

The Creek This Week

Andrews Creek Primary School



Upcoming events

Thursday 14 March

NWPSSA Twilight Carnival

Thursday 21 March

School Association - AGM

Friday 29 March - Tuesday

2 April

Easter Break

Tuesday 9 April

Merit Assembly 2pm

Friday 12 April

Last day Term 1

Monday 29 April

First day Term 2

Saturday 4 May

Trivia Night

Friday 7 June

Student Free Day

Principal's Message

NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and 5 students are participating in NAPLAN testing this week in the areas of Writing, Reading, Language Conventions and Numeracy. These national assessments provide evidence of student learning and progress, along with in-school data collection, that teachers use to develop learning programs and supports for students, tailored to individual needs.

It is important to note that these assessments do not measure how creative, kind, responsible, considerate, or how hard-working these students are. Thank you, families, for maintaining a calm approach to these assessments, with students striving to do their best in their first two assessments.

Athletics

Congratulations to our middle and upper primary Athletics Team members who proudly represented ACPS at the recent North-West Athletics Carnival in Penguin. Students demonstrated courage, resilience, and respect throughout the meet, with our team achieving 2nd place overall in Division D.

Special thanks to Mrs Hayes and Mr Wallace for the team's preparation, along with Mrs Hinds and Deanne for accompanying the team.

A list of semi-finalists and twilight qualifiers are on page 3.

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Grades 3-6 Surf Day

At the Creek, we strive to provide students with a varied program and engaging learning opportunities. Last Friday, 3-6 students and staff spent the day outdoors in the sun and surf, honing their surfing skills at the Devonport Bluff.

All students stretched their resilience muscles, with outstanding results. There were many examples of classmates helping one another, encouraging, and celebrating personal achievements. This type of day can push our young people outside of their comfort zone, so I am particularly appreciative to families that encouraged their children to try something new, even when it may have felt challenging.

Thank you to Courtney and Megan for your organisation behind the scenes, 42 South Surf School who facilitated the day, and our committed staff to ensure everyone's involvement and safety throughout the day.

Yours in partnership
Emma Scicluna
Principal

Primary School Soccer

Thank you to those parents who added your child's name to the list for school soccer.

The 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

Once teams are completed and registered, we will provide instructions on how to register your child online.

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.



2024 Student Free Days

Student Free Days are a little different in 2024 so please mark these dates in your diary as students will not be attending school on:

Friday 7 June

Friday 1 November

Teachers will be participating in professional learning on these days.

For more information head to:

<https://www.decyp.tas.gov.au/learning/term-dates/>

New Parent Communication Platform

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.

Devonport Basketball Roster

The Devonport Basketball roster is starting up again tomorrow.

Parents were email rosters this week.

<https://www.playhq.com/basketball-tasmania/org/devonport-basketball-council-inc/dbc-primary-school-roster-winter-2024/13f4223b>



NWPSSA Athletics



Thank you to Mrs Hayes and Mrs Hinds who went along with our Athletics teams to Penguin last week. Our teams were very successful, and we had some impressive results for a small school! Everyone did their best and ACPS came 2nd in Division D just behind Riana Primary. We even had several students who have made it through to the Twilight Finals this afternoon! Good luck to all of our runners who are listed below.

3/4 Semi- Finalists:

75m - Oliver P, Lucy S, Maeve

100m - Zeke, Jack, Evora, Kenzie

200m - Caitlyn, Willow

800m (Final) - Jack 1st place.

Twilight Competitors:

Willow, Evora and Jack.

5/6 Semi- Finalists:

75m - Faith,

100m - Oakley H, Ella

200m - Riley, Lauren, William, Caleb

800m (Final) - Lauren 2nd place.

Twilight Competitors:

Lauren, Oakley H.

1500m

These students have been selected to participate in the invitational 1500m race tonight. Jace, Lauren, William and Sophia.



School Association News

Trivia Night

We are holding another Trivia Night on Saturday 4 May, 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.

Get your tickets here!

<https://events.humanitix.com/acps-trivia-night>



Annual General Meeting



Thursday 21 March
Starting at 6pm



Andrews Creek Primary
Staff Meeting Room

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

**Parent
nominations
close today
March 14!**



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

Welcome BBQ

Thank you to all of our families who attended our Welcome BBQ last Tuesday. A big thank you to Woolworths Port Sorell who generously donated all of our sausages and bread! We appreciate your ongoing support of our school.

Thank you to Deanne and Kirsty from our School Association who organised this event and Alyce and Belinda for helping out on the BBQ stand. It was lovely to see so many of our school community there.





