

# The Creek This Week

Andrews Creek Primary School



## Upcoming events

- Friday 7 June**  
Student Free Day
- Monday 10 June**  
Public Holiday
- Tuesday 11 June**  
School Association Meeting
- Friday 14 June**  
K-P gymnastics
- Monday 17 June**  
1BH Excursion
- Tuesday 18 June**  
All Schools Cross Country
- Friday 21 June**  
Grade 1-2 gymnastics
- Monday 24 - Thursday 27 June**  
Parent Teacher Conversations
- Tuesday 25 June - 2 July**  
Dental Program K,P,1,2,6
- Friday 5 July**  
Last day Term 2
- Monday 22 July**  
First day Term 3

## Principal's Message

### Sharing Learning Progress with Families

#### Kindergarten

This week, Mrs D has been meeting with families to share Kinder Development Checks, celebrating the growth and development of our littlest of learners. We couldn't be prouder of their achievements and the wonderful progress they are making each day. A big thank you to our dedicated teachers, education assistants and supportive families for creating such a nurturing and engaging environment for our young people.

Reflecting on their journey so far, we are filled with pride and joy at the many ways they have blossomed. Here are just a few highlights of the social and academic skills our students have been mastering:

**\*\*Building Friendships:\*\*** Our students have been making new friends and learning how to share, take turns, and play cooperatively.

**\*\*Communication:\*\*** They are becoming more confident in expressing their thoughts and feelings, using words to solve problems and show empathy.

**\*\*Teamwork:\*\*** Whether working on group projects or playing games, they are developing a sense of teamwork and collaboration.

**\*\*Mark Making\*\*** From drawing shapes, numbers and letters to writing their names, our students are making great strides in their fine motor skills and handwriting.

**\*\*Curiosity and Exploration:\*\*** Our kindergartners are full of curiosity, asking questions, and showing enthusiasm for learning about the world around them.

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### **Learning Conversation Meetings (Prep-6)**

Written mid-year reports will be sent home with your child (Years 1-6) on Friday 21 June prior to the opportunity to meet together with teachers in the week starting Monday 24 June.

For Prep-Year 2 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 3-6. 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.

Some questions you might consider asking your child/child's teacher could be:

- What are your current learning goals in reading, writing, mathematics?
- What might you need to work on next to continue to achieve your learning goals?
- How will you know if you have been successful in achieving your learning goals?
- Is there anything we could do together at home to help you get there?

Please keep an eye out next week for an information letter on how to register online for a suitable appointment time. We look forward to seeing each of you for these important check-ins this term!

### **External School Review**

As part of DECYP's focus on continuous school improvement, we will be involved in an External School Review this year. The purpose of External School Reviews is to support schools to raise achievement, sustain high performance and provide quality assurance to build public confidence in government schools.

An external school review is part of the DECYP's commitment to;

- Supporting school teams to reflect upon their school's achievements and direction
- Support the school community to identify future priorities
- Provide feedback on how the school ensures students are KNOWN, SAFE and LEARNING.

All Tasmanian Government Schools will be externally reviewed every four years. The focus of the Review is to evaluate school performance. The Review Team consists of an External School Review Leader and trained Principal Peer Reviewers.

### **Our review will occur on 17 - 18 June.**

We will find out the effective school practices that have been verified through the Review processes as well as the improvements that we need to make in the future.

During the External School Review some students, families, School Association members and staff will be asked to provide information to the Review Team in a number of ways.

These include:

- individual interviews (can include family phone calls)
- group discussions (with students or staff or families)
- meetings (usually School Association, staff meeting)
- visits into classrooms.

We appreciate your support and time in helping us with this External School Review process and look forward to sharing the panel's findings over the following weeks. If you do not wish for your child to participate in these discussions please talk to me.

In Partnership,

Emma Scicluna  
*Principal*



# NWPSSA Cross Country Carnival



Last Tuesday, 24 of our grades 3-6's headed to Ulverstone Football ground with Mrs Hayes and Alicia Heine to represent ACPS in the NWPSSA Cross Country Carnival.

