

The Creek This Week

Andrews Creek Primary School



Upcoming events

Thursday 1 February

Uniform & Stationery
Collection Day

Thursday 8 February

First day Term 1

Wednesday 6 March

NWPSSA 3/4 Athletics

Thursday 7 March

NWPSSA 5/6 Athletics

13 March - 22 March

Grade 3 & 5 NAPLAN

Friday 29 March -

Tuesday 2 April

Easter Break

Thursday 11 April

Last day Term 1

Principal's Message

Firstly, what a fabulous evening at the recent Christmas Concert and 10 Year Celebration. It was a heartwarming display of community spirit, marking the conclusion of a year of learning at Andrews Creek. It was truly a delightful evening, and I extend my gratitude to the individuals who played a pivotal role in making it all happen. If you haven't had an opportunity to check out the photos on Facebook, I encourage you to do so.

Yesterday we held our end of year Shining Star assembly and today, our Grade 6 assembly. Thank you to everyone who helped make our two assemblies such a success. Congratulations to all award recipients for being outstanding Andrews Creek Shining Stars.

Today we farewelled our Grade 6 students as they completed their primary schooling. For some, Andrews Creek has been a constant, familiar environment for the best part of 8 years. Congratulations on a fantastic final year of learning, leading and growth. I would like to acknowledge our Grade 6 families that end a longstanding relationship at the conclusion of this year; the Badcock, Febey, Gibson, Hart, Snell, Brazendale, Harberle, Kurtz, Martin, Nichols and Nishitani families. We wish each of you all the very best for the next exciting chapter and look forward to hearing about your success in 2024 and beyond.

Today we also farewelled Ms Fenlon from ACPS. She has had significant impact on our students, with her genuine care, guidance and support of learners always shining through. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors. I would also like to congratulate Mrs Paula McGlade on accepting a position during Term 1, as Acting Principal at Sassafra Primary School.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank members of the school community for the work they do to support our young people, ensuring they have the best possible opportunities for learning and development. It is truly a team effort by all our wonderful staff, the School Association, volunteers and families. Thank you, for ensuring your children are present, on time and ready to learn each day and for supporting us in the work we do with your children.

I wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday break and I look forward to another year of learning together in 2024.

In Partnership,
Emma Scicluna



Grade 6 Celebration Assembly

Today we farewelled our Grade 6 leavers at our Celebration Assembly and congratulations to the following students who received awards today:

Congratulations!

Grade 6 Award Recipients

Leadership Award - Lexie

Academic Award - Amelia & Celia

Community Award - Mitskie

Minister for Education and Training Respectful

Student Award - Ella Haberle

Shining Star- Natalie

Lots of work goes into preparing for a big assembly like this one and we would like to thank the following people for their contributions.

To our Grade 5 hosts Alixandrea, Ella & Zen.

Also, a very big thank you to Mr. Connelly for all of his hard work directing the Grade 6 performance.

Mrs. D for writing the poem and Mrs. Boskell for reading it.

Finally, to Mrs Scicluna and our Grade 6 teacher Mr Wallace for putting the whole assembly together!

Thank you!

Sponsors

A big thank you to the following sponsors who donated money for us to purchase book vouchers from the Devonport Book Store for our award recipients:

