

The Creek This Week

Andrews Creek Primary School



Upcoming events

Friday 27 September

Last day Term 3
Footy Colours Day

Monday 14 October

First day of Term 4

Wednesday 16 October

School Photos

Monday 21 - Thursday 31 October

Swimming & Water Safety Program

Tuesday 22 October

School Association Meeting

Friday 1 November

Student Free Day

Monday 4 November

Public Holiday

Friday 15 November

Athletics Carnival

Friday 22 November

Schools Triathlon

Friday 29 November

Public Holiday

Principal's Message

We have reached the final week of term 3 and it was great to see at yesterday's assembly a celebration of the term and the achievements that have been made by our students. Thanks to everyone who was able to come along to the assembly and celebrate the term with us.

Term 4 is of course a very busy term with many activities and events. This starts very early with our Swimming Water Safety program getting underway on the Monday of week 2.

A reminder to all that Friday 1st of November is a student free day.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Families School Satisfaction Survey 2024, your feedback is very important to help the Department for Education, Children and Young People inform our school improvement planning and decision-making. We had 44 families respond to the survey which was well above our target of 34. The survey is now closed, and schools will receive summaries of the results in Term 4. Responses from individuals or small groups will NOT be disclosed to anyone.

Thanks to everyone who was able to attend our Open Classroom event last week. I know students really enjoy being able to share what has been happening in their class with the special adults in their lives. Events like this are a great informal way for us to be able to share with you the teaching and learning that has been taking place and as well as progress that students are making. We understand that not everyone is available to always attend such events, so please feel free to make a time with your child's teacher if you wish to discuss anything about their learning and/or wellbeing.

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Our School Improvement Plan has three priority areas. One of those priorities is student attendance. Research has shown that students who attend school at a rate 90% or greater have a much higher chance of be a successful learner than those who attend less than this. At ACPS our target in this area is to have greater than 80% of our students attend 90% of school days in 2024. Unfortunately, at the moment we are well below this target at only 64%. We hope that term 4 can see the end of all the illness that has impacted our students through this term. Students who are attending less than 90% are missing 1 day of school a fortnight or 5 weeks a year. A year 8 student who has had an attendance rate of 90% throughout their schooling has only attended the same amount of school as a year 7 student with 100% attendance. Every Day Matters!

Yours in Partnership
 Nathan Rockliff
 Acting Principal

Footy Colours Day

A reminder that tomorrow is footy colours day! No gold donation is required this year, we are donating all proceeds from our hot dog sales to the Fight Cancer Foundation. Hot dog orders have closed.



Friday 27 September

Please bring a gold coin donation to support the Fight Cancer Foundation



Hotdogs will be available from the canteen! Pre-Orders due by Friday 20 September



HATS ARE BACK
 FOR TERM 4

WE ARE PROUD TO BE A SUNSMART School

Hats - Term 4

A reminder that hats are required first day back next term so please grab one at the office if you don't have one as it will be "no hats no play" in Term 4 as part of our Sunsmart policy.

Hat Prices:

- Legionnaire:** (one size) \$12
- Wide Brim Hats:** 55, 57, 59cm \$14

School Photos

School Photo Date: Wednesday 16 October

Orders due: Monday 14 October.

Our school photos are not far away! You can place your online order now! Please head to:

orders.piedpiperportraits.com.au or scan the QR code below.



Andrews Creek Primary School

Photo Day: Wednesday, 16th October 2024

Order in 4 easy steps!

1. Scan the QR Code or head to orders.piedpiperportraits.com.au and enter your email address and the access key provided below
2. Fill in details (please write names in as per school enrolment, no nicknames) for one child, select products and add them to your cart
3. To order for another child or to order FAMILY (sibling) portraits, click 'Continue Shopping' button at the top right corner (or on mobile device, click the ARROW at top right corner). For FAMILY portraits, select the eldest child's class from the drop-down list.
4. When you are ready, check out and ensure you receive an order confirmation receipt via email (check your spam/junk inbox if you do not receive within an hour)



*PLEASE ENTER YOUR CHILD'S ENROLLED NAME, NO NICKNAMES.

ACCESS KEY: F3SB68CB

The cut-off date for FAMILY (sibling) photo orders is **Monday, 14th October 2024**

Should you have any queries regarding photo packages, please don't hesitate to call or email us.

