

The Creek This Week

Andrews Creek Primary School



Upcoming events

Tuesday 5 March

Merit Assembly 2pm
Welcome BBQ 3-4.30pm

Wednesday 6 March

NWPSSA Athletics 3-4

Thursday 7 March

NWPSSA Athletics 5-6

Friday 8 March

Grades 3-6 Surf Day

Monday 11 March

King's Birthday Public Holiday

Wednesday 13 March

NAPLAN starts Grades 3 & 5

Thursday 14 March

NWPSSA Twilight Carnival

Friday 29 March - Tuesday 2 April

Easter Break

Friday 12 April

Last day Term 1



Principal's Message

Reading at ACPS

Learning to read sets our young people up for successful futures! Reading is foundational to everything we do – learning, working, being active citizens in our community. Our educators and assistants work tirelessly with students to achieve the foundational reading skills in their early schooling years.

This year, all Tasmanian Government Schools are taking further steps to ensure every young person is provided strong instruction in reading. This follows the latest national and international research about how our brains learn to read.

What does the research say?

Children aren't born with natural skills in reading, like they are for walking and talking. They must develop new pathways in their brain to master this skill. It is a complex process.

Current research shows that reading can be broken down into a series of skills. This starts with phonics – the relationship between letters and sounds. In upper primary, secondary and college, the focus shifts to reading comprehension. At every stage it's important that students master all the individual skills before moving on. This is the best way to set them up for success.

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Throughout 2024, all of our teachers will be undergoing training in how to teach reading based on the latest evidence. Importantly, all staff from Kindergarten to Year 12 will be doing the same training. This means that by 2026, no matter where your child goes to school, they will be taught to become confident readers in the same way.

Andrews Creek educators already use great practices with your children and will continue to strengthen how we monitor and work with your child and partner with you. We have included a link (below) to parent information on 'The Big Six' approaches for you to read over, which includes things that you can do at home to assist in developing these components of learning to read.

[The_Big_Six_a_guide_for_families_English \(literacyhub.edu.au\)](https://literacyhub.edu.au)

You can read more about Tasmania's new approach to reading on the DECYP website or chat with your child's teacher for how you can support learning at home.

Student Leadership

I would like to congratulate our newly elected student leaders for 2024, who have been chosen by their peers and staff. These exceptional individuals have demonstrated outstanding qualities of leadership, integrity, and dedication, earning the respect and trust of their fellow students and school staff alike.

We look forward to witnessing the positive impact that our newly appointed student leaders will undoubtedly have on our school. Their journey promises to be filled with growth, challenges, and meaningful achievements that will shape not only their futures but also the collective success of our entire school community. We have photos of our new student leaders on the next page.

Welcome BBQ/Progress Reports

The School Association Committee and staff are excited to welcome everyone back in 2024 and connect with each other at the BBQ next week. We will be outside enjoying our beautiful school space and play areas together while we have an early sausage for dinner! Primary Progress Reports for Prep-Year 6 will be going out the day prior, so it will be a great opportunity to chat with your child's teacher throughout the afternoon.

We would love to have as many families attend the relaxed afternoon, with Andrews Creek maintaining a strong sense of community and togetherness. We hope to see you there!

School Association

We love welcoming families and volunteers into our school as a way of connecting home and school. One way you might like to join our school is to nominate to be a member of our School Association. The work of this group is to help our school thrive through improvement planning, fundraising, supporting student wellbeing and learning, as well as assisting the school with advice and implementation recommendations from school reviews.

The Association meets twice per term and would love to see some new faces join the team. If you would like a nomination form or more information, please reach out to the front office or chat with a current School Association member. More School Association information is on page 5.

Reminders

Attendance: All schools across the state have an increased spotlight on consistent school attendance. By being at school every day, your child will have the best opportunity at a bright future. We will be monitoring attendance closely in conjunction with our school Social Worker. Please reach out if you require supports to help your child be present and learning.

Uniforms: We are noticing an increase in jewellery, painted/long nails and special items coming into the school setting. These can detract from the learning environment, particularly if items are misplaced and cause worry for students.

End of day pick up: Thank you for your understanding to keep arrival time at pickup from 2:45pm. With all of our classrooms facing into the courtyard, it can be distracting for classes during learning time.

