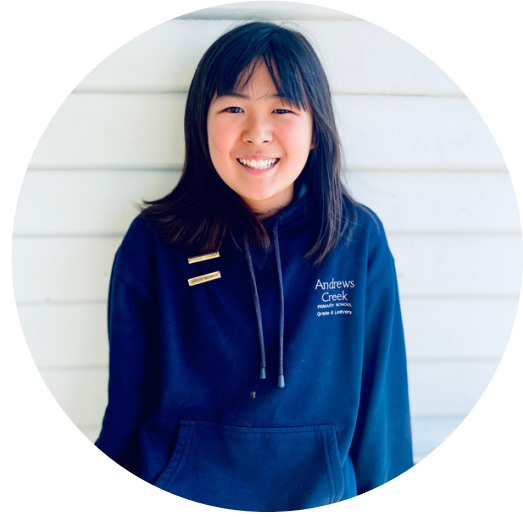
Thanks BioBlitz team!



Grade 6 Profiles

Who is your role model and why?

My role model is Rick Riordan, as he writes many interesting books, and it inspires me to write stories. Ever since I read his series of books, I have started writing narrative stories related to fantasy, sci-fi, and more. I believe that I have improved my writing because of Rick Riordan and the notion of writing I have gained from him.



What are some things you would like to do in the future (as a teenager or adult)?

As a teenager, I would like to study a few things based on Earth and space. If possible, I would like to become an astrophysicist, since I always love gazing at stars and examining what they're called. I think it suits me best.

What do you enjoy doing when you are not at school?

I enjoy playing with my pets and playing random games on my switch. I also enjoy watching YouTube whenever I am bored. I like spending my time at home and eating food.

How long have you been at Andrews Creek Primary?

I have been at Andrews Creek Primary School for 4 years, starting in Grade 2.

What have you enjoyed the most about Andrews Creek Primary?

I enjoyed this experiment we had in 3-4. We put rubber bands over a watermelon and watched it implode!! Once it imploded, we all ran for the watermelon which was everywhere!

What have been your favourite subjects?

My favourite subject is P.E as I like playing running and active-like games. It is enjoyable and gets you more active, mentally and physically depending on the things we do!

What are your favourite memories from your time at Andrews Creek Primary?

I have two favourite memories. Well, one being a bad memory. One when we were in the creek, and I tripped over a log and smashed the iPad from prep class. I didn't care about my bleeding leg; I was only caring about the iPad!!

My second memory is when Mr Wallace tried to prove us wrong in maths, when we are learning fractions. But he couldn't prove us wrong, and he left the classroom as a joke! Everyone was clapping their hands and cheering.

What is something funny you can remember from your time at Andrews Creek Primary?

My favourite memory was when we had a lockdown practice, it was all silent, when all of a sudden, an enormous fart erupted from the corner! Everyone started laughing and it was no longer a lockdown practice at all!!

What will you miss the most about Andrews Creek Primary?

I will miss the creek, since I exceptionally loved leech-fishing, and walking around the creek for fun. I also enjoyed when we made the dampers and had a campfire!

What are you looking forward to in high school?

I'm excited for cooking and MDT in high school. I think that it's going to be very handy after I leave school and start living independently!

Grade 6 Profiles



Who is your role model and why?

My role model is J.K Rowling. She is a female author who wrote the Harry Potter Series. When J.K. Rowling wrote the Harry Potter series, she was rejected by multiple publishers but persisted with her idea. Now she is a world-renowned author with a net worth of over 1 billion dollars! One day I would love to be as successful as her.

What are some things you would like to do in the future (as a teenager or adult)?

In the future I would like to publish a book. I'm not entirely sure what I'd like to do as a job. Something interesting like a criminologist, but something that can support my expensive needs.

What do you enjoy doing when you are not at school?

I enjoy horse riding and endurance. Endurance is a form of horse riding but very long-distance rides such as 80km and even 160km! Also horse jumping, which gives the sensation of flying!

How long have you been at Andrews Creek Primary?

I've been at Andrews Creek Primary since pre-kindergarten (8years)!

What have you enjoyed the most about Andrews Creek Primary?