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Lower Sandy Bay TAS 7005
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contact@piedpiperportraits.com
ABN: 14 165 056 374
www.piedpiperportraits.com.au

Visitor Sign in

Just a reminder that all visitors must sign in at the kiosk machine at the front office when they are staying longer than drop off and pick up.

This is to ensure you have a current working with vulnerable people card, have completed the safeguarding training, and also in the event of an emergency so we have a record of who is on-site.

Eye Program

A big thank you to the Lions Club for facilitating the eye screening program here this term. Students who require further screening from an optometrist were given a letter to take home to parents.



Swimming & Water Safety Program

Our swimming program will begin on Monday 21 October. Notices will be going out to families on Monday 14 October, and Major Excursion forms were completed at the beginning of the year.

Drive-through procedures

Drive-through procedures are going well and we appreciate everyone's support.

Can we please ask that when you are lined up in the 4 car pick up spots that you wait until the cars in front of you have pulled out before you do. This will ensure that students who enter the cars on the right side are safe.

New procedures: Effective from Monday 16 September.

- Cars doing drive-through pick up will need to wait until both our buses are through the gates before entering our pickup zone.
- Our 2 school buses will park at the front of the line outside the large shed **and will depart first before any parent vehicles are permitted to leave.**
- To ensure there isn't congestion on Westwind Drive we ask that parents who are doing drive through pickup **do not arrive in Wesley Vale until at least 2.50pm to allow buses a clear and safe entry.**
- The new area for parent vehicles to stop and collect students will now be back towards the netball courts still marked by traffic bollards and behind the buses.

Playgroup & Pre-Kinder Term 4

Term 4 dates for Pre-Kinder and Playgroup are listed below!

Mrs D will be away from 29 October - 13 November so there will be no Pre-Kinder and Playgroup during this time. Enrolment forms for our 2025 Kinder students will be handed out 28 October and due back to the office by the end of November.

Pre-Kinder

Monday's
9am - 10.30am

Term 3 & 4 Dates:

26 August, 2 September,
9 September, 16 September,
23 September, 14 October,
21 October, 28 October,
18 November, 25 November.

Kinder Orientation Session: 2 December.

Enrolment Packs will be handed out in October.



Playgroup

Thursday's
9-10.30am

Term 4 Dates:

17 October, 24 October
14 November, 21 November,
28 November, 5 December.



Please bring a piece of fruit to share for morning tea



School Association News

A special thank you to those who participated in our uniform survey earlier this term. We've had a significant response, with the majority strongly in favour of keeping our current ACPS polo. Based on this feedback, we have decided not to explore other options at this time. We appreciate your input and will continue to keep you informed about any future developments.

At our recent meeting, we discussed several key issues:

- **After-School Care:** Exploring viable after-school care options remains a challenge. We are committed to finding a solution that works best for our community and will continue our efforts in this area.
- **Farewell to Alana Slater:** We bid a fond farewell to Alana Slater, who has retired from the committee to focus on her two growing boys. We thank Alana for her dedication and contributions and wish her all the best.
- **Creek Café:** We encourage families to reuse zip lock bags for the Creek Café orders. We currently have an overflow of them and are encouraging children to grab one when they get their order form. Alternatively, you can pay via card at the front office.
- **GaGa Pit:** There have been concerns about holes developing in students' shoes from playing in the GaGa pit. Families are encouraged to keep old school shoes for students to change into during recess and lunch playtime to help prevent this.

As always, if you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to reach out. We're here to ensure our school continues to be a vibrant and inclusive place for all our students.

School Association Contact:



andrewscreek.sac@gmail.com

Car Boot Fun Day

November 23rd

More details to come next term!

**SAVE!
THE DATE!**

Claws on the Line

Last Monday our Grade 5/6's participated in the, "Claws on the Line" activities with scientists from Bookend Trust.

These individuals are very passionate about the burrowing crayfish and in particular the ones that inhabit the Andrews Creek area.

Our school is so lucky to have the opportunity to investigate a natural habitat right on our doorstep. We were able to make connections with our environment and learn about their habitat, how to identify their burrows and the importance of protecting vulnerable species of animals. We did hands on activities such as making chimneys, building habitats and using natural vegetation to make models of the burrowing crayfish.