In the glorious sunshine, after shaking off a few nerves, our runners hit the course and gave their all. A few individual stand-out performances of note were Jack, winning his grade 3 boys race in a very close fight to the finish line, Kenzie finishing 3rd in her grade 3 girls race, and Sophia S coming 4th in her grade 5 girls race. We had several runners place top 20 in their races, and everybody finished the course. Teamwork won out on the day though, and with everybody putting in their very best effort our runners earned themselves the Division D shield! Fantastic effort runners!

Thank you to Alicia for accompanying Mrs Hayes to Ulverstone, Mr Wallace and class teachers for supporting the daily fitness running in preparation, and to all the adult visitors who came to support our team.





## Merit Assembly

Congratulations to these students for receiving an award at last week's assembly.

**Learn** - Remy, Amelia B, Finn, Jack G, Delilah Y, Bria, Eden, Ella.

**Inspire** - Phoenix, Lucy T, Rhyan, Arie, Keeley, Grace.

**Shine** - Milla, Zara, Alby M, Poppy, Eleanor, Maci L, Kohbi.

## Student Council News

Our student council is organising a staff vs Grade 6 students basketball game on Wednesday 3 July. Our staff will have some tough competition this year!

They are also going to be organising a fundraiser in early Term 3 so keep an eye out for that too.



## Pre-service Teacher Placements

You might have noticed some different faces in our school over the last few weeks. Pre-service Teachers from the University of Tasmania have received a warm welcome from students, staff and families.

We value our partnership with UTAS and understand the importance of classroom experience in preparing teachers for a profession in education.

Best of luck with the remainder of your placements Taylor, L'Toya and Kali.



# Brixhibition



# Drawing competition

Thank you to those students who entered the Brixhibition drawing competition. Check out the wonderful entries below! Congratulations to Lucy S, Ella P, Zara G and Jack G. whose designs were selected and submitted to the Brixhibition competition. Stay tuned for an update!

Parents will have received an SMS/email notification about our registration in the upcoming Brixhibition competition! Entries can be dropped to the office between Tuesday 11 and Monday 17 June.

**Brixhibition**

2024 BUILDING COMPETITION

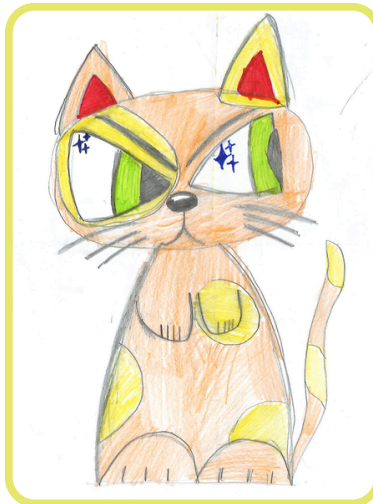
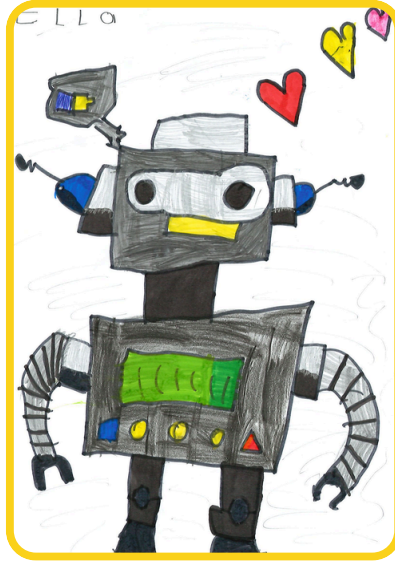
Entries can be brought to school from Monday 10th - Monday 17th June (overall winner & group judging on WEDNESDAY 17th June)

**CATEGORIES**  
 Kinder - Prep / Grades 1-2 / Grades 3-4 / Grades 5-6 / Overall Winner

**IMPORTANT BRIXIBITION RULES**

- Each Lego display to be no larger than 52cm x 52cm x 52cm, or no larger than four 32x32 kg Lego baseplates.
- Each Lego display must be an original or freelance design, and not made from a Lego kit or instructions.
- Some adult help is allowed, but the Lego design should mainly be child's own design.
- Each Lego entry to be completed and displayed at school by Monday 17th June 2024.