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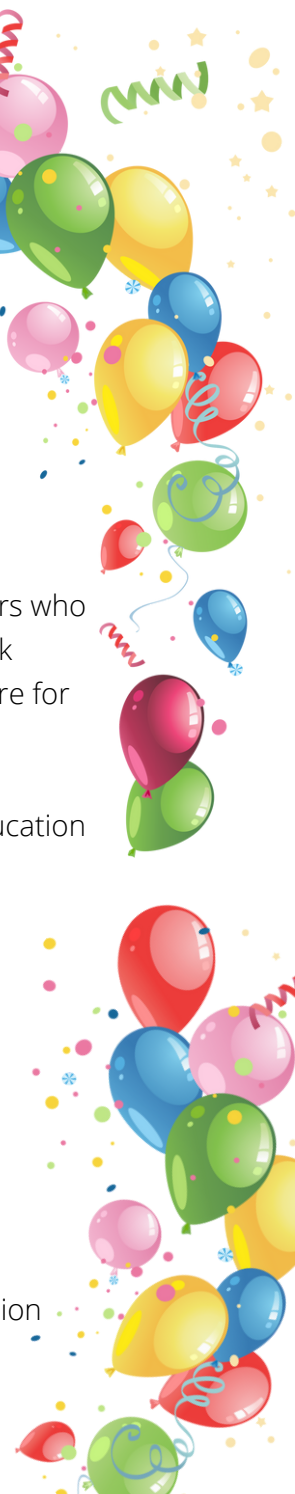
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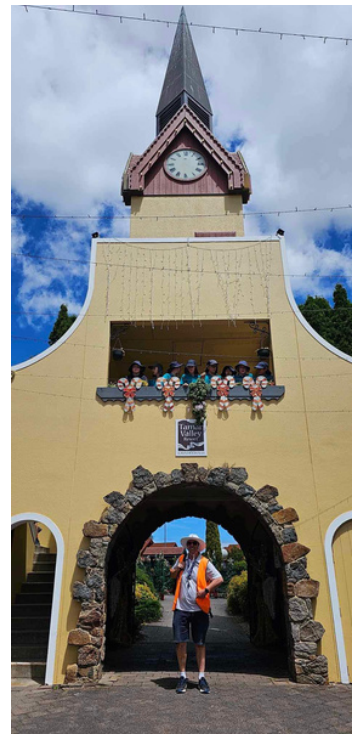
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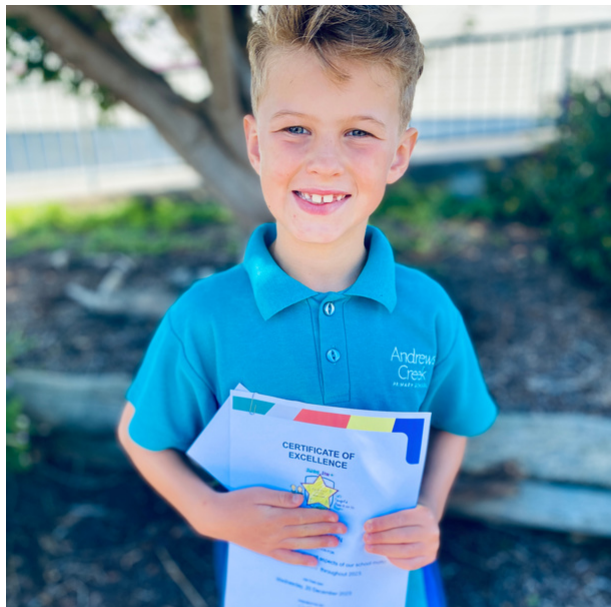
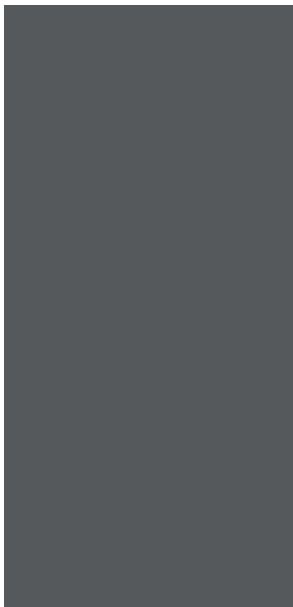
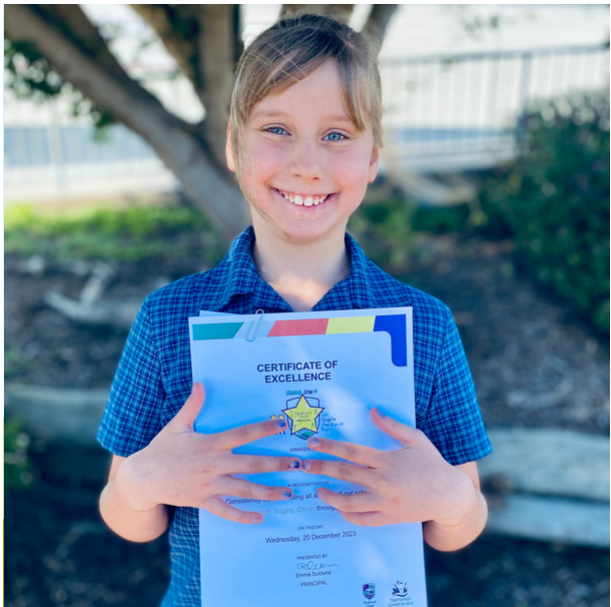




Grade 6 Big Day Out

Thank you to Mr Wallace and Ms Fenlon for taking the Grade 6 students to Launceston last Friday for their special "Big Day Out". Students had a fantastic day at Tamar Valley Resort and the Launceston Aquatic Centre. What a perfect end to their primary school life!