The Claws on the line team are also running another art competition this year (details in the poster right) which will be a great school holiday for our students! **Entries close on 18 October.**

The prize ceremony for the competition will be held on Friday 25 October at ACPS. We look forward to seeing your entries!

FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL KIDS!

NATURE TRACKERS

Bookend Trust

TASMANIAN COMMUNITY FUND

CLAWS ON THE LINE ART COMPETITION

→ DRAW, PAINT, SCULPT, CREATE!

PRIZES AND CERTIFICATES UP FOR CRABS!

Use the **Central North Burrowing Crayfish** to inspire your artwork.

All entrants invited to a special afternoon tea and prize giving ceremony at:

Andrew's Creek Primary School
25th October @ 2.30pm
RSVP: hello@naturetrackers.com.au

EMAIL A PHOTO OF YOUR ARTWORK TO:
hello@naturetrackers.com.au by 18th October

RESEARCH THE CRAYFISH AT:
www.naturetrackers.com.au/claws

QUESTIONS? EMAIL US AT:
hello@naturetrackers.com.au





PJ Day!

Our PJ Day on Friday 13 September raised \$203.00 for RSPCA Tasmania! We hope that you all enjoyed wearing your PJ's to school and thank you to our Kinder class for the wonderful idea!

Grade 5-6 Sports Day

Last Friday the Grade 5/6's had a fantastic day of sports! A big thank you to Mrs Hayes, Mrs A, Mr Wallace and Mr Rockliff for organising this great event for our students. They got to play netball, tee ball, street hockey, and king of the court and the black team came out on top!





Maths Relay

On Sunday the 22 September, we represented Andrews Creek at the Burnie High State Maths Relay. There is a rotating runner, it rotates every time someone answers correctly or passes the runner rotates, the runner cannot participate in that question. We had so much fun this year and hope to do it again next year!

Thank you to Elli Penton and Chloe Rosendale for being our markers, Mr Rockliff for coming along, the Mathematical Association of Tasmania for organising this event, and of course the parents for making the drive!

By Asta and Sophia



Merit Assembly

Congratulations to the following students who received a Learn, Inspire or Shine award at Wednesday's assembly. More photos were uploaded to our facebook page on Wednesday afternoon.

Learn - Harry B, Rose, Amber, Freya, Lacey R, Fletcher, Sharma, Lincoln C.

Inspire - Finlay, Mahli, Lauren, Saibo, Grayson, Nevaeh, Elsie Re, Ayla, Esther, Frankie.

Shine - Lucy H, Boston, Archie S, Kyle, Caitlyn. Ariana, Harry J.

Uniform Orders for 2025

Uniform Order forms for 2025 were emailed on EdSmart to all parents/carers today. Hard copies are available at the office.

Orders are due by Tuesday 15 October.
Orders can be delivered to the office or a digital copy can be emailed to:
andrews.creek.primary@decyp.tas.gov.au

These items will be available for collection and payment on school levy payment day in February 2025. If you do not put in a pre-order we can't guarantee that items will be available.





STAR Cards

Elka - for checking on a friend when they were looking sad.

Hamish - for being a respectful listener during morning routine.

Fletcher - for doing a fantastic job tidying our room to keep it safe.

Sophia S. - for achieving an outstanding result on our maths sample.

Matilda - for showing great resilience and having a go at all activities. Well done at applying yourself to activities.

Riley - for respectfully completing tasks to a pleasing standard.

Harry B. - for regularly displaying a thoughtful and generous nature.

George R. - for always being an amazing listener during group time.

Charlie B. - for always caring for his classmates.

Remy - for the amazing effort he puts in to complete "wow" pictures.

Maeve - for always being willing to clean and tidy for Mrs D and Mrs Hooper.

Albie - for an amazing week of being an Andrews Creek STAR.

Boston - for always using amazing manners.

Leo T. - for always helping to tidy and keep our room safe.

Elliott - for being thoughtful to others by reading quietly in the library.

Wynter - for being thoughtful to others by reading quietly in the library.

Ziggy - for being thoughtful to others by reading quietly in the library.

Matilda - for respectfully using her leadership skills to guide her teams.

Freyja - for being thoughtful to others by reading quietly in the library.

