

The Creek This Week

Andrews Creek Primary School



Upcoming events

Friday 6 December

Grade 6 High School
Orientation

Thursday 12 December

Christmas Concert
End of Year Reports home

Friday 13 December

Grade 6 Big Day Out

Monday 16 December

School Picnic

Wednesday 18 December

Shining Star Assembly
9:15am - 10:30am

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

It's really exciting as we move into the time of the year where we get to celebrate all the great work that has been happening here at Andrews Creek over 2024. The first of these opportunities is next Thursday's Christmas Concert held here at the school oval. The event will begin with a BBQ organised by the School Association followed by concert items from approximately 6pm. We look forward to seeing you all there and fingers crossed for good weather!

As we celebrate the year, it has been great to reflect on the results of our students in their testing conducted earlier in the term. Progressive Achievement Tests for Reading and Mathematics are conducted in every school in the state so give us a really great idea of how our students are faring compared to other students across the state and probably more importantly how each individual student is improving from year to year. It was great to have approximately 95% of our students between Prep and Year 6 perform at the approaching benchmark, above in reading and approximately 98% of our students in the same cohort above the approaching benchmark in mathematics.

I'd like to thank all our families for their support around students' attendance, the improvement in Term 4 has been noticeable. Our Term 4 attendance rate is well above both Term 2 and 3 and is currently better than Term 4 in 2023 and 2022. I hope this builds the momentum for a great rate of attendance in 2025.

Teachers are currently busy finalising end of year reports, and these will be sent home next Thursday. Included with these will be an evidence of learning sample for your child and information about classes for 2025.

Thank you to the School Association for their donation to help us be able to purchase new and exciting furniture for our school library. Our Library has fantastic potential to be an excellent place of learning and for loving literacy. Yesterday our new furniture arrived and as a result our library will be out of action for the remainder of the year, this includes Reading Club.

Our Year 6's have a couple of exciting Friday's coming up. Most will be attending high school orientation this Friday if they haven't already earlier in the week. While next Friday they will be on the Big Day Out having a great time together as part of their end of Primary School celebration.

Nathan Rockliff
Acting Principal

End of Year Activities



School Picnic

Monday 16 December

Our picnic will be held in the last week of term on Monday, 16 December.

Could all parents/carers please make sure that students have packed the following for the day:

- Morning tea & lunch as the canteen will not be open;
- Big drink bottle of water;
- Towel;
- Bathers;
- Sun safe hat;
- Sunscreen;
- Warm change of clothes; and
- Plastic bag.

Students are not required to wear school uniform but are to wear sun safe clothes on the day (eg no singlet tops).

Grade 1 - 6 students will be at the pool between 9:30am and 2:15pm, and our Kinder/Prep students will be there from 9.30am - 1pm.

If you do not want your child to participate in our school picnic, please contact the school by Thursday 12 December. The Major excursion form must be returned as a matter of urgency, or your child will not be permitted to attend.

Shining STAR Assembly

Wednesday 18 December 9.15am

This assembly is to celebrate our Kinder - Grade 5 students and will be held on Wednesday 18 December at 9.15am and hosted by our Grade 6 Student Council.

Parents/carers of students receiving an award have now received an invitation via email. This assembly is open to any of our K-5 families who would like to attend however please be mindful that we have limited seating capacity.

The choir will be performing two songs at this assembly and our Kinder students will also be performing their Christmas concert item.

Grade 6 Celebration Assembly

Thursday 19 December 11.30am

Last week parents/carers of our Grade 6 students received an invitation to the Celebration Assembly held on Thursday 19 December.

This assembly is only for our Grade 6 families due to limited seating.

RSVP's are required no later than 5 December. Seating labels with your child's name will be allocated according to the number of guests you RSVP'd for. Doors will open at 11.15am for an 11.30am start and the assembly will finish approximately 12.45pm.

Christmas Concert

Thursday 12 December 5.00pm

Only 7 more sleeps until our Christmas Concert!

