

The Creek This Week

Andrews Creek Primary School



Upcoming events

Friday 21 June

Grade 1-2 Gymnastics
Excursion
Mid-Year Reports home

Monday 24 June - Thursday 27 June

Parent Teacher
Conversations

Tuesday 25 June - 2 July

Dental Program K,P,1,2,6

Wednesday 26 June

Creek Cafe

Tuesday 2 July

Merit Assembly 1.45pm

Friday 5 July

Last day Term 2

Monday 22 July

First day Term 3

Monday 29 July

6W excursion

Principal's Message

External School Review

Yesterday the external school review wrapped up, showcasing our wonderful students, families, teachers, staff and facilities. We received the preliminary report which highlights several key strengths, and alongside this, opportunities to help us map a clear pathway for improvement over the next four years.

Feedback from all stakeholders clearly expressed that we have a strong culture of high expectations and nurture the whole child, both academically and in terms of wellbeing. Our team is organised and passionate, and there is a real sense of community of being a family at The Creek. Staff and students alike enjoy being part of this supportive environment, and this is reflected in the positive morale and friendly atmosphere.

Commendations from the review noted our coherent school improvement agenda, effective use of data for decision-making, and the shared belief that all students can succeed. The school is praised for its welcoming environment, the pride of our community members, and our excellent physical environment. Additionally, families are valued partners in student learning, and our learning environments are consistently focused and orderly.

To further improve, the review recommended continuing to embed consistent teaching practices across all classrooms, personalising learning using student data, and developing a feedback culture where teachers and students can continue to learn from each other. We are excited to implement these recommendations to continue enhancing our students' learning experiences.

Thank you for your ongoing support in making our school a wonderful place for our children to thrive.

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Emergency Response Reflection

As you know, the sudden change in weather conditions and sustained loss of power required DECYP to make a quick decision to close the school for the safety and wellbeing of our students recently. We understand that this abrupt closure caused disruption to your day and required immediate action on your part. I would like to express our deepest gratitude to all of you for your understanding and swift response during the unexpected school closure due to the severe storm recently.

Under challenging circumstances, including the loss of phone lines, I would like to commend teachers, administration and parent helpers that were onsite to facilitate communication through a range of channels;

- All teachers were provided consistent messaging which was sent out via SeeSaw
- Teachers were able to monitor who had seen and responded to this message
- Any unseen messages were followed up by phone calls from admin and senior staff
- Onsite parent community members contacted their networks and assisted families
- School email was regularly monitored for any incoming message unable to be delivered via SeeSaw.

Your prompt response in picking up children was remarkable and despite the challenging weather conditions and short notice, student wellbeing and safety was our utmost priority. Any students whose families were delayed remained safe in the Kinder classroom, supervised by education assistants and teachers. We are truly grateful for your understanding and support during such unforeseen circumstances. Your actions demonstrated the strength and unity of our school community, reinforcing the importance of working together.

As we reflect on this experience, we are reminded of the importance of being prepared for emergencies and encourage you to ensure that your contact information is up-to-date in our school records, and communication via SeeSaw proved essential to help us communicate efficiently en masse. We always welcome feedback to help us shape our processes and response.

Acting Principal

HR are currently going through a second advertising round to fill the upcoming principal vacancy. I appreciate your patience and will update you once details are known.

In Partnership,

Emma Scicluna
Principal



Kindergarten Enrolments 2025

If your child was born in 2020, living in our area, and you are intending on sending them to Andrews Creek Primary School for Kindergarten in 2025, we would like you to make contact with us so we can add them to our enrolment list.

Parent Teacher Conversations

Monday 24 - Thursday 27 June

Bookings are still open for our parent/ carer conversations next week.

For Prep-Year 1 students, Learning Conversations will be similar to previous years, between you and your child's teacher.

This year we are introducing student-led Learning Conversations in Years 2-6. Your child will be leading part of the Learning Conversation, discussing their learning goals with you alongside their teacher, and sharing how they plan to further develop and grow their skills and understanding. This approach encourages students to take ownership of their learning, helping them develop essential self-reflection and communication skills. By involving the child in these discussions, we foster a sense of responsibility and accountability in their educational journey. Moreover, it allows students to actively participate in setting their own goals and tracking their progress, making their learning experience more meaningful and personalised.

Booking link:

<https://bit.ly/458RwNi>

Bookings close tomorrow Friday 21 June at 3pm

Please click the link and book today if you haven't already to avoid disappointment and if you need to cancel or change your appointment, please do this by clicking the button on your confirmation email.