Merit Assembly

We would like to welcome parents/carers to our first Merit Assembly for 2024 on Tuesday 5 March at 2pm. Our Prep and Grade 1 classes will be sharing an item, and we will also be presenting our student leaders with their badges.

In Partnership,

Emma Scicluna
Principal

Student Leaders



Franklin House Captains



Rubicon House Captains



Student Council



Library Monitors

eSafety

 Term 1, 2024
eSafety parent and carer webinars

Join eSafety for a free live webinar designed for parents and carers.

Term 1 topics:

- **eSafety 101: How eSafety can help (30 minutes).** For parents and carers of children and young people in primary and secondary school.
- **Understanding how to support your child with online gaming (45 minutes).** For parents and carers of young people in primary school.
- **Understanding parental controls to safeguard your child (30 minutes).** For parents and carers of children and young people in primary school.
- **Online safety and social media: TikTok, YouTube and Instagram (30 minutes).** For parents and carers of children and young people in primary and early secondary school.



For more information and to register now: [eSafety.gov.au/parents/webinars](https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars)

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Easter Break

As Easter falls within Term 1 this year, all schools are closed on the following days:

- Good Friday** - 29 March
- Easter Monday** - 1 April
- Easter Tuesday** - 2 April

Students will return on Wednesday 3 April until Friday 12 April when Term 1 finishes.



New Parent Communication Platform

Our School will be switching over to a new messaging platform for communicating with you. This will replace our current system Audiri.

Seesaw will still be the platform used for class communication with your child's teacher so please continue using this.

The new platform, called EdSmart is an Australian platform which is designed to improve communication in school communities by allowing electronic messaging i.e. SMS and emails.

For now, it will be used to manage absences messages i.e. you will receive a SMS or email alert if your child is absent from school requesting a response. It will also allow us to send a communication messages and notices to all parent/carers.

You will receive a text message and/or an email with further details in late March. Note, the text message sender will be a shortened version of our school's name. You do not need to do anything until then.

Important Dates

Friday 1 March - Audiri subscription ends tomorrow. Please use eforms on Friday.

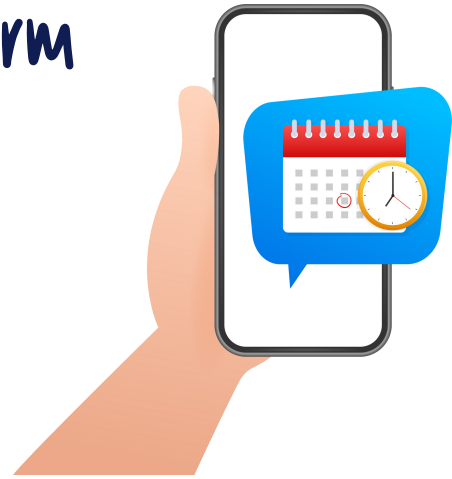
Monday 4 March - Wednesday 3 April - To advise your child is absent please call or email the school. This needs to be done prior to 8.55am on the day that your child is absent.

Email is the preferred form of communication as our office doesn't open until 8am. Please ensure you explain the reason your child is absent in the email.

