

The Creek This Week

Andrews Creek Primary School



Upcoming events

Thursday 19 December

Last day Term 4
Grade 6 Assembly

Thursday 30 January

Uniform & Stationery
Collection Day

Thursday 6 February

First day Term 1 2025

Principal's Message

What a great night last Thursday's Christmas Concert was. It was great to see all our students up on stage performing in front of such a large community audience. A great experience for them and we thank you for sharing in it with us.

It's been great over the past two days celebrating the successful year of our students as well as acknowledging our leaving year sixes. Mr Wallace is always reminding me of what a great year group he has this year, and it has been clear to me from my first day here what a responsible group of leaders and learners they are. They will head off to high school next year where they will continue a great tradition of ACPS students setting high standards through this next era of their education. We wish them all the best of luck in 2025 and beyond.

Today we say goodbye to Miss Pennicott and Miss Hamilton who won't be with us in 2025. Both teachers will be missed as they have made fantastic connections to our students and staff. They have always had our students learning and wellbeing at the forefront of their teaching and we wish them all the best for the future.

We also say goodbye to our long-standing kinder aide, Mrs Hooper. I am sure most of us, no matter how old we get, can share positive memories of the kinder aide they had and I'm sure Jacqui is no different for all the students she has supported in their first year of schooling. We wish her all the best enjoying retirement with her family. Finally, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe New Year. Have a great summer break with whatever your family gets up to and we'll see you all back in 2025 for another great year of learning and connection.

Yours in partnership

Nathan Rockliff
Acting Principal





Grade 6 Celebration Assembly

Today we farewelled our Grade 6 leavers at our Celebration Assembly and congratulations to the following students who received awards today:

Congratulations!

Thank you!

Grade 6 Award Recipients

- Academic Award** - Liam & Zen
- Leadership Award** - Amber
- Community Award** - Lillie
- Minister for Education and Training Respectful Student Award** - Caleb
- Shining Star**- Jace & Oscar

Lots of work goes into preparing for a big assembly like this one and we would like to thank the following people for their contributions.

To our Grade 5 hosts Asta and Maci.

Also, a very big thank you to Mr. Connelly for all of his hard work directing the Grade 6 performance.

Mrs. D for writing the poem and Mrs. Boskell for reading it.

Finally, to Mr Rockliff, and our Grade 6 teacher Mr Wallace for putting the whole assembly together!

Sponsors

A big thank you to the following sponsors who donated money for us to purchase book vouchers from the Devonport Book Store for our award recipients:

- Wesley Vale and Sassafras CWA
- Kinetic Coaches
- Mike Gaffney MLC
- Latrobe Council
- Latrobe Rotary Club
- Andrews Creek Primary School Association
- Jo Palmer, Minister for Education Children, Young People
- Gavin Pearce MP
- Anita Dow MP



Grade 6 Big Day Out

Last Friday, the Grade 6 students got on the bus for a fun day in Launceston. We were so excited to be able to spend time together with fun, engaging activities that some of us had never done before. After a long bus trip, we had arrived at Hollybank Treetops. We were very excited to climb and drop and zipline. The instructors told us what to do, and we were off. My friends and I decided to do one blue which was compulsory, and then the 2nd hardest course, the red. I distinctly remember Caleb squealing as he crossed the zipline on the red course. Everyone laughed and I did too. It was very fun watching my other classmates, and what I thought was great was the amount of encouragement. Some students were nervous crossing the ropes, but with all the encouraging from us, they were able to cross and overcome their fear. Many hard obstacles came and were overcome. We had amazing fun.

Next was Hog's Breath, our class's choice of restaurant for lunch. I ordered fish and chips, and delicious churros for dessert. The meal was delicious and very tasty, my classmates thought that too. I glanced over at some people's meals. They all looked amazing. Lunch was a success, everyone loved it.

After our stuffing of food, we made our way to River Bend Park. This is easily the best park in Launceston. We all headed to the great big slides, that were pretty high. My friends and I played tag on there (probably not a good idea on a high structure) but we had lots of fun. After 45 minutes of fun at River Bend, we had to leave. Then was another bus trip back to school. Thank you to Mr Wallace and Alicia Heine for taking us on this wonderful Big Day out!

by Zen



Staffing for 2025

Students received their 2025 class placement letters last Thursday and met their new teachers and classmates this Tuesday afternoon during our class transition session.