\* Each school or community group Lego Challenge overall winner will then compete against other schools or community groups overall winners at Brixhibition Ulverstone 2024. All Lego Challenge overall winners will be judged by Tasmanian Brick Enthusiasts Inc. members, to determine the Grand prize Winners by bringing their model to Ulverstone Sport and Leisure Centre in Flora Street to be on display at the Brixhibition Ulverstone 2024 event Sat 13th & Sun 14th July. Grand Prize winners will be announced at 3:20pm on Sunday 14th July during Brixhibition Ulverstone 2024. Grand Prizes: 1st Place Trophy + \$300 Lego Gift Voucher.





# STAR Cards

**Riley B.** - can be relied upon to be an ACPS star at all times - especially efficient at getting tasks done.

**Ollie M.** - for always being a great helper during pack up time.

**Elka** - for following instructions to complete her tasks.

**Jack T.** - for always using his manners.

**Finlay** - for a huge effort in keeping our room safe and tidy this week.

**Sofia** - we respect your determination to get 100/100 on Spelling, not to mention 50 Home Readers too!

**Finn** - for helping tidy up others mess.

**Alice** - for trying your best doing the maths tasks today.

**George M.** - for returning a book for the Grade 6's to use - and with a smile.

**Leo P.** - for always being a fantastic listener.

**Hugo** - for always being a kind and respectful class member.

**Lucy H.** - for thoughtful initiative to jump in and help Mrs A when she needed it.

**Jack Sta.** - for some amazing writing about the cross country.

**Tom** - for sacrificing his place in a game so his classmate could keep playing.

**Bonnie** - for using whole body listening today.

**Delilah Y.** - for being the first in class to complete the Rocket Matha addition set.

**Harper A.** - for willingly helping Alicia H. with her TA jobs.

**Zen** - for making the sports shed a safe working place.

**Izzy** - for making the sports shed a safe working place.

**Izzy** - for demonstrating respect by cleaning the sports shed.

**Fletcher** - for noticing some sand on the carpet and cleaning it up.

**Frankie** - for helping Mrs Bishop pick up some pens that she dropped.

**Brooklyn** - for her thoughtful and grown-up effort in her literacy work - wow!

**Ethan** - for helping tidy other people's mess.

**Alexander** - your thoughtfulness to offer to help a peer carry their items was very considerate.

**Asta** - your thoughtful gesture for Mrs Dick was a lovely idea.

**Jasper** - your thoughtful gesture for Mrs Dick was a lovely idea.

**Zeke** - for having such an amazing day and positively contributing to class discussions and learning.

**Zen** - for being calm and patient in our assembly that did not go to plan!

**Ayla** - for being calm and patient in our assembly that did not go to plan!

**Amber** - for assisting a classmate by helping them get organised without being prompted.

**Jack Sm.** - for being calm and patient in our assembly that did not go to plan!

**Kyle** - for helping the sports leaders pack up.

**Elizabeth** - for always being a respectful listener and being ready to learn.

**Archie H.** - for always being a respectful listener and being ready to learn.



## STAR Cards

**Lincoln R.** - for always being a respectful listener and being ready to learn.

**Elsie Re.** - for being a great helper in the classroom.

**Laycie S.** - for always being an excellent helper in the classroom.

**Ava L.** - for her very thoughtful book choice at library.

**Pheonix** - for being a respectful listener during sharing circle time.

**Hartley** - for being a respectful listener during sharing circle time.

**Esther** - for being a respectful listener during sharing circle time.

**Phoenix** - for amazing Autumn work and helping clean up.

**Sophia S.** - 100% on not one, but two mathematics assessments. Congratulations.

**Max VB** - for being the quietest person in the library today.

**Amayah** - for always helping during pack up time to keep our room safe.

**Dotty** - for happily completing any task she is asked to do.

**Finlay G.** - for a week of being super brave at drop off and being thoughtful towards his Mum.

**Milla S.** - for always using amazing manners, especially during mat time.

**Harper K.** - for helping a friend pack away their lunch box.

**Harvey** - for working quietly all day today.

**Rose** - for encouraging her friends on the monkey bars.



Andrews  
Creek  
Primary School  
Learning Inspires Shine

# Student Free Day

# Tomorrow!

## Friday 7 June

**Lucy H.** - for taking it upon herself to willingly help those around her with maths.

**Billie** - for helping during pack up time to keep the Kinder room tidy and safe.

**Connor** - for always listening respectfully during group time.

**Leo H.** - for creating some wonderful imaginative games for his friends.

## Resilience Project

Did you know ....