If you are having trouble booking online, please contact your child's teacher.

Merit Assembly

Date: Tuesday 2 July from 1.45pm

Hosts: Avah, Allixandrea, Amber

Sharing classes: Kinder & Grade 6

Certificates:

Learn, Inspire, Shine awards
LEGO drawing competition winners
LEGO competition winners

Performance: 6W Music Class



Student Council News

Our student council are hosting a staff vs students basketball game on Wednesday 3 July and staff and students are very excited! We hope to have a large crowd of students watching the game. May the best team win!

Creek Cafe



Next Menu item

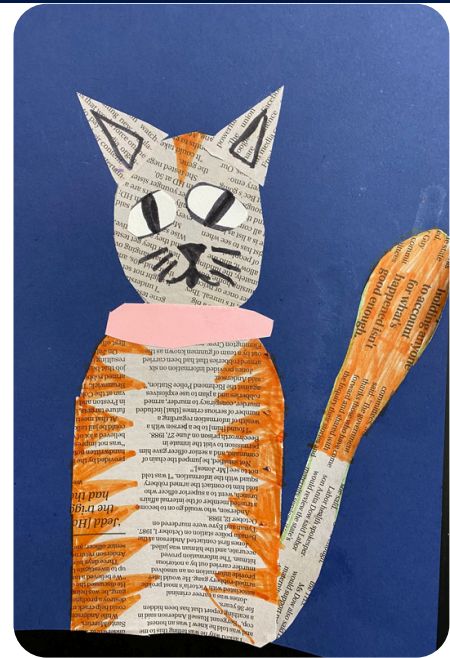
Date: Wednesday 26 June

Menu Item: Devilled Sausages with mashed potato

Orders due: Friday 21 June (tomorrow)

Art - Term 2

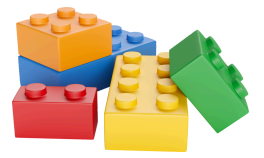
Early childhood art sessions provide many valuable experiences for our students. This term our young artists have begun to identify some of the elements of art (line, shape, colour, texture, pattern) whilst also developing hand-eye coordination. Art related skills are developed through using a range of materials to create, for example, acrylic paint, watercolours, collage and oil pastel. Students have had the opportunity to discuss ideas and techniques and communicate feelings about art.



Brixhibition™

Thank you to all of our students who submitted entries into the Brixhibition competition! There were so many amazing and inventive creations, well done to you all!

Students and Staff voted for their favourite lego creations yesterday and the winners are:



Kinder - Prep Wesley D



Grade 1 - 2 Laycie S



Grade 3 - 4 Lucy S



Grade 5 - 6 Harry B



Overall Winner Wesley D



Brixhibition™



Drawing Competition

Grand Finalist



Certificates will be presented in our July 2 assembly for all of our winners in the LEGO and drawing competitions!





STAR Cards

Max Ve. (Prep) - for doing a fantastic job writing a sentence.

Maci L. - We appreciate that you always see the positives in everyone and everything we do.

Wesley D. - for his amazing effort sounding out all of his 'g' sounds.

Mila N. - for always respecting our class rules.

Hannah H. - for always respecting our class rules.

Willow R. - for always respecting our class rules.

Maeve A. - for always respecting our class rules.

Harper A. - for always respecting our class rules.

Sahara - for being the quietest person in the library.

Phoenix - for the time and effort put into his pattern work with Mrs Guthrie.

Jaxon F. - for showing kindness and respect towards others.

Edie - for always being kind to her friends and teachers.

George R. - for always using his manners.

Milla S. - for always being the first to pack up to keep our classroom safe and tidy.

Tilly M. - for always putting 100% effort into tidying up the classroom.

Ella P. - for being a sensible and respectful member of our class.

Finn - for always putting 100% effort into tidying up the classroom.

Jobe - for fantastic writing, drawing and reading.

Ruby H. - for her enthusiastic approach to her reading (Oxford words and shared reading).

Ariana - for tidying up other people's books after quiet reading.

Oakley H. - absolutely wonderful gains in reading.

Bella A. - for demonstrating kindness & thoughtfulness by picking up a dropped item for her teacher. Thank you Bella for setting a positive example for your peers.

Declan - For the effort you are putting into your reading.

Sofia M. - for your great gains in reading.

Harry B. - for your great gains in reading.