STAR Cards

- Robert** - for always joining in Daily PE at all times.
- Kyle** - for thanking Sports Leaders enthusiastically.
- Arlo H.** - for always listening in Daily PE and always participating.
- Ava L.** - for always trying her best and doing her neatest handwriting.
- Brooklyn** - for always participating in Daily PE.
- Wynter** - for working hard to improve her 'y' during name writing.
- Bria** - for trying hard and listening well in Daily PE.
- Jack Sta** - for trying hard and listening well in Daily PE.
- William** - for listening well in Daily PE.
- Faith** - for listening well in Daily PE.
- Riley** - really appreciate the effort you put into your tasks, especially the lovely handwriting.
- Keeley** - for following the ACPS STAR qualities at all times.
- Ethan** - for showing good sportsmanship and supporting his peers.
- Tilly** - for showing good effort and sportsmanship.
- Lucy T.** - for excellent effort in her writing.
- Arlo H.** - for his wonderful effort and details in his work.
- Oscar P.** - for answering a question in beautiful detail.
- Oakley H.** - Mrs A notices the little things you do to be helpful.
- Milla S.** - for always being kind to others and "filling up buckets".
- Finlay** - for following instructions and being confident with classroom routines.
- Amelia B.** - for working really hard to improve her 'm' and 'e' during name writing.

- Ivahna** - for always showing respect to her classmates by following class and school promises and expectations.
- Lucy S.** - for always trying her best on assigned jobs. When unsure, Lucy asks for help to allow her to better understand.
- Tom** - for always helping to ensure our classroom is packed away neatly to keep us safe.
- Judd** - for helping classmates in maths to understand an activity (skip count).
- Grayson** - for empathy to a classmate who was being left out of a game.
- Poppy** - for helping a classmate complete an activity in maths.
- Leo H.** - for tidying up safely.
- Hugo** - for tidying up safely.
- Mahli** - for thoughtful contributions to group conversations.
- Tilly** - for beautiful writing and drawing today and for working quietly and consistently.
- George M** - for working really well during our reading group and writing activity today.
- Hartley** - for being a respectful listener during maths time.
- Ethan** - for working quietly and consistently during your job today.
- Alby** - for quietly working well in class to complete your writing job today.
- Harper K.** - for always using excellent listening skills.
- George R.** - for being a great helper at pack up time to keep the classroom safe.
- Maci S.** - for showing great enthusiasm for persuasive writing.
- Sahara** - for being a focussed and respectful listener.
- Nevae** - for being a respectful listener.
- Rhyan** - for amazing reading in his DIBELS Assessment.
- Patrick** - for amazing reading in his DIBELS Assessment.



STAR Cards

- Saibo** - for persisting with his spelling task.
- Ruby H.** - for making better choices in class to show respect and encouraging others to do the same.
- Tilly** - for tidying up safely.
- Angus** - for being a thoughtful person in the interactive garden today.
- Bonnie** - for being thoughtful by putting her friend's hat away.
- Jaxon F.** - for always being kind to his peers.
- Max V.** - for working hard during name writing to improve the x in his name.
- Rose G.** - for demonstrating improved listening skills during group time.
- Jack T.** - for recognising he needs patience in the Kindergarten classroom.
- Ollie M.** - for demonstrating safe behaviours for others to follow.
- Billie D.** - for always including others in her play.
- Lincoln C.** - for safely packing up the sandcastle equipment all on his own.
- Kyle** - for cleaning all of the sand pit toys up!
- Emilia** - for going above and beyond with SMART spelling.
- Eden** - for giving her best effort in PE and being recognised by the teacher for her skills in cricket.
- Oscar S** - for demonstrating care and safety for classmates and thinking carefully and critically.
- Hudon** - for returning a hat to its owner.
- Oliver B** - for being a good role model for our school by offering other students to play with you.
- Delilah** - for working so hard during maths and not giving up.
- Evie** - for being supportive and encouraging a class member.
- Liam** - for his thoughtful and considerate comments to a fellow classmate.

Lusiana - for giving things your best shot and having a go even when you are unsure!

Matilda - for being a great friend for a friend in need this week.

Evie - for being a fantastic friend and encouraging Bella on surf day to have a go!

Chelsea - for being respectful and polite all day, every day. You are a great asset to 3/4HP.

Koa - for helping another student with his writing.

Laycie - for being a quiet class member.

Alice - for putting a big effort into her shape drawing and working quietly and staying on task.

Finn - for being so thoughtful and detailed with his shape drawing today.