80% of our happiness is derived from:

- Friendship.
- Health.
- Work fulfillment.
- Loving relationships.
- Spirituality.

When you do something kind for someone else your brain releases the love hormone oxytocin. This makes you feel good too. Check out Martin Heppell from The Resilience Project talking about being kind and the benefits of kindness.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qO-ja3h5INc>

"Kindness is the greatest wealth of all. Small acts of kindness last longer than a lifetime" - Eddie Jaku (Author of 'The Happiest Man on Earth').



# 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 hold the assessments during school time.

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

## 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: **HMG783**
- Enter your child's details, select the tests you would like to purchase, then proceed to payment.

**Booking portal closes on:** Monday 29 July.

# Parking

Our 3 parking spots at the front of the main entrance are for **5 minute parking only** for those parents quickly collecting or dropping off their child.



# Gymnastics Excursion

Our K - Grade 2 students are heading to the Devonport Gymnastics Club in Spreyton this month as part of a sporting schools grant we have received.

Friday 14 June - Kinder & Prep students  
Friday 21 June - Grade 1 & 2 students.

Parents/carers received a notice this week about the excursion. Please return your permission slip to the office as soon as possible.

# Winter Wellness Information for parents

Prepare, plan and protect this winter.

The cooler months bring colds, flu, COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses. The best way to look after yourself and your family is to prepare, plan and protect.

## Prepare.

Get vaccinated. Making sure the whole family are up to date with their flu and COVID-19 vaccines is the best way to protect them from getting very sick. You can receive flu and COVID-19 vaccines on the same day. Book an appointment with your GP or local pharmacist today.

Who should get vaccinated?

### Flu vaccines:

- everyone aged over 6 months can receive an annual flu vaccine.
- flu vaccines are free\* for children under 5 years, pregnant women, people aged over 65 years, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and those with certain medical conditions. Flu can be serious for young children.
- children are more likely to catch and spread the flu and young children may become very sick.

\*Talk to your GP or pharmacist about any out-of-pocket costs or private fees.

### COVID-19 vaccines:

- adults can receive COVID-19 vaccine every 6 to 12 months, depending on their age and individual circumstances.
- some people under 18 years can consider a COVID-19 vaccine.
- speak to your GP or pharmacist about what vaccines are recommended for you and your family.

### Help track flu and COVID-19! Participate in FluTracking.

- This year, you can help Public Health to track flu and COVID-19 by participating in FluTracking.
- FluTracking is an Australia-wide online health surveillance system operated by Hunter New England Health in NSW.
  - It is used to track the spread of COVID-19, flu and other respiratory illness.
  - All you need to do is complete a survey each Monday that takes less than 30 seconds.
    - Anyone can participate, unwell or healthy.
  - Increased participation in FluTracking by families with young children is particularly valuable.
- Join up now: [www.flutracking.net/?inv7](http://www.flutracking.net/?inv7)



## Plan.

Know what services are available for you and your family if you get sick this winter.

- **Your General Practitioner (GP):**
  - can diagnose and treat a range of illnesses (including colds, flu and COVID-19), provide health screening and give advice to everyone
  - can refer you to another medical specialist or an allied health professional if they decide you need additional specialised care
  - can co-ordinate your care if you have multiple health needs
  - get to know you and your family over time and can provide care that's right for you and your family.
- **Care@home** provides virtual care and support over the phone for people with flu, COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses, or people caring for someone who is sick. Care@home nurses can help you to access testing, including for children, and antiviral medication if eligible. Call 1800 973 363.
- **Registered Nurses at HealthDirect** are available 24/7. They can provide advice when you're not sure what to do and may arrange for a call back from a GP. Call 1800 022 222.
- **Visit [www.tasafterhours.com](http://www.tasafterhours.com)** to find healthcare options near you available on evenings, weekends and public holidays, including afterhours GPs, walk-in clinics and pharmacies.
- **Medicare Urgent Care Clinics** are open 7 days a week. Clinics are located in Launceston, Hobart, and Devonport. Visit [www.health.tas.gov.au/medicare-urgent-care-clinics](http://www.health.tas.gov.au/medicare-urgent-care-clinics).
- If it is an emergency (including if your child develops severe symptoms like difficulty breathing), call triple zero (000) and ask for an ambulance or go to your nearest emergency department.