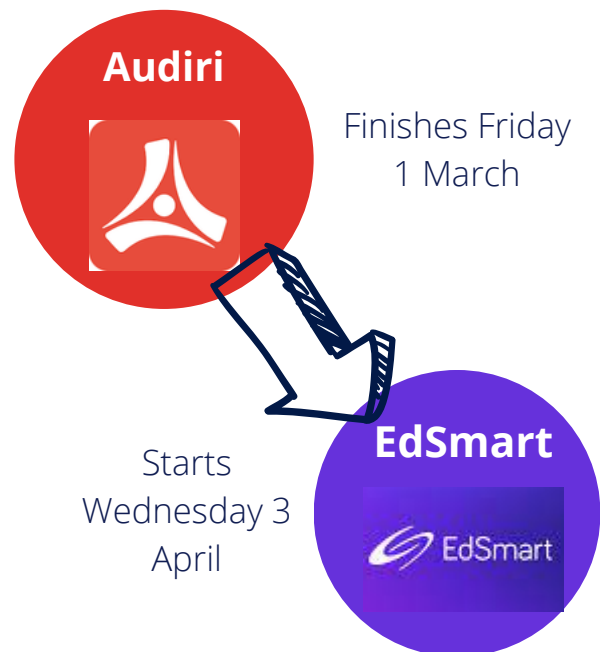
Phone: 6428 4088

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

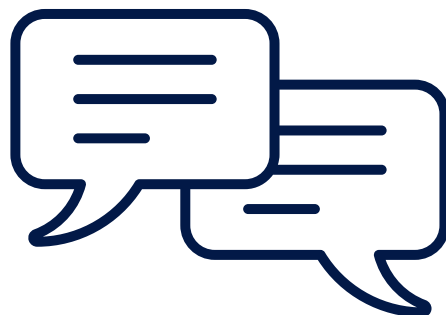
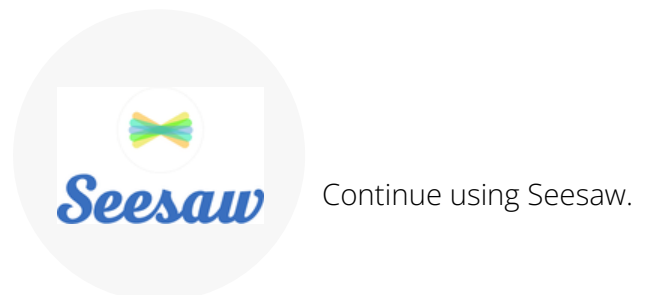
Wednesday 3 April - EdSmart goes live for ACPS. We will send you further instructions on how to use this closer to this date.



Whole School Communication



Class Communication



School Association News

Welcome BBQ

Our School Association are hosting a Welcome BBQ for all of our ACPS families on Tuesday 5 March from 3pm-4.30pm.

Mrs Scicluna mentioned this on page 2.



Annual General Meeting



**Thursday 21 March
Starting at 6pm**



Andrews Creek Primary
Staff Meeting Room (next to the library)

Parent nominations

Our School Association AGM is coming up in a few weeks on Thursday 21 March and we currently have several parent spots open for some new members!

The purpose of the Association is to provide members with a way to participate and be involved in supporting ACPS. As part of the Association, you will assist in developing school policies, school improvement plans, and priorities. You will encourage co-operation among teachers, students, parents/carers, and the school community. You will also help raise funds that will benefit the school through events held throughout the year.

Meetings are only twice a term and it's a great way to meet new school community members and get involved with your child's school. We look forward to hearing from you! **Nominations close on 14 March.**



School Association Contact Details

If you would like to send the School Association an email, please use the email address below.
andrewscreek.sac@gmail.com



Easter Raffle

We have an Easter raffle coming up and we are asking families for donations of:

- Easter chocolate
- Easter gifts (stickers, colouring books etc)
- Small cash donation (to be used to purchase other prizes).

Donations due to the office by Friday 15 March, tickets back to the office by Wednesday 20 March and the raffle will be drawn on Friday 22 March.



Trivia Night

Save the date - Saturday 4 May.

We are holding another Trivia Night in early Term 2 so get some friends together and enter a team to be in the running for some great prizes!

We are asking for donations for prizes of up to \$40 if our families have connections with local businesses, we would appreciate your help! Please bring items to the office if you are able to help out.



STAR Cards

Chelsea - for helping Leaders pack up without being asked.

Bella - for helping Leaders pack up without being asked.

Maeve C. - for encouraging a friend to join in play.

Brooklyn - for helping a friend during a Jolly Phonics lesson.

Finn - for being a fantastic helper at tidy up time.

Edie - for excellent listening during group time.

Sophia S. - for respectfully and diligently finding tasks to complete when finished early.

Sharma - for using whole body listening all day.

Lillie - for being the only class member to follow an instruction given the first time.

Leo H. - for always 'jumping in' to help pack up to keep the classroom tidy and safe.

Koa - for moving around the classroom safely and always pushing his chair in.

Maci L. - can be relied upon to follow school expectations at all times.

Albie R. - for following instructions in Kinder.

Harry - for having a go at Leadership opportunities.