Acting Principal: Mr Nathan Rockliff (until August when Mrs Scicluna comes back)

Advanced Skills Teacher: Ms Andrea Foster

Support Teacher, Instructional Specialist and DT Teacher: Mrs Serena Hinds

Health & PE Teacher: Mrs Courtney Hayes

LIL and Pre-Kinder: Mrs Amie Dawkins

Creek Teacher: Mrs Erin Woodcock

Kinder: Mrs Amie Dawkins

Prep: Mrs Aimee Sayers (3 days) & Miss Jessica Finch (2 days)

Grade 1: Mrs Debbie Bishop

Grade 2: Mrs Susan Boskell

Grade 3/4A: Mrs Abbie Bellchambers

Grade 3/4B: Mr Steven Connelly (3 days) & Mrs Courtney Hardy (2 days)

Grade 5: Mrs Penny Armistead (4 days) and Ms Foster (1 day)

Grade 6: Mr Phil Wallace

New Staff

I am so excited to introduce myself as a new teacher at Andrews Creek Primary School. My name is Abbie Bellchambers, and I am thrilled to be part of your child's learning journey next year.

I live in Hawley Beach, where I enjoy spending time with my golden retriever, Oakie. When I'm not in the classroom, you'll often find me at the beach, swimming, camping, or reading a good book. I also have a love for English and art, and I can't wait to share that love with the students through creative projects and activities.

I'm really looking forward to getting to know the Andrews Creek community.

Mrs Abbie Bellchambers
3/4A Teacher (full time)



My name is Mrs Sayers, and I'm excited to be joining Andrews Creek Primary School as a Prep teacher next year. I look forward to working closely with students, families, and colleagues to support and contribute to the enriching learning experiences within this community.

Please feel free to say hello or reach out - I can't wait to meet you all.

Warm regards,

Mrs Aimee Sayers

Prep teacher (Monday - Thursday)



Hello everyone, my name is Jess Finch and I am very excited to be joining you at Andrews Creek in 2025. I have been teaching at West Ulverstone Primary School for the last 12 years but have spent 2024 at home looking after my youngest daughter who will be turning one at the beginning of the new year.

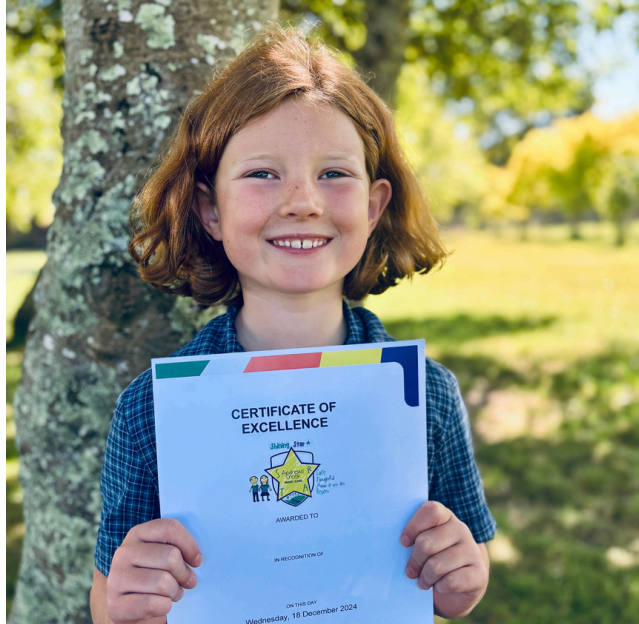
I live with my family in Latrobe and adore spending time getting out with my two girls. I can often be found at Bells Parade, the Bluff in Devonport or Hawley Beach when the weather warms up, enjoying the great outdoors.

Miss Jess Finch

Prep teacher (Thursday & Friday)



2025



Shining STAR Assembly

Yesterday we held a special Shining Star assembly. Thank you to Kinder, our 2/3 class and our choir for performing for us and to the Student Council for doing a wonderful job as our hosts.