## Protect.

Protect others, especially those at risk of severe illness, by ensuring your family:

- stay home while they're unwell, and don't visit people who are at risk of severe illness (like older people or those with health conditions) if you have any cold or flu-like symptoms
- regularly wash or sanitise your hands
- covering coughs and sneezes.



For more information

Public Health Hotline: 1800 671 738 | [health.tas.gov.au/winter-wellness](http://health.tas.gov.au/winter-wellness)



# Creek Cafe

We would like to thank our creek cafe chefs for the delicious meals they have been serving us! Don't forget to get your order in for next week today!

## Next Menu item



**Date: Wednesday 12 June**

**Menu Item: Chow Mein**

**Orders due: Thursday 6 June**



### **INGREDIENTS:**

- 1 kg pumpkin
- 2 carrots
- 1 onion
- 2 garlic cloves
- 2 vegetable stock cubes
- 1 litre water
- salt and pepper



### **METHOD:**

1. Cut the pumpkin into 3cm slices. Cut the skin off and scrape seeds out. Cut into 4cm chunks.
2. Peel and cut carrots into small chunks.
3. Place the pumpkin, carrot, onion, garlic, stock cube and water in a pot – liquid won't quite cover all the pumpkin. Bring to a boil, uncovered, then reduce heat and let simmer rapidly until pumpkin is tender – about 10 minutes.
4. Remove from heat and use a stick blender to blend until smooth.
5. Season to taste with salt and pepper.
6. Ladle soup into bowls.
7. Serve with bread roll!



# School Nurse News Hearing

## Fun Facts about ears!

- Human ears are self-cleaning organs. Ear wax is produced by tiny pores in the ear canal. There are tiny hairs in the canal known as cilia. Cilia are responsible pushing the wax out.
- Your ears never stop hearing even when you sleep. Your brain just ignores incoming sounds.
- The smallest bones in your body can be found in your ears.

## To prevent damage to your hearing

- Keep your music, TV, radio down —you should be able to easily talk to someone 2 metres away.
- If you use headphones or earphones, limit use to an hour at a time then take a break.
- If you can, use headphones or earphones that block outside noise.
- Wear earplugs or ear protection equipment, such as earmuffs, in noisy workplaces.
- At live music and other loud events, wear earplugs, take frequent breaks and give your hearing 18 hours to recover afterwards.
- Don't listen to music at more than 60% of the maximum volume.

From: <https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/hearing-loss#prevention>

Did you know that I can perform free hearing assessments at school?  
Feel free to contact me at the school if you need assistance.

*Nurse Debbie*



## 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.

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Pre-Kinder sessions will start mid way through Term 3. We will advertise these closer to the date in our newsletter and on facebook.

## School Association News

This is a friendly reminder about our upcoming School Association Meeting. We encourage all members of the school community to attend.

Meeting Details:

**Date: Tuesday, 11 June**



Time: 6:00 PM

Location: The Vale Room, Andrews Creek Primary School

Your contribution is key to shaping the future of our school. We look forward to seeing you there!

### 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](mailto:andrewscreek.sac@gmail.com)



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RESILIENCE PROJECT  
WE ARE EXPLORING

# Being Grateful



Electricity &  
teachers

1B Class Focus

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the WHOLE  
WORLD!

Food



Horses &  
phones



Animals &  
the earth

The earth



Animals & trees



Toilets, Africa & Mrs Bishop



Trees & colours



My home, my clothes & my ears



My family

Water & school



Being able to go to Melbourne for my birthday



My friends, my bed & my basketball hoop



Trees



My bed, all animals & my family



Electricity, water, trees, my family & my dog



Being alive!