I've enjoyed the many extra activities available at ACPS. I love going to the Creek and doing kitchen garden with Mrs. Dick.

What have been your favourite subjects?

My favourite subjects are: writing and P.E for sure!

What are your favourite memories from your time at Andrews Creek Primary?

Some of my favourite memories, are when me and my friends share a joke, and laugh while the rest of the class wonders what is going on! Also, when were at swimming and a humongous spider crawled out of my towel! . Lastly when we thought there was a monster in the creek!

What is something funny you can remember from your time at Andrews Creek Primary?

I can remember when we challenged Mr. Wallace's Maths idea about fractions, and he said if it happened one more time he would leave the classroom, and it happened! He left the classroom and stood in the courtyard, probably doubting every decision he'd ever made.

What will you miss the most about Andrews Creek Primary?

I will miss my younger friends but not my siblings! I will also miss the safety and tininess of this school, because I am not confident, I will get lost in such a big high school. Andrews Creek is a great school.

What are you looking forward to in high school?

I'm looking forward to all the extra activities, especially cooking! I also look forward to hopefully making the netball team and trying new things!

Grade 6 Profiles

Who is your role model and why?

My role model is Candice Belbin. She is a Tassie Devils football player looking to being drafted into the AFLW league soon! I would love to be as great as her one day.

What are some things you would like to do in the future (as a teenager or adult)?

In the future I would love to become either a vet or go pro in AFL football.

What do you enjoy doing when you are not at school?

I enjoy going horse-riding, playing football, hanging out with friends and playing on my phone.

How long have you been at Andrews Creek Primary?

I have been at Andrews Creek Primary School for the whole eight years.

What have you enjoyed the most about Andrews Creek Primary?

I have enjoyed all of the friends I have made and the experiences of excursions that have been provided.

What have been your favourite subjects?

My favourite subjects have been, art, writing and P.E

What are your favourite memories from your time at Andrews Creek Primary?

My favourite memory would probably be when my friends and I entered the talent show with a comedy bit and we came 3rd.

What is something funny you can remember from your time at Andrews Creek Primary?

When Mr Wallace thought that you couldn't plus two fractions and get a correct answer, so we did it and it worked, so Mr Wallace thought that it was a coincidence, so he did it again and it was correct, then he said, if it happens again, I'll leave, so it happened again! and he went to the courtyard and questioned what on earth just happened!

What will you miss the most about Andrews Creek Primary?

I will miss my younger friends and teachers!

What are you looking forward to in high school?

I am looking forward to all the new people I will meet as well as the new subjects we will get to do..



Grade 6 Profiles

Who is your role model and why?

My role model is my sister (Ena) as she has pursued her dream and gone to university to study Engineering in Melbourne. I want to go to university to achieve a great career like she will.

What are some things you would like to do in the future (as a teenager or adult)?

In the future I want to go to university and get a medical degree and to be able to help others.

What do you enjoy doing when you are not at school?

I enjoy hanging out with Ellie (My best friend) when I am not at school.

How long have you been at Andrews Creek Primary?

I have been at Andrews Creek Primary for 8 years.

What have you enjoyed the most about Andrews Creek Primary?

I have enjoyed making friends and the numerous learning opportunities that have been provided.

What have been your favourite subjects?

My favourite subjects are: Maths, science and P.E

What are your favourite memories from your time at Andrews Creek Primary?

My favourite memory is when Ellie and I first met in grade three. From that meeting we have been the best of friends.

What is something funny you can remember from your time at Andrews Creek Primary?

The funniest moment from Andrews Creek Primary is when Mr Rattray and Mr Wallace came out for the Christmas concert in mini-skirts. They certainly don't have the physique for those skirts.

What will you miss the most about Andrews Creek Primary?

I will miss the opportunities that I had at Andrews Creek.

What are you looking forward to in high school?