Our students (and staff) have been practicing their acts very hard and can't wait to perform for you. The Port Sorell Lions Club will be hosting a BBQ from 5pm so come along for a sausage before the show kicks off at 6pm. Triple8 Espresso Coffee Van will also be joining us from 5pm.

The School Association Committee have also organised Santa to visit us from 5.15-6pm and they will have a photo booth set up for parents to take photos if they wish (no charge).

Our concert will start at 6pm. Please make sure your child is sitting with their class at the front of the stage by 6pm. We will be starting with the Kinders and then working our way through the classes, with Mr Wallace's class last. The evening will finish with our famous staff act.

- Please BYO chairs and enjoy the evening.
- We are hoping for good weather. If we need to postpone the event, we will let the school community know via text message and Facebook on Thursday afternoon. Our back-up day is scheduled for Friday 13 December. If there is bad weather on Friday we will have to cancel our event.
- A reminder to parents this is a smoke, alcohol and pet free event.

A very big thank you to Jaytric Logistics for again lending us a truck trailer as our stage.





School Association News



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School Association Update – Thank You for a Great Year!

The School Association would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of our recent Car Boot Sale and Bake Sale, which raised an incredible \$2,256.44! From baking treats to setting up stalls and visiting on the day, your support was key to making this event a triumph.

The feedback from visitors was overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing interest in making this an annual tradition. We're already thinking about how to make the event even better, with ideas like clearer parking signage, music to enhance the atmosphere, and activities for kids. Thank you for your input and for making the day so memorable, even with the less-than-ideal weather!

Where the Funds Are Going

The money raised will support exciting projects at our school, including:

Installing a Buddy Bench to promote inclusivity and friendship.

Upgrading the Interactive Garden with new features to enrich outdoor learning and free play.

We're also being mindful of future expenses, such as Year 5/6 camp, end of year donations and potential enhancements to the library facilities to create a more flexible and engaging space for classes, groups, and the Reading Club.

Looking Ahead

The School Association plays a vital role in shaping the future of our school, and we're always excited to welcome new members. If you're passionate about making a difference, we'd love for you to join us! Our first meeting for 2025 will be on Tuesday, 11th February, at 6:00pm in The Vale. It's a great opportunity to meet the team, share your ideas, and help guide our plans for the year ahead.

Whether you have a little time or a lot to give, every contribution counts. We hope to see you there!

Thank you once again for your incredible support throughout the year. Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday season!

Warm regards,
The Andrews Creek Primary School Association

School Photos

School photos are still at the printers and will be a little late this year. The office will hand them out as soon as they arrive.

2025 Meeting Schedule:

- Term 1, Week 2 Tuesday 11th February: 6pm
- Term 1, Week 7 Thursday 20th March (AGM): 6pm
- Term 2, Week 2 Tuesday 6th May: 6pm
- Term 2, Week 7 Thursday 12th June: 6pm
- Term 3, Week 2 Tuesday 29th July: 6pm
- Term 3, Week 7 Thursday 3rd September: 6pm
- Term 4, Week 2 Tuesday 21st October: 6pm
- Term 4, Week 7 Time and date TBC (Dinner Meeting)





STAR Cards

- Finn, Hugo & Tilly** - for tidying up safely.
Leo P. - for acting safely in the library.
Florence - for always moving safely in the classroom.
Wynter, Amelia B & Elliott - for the effort they put into their weekend writing/drawing job.
Ziggy - for always being a respectful listener during mat time.
Fletcher - for working hard to improve his listening skills on the mat.
Ella P. - for working quietly.
George & Hugo - for completing 'roll and read' with Ms Foster.
Alice - for her excellent effort in her maths task.
Harper K. - for helping others pack their bags, keeping our classroom safe and tidy.
Ethan - for putting 100% effort into finishing his work.
Ariana - for acting respectfully in the library.
Finn & Koa - for working well with their partner.
Delilah E. - for helping another student clean up his mess without being asked.
Amelia H. - for great participation during Daily PE
Evie - for being an exceptionally helpful class member during maths tasks, showing kindness, patience and thoughtfulness with others.
Caitlyn - for working well on her biome worksheet outside the classroom, staying on task and creating great work.
Amelia H. - for working well on her biome worksheet outside the classroom creating awesome work.
Max N. - for super improvements in reading this year.