My family & my best friends



My family, my dog, my dirt bike & PS5



# All Schools Cross Country

Entries for the 2024 All Schools Cross Country events are now open, and you don't need to qualify in a local competition to be a part of it. All school participants are welcome! Parents/carers are required to register their child and transport them to and from the event.

Visit the links below for more information and to enter:

Primary Schools - Tuesday 18 June

[https://www.onlineentry.com.au/XCPrimary\\_Tas\\_2024.aspx](https://www.onlineentry.com.au/XCPrimary_Tas_2024.aspx)

Visit our website calendar for more information.

Athletics Tasmania

[www.tasathletics.org.au](http://www.tasathletics.org.au)

# Book Club

Issue #4 is out now! **Orders are due in LOOP no later than Tuesday 18 June.** Students with ACPS prize book vouchers will need to order via the office.



**2024 ALL SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY**

**ENTRIES OPEN NOW!**

**SECONDARY - 13 JUNE**  
**PRIMARY - 18 JUNE**  
**SYMMONS PLAINS RACEWAY**

Athletics Tasmania

The poster features a green background with a collage of photos of students. On the left, a male student in a blue singlet and shorts is running. On the right, a group of four female students in blue tracksuits are smiling. The text is in white and yellow, with the Athletics Tasmania logo in the top right corner.

# Community News



**EVERY SCHOOL COUNTS**

The next AEDC data collection starts in Term 2, 2024

Our Children • Our Communities • Our Future

**Your school's data makes a difference**

The AEDC gives us a complete picture of how children have developed by the time they start school. The data is used by schools, communities, and governments to plan services and supports that give our kids the best start in life.

**Every school counts** and it's through the commitment of all schools that the AEDC is a success. Thank you for playing your part in the AEDC data collection.

Find out more at [www.aedc.gov.au](http://www.aedc.gov.au)

**Your local AEDC Coordinator:**

Jill Clennett – [aedc@decyp.tas.gov.au](mailto:aedc@decyp.tas.gov.au)

Australian Early Development Census  
An Australian Government Initiative

The poster features a young girl in a white school uniform smiling. Below her is a photo of a boy in a blue shirt and red hat. The background is a mix of green, blue, and yellow. The Australian Early Development Census logo is in the top left corner.



**Latrobe Federal Band**

Annual Concert

Celebrating

**100 YEARS OF DISNEY**

Sunday 7th July 2024

2.00 pm

**Latrobe Memorial Hall**

Door Sales, EFTPOS Available

Adults - \$12    Ages 10-18 - \$6  
Under 10 Free

The poster features a background image of a Disney castle with fireworks. The text is in black and white, with the Disney logo in its signature font. The event details are listed in a clean, sans-serif font.

# Community News





**Rubicon River Arts Inc.**  
**MIDWINTER ART**



**VIEW**  
Tasmania  
Latrobe/Devonport



**COMPETITION**

**WONDERS OF MY WORLD**

**EXHIBITION**  
OPENING 4 PM SUNDAY AUGUST 11  
by the Honorable Mike Gaffney MLC  
**LATROBE ARTS HUB**  
21 GEORGE ST, LATROBE  
Exhibition and voting closes,  
Sunday 2 pm August 18  
Enquiries: 0409 551 512

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**TEEMATES**  
GOLF MORE


A golf community which supports juniors on their journey through the game – giving them awesome access to lots of different golf facilities and benefits.

**BENEFITS INCLUDE:**

- Access to play TeeMates events
- \$5 or less course access through our partnership with Youth on Course\*
- Access to an official Golf Australia handicap\*
- Exclusive content for game improvement



**FIND OUT MORE**  
[golf.org.au/teemates/](http://golf.org.au/teemates/)



**Black Square Chess**  
Building Better Brains

**SACRED HEART COLLEGE, HOBART**  
**PEDDER STREET ENTRANCE**

**2024 TASMANIAN JUNIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**7 rounds classical Games, ACF Rated**  
**Under 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18 Sections**

**10:00 - 4PM**  
**29 - 30TH OF JUNE**

**SIGN UP OR FIND OUT MORE**  
**AT BLACKSQUARECHESS.COM**



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*Learn Inspire Shine*

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