Shining STAR Assembly

Yesterday we held a special Shining Star assembly. Thank you to Kinder and our choir for performing for us and to the Student Council for doing a wonderful job as our hosts.

Pictures of all of our award winners are on our ACPS facebook page.

Congratulations to the following award winners. Each year teachers nominate two students from each grade who have consistently demonstrated all aspects of our school motto all year - learn, inspire, shine.

Shining STAR Award winners 2024

Kinder - Wesley & Freyja

Prep - Ethan & Tilly

Grade 1 - Emilia

Grade 2 - Bria & Oliver

Grade 3 - Evie & Tianna

Grade 4 - William & Faith

Grade 5 - Jack & Amber



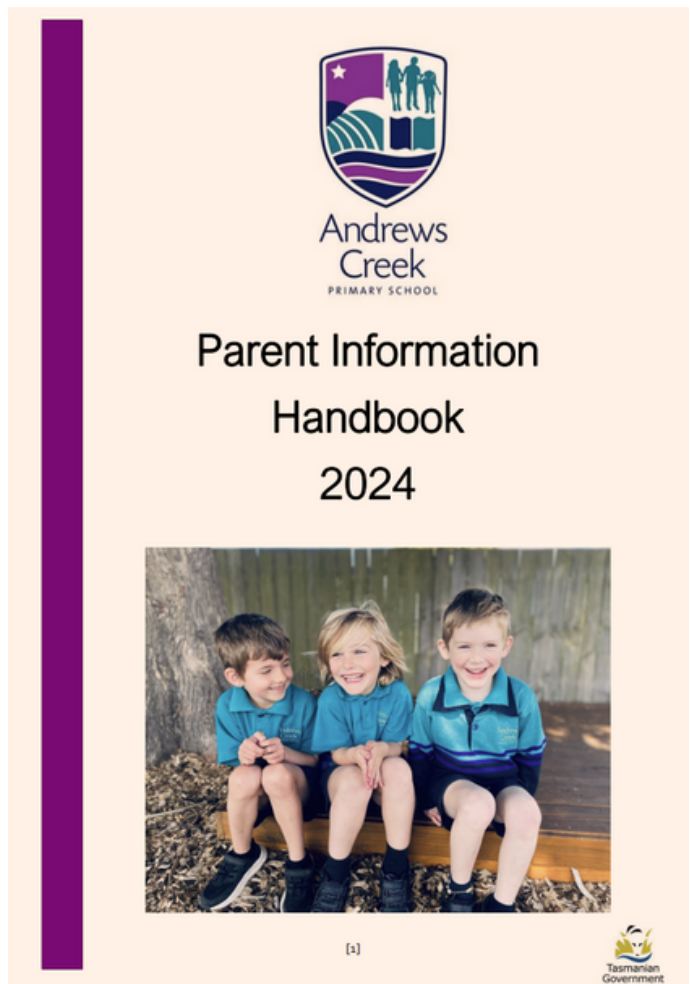
Parent Handbook

The new 2024 Parent Handbook has been uploaded to Audiri (under parent information tab) and the ACPS website.

This handbook is a great resource for new parents as it contains lots of important information about our school.

You can find the link here:

<https://bit.ly/48pJGiy>





STAR Cards

Zen - for making sure Mr Wallace kept his 10 fingers by assisting him to use a saw.

Lexie - for assisting another student in a kind and respectful way.

Mitskie - for assisting Mr Wallace in her own time.

Cecilia - for assisting Mr Wallace in her own time.

Amelia S. - for assisting Mr Wallace in her own time.

Zen - for assisting in a thoughtful way with ICT help.

Emilia - for always working and transitioning quietly.

Mila - for always working quietly.

Hannah - for being so helpful today.

Kenzie - for using whole body listening and working quietly.

Freyja H. - for doing a fantastic job tidying the Prep room to keep it safe.

Jaxon F. - for consistently trying his best on all tasks, especially his weekend writing.

Micah - for always moving safely in the classroom.

Bonnie - for always moving safely in the classroom.

Lucy T. - for always moving safely in the classroom.

Fletcher - for trying hard to not call out on the mat!

Phoenix - for catching up on his sound tasks successfully.

Indiana B. - for sharing out the berries to her friends.