- Eleanor & Evie** - for being handy helpers in the classroom.
Maci L. - for always respecting other's learning by working quietly and being ready to learn.
Laycie S. & Phoenix - for safely and quickly packing up the classroom.
Harry B. - for showing great responsibility to organise reading buddies.
Max N. - for always showing respect by demonstrating our school values.
Oakley S. & Declan - for an amazing effort with fraction stories.
Jack S. - for always being a caring and supportive class member.
Kohbi - for supporting another student with their work. Awesome work!
Jaxon L. & Nevae - for staying voluntarily to help pack up after school.
Jack G, Madilyn, Tarkine, Poppy & Rhyan - for great thinking in maths.
Madilyn - for great thinking in maths.
Oscar - for outstanding thinking in maths.
Ella B. - for including another student who had no-one to play with.
Wynter - for concentrating and working hard on her job.
Harry B. - for showing initiative and leadership by running Reading Club and a Daily PE session independently. Your quick thinking and organisation made a big difference.
Sophia S. - for wonderful improvements in reading this year.



2025 Parent Handbook

Our 2025 parent handbook has been uploaded to our ACPS website for parents/carers to take a look. It has important information about our school here. Click the link below:

[Parent-Handbook-2025.pdf](#)



2025 School Levies

In 2025 our ACPS levy payments will be:

- Kinder :** \$170
- Prep-Grade 6:** \$220

Invoices will be sent out in February and will be due by the end of that month. Financial Assistance is available to families on a health care card.

For more information, please click here: <https://www.decyp.tas.gov.au/learning/enrolment/student-assistance-scheme-stas-and-financial-help/>

Reading Club 2024

What an incredible year we've had with Reading Club! It's been such a rewarding experience, and it's all thanks to our wonderful students, dedicated Year 5/6 reading buddies, and amazing parent volunteers.

A huge thank you to everyone who visited Reading Club regularly – your enthusiasm and love for books made it such a fun and engaging space. Special thanks to our awesome Year 5/6 reading buddies, who have been absolute superstars, sharing their love of reading and helping our younger students become more confident readers. You guys rock!

And of course, a big thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time to help keep the club running smoothly. Your support has been invaluable, and we truly couldn't do it without you.

We've seen so much growth and excitement this year, and we can't wait to start again in 2025 with more stories, fun, and plenty of reading.

Thanks again to everyone who's been part of this amazing journey. Looking forward to another great year ahead!

See you in 2025,
Mrs Hinds





Schools Triathlon

On Friday the 22nd of November 25 people from Grade 3-6 participated in the Devonport Schools Triathlon! It was a lovely sunny day filled with lots of laughter, nerves and fun!

When entering the triathlon, you get to choose if you want to participate in the individual, teams or both events.

The individuals were up first in the order of boys then girls, and grades 3, 4,5, then grade 6. They had to swim, ride their bikes, and run!

If you were only doing the teams event, then you got to lounge around in the sun all day, watching other people's races before your event began after lunch! The teams event is a relay where one person completes one leg and then tags their team mate.

Our favourite part on the day was hearing all the screams as the competitors ran into the cold water!

Many thanks to Mr Rockliff and Mr Polden for arranging and transporting the bikes. Alicia escaped the office and spent the day with us too! Our day out wouldn't have been possible if it wasn't for these helpers and the parents who met us at the Bluff too.

Sophia and Asta



Grade 6 Profiles

Who is your role model and why?

My role model is my dad because he is a kind loving person who helps people when they need it.

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

When I am an adult I want to be a support worker and help kids that need it.

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

When I am not at school, I love to play with my two sausage dogs Lexi and Zoommer. I also like to bake stuff.

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

At Andrews Creek I like being with my friends and learning new things.

What have been your favourite subjects?

My favourite subjects are: art, maths (hundred sheet) and science.

What are your favourite memories from your time at ACPS?