Ava L. - for being thoughtful to others by reading quietly in the library.

Matilda - for ensuring she was listening to instructions to keep her and others safe.

Tom - for supporting his classmates and having a positive attitude.

Chelsea - for picking up a device from the floor and relocating it safely.

Eleanor - for being a respectful listener in class today.

Evelyn - using great team work to help her team to victory.

Tom - being safe, respectful and mindful by waiting his turn for activities.

Evelyn - pushing her barriers and bouncing back to overcome challenges from the day before.

Bria - putting in a great effort during daily PE run.

Chelsea - putting in a great effort during daily PE run.

Evie - putting in a great effort during daily PE run.

Evelyn - having a red hot go at PE activities at camp. Great to see.

Lucy - putting in a great effort during daily PE run.

Zeke - great participation during daily PE and following instructions.

Evora - for being a respectful listener in class today

Eleanor - having an amazing respectful day, from listening respectfully to mindful of her peers.



STAR Cards

Oliver - great participation during daily PE.

Delilah - helping Tianna clean up her mess.

Tom - improvements with your bookwork and handwriting. Well done.

Bella - great work at applying your learning and creating very detailed sentences.

Evie - thoughtfully helping to clean up a mess that wasn't hers.

Indi - great participation during daily PE.

Lucy - for cleaning up rubbish blowing around the courtyard. Well done Lucy.

Lusiana - respectfully listening on the mat and kind words to remind those that were not.

Matilda - being a thoughtful friend, caring for someone who injured themselves.

Zeke - being thoughtful of other class members by following instructions.

Lusiana - actively participating in mindful breathing exercises.

Ivahna - applying a great level of dedication to her assessment to achieve a high desired mark. Well done.

Evelyn - actively participating in mindful breathing exercises.

Delilah - great participation during daily PE.

Eleanor - great participation during daily PE.

Jaxon L. - for being a caring and thoughtful class member. For helping others without being asked.

Harry B. - for supporting reading club.

Jack Smi - for always producing work samples of a high standard.

Max Vea - for cleaning the sink area after everyone had washed their hands.

Ethan T. - for doing a great job defending in hockey Daily PE.

Bria - for an amazing well thought out and fantastic written news article about our class camp.

Avah R. - for being an amazing library monitor - well done, thank you.

Lauren - for being an enthusiastic library monitor - consistently arrives with a smile, thank you.

Jack Smi. - has been enthusiastically helping the library monitors, thank you.

Jaxon C. - for saying thank you when someone put his laptop away.

Micah - for always using beautiful manners.

Freyja H. - for 10 fabulous talking jobs sessions giving 100% each time.

Tilly - for coming straight to the mat and patiently waiting for everyone else.

George - for being an awesome helper all day.

Ella P. - for displaying all the qualities of an ACPS shining star!

Freyja H. - for taking turns during a group activity and being respectful towards the others in her group.

Frankie - for taking turns during a group activity and being respectful towards the others in her group.

Amelia B. - for her outstanding effort reading a decodable book confidently.

Arlo H. - for apologising when he accidentally bumped into someone.

Asta - for participating in the maths relay on the weekend.

Sophia - for participating in the maths relay on the weekend.

STAR Cards

Jace - for demonstrating resilience of the highest order by not letting physical limitation slow him down.

Oakley H. - for displaying the Andrews Creek values while at the Bluff skatepark on Saturday morning.

George - for doing an amazing job in Daily PE school run.

Archie S. - for working with Mrs Boskell on his Oxford Words in a respectful way.

Tarkine - for safely emptying and cleaning the compost bin.

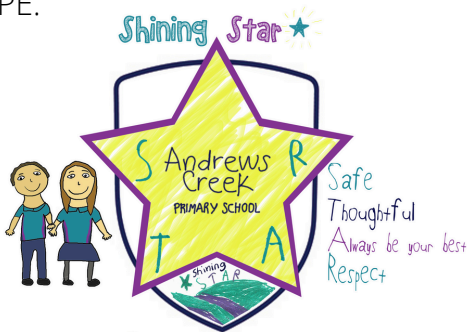
Ruby - for safely emptying and cleaning the compost bin.

Willow - for respecting our class routines and expectations.

Harper - for always trying her best in dodge ball.