Leo T. - for always completing his tasks with a 3 star effort!

George M - for always offering to help out in all situations.

Max Vb - for being thoughtful in line and letting another student go in front of him.

Elsie Re - for looking after her brother on the bus.

Eleanor R - for working hard and avoiding distractions to get some amazing work done.

Harper - for always helping me get my jobs done on Tuesday mornings. For also always showing enthusiasm and kindness.





Premier Reading Challenge Gymnastics Excursion

Join the Fun: Tasmania's Premier Reading Challenge

Attention students, teachers, and parents! The Premier's Reading Challenge has begun, and it's time to dive into the wonderful world of books. This exciting event, organised by the Tasmanian Department for Education, Children and Young People, encourages students to develop a love for reading while boosting their literacy skills. Students are encouraged to set a personal reading goal for the next 10 weeks, keeping in mind that this is a personal challenge and not a competition.

The challenge is open to all Tasmanian students from Prep to Year 6, aiming to inspire a lifelong passion for reading. These books can be chosen from a wide range of genres and subjects, ensuring there's something for every reader.

Parents and teachers play a crucial role by encouraging and supporting students throughout the challenge. Reading together, discussing books, and sharing recommendations can make the experience even more enjoyable and beneficial.

So, pick up your favourite book and join the Premier's Reading Challenge today! Let's make this year the best one yet for reading in Tasmania. For more information, visit the Premier's Reading Challenge website:

<https://www.decyp.tas.gov.au/about-us/events/premiers-reading-challenge/>

Happy reading!

Our Kinder and Prep students had the opportunity to spend last Friday afternoon at the Devonport Gymnastics Club.

Students rotated around 4 different stations with the help of the wonderful instructors. Tomorrow it is the Grade 1/2's turn, and we are sure they will enjoy it too!

We have more photos uploaded to facebook if you would like to check them out!





ICAS Competitions

ACPS will be offering Grade 2-6 students a chance to once again participate in the ICAS assessments in 2024. Parents register and pay for their child and we facilitate the assessments at school.

Assessment Dates: During August (exact dates will be advertised in early Term 3)

Learn More about ICAS here:

<https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas/>

How to participate in ICAS:

- Read more about ICAS subjects and prices here: <https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas/>
- Go to the parent portal to purchase tests here: <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>
- Enter school's access code: **DGC176** (the code in last newsletter was incorrect).
- Enter your child's details, select the tests you would like to purchase, then proceed to payment.

Booking portal closes on: Monday 29 July.

Reading at "The Creek"

Once again, this year at the Creek our students are focusing hard on learning to read and spell the most commonly used words in the English language (taken from the Oxford 500 Word List). Students practice these words at home and at school, and their efforts are rewarded with certificates.

Students are also recognised for their effort in reading at home with 'Nights of Reading Certificates'. This program encourages students to read for enjoyment as well as for learning and already many of our students have earned their '100 Nights of Reading' award.



Resilience Project

Mindfulness Tips:

Working on mindfulness gives us opportunities to develop our ability to pay attention to the present moment and our thoughts. Practising mindfulness daily can help us stay focused on set tasks and reduce stress and anxiety.

Whole Family Activity: Mindful Walk

- As a family, go on a walk outside in nature. This might be around your local walking track, at your local park, or just around your streets.
- While walking, tune into your senses and observe what you can see, hear, and feel. Or you might choose to focus on one of the senses. Eg: Hear: what are all the noises you can hear on your walk?
- On your way home or when you return home, share what each person saw, heard, or felt.

Family Habit Builder:

Each night at dinner, ask everyone to take one mouthful of food more mindfully than the rest and think about the flavours they can taste and how it makes them feel. (They can also thank the chef!).



iPads for sale!

We have some 2018 iPads for sale at the office if families would like to purchase one.

Cost: \$30 each.

Quantity: Only 1 per family.

Chargers not included.

Please contact the office if you would like one.

Cash only please.



Optional Advanced Safeguard Training



Earlier this year, the Department for Education, Children and Young People rolled out Safeguarding Training for staff, volunteers, and service providers.

This training was compulsory for everyone as part of our ongoing commitment to safeguard Tasmanian children and young people and prevent them from harm.

The department has recently released additional advanced Safeguarding training modules.

These are optional and are aimed at anyone who volunteers at a DECYP site, external providers, and anyone in the community who wants to learn more about how to keep children and young people safe.

If you'd like to build your knowledge in this space, the modules are available on the department's Safeguarding page.