Lincoln C. - for an amazing effort you put into your sound work today - well done!

Lili C. - even amongst a busy time of the year, you can still be relied upon to remember school and class expectations.

Delilah - for always working quietly using whole body listening.

Jasper - nominated by peers as a class member who can be trusted to follow class expectations.

Lauren - for being an excellent role model and buddy with our Kinder students.

Amalia - for being 'on the ball'.

Izzy F. - Mrs A is super impressed with the improvement of your handwriting.

Diesel - for keeping our environment clean.

William S. - We respect the tremendous level of resilience you have shown these past weeks.

Harry J. - Magnificent improvements in spelling this year.

Amalia - for her thoughtful act when she heard it was Mrs Scicluna's birthday.



Back to School Collection Day

Details on our Back to School Collection Day were sent to parents/carers with class placements this Tuesday.

Don't worry if you are still on holiday on this day, you can email Megan in the office, and she can arrange another time for you to collect your things. Her email is on the poster pictured on the right.



Office Hours in Holidays:

Our school office will be open from Monday 29 January. Please call or email to make an appointment if you need to come in.

Office Phone number: 6428 4088



Office email:

andrews.creek.primary@decyp.tas.gov.au



Class Structures for 2024

Students received their 2024 class placement letters on Tuesday and met their new teachers and classmates that afternoon.

Since the notices were printed, we have had confirmed two additional teachers. Mr Connelly will be teaching the 2/3 class 3 days per week with Ms Foster and Miss Elly Hamilton will once again be joining Mrs A on the Grade 5 class one day per week.

LiL and Pre-Kinder: Mrs Amie Dawkins

Kinder: Mrs Amie Dawkins

Prep: Mrs April Bishop

Grade 1: Mrs Debbie Bishop (3 days) and Mrs Courtney Hardy (2 days)

Grade 2: Mrs Susan Boskell

Grade 2/3: Mr Steven Connelly (3 days) and Ms Andrea Foster (2 days)

Grade 3/4: Mrs Serena Hinds

Grade 5: Mrs Penny Armistead (4 days) and Miss Elly Hamilton (1 day)

Grade 6: Mr Phil Wallace

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BACK TO SCHOOL

COLLECTION DAY

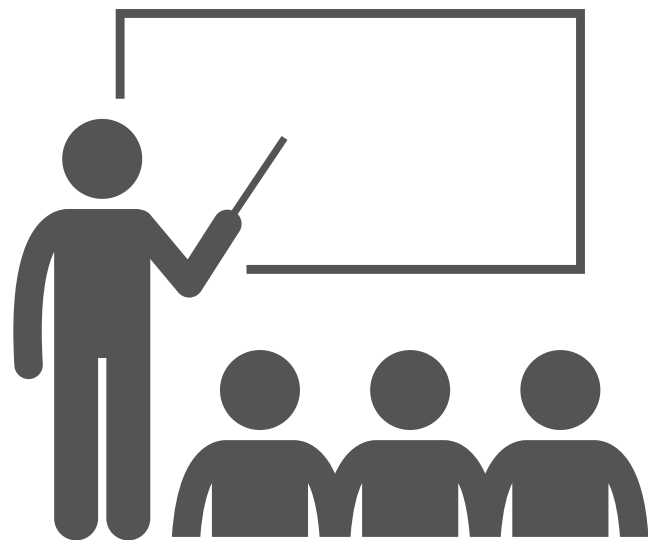
UNIFORMS • STATIONERY PACKS
VALIDATION FORMS

THURSDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2024
9AM-3PM

LOCATION
School Courtyard

MORE INFORMATION
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School Association News

Dear Andrews Creek Families,

As we bid farewell to an extraordinary year, the School Association Committee reflect on some of the highlights from 2023;

Fun and Success: From engaging events to fundraisers, our school community came together to create unforgettable memories. Some of these included the coffee and chat morning in term 2, our very fun Games Night in term 3 and more recently the commemorative cookbook and tea towel, athletics carnival BBQ, school picnic icy poles, arranging food/drinks and Santa for our Christmas concert.

Raising \$4,500: A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to our fundraising efforts over the year. Together, we raised an impressive \$4,500, a testament to the generosity and commitment of our school community.

Investing in Education: \$3,200 of funds has been allocated to provide our young learners with Decodable Readers for home reading, as well \$405 towards the purchase of book vouchers for Grade 6 graduation presents. We also hosted the Book Fair during Book Week, with \$930 raised for the purchase of new school library books. Your contribution directly supports the growth and development of our students.