Pictures of all of our award winners are on our ACPS facebook page.

Congratulations to the following award winners. Each year teachers nominate two students from each grade who have consistently demonstrated all aspects of our school motto all year - Learn, Inspire, Shine.

Shining STAR Award winners 2024

- Kinder** - Milla & Leo T
- Prep** - Zara & Frankie
- Grade 1** - Ella P & Alby
- Grade 2** - Madilyn & Rhyan
- Grade 3** - Kenzie & Mila
- Grade 4** - Evelyn & Amelia H
- Grade 5** - Riley

Thank you to the School Association for your generous donation towards new furniture for our library. This exciting upgrade will create a more flexible, fresh, and fun environment



for everyone to enjoy. It will enhance Reading Club, intervention programs, and our class library visits in 2025. Your support truly makes a difference!

School Association Update

As the year comes to a close, the Andrews Creek Primary School Association would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising efforts in 2024. From BBQs to bake sales, trivia nights, and more, your generosity has made a significant impact on our school community. These events wouldn't have been possible without the help of our amazing families, dedicated volunteers, and local businesses. Your contributions are truly appreciated!

Looking ahead to 2025, we're excited to keep the momentum going. The School Association plays a vital role in shaping the future of our school, and we'd love to see more families and community members join us at our meetings. Whether you'd like to share your ideas, help organise events, or simply stay informed, there's a place for everyone.

Let's make 2025 another successful and collaborative year for Andrews Creek Primary School. Keep an eye out for our first meeting date early in Term 1 - we can't wait to see you there!

Thank you again for your support, and best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season!

Until next year,
The Andrews Creek Primary School Association

2025 Returning Meeting:
Tuesday 11th February, at 6:00pm
in The Vale





STAR Cards

Alice - for tidying up safely.

Riley B-G - for your help in the library.

Dotty - for always using amazing manners.

Amelia B. & Freyja - for doing a fantastic job tidying our room to keep it safe.

Edie - for completing catch up tasks super fast!

Leo T. - for being kind and looking after his friend who was nervous at the athletics carnival.

Connor - for always doing the right thing.

Leo H. - for demonstrating excellent listening during our guided tour at Wings Wildlife Park.

Albie - for making sure he and his friends were safe on our excursion.

Benjin - for making sure his buddy "Dave" was looked after on our excursion.

Harry B. - for outstanding improvement in reading this year.

Lucy H - for always greeting Miss Hamilton with a happy good morning and a smile.

William - for always respecting the school rules of moving around certain areas carefully.

Asta - for striving to try something new.

Max N. - for your kindness to always congratulate others on their successes.

Declan - for being willing to 'try out' for things.

Lucy H. - for your help in the library.

Freyja H. - for always trying her best and eager to participate in her talking jobs.

Leo P. - for acting safely all day today.

Charlotte P. - for being quiet in the library.

Alby M. - for trying his best with all jobs.

Alby M. - for excellent effort in the class comprehension task.

Finn - for working quietly today and using whole body listening.

Hugo - for helping to look after the classroom.

Tilly - for tidying up safely.

Koa - for engaging in mindful colouring in today.

Lusiana - for successfully setting up and packing away small part play each day.

Evelyn & Eleanor - cleaning up after the class.

Ivahna - for helping a friend clean up.

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

Wynter - for always trying her best during Daily PE.

Florence - for showing resilience when falling over during Daily PE.

Max V. - for being a respectful listener during circle time.

Kohbi - for fantastic effort moving library shelving and book sorting.

Lucy - for making good choices around ACPS.

Sofia M. - for reflecting back and realising the huge growth you have made.

Oakley - for 'bouncing back' into a helpful student.

Mahli - for being respectfully on the ball throughout all concert practices.

Alexander - for being an ultra-reliable music tech behind the scenes for the concert item.

Eden - for helping in the library.

Kyle - for explaining game rules to another student in Daily PE.

Boston - for always making Mrs D smile with his enthusiastic 'good morning' greeting.

Rose G. - for demonstrating respectful listening during group time.