Delilah Y. - for respecting class routines and expectations.

Delilah Y. - for always encouraging her friends in Daily PE.



Independent Education Review



Have your say on the future of Tasmania's education system

The Tasmanian Government has established an Independent Review of Tasmania's education system to improve the education system over the next 10 years. And they want to hear from families, children and young people of all ages, and members of the community.

There are multiple ways you can get involved:

1. Respond to the **public Consultation Paper**
2. Complete the **survey for educators, families and the community**
3. Complete the **short survey for students**
4. Submit a creative response to the question (for children and young people only): Imagine yourself at the end of school, what have you learned, what have you achieved and who do you want to be?

Submissions responding to the Consultation Paper must be submitted by Sunday 13 October 2024, and all other consultation opportunities will close on Sunday 27 October 2024.

Visit the **Independent Education Review website** to learn more or email **contact@ier.tas.gov.au**



3/4 HP TIMES

ANDREWS CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL

LOCAL LEADERSHIP IN ACTION: MAYOR MEADS TALKS GOVERNMENT WITH 3/4 HP

3/4 HP News Reporters Bria Badcock & Miss Pennicott

Grade 3/4 welcomed Vonette Mead, the Acting Mayor of the Latrobe Council, into their classroom last Wednesday, with aims to gain deeper insights into the operation and importance of government in our community as part of their current HASS unit.



Vonette Mead informing 3/4 HP students on the importance of the government

The student's focus was on the role of the government and its purposes. Prior to Vonette's visit, 3/4 HP only had a rough idea of government's purpose. During Vonette's visit, she educated students on many aspects of government, even informing them of their local councillors. Vonette spoke about the importance of every councillor's point of view, with each of them bringing their own valuable insights of community matters. She spoke of Garry Sims who was involved in an accident and is now unfortunately in a wheelchair and how he provides valuable perspectives of the community



3/4 HP with Vonette Mead

including the importance of concrete footpath and good roads for all.

Many bursting questions were also answered by Vonette, informing students about local Mayors and federal governments alike. She was able to clarify many wonderings through doing so like one from Chelsea. "I wanted to know, are courts part of the government?" she said. Chelsea was able to discover that whilst the courts aren't part of the government, the government does in fact fund them.

Students then dove into voting and elections, helping them understand what it takes to become a part of the government. She discussed her current role as Acting Mayor whilst the current Mayor is away on holidays.

Grade 3 students Jack and Tom were particularly intrigued with the mention of the Tassie Devils



Too Many Tigers By Monica Reeve.

football team. Vonette sent an inspiring message to all students that 'Anyone under the age of fifteen could have the opportunity to play for the team one day.'

Mead on her departure generously donated the class a picture book by local Tasmanian author and illustrator Monica Reeve. The book *Too Many Tigers* details the tragic events of the Tasmanian Tigers becoming extinct. Vonette was fortunate enough to be invited to attend the book launch recently. She said "It was one of the many enjoyable events I get to attend as part of my job".

Although Vonette cannot know exactly what it's like to be the local Mayor, she does know a great deal about the role and government. "I thought she was lovely, engaging and very knowledgeable," says Miss Pennicott. "She provided us with lots of information relevant to our HASS learning."

Students will now continue their learning of Civics and Citizenship focusing on the local government with a greater depth of background knowledge and insight to guide them.

Community News



MERSEY LEVEN ALL GIRLS CENTRES
LOCATED AT GIRDLESTONE PARK

nab AFL Auskick

For 4 - 8 year olds, Auskick is an intro to AFL, teaching skills through fun activities and mini games.



AFL Superkick

For 8 - 12 year olds, its the next step from Auskick, where kids can build their skills in a fun and tackle free environment.



COMMENCES TERM 4
FREE COME & TRY SESSION, 14 OCT GIRDLESTONE PARK

QR CODES:
SUPERKICK REGISTRATION
AUSKICK REGISTRATION

AFL PLAY



Family, Fun & Fitness

Come and Try Little Athletics

Come Try Day
Saturday 5th October 2024
2pm - 4pm
Girdlestone Park
East Devonport

Please text your childs name and DOB if you will be attending to
0459 031 750



HAPPY
Holidays



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PRIMARY SCHOOL
Learn Inspire Shine

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