Lillie - for having a go at Leadership opportunities.

Oscar - for having a go at Leadership opportunities.

Kohbi - for having a go at Leadership opportunities.

Jace - for having a go at Leadership opportunities.

Allixandrea - for having a go at Leadership opportunities.

Zen - for having a go at Leadership opportunities.

Amber - for having a go at Leadership opportunities.

Avah - for having a go at Leadership opportunities.

Ella B. - for having a go at Leadership opportunities.

Kira - for having a go at Leadership opportunities.

Jack Sm - for having a go at Leadership opportunities.

Ayla - for having a go at Leadership opportunities.

Grace - for having a go at Leadership opportunities.

Liam - for having a go at Leadership opportunities.

Izzy - for having a go at Leadership opportunities.

Lauren - for having a go at Leadership opportunities.

Arlo H. - for his amazing wow drawing.

Indianna - for her amazing wow drawing.

Esther - for her amazing wow drawing.

Wesley - for his amazing wow drawing.

Kohbi - for being prepared to go out of his comfort zone in class discussions.

Ella B. - for her deep understanding and willingness to have a go.

Rhyan - for completing all his literacy jobs.

Alice - for putting 100% effort into your drawing today.

Charlotte P. - for trying your best with your jobs today.

Charlotte M. - for effort and creative design in our 2D shape work!

Max V. - for effort and creative design in our 2D shape work!

Alby - for excellent effort in our writing job!

Harvey - for excellent effort in our writing job!

Zen - for independence, creativity and accuracy of writing.

Allixandrea - for being an active participant in class.

Sharma - for working hard on his story retell.

Nevae - for showing good listening skills in Daily PE.

Bodhi - for safely holding scissors when walking around the classroom.

Harvey - for listening during instructions in Daily PE.



STAR Cards

Tilly - for trying hard and listening really well.

Kenzie - for playing nicely with other classmates and admitting when you are out.

Evie - for comforting her friend when she got hurt.

Arlo H. - for very good listening to us Leaders.

Isla B. - for never complaining when out and for always having fun.

Alby M. - for working hard on his story retell.

Harper - for doing her best with a persuasive writing task.

Saibo - for persisting with his handwriting task,

Jack Sta. - for being a great learner and setting a great example for his classmates.

Bella - for being a respectful learner at all times and being mindful of other class members.

Angus - for playing with younger students at lunch time.

Eleanor - for picking up and throwing away someone else's rubbish without being asked.

Harry B. - for running respectfully and always listening.

Kyle - for showing good listening skills during skipping.

Faith - can be relied upon to follow school expectations at all times.

Ariana - for being thoughtful of others by working quietly.

Ella P. - for excellent effort in our science work.

Dominic - for always being kind and thoughtful to others.

Remy - for always using amazing manners.

Connor - for always completing each task with 100% effort.

Dotty - for being amazing at tidying the classroom to keep it safe.

Elka - for demonstrating outstanding listening skills during group time.

Fletcher - for his good jumping in Daily PE.

Indiana H. - for joining in the game at all times in Daily PE.

Max N. - for a super start to the year acing your reading test and working hard!

William - for being a gentleman and a super helper!

Jasper - for thoughtful contributions to class discussions.

Hugo - for helping keep the classroom tidy.

Bonnie - for helping keep the classroom tidy.

Leo - for picking up books that others left on the floor.

Elsie Ro - for picking up books that others left on the floor.

William - for running respectfully and always listening in Daily PE.

Elsie Re - for always being a kind and respectful member of our class.

Sharma - for demonstrating respectful listening at all times.

Saibo - for regularly congratulating others on their success.

Ethan - for tidying up quietly and sensibly.

Jack St - for giving his best effort in our whole school run.

Lucy S - for giving your absolute best during whole school running.

Evie - for giving your absolute best during whole school running.

Asta - for diligently completing all tasks with little fuss.

Saibo - for being brave and putting his hand up in a 2/3 and 3/4 spelling collaboration.



Costa Berries

Rohan from Costa berries has resumed our weekly berry drop off to ACPS each Tuesday. We would like to thank Costa for their ongoing support of our school. Our students are very grateful to have fresh berries delivered each week to snack on.