My favourite memory is when we went on the grade 5/6 camp and every morning there was a duck at the door and sometimes, she would come in. At rock climbing there were tunnels, and some people got stuck.

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

One funny moment I can remember is when we were on camp, and we went tunnelling and some people got stuck. Their faces went really red, and they had sweat pouring out of them.

What you miss most about ACPS?

I am going to miss all of the kind loving people at ACPS.

What are you looking forward to in high school?

At high school I am looking forward to Art, music, cooking and making new friends.



Who is your role model and why?

My role model is Jessica Goulding. I didn't even know there was such thing as Endurance Riding until I did my first 20km with Jess and ever since that ride I wanted to do Endurance Riding. Now I am qualified to do next year's Tom Quilty Gold Cup in Tasmania which is a 160km ride. You start at midnight, and you have 24 hours to finish the ride. If you complete the ride you qualify to get a Tom Quilty Buckle. It always been my dream to get a buckle at a Quilty and if Jess didn't show me what Endurance Riding is I wouldn't be doing Endurance today.

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

When I and older I would like to travel around Australia and do lots of Tom Quilty Gold Cups with my horses. I would also like to be a builder so that I could build my own arenas and stables for my horses.

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

When I am not at school I enjoy doing Pony Club, Pony Trots and Endurance Riding. I do Pony Club and Endurance on My ZOOMIE (my horse). I also do Endurance on SAMSON and I do Pony trots on POPCORN AND KITTY.

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

At Andrews Creek Primary I have enjoyed all the Athletic Carnivals, Cross Country and the Colour Run. I also enjoyed going down to the Creek and catching Tadpoles in Kinder.

What have been your favourite subjects?

My favourite subjects are Art. I like Art because I'm good at it. I like to be creative with the art I do. Also, like PE because I like sport and I like to represent Andrews Creek at Athletic events and other school events.

What are your favourite memories from your time at ACPS?

My favourite memory from ACPS is the Athletics carnivals when I would win all the races except the sausage sizzle. I like running.

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

Something funny that I can remember is the Christmas Concerts and when all the teachers and staff dress up really funny and do their performance.

What will you miss most about ACPS?

I will miss the creek because not many schools have a creek and I like to learn about the plants and wildlife.

What are you looking forward to in high school?

In high school I'm looking forward to doing MDT and building stuff with wood and other materials. I look forward to challenging myself with harder art medium.



Grade 6 Profiles

Who is your role model and why?

My role model is my Mum because she is helping me with homeschool and she is studying to be a counsellor at the same time.

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

In the future I want to be a train driver for Tasrail and to be able to learn how to legally drive a car.

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

Playing video games, playing Lego, playing chess, going swimming, and sailing Dinghy's.

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

Recess and lunch breaks and having play time with friends. Science and cooking lessons have been great too.

What have been your favourite subjects?

My favourite subjects have been Science, Geography, History, Cooking and Creek.

What are your favourite memories from your time at ACPS?

First arriving in the Grade 4/5 classroom on the first day of school. The first cooking lesson at the school meeting Stacey and Alicia for the first time.

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

Playing a prank on someone at school who is unaware at this point in time (we can't give more details on it, or it will be ruined)

What will you miss most about ACPS?

The people, the playground, the good memories I have had and all of the teachers.

What are you looking forward to in high school?

I am looking forward to meeting new people in high school, trying new subjects like 3D design metalwork and woodwork along with proper science in a science lab.

Who is your role model and why?

Ken Block is my role model. He is great at everything to do with motorsport and is a huge inspiration to many people worldwide.

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

Get a job that I'll be happy with.

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

I enjoy riding and doing jumps on my bike and motorbike. I also enjoy building with Lego and playing with my cats.

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

I have enjoyed music, visiting the creek and kitchen garden.

What have been your favourite subjects?

My favourite subjects have been Math, Science and Geography.

What are your favourite memories from your time at ACPS?

Playing in the kinder maze.

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

When Liam took his shoe off and we needed Glen20 to get rid of the smell and when Mr Wallace left the room because he was wrong during a Maths lesson.

What will you miss most about ACPS?