Gaga Ball Pit: We invested a total of \$11,342 to bring Gaga Ball to the playground. This has provided high-energy fun to many student recess and lunch breaks!

Grade 5/6 Camp Adventure: Ensuring unforgettable experiences, \$5,250 was provided for the Grade 5/6 camp. We hope this investment helped in creating lasting memories for our students, fostering camaraderie and a sense of adventure.

Upgraded BBQs: We've dedicated \$300 to acquire new BBQs, enhancing our ability to host enjoyable community gatherings. We also provided free sausages to students at the athletics carnival this year which we hope was enjoyed by all. We thank Bunnings Devonport and Port Sorell Woolworths for their generous donations to our purchases.

Commemorating a Decade of Success: Celebrating our 10-year anniversary was a truly special milestone. A heartfelt thank you to local artist Josie Badcock for her beautiful drawing of our school's facade (below), which featured on the cover of our 10-year celebratory community cookbook.



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Framing Memories: Josie's artwork, together with a large whole school photo recently taken (which also features in the back of our cookbook), will be framed by School Association and hung in the hallway near the library.

Important Discussions and Outcomes: Our association committee has been at the forefront of meaningful discussions and outcomes. In 2024, we're excited to announce the commencement of the Resilience Project School Program, a new initiative focused on student well-being, school wide. We have held discussions around the cessation of outside school hours care and understand the importance of after-school care for our families. These discussions will be ongoing, and we are optimistic and passionate about trying to find a solution for at least partial resumption of after-school care services in 2024.

Farewell and Gratitude: We would like to acknowledge and give a big thank you to past and present committee members Ben Hart, Sonia Badcock, Alison Febey and John Gibson, with 2023 being their last year with children attending Andrews Creek. Your unwavering commitment and support have been instrumental. Thank you for your contributions and best wishes for the future.

New Beginnings in 2024: We invite new members to join the School Association Committee in 2024. There will be 4 vacancies, and this could be 4 parents/carers, or 3 parents and 1 community member. Being on the committee is a great opportunity to get involved, meet some new people and contribute to the continual improvement of our school. If you're interested in finding out more information or would like a nomination form - please see the office or send us an email. We meet Thursday evenings in weeks 2 and 7 of each term. Together, let's make the coming years even more remarkable!

Wishing all students and their families a safe and very happy Christmas and New Year!



Community News



Summer school holiday activities

Find fun free activities at your local library over the holidays



libraries.tas.gov.au

Bringing Up Great Kids

Free 6-session program

Supporting each other to do the best we can.

Bringing Up Great Kids, developed by the Australian Childhood Foundation, focuses on building positive and nurturing relationships between caregivers and their children.

This **FREE 6-session program** looks at the way we parent, and why we parent as we do, with the understanding that there is no such thing as a perfect parent or child.

During the session you will:

- Learn more about the origins of your own parenting style and how it can be more effective.
- Learn more about brain development for children and how this influences their thoughts, feelings and behaviour.
- Discover how to overcome some of the obstacles getting in the way of you being the kind of caregiver you want to be.
- Discover how you can take care of yourself and find support when needed.

This program is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

15th February

10:30am- 12:30pm

Burnie Library
30 Alexander street

Bookings are essential. To register or find out more information, please contact Anglicare on **1800 243 232**.



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SCHOOL NETBALL ROSTER DATES



Get ready for 2024 Devon Netball - Autumn Roster
Netta - Grades 2, 3, 4
Primary - Grades 5 & 6
Secondary & Mixed Secondary - Grades 7, 8, 9, 10

Team Nominations Due: 29/02/2024
admin@devonnetball.com.au

Roster starts: Saturday 16/03/2024
Grand Finals: 06/07/2024

Roster dates:
March 16, 23
April 6
May 4, 11, 18, 25
June 1, 15, 22, 29
July 6



Spreyton Netball Courts
Entry off Bay Drive



Registration fees, links & information to follow in the new year
admin@devonnetball.com.au
www.devonnetball.com.au



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Tasmania Learning Services

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We have programmes for all ages from Grade 1 – 12

Rehearsals are at Reece High School, Devonport on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, 3.30 – 5.30

Fees are reasonable and assistance is available on application

For further information please contact Dominique Baker at 0407 244602

ree.crescendochoir@decyp.tas.gov.au