Maeve C. - for always helping with any task during pack up time.

Jack T. - for his positive approach to all tasks in Kinder.

Ayla - for helping in the library.

Back to School Collection Day

Details on our Back to School Collection Day were sent to parents/carers with class placements last Thursday.

Don't worry if you are still on holiday on this day, you can email Megan in the office, and she can arrange another time for you to collect your things. Her email is on the poster pictured on the right.

Office Hours in Holidays:

Our school office will be open from Tuesday 28 January. Please call or email to make an appointment if you need to come in.

Office Phone number: 6428 4088



Office email:

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



2025 School Lunch Options



In 2025 we will no longer be offering Subway each Friday, as demand this year has been very low.

In good news, we are happy to say that Creek Cafe will be continuing each fortnight!



ANDREWS CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL



COLLECTION DAY

UNIFORMS • STATIONERY PACKS
VALIDATION FORMS

THURSDAY 30 JANUARY 2025
9AM-3PM

LOCATION
School Courtyard

MORE INFORMATION
6428 4088
megan.yasui@decyp.tas.gov.au



Andrews
Creek
PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Tree Planting



A huge thank you to Forico and James Dick for donating 200 trees to our school! Mrs Woodcock, Mrs Dick and Andrea Henderson had a huge day last Friday and planted 110 trees down in our creek area!





End of Year School Picnic

What a fantastic day we had at our end-of-year school picnic on Monday at the Latrobe Pool! The sun was shining, and the smiles were everywhere as students and staff came together to celebrate another wonderful year at Andrews Creek Primary School.

The pool was the highlight of the day, with students enjoying swims, splashes, and laughter. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event such a memorable way to wrap up the school year.





Grade 6 Profiles

Who is your role model and why?

Larry Bird - he did not care what anyone said about him. He became the best he could be by working hard and practising.

What are some things you would like to do in the future (as a teenager or adult)?

Go hiking a lot or continue playing basketball. I would like to get an apprenticeship as a builder when it comes time to earn a wage.

What do you enjoy doing when you aren't at school?

Playing video games or play basketball

What have you enjoyed most about being at Andrews Creek Primary?

Playing basketball every day with my friends before school, recess and at lunchtime.

What have been your favourite subjects?

Maths would be my favourite subject (with hundred sheet) and P.E. with all the sports we played.

What are your favourite memories from your time at ACPS?

When I arrived here, I instantly made friends and had great teachers.

What is something funny you can remember from your time at ACPS?

When I fractured my ankle and wrist at the same time. It didn't stop me from playing basketball at school.

What will you miss most about ACPS?

Great staff and friends who will not get to go to the same school as me.

What are you looking forward to in high school?

At high school I'm looking forward to doing woodwork/MDT, more Maths and P.E.



What are some things you would like to do in the future (as a teenager or adult)?

As of right now I have absolutely no idea what I would like to do as a teenager or when I become an adult.

What do you enjoy doing when you aren't at school?

I enjoy playing video games with my friends, and being by myself, riding my bike and walking my 2 dogs, Pippa and Cid (Pronounced Sid).

What have you enjoyed most about being at Andrews Creek Primary?

I have enjoyed playing with my friends and having wonderful teachers who can teach me amazing subjects. Throughout my years at Andrews Creek Primary School I have had the privilege to be in the class of many amazing teachers and learn lots of maths (My favourite subject) and other subjects. I love to be challenged and learn new things.

What have been your favourite subjects?

My favourite subjects are Maths, Science and P.E. I have really enjoyed Science and Maths because I love doing cool science experiments like we did in our electricity unit and learning new aspects in Maths. I love playing games and running around.

What are your favourite memories from your time at ACPS?

Some of my favourite memories are going on camp and going rock climbing and going through the tunnels as well as going to bounce and doing front flips off of the ledge into the pit of foam.

What is something funny you can remember from your time at ACPS?

Something funny I can remember from ACPS is when we were on camp doing the tunnels and Diesel kept backing out and squealing like a pig.

What will you miss most about ACPS?

The thing I will miss the most about ACPS is the amazing teachers and all of my wonderful friends.

What are you looking forward to in high school?