Primary School Soccer



The 2024 school soccer season starts on Saturday 13 April with the 2nd game after school holidays on 4 May. Information is now [available](#) on the Devonport Junior Soccer School Roster website.

As teams need to be registered asap, please call into the school office to add your child's name to the list, give us a call or email us at:

andrews.creek.primary@decyp.tas.gov.au with your child's name and year of birth by no later than Tuesday 12 March, thank you.

Volunteers with a current WWVP card are also required to coach our teams. If you are able to help out by coaching your child's team, please let us know.

Subway Lunches

We are offering Subway lunches again each Friday. Please see the flyer below for information on how to order.

Orders must be in no later than 9.30pm on Thursday nights.

If your child is away sick on the day you have ordered a subway lunch, you can call the Homemaker Centre Subway on 6423 2233 and postpone their order to the following week. This must be done early on the Friday morning.

Canteen Hub - Order here!
<http://bit.ly/3YmBDhY>

Subway Lunch
on Friday's

- NEW website: app.canteenhub.com.au
- Create your account: app.canteenhub.com.au/register-customer
- Subs For You has moved to be a part of Canteen Hub
- Please place your order by 9:30pm, the night before
- **Please email contact@subsforyou.com if you have any questions**

Safeguarding Training in our Schools

If you are a parent/carer or volunteer and are thinking about doing parent help or going with the class on excursions, you must complete the new safeguarding training. You will need this to work with children and young people.

The training is compulsory under new laws designed to better safeguard children and young people in Tasmania. It will help you understand what to do if you believe a child or young person is or may be being harmed, and to make sure you are doing all you can to prevent this from happening. The training will also tell you what you must report under the new laws.

To complete your training, visit [Safeguarding Training](#). This link will take you to the DECYP Safeguarding Training website. From here please click on the volunteers and service providers training at the bottom left to create an account to access the training platform. This training will only take 15 minutes and then it will provide you with a certificate, this will be valid until the end of 2024. Please save this as office staff will ask to sight this when you sign in at school.

A reminder that you will also need a current RWVP card to also volunteer at school. Please bring this each time as you will need the number to check in to the school sign in kiosk.

Thank you for leading the way in caring for our children and young people safe so that they can focus on living bright lives with positive futures.

START YOUR TRAINING HERE



COVID-19

A reminder to remain vigilant if you or your child are displaying signs and symptoms of COVID, with cases circulating within the community.

NAPLAN 2024

Students will be sitting NAPLAN between 13 and 25 March 2024.

The National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are already learning at school. On its own, NAPLAN is not a test that can be studied for, and students are not expected to do so.

NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process – it does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance; however, students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.

This is the second year NAPLAN has been held in March, having previously taken place in May. This change was made so school systems would have access to results earlier in the school year. These can then be used to inform teaching and learning plans for the remainder of the year.

Why NAPLAN is conducted online

NAPLAN online provides a better assessment and more precise results.

One of the main benefits of NAPLAN online is that it uses tailored (or adaptive) testing. The questions a student receives depends on their answers to previous questions. This means that students answer questions better suited to their abilities, so they can show what they know and can do.

Online testing also allows us to provide a wide range of accessibility options to support students with disability to access NAPLAN.

Parent information brochures and other resources

A parent information brochure and questions answered on NAPLAN and what it means for your child can be found at: <https://www.nap.edu.au/docs/default-source/default-document-library/naplan-information-brochure-for-parents-and-carers.pdf>

The link will take you to the official National Assessment Program (NAP) website and covers a variety of topics such as the timing of the tests and how results from the assessments should be understood.

It also allows access to a Public Demonstration Site which shows the types of questions students will answer and the functionalities that are available in NAPLAN tests. Please contact the school if you have any further queries.