Jaxon F - for being thoughtful with his shape work drawing.

Hartley - for doing a fantastic job sounding out and writing some words that start with the 'r' sound.

Pheonix - for doing a great job packing up safely.

Liam - for demonstrating care and concern for others.

Merit Assembly

Our new Student Council members Allixandrea, Avah and Zen hosted our first Merit Assembly for 2024.

Our new Student leaders were presented with their badges and our Prep and Grade 1 classes shared an item with us.

Congratulations to the following students who received a Learn, Inspire, Shine award.

Learn - Leo T, Hamish, Alice, Elizabeth, Hannah, Evie, Riley and Taylor.

Inspire - Charlie, Indiana, Koa, Tarkine, Oliver P, Jack St, Sophia, Izzy.

Shine - Wesley, Tilly, Lincoln R, Harper A, Evora, and Kira.

Resilience Project

Last week we launched The Resilience Project program across our school from Prep to Year 6. We heard about why Hugh created The Resilience Project and what the guiding principles were (Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness). We learned that we express gratitude when we focus on what we do have, not the things we don't have. Students began completing their "About Me" page in the journal and we loved the gratitude tip of the week: "What are three things that went well for me today?". We discovered it takes 21 days to rewire your brain to focus on positive things, rather than negative things. So Creek Family, what three things went well for you today?

Working on gratitude helps us to be thankful and appreciate what we have in our lives, rather than focusing on what we don't have or what we want. When we practise being grateful, we start to scan the world to look for positives – this only takes 21 days! Practising gratitude every day increases our levels of energy, and helps us to feel happier and more focused, determined and optimistic. It even helps us have better sleep, lowers levels of anxiety and depression and we are less likely to get sick. So many benefits – let's all try to be grateful for the things and people in our lives every day!

Whole Family Activity:

Gratitude Scavenger Hunt

As a family create a scavenger hunt list of things that make you happy or you are grateful for, you can make your own list or use the examples below:

- Something that makes you happy
- Something you love to smell
- Something you enjoy looking at
- Something that is your favourite colour
- Something you like in nature
- Something that is useful for you

Each member of the family uses the list and has to find as many things as they can.

You can hunt for things inside or outside, or both. You can hunt for real things, or you can also do this using magazines or pictures from the internet.

After a set amount of time hunting, come back together, have a look at what each person collected and let them explain why they are grateful for each item.

Family Habit Builder:

Every night at dinner, have each person talk about their favourite thing about that day.



Class Focus 6W



Reflections from 6 Wallace using our writing hooks as our stimulus.

Eden: That was my first time I've been able to stand up on a board and ride a wave in. Did you know lots of people can't surf or haven't tried.

Ayla: Have you ever felt the sorrow of walking through a memorial with statues of people who paid the supreme sacrifice in war?

Avah: The light blue water shone like a million sparkling diamonds.

Ella: The green grassy fields gleamed, as the trees swayed gently in the breeze.

Jace: It was almost everyone's first attempt at surfing. It was great fun and something I have never done before.

Harry: SPLASH? CRASH! As the violent waves crash against the endless rocks.

Oscar: Have you ever found so many rocks in one area on the beach?

Taylor: Have you ever experienced the joy and exhilaration of riding a ferocious wave?

Jack: The dark green pine trees swayed in the wind as the ocean roared a loud echo.

Amber: Have you ever experienced the wonderful feeling of riding a wave that just glides you smoothly across the changing surface of the waves?

Kira: Have you ever seen the extraordinary rock carvings made by the Aboriginals up around the lighthouse?

Lauren: FACT: I think all people should learn how to swim and be safe around the beach. I stepped on the hot sizzling sand as the squelching between the gaps of my toes as I stepped into the crisp icy cold water.

Lillie: Have you ever face planted into the sand after you ride a wave in? I HAVE!

Caleb: The crystal-clear sparkling and crisp blue water washed up upon the sandy seashore.

Allixandrea: Have you ever taken the time to read the names and stories of the young men who went to the Vietnam War and paid the supreme sacrifice?

Argh cried Mr Wallace as Megan fell off the edge of the walking track!!



Class Focus 6W



Community News

Book Club

Issue #2 is out now!
Orders due in LOOP by Tuesday 26 March.



KIDS NIGHT IN

SATURDAY 16TH MARCH

@ DEVONPORT GYMNASTICS

Come & Join us!
Bounce on Tramps, Swing on Bars, Balance on Beams, have fun in our games!

REGISTER BY: 15TH MARCH

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Members, through your Customer Portal

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