All the new subjects, especially MDT, we have tried MDT here at school (During Tool Skool) and I really enjoyed it. I am also looking forward to my current favourite subjects: Maths, Science and P.E. and learning new concepts.



Grade 6 Profiles

Who is your role model and why?

My two role models are my mum and dad. The reason I want to be like them when I'm older is because they're so successful in life and they've given me so many opportunities that most parents wouldn't be able to give their children. I'm so lucky to be their child.

What are some things you would like to do in the future (as a teenager or adult)?

When I'm sixteen years old I would love to go skydiving, bungee jumping, and go cliff diving off a really high ledge and land into the water. I would love to do lots of fun and exhilarating things before I turn old and wrinkly and can't walk anymore!

What do you enjoy doing when you aren't at school?

I like hanging out with my friends and family and doing fun stuff. My family enjoy going camping, touring around, and 4WDing. Next year my family are touring around Australia for five months!

What have you enjoyed most about being at Andrews Creek Primary?

I really appreciate all of the space that we have here at ACPS. There's a massive oval, a basketball court, a netball court, playground, a gaga ball pit, and so much other space to play around in. We are so lucky to have the amount of space that we have.

What have been your favourite subjects?

When I'm at school I love to do kitchen-garden, go down to the creek, and P.E. But most of all, I like recess and lunch and hanging out with my friends.

What are your favourite memories from your time at ACPS?

I've really enjoyed all of the fun things that the student council has organised for us, such as crazy hair days, PJ days, and lots of other fun things. It's also been really fun doing the athletics carnivals, colour runs, and school picnics.

What is something funny you can remember from your time at ACPS?

A funny moment I can remember is in 2021 in Mr Rattray's class, we were doing a lockdown practice and the whole class bunched up into one corner. It was absolutely silent but then one of the students let out a huge fart and everyone started cracking up laughing! Lucky it was a practice.

What will you miss most about ACPS?

One thing that I will really miss at Andrews Creek Primary School is that I might not be able to be in the same classes as all of my friends next year :[

What are you looking forward to in high school?

I'm really looking forward to all of the different optional subjects and other things that we will get to do at high school.



Community News



**CRESCENDO
MUSIC HUB**
END OF YEAR CONCERT
WHEN: Thursday 12th December 2024
TIME: 7:00 pm
WHERE: Lifeway Baptist Church
130 William St, Devonport
ENTRY: \$5

**SUMMER
SCHOOL
HOLIDAYS
@HIVE**

18 JAN - 2 FEB

MONDAY - SATURDAY

NEW WORKSHOPS
* SCREEN-PRINTING
* SCULPTURE
* STEM

* SCIENTIST IN RESIDENCE
* SCAN FOR INFO

EXTRA PLANETARIUM SCREENINGS
NEW SHOW!
Planet 9
ALL AGES SHOW @ TIAM

Tickets at Hive or online ...
hivetasmania.com.au

Hive: 50 Main St, Ulverstone, Tas

COORDINATORS WANTED
**PORT SORELL AUSKICK AND
SUPERKICK CENTRES SET TO
LAUNCH IN MARCH 2025**

Exciting News for Port Sorell! 🎉
We're thrilled to announce that Auskick and Superkick are coming to Port Sorell in 2025! This is a fantastic opportunity to bring more footy directly into our community, and we couldn't be more excited to get started! 🏈

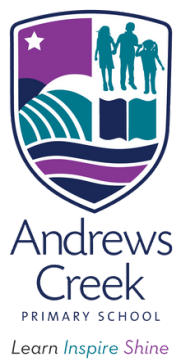
Registrations are NOW OPEN for the new Port Sorell centres, kicking off in March 2025. Whether your child is new to footy or ready to improve their skills, we've got a place for them!

Register Here: AFL Club Finder (follow the prompts and search 'Port Sorell')

We're also looking for Coordinators and Volunteers to help run the Port Sorell centre. If you're passionate about footy and want to be part of something special in our community, we'd love to have you on board! 🙌

For more info or to express your interest, reach out to payton.connell@afl.com.au OR 0488 993 123

We can't wait to see this centre come to life! 😊



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