Mindfulness

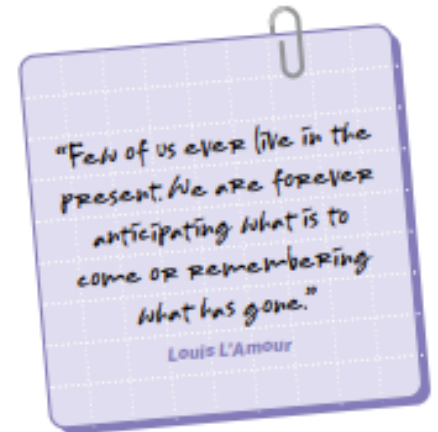
is about **purposely paying attention to the present moment** in ways that are helpful for you. **Looking after our mind** can have great positive benefits, both physically and mentally, such as a **reduction in anxiety and stress**. You can practise mindfulness in a formal way by completing meditations/breathing exercises, or in a more informal way by being mindful engaged in your day's activities.



Habits are automated behaviours that we have learned from experience.

Developing daily wellbeing habits will positively impact your mental health and create a sense of wellbeing. They will further develop your resilience skills to help you cope with life's ups and downs.

Creating new habits can be challenging, you need to train your brain. Think about your current daily habits. Do you have a morning routine? What about a pre bedtime routine? **Where could mindfulness fit in?**



Month Of Mindfulness



Click on the image below or scan the QR code to gain access to a **month of mindfulness practices and information**.



Not all of the activities suggested are considered **formal or traditional** mindfulness, but they **encourage an attitude of mindfulness** which will help you to improve your ability to be present or focused, this aids in the practice of more formal pursuits.



The important thing to remember is to **give it a go and try different practices** to see what works for you and **slowly build mindfulness practice into your daily routine** to create a habit.



Listen to Martin from The Resilience Project talk about the **importance of Mindfulness**. Something to think about...

- Do you or your family practise mindfulness?
- If so, what do you do?
- If not, how could you incorporate mindfulness into your life?

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The Resilience Project is proud to partner with Coles to support students, teachers and parents to become happier, healthier and more resilient. We are grateful for the commitment and shared vision of Coles to support the mental health of all Australians.

Community News



RUBICON SEA SCOUTS
SIGN UP TODAY

TICKET TO PLAY

JOEYS (5 TO 8YRS) - WEDNESDAYS 6.30 - 8PM
CUBS (8 - 11YRS) - WEDNESDAYS 6.30 - 8PM
SCOUTS (11 TO 15YRS) - MONDAYS 7 - 9PM

CONTACT: JAN 0438 279 789
PORT SORELL SCOUT HALL

Scouts Australia



NW ECOFEST
SATURDAY 6 APRIL '24

CAMP CLAYTON, ULVERSTONE
9:00AM-4:00PM
ecofesttas.com.au

SPECIAL ONLINE PRICE
ADULTS \$10
CONCJ/STUDENT \$8
U/14 FREE

ALSO TICKETS @ GATE
ADULT \$12 CONCJ \$10
CASH & CARD

AEVA - EV TEST DRIVES
SUSTAINABILITY INFO
ECOKIDS ACTIVITIES
WORKSHOPS
PRESENTERS
EXHIBITORS
FOOD VANS
MUSIC

SPECIAL GUESTS:
Hannah Moloney
Author: Good Life, Permaculture
Presenter: ABC's Gardening Australia
Mal Webb & Kylie Morrison
Musicians & Environmental advocates

An initiative of the
North West Environment Centre
All profits are returned to
community environment projects



LATROBE FOOTBALL CLUB
Latrobe Football Club

Girls under 14 Development program in preparation for NWFL 2024 season

All girls in Grade 5 to 8 interested in playing for Latrobe are invited to attend

Venue: Latrobe High School
Tuesday and Thursday 5.30 to 7.00 pm.

For further information Contact
under 14 Coaches
Dwayne McLean 0417053412
Damian Robinson 0498811433
Youth Girls Coach and Junior Coaching Coordinator
Adam Enright 0438220488

Port Sorell Fire Brigade Easter Picnic

The Port Sorell Fire Brigade invites people of all ages along the coast to the Fourth Annual Easter Picnic held on Easter Saturday from 10am to 2pm at the Port Sorell Fire Station at Rice Street, Port Sorell.

Come along and relax on the lawn and enjoy the Easter Egg Hunt, facepainting, and raffles, family games, BBQ and a chance to get a photo with the Easter Bunny!

Entry is \$5 (infants free)

For more information, please visit the Port Sorell Fire Brigade Facebook Page.



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