Note: If you require additional assistance to access the modules, please take a look at the FAQs about technical support and additional assistance, which are also on the department's Safeguarding page.



Staying safe on our school services

Across the state our drivers take immense pride in delivering a dependable and safe service, and are thrilled to be part of your students' daily journey.

Our dedicated drivers genuinely enjoy the important community role they play in transporting your students to and from school each day and take their responsibility to ensure a safe journey for all seriously.

BEHAVIOUR ON-BOARD OUR BUSES

Your students can help make sure our drivers are able to focus on the road and get everyone to and from school safely by remaining seated while the bus is moving. If they need to speak to the driver, wait until the bus has stopped.

Students can avoid distracting our drivers by using headphones when listening to music or playing games and not shouting.

We'd really appreciate your support in reminding your students about good behaviour, which includes no vaping on our services. Their actions not only affect their own safety and comfort but also the comfort, safety, and happiness of everyone else on board.

For more information about what's expected from students on our buses please check out the Passenger Conduct Code for School Bus Services. You can access this [here](#): Passenger Conduct Code for School Bus Services - Transport Services

If you have any queries about our school services, please give our local teams a call on:

Devonport: 03 6427 7626

Launceston: 03 6336 1435

Hobart: 03 6214 7305

New Norfolk: 03 6261 4653

Burnie: 03 6434 4482

Thank you for your support in our partnership to provide safe and reliable school bus services to your students.

We look forward to welcoming your students on-board again soon.

Andrew Grzinic
General Manager - Tasmania
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Community News



nab AFL Auskick

midseason entry

Join us for the remainder of our season for only \$55!

Tuesdays 4pm - 5pm
@ Latrobe Auskick Centre
@ Devonport Auskick Centre

PLUS you'll receive an Auskick pack AND an exclusive Tasmania Devils Auskick T-shirt.

REGISTER NOW AT PLAY.AFL



IT'S PLAY TIME!

There's an AFL Holiday Program on the North West Coast!

nab AFL Auskick
4-8 year olds

AFL Superkick
8-12 year olds

Dial Park Penguin, 9 & 10 July, \$50 per person

SCAN HERE

OR VISIT - play.afl/play/school-holiday-programs



MONDAY 8TH JULY 2024
10AM TO 1230PM

Family Bowls Day

Free Event for Families!

Win prizes, play lawn bowls, face painting, balloon art, sausage sizzle, pizza, ice cream and more

East Devonport Bowls Club, 46 Wright St, East Devonport

School Holiday Tennis Camp




Learn new skills and have fun for ages 5 -18

When: Tues 9th and Wed 10th July 2024

New players (Red ball) 3-5pm
Orange, green and yellow ball 9-3pm

\$45 per person (Sibling discount available)

Where: Devonport Tennis Club

For more information please contact Pip on 0438 687 542 or devonporttennis@yahoo.com

To register go to coachpip.com



We're halving all public transport fares from Saturday, 1 June 2024

What's changing?

Public transport fares will be halved from Saturday, 1 June 2024.

Adult, concession, urban, non-urban, and child/student fares will be halved until 30 June 2025.

Services will continue to operate according to their current routes and timetables for the duration of the half price fare period. Public transport may be busier during this period.

Do I need to do anything?

No, your fare will be automatically halved when you pay.

Can I still use my Greencard/Transportme card?

Yes, Greencard/Transportme cards will automatically update to charge half price fares during the relevant period. Passengers should tap on as normal when they board.

Are other transport fares going to be halved?

No, fares for ridesharing, taxi, private bus services provided by schools, Skybus and the Bruny Island Ferry are not included.

What are the new fares for adult or adult concession passengers?

The Fare Finder farefinder.transport.tas.gov.au/ allows passengers to calculate half price fares for all adult and adult concession tickets.

What are the new fares for child/student passengers?

For students travelling on public buses, fare-paying school buses and ferries, the student fare will be reduced from \$2.00 to \$1.00. Students will also continue to receive a 20 per cent discount when using a smartcard or purchasing a 10-trip ticket. This reduces the smartcard fare from \$1.60 to \$0.80 per trip and the cost of a 10-trip ticket from \$16.00 to \$8.00.

For more information

Talk to your bus driver or operator.

Contact Passenger Transport at

Phone: 6168 3343

Email: ptfeedback@stategrowth.tas.gov.au

Web: www.transport.tas.gov.au/public_transport

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