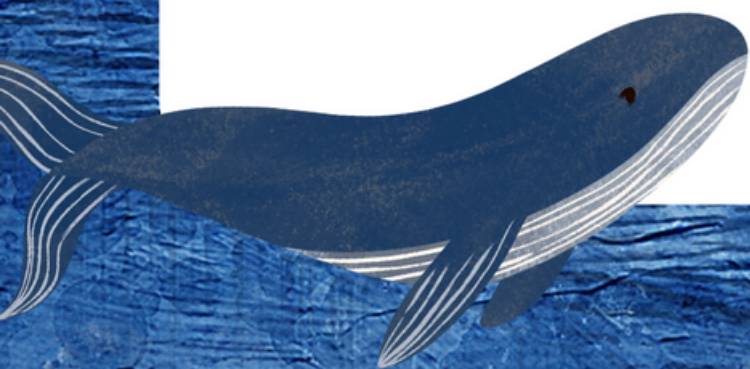
I am looking forward to choosing options that I want to do such as cooking and MDT. I am looking forward to trying new subjects and making new friends.

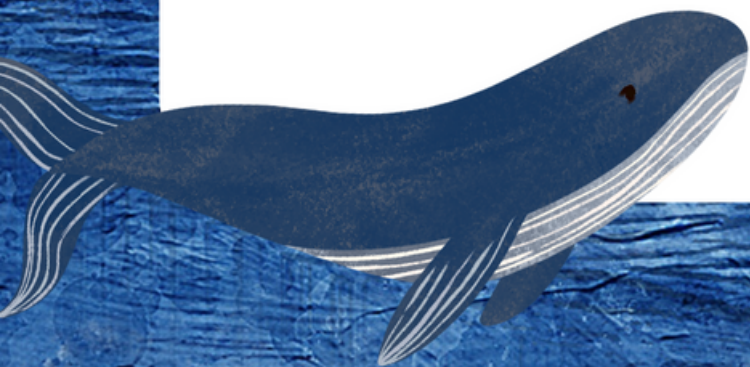


Class Focus - Prep



We listened to the story *The Snail and the Whale* by Julia Donaldson. We then drew our own whales with oil pastels and thought about what other plants and animals we could include in our artwork. Finally, we added blue dye for our background. Here are our artworks!





Community News

Devonport and Ulverstone Libraries

paranple centre, 137 Rooke Street, 7310
 Phone number: (03) 6478 4230
 Email: devonport.library@libraries.tas.gov.au

15 King Edward Street, 7315
 Phone number: (03) 6464 3120
 Email: ulverstone.library@libraries.tas.gov.au



Lego Club

Devonport Library

Every Friday 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
 starting 27 October

Drop in after school for all things Lego!
 Take up the weekly challenges or
 freestyle your own brick creations.

Ages 9+

No need to book, just drop in.

Ulverstone Library

Every Tuesday 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
 starting 24 October

Drop in after school for all things Lego!
 Take up the weekly challenges or
 freestyle your own brick creations.

Ages 9+

No need to book, just drop in.



libraries.tas.gov.au



Bringing Up Great Kids | Free Parenting Workshop

BUGK is for parents and carers to support the development of mindful and positive relationships with their children.

The program:

- Promotes positive parent-child relationships
- assists to enhancing patterns of communication with their children.
- encourages the development of children's positive self-identity.

When: October 16, 23, 30 | November 13, 20, 27

Where: 126 Tarleton Street, East Devonport, Pathway Shed

Time: 10am - 12pm



Need more information?

Contact Tamara Mansell 0458 798 502
 or RA Tas on 1300 364 277
 admin@reltas.com.au



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2024 GRADE 7 ENROLMENT FORM

A FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM LATROBE HIGH SCHOOL

Please return your child's enrolment form to Latrobe High School's office, if you haven't already done so.

If you have misplaced the enrolment form or your circumstances have changed and your child will not be attending Latrobe High School in 2024, can you please phone Latrobe High School on 64261061 as soon as possible.

Free HIPPY storybooks and activity packs

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Kentish

Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters

Join us in 2024!

You are your child's first and most important teacher.

HIPPY is a two-year program that gives you access to fun, free tools and activities for you and your child - you'll gain new skills and confidence and connect with other parents.

If you live in Kentish, Latrobe or East Devonport areas, and have a child born in 2020, HIPPY could be for you!

Contact us:
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We would love to hear from you!

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