I will miss my friends and teachers that I have had on my journey at school.

What are you looking forward to in high school?

More and varied subjects, new friends and more possibilities to do new things.



Grade 6 Profiles

Who is your role model and why?

My parents are my role models because they support me with things that I need or need to do. They are strong and independent, and I want to be like them especially when I grow up.

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

When I grow up I would like to work in agriculture as I like doing things on the farm or as an architect because I like designing things.

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

I like playing sports like netball and football or taking my dog for a run down to our paddocks on the motorbike (the dog runs and I ride the motorbike).

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

I have enjoyed the athletics carnival because they are really fun and the novelty events included.

What have been your favourite subjects?

My favourite subjects have been P.E and English.

What are your favourite memories from your time at ACPS?

Favourite memories at ACPS are hanging out with my friends and doing fun things together.

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

A funny moment is Grace singing in the library and I caught her out and she didn't know that I heard her.

What will you miss most about ACPS?

I will miss my younger friends and hanging out with them sometimes.

What are you looking forward to in high school?

At high school I am looking forward to making new friends from other schools and being able to hang out with them.

Who is your role model and why?

My role model is my Nan, because she is a strong and independent women. She can do anything without a fuss. One day I hope I can be like my Nan.

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

One job I'd like to do when I'm a teenager or adult is be a nail technician. I've always loved the idea of getting to paint other people's nails. It would me amazing if I get to do this as it is one of my most loved passions and even better I'd GET PAID FOR IT!

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

At the moment I enjoy drama and acting, My family / friends have always said I'm very dramatic from time to time that's why I started drama. I have even performed at Eisteddfods.

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

What I enjoyed about this school is getting to have a chance to do a LOT of activities such as woodwork, creek café, kitchen garden. I also really liked PIG also known as 'Personal Interest Groups'. I loved it so much.

What have been your favourite subjects?

My favourite subjects were cooking with Mrs Dick and Spelling/ English.

What are your favourite memories from your time at ACPS?

One of my favourite memories is in Mr Rattray's class when we did an exploding watermelon experiment as soon as it erupted everyone rushed to the watermelon and started munching on it. This was a very memorable moment.

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

Last year in Grade 5 with Mrs Armitstead we went to slipstream circus that was one of the best times last year besides camp. When we were just packing up and I got stuck under the mat. Also a thing about slipstream is when we were trying to balance on a big sphere I couldn't so I hugged it instead thinking I was doing it!

What will you miss most about ACPS?

I will miss the equipment in this school like the interactive garden and the creek. We have a lot of freedom in this school to do such activities.

What are you looking forward to in high school?

I looking forward to the different subjects. I really like wood work, cooking, art, music and a LOT more.



2B



In 2B we have been learning about the Maths Strand of Measurement. We can use uniform informal units like blocks and buttons to measure. We can measure: Length, Area, Capacity, Mass and Time. “



Community News

Traditional Holiday Programs

For children aged 5 – 10 years old. All ability levels are welcome. Whether you are new to the sport or have participated in one of our Blast programs previously we have activities to meet all skill levels!

Programs are structured as 2 x 2 hour sessions taking place over 2 days.

Program cost is \$39, which includes the 2 sessions and a participant pack containing a Woolworths Cricket Blast tote bag, Drink Bottle and Hurricanes Stress Ball.

North West

Burnie

Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th January 10am – 12pm, Acton Recreation Ground [REGISTER HERE](#)

Devonport

Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th January 2pm – 4pm, Meercroft Park [REGISTER HERE](#)

North West Contact:

Claire Alexander – calexander@crickettas.com.au



DEVONPORT TENNIS CLUB HOLIDAY CAMP



LEARN NEW SKILLS and HAVE FUN FOR AGES 6-18
FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE ON DAY 2

When: Thursday 19th and/or Friday 20th December

Orange, green and yellow ball 9am-3pm

\$45 per person (Sibling discount available)

Ages 6 - 18

Where: Devonport Tennis Club

What to bring: Lunch, Drink bottle, Hat, Tennis Racquet (spares available)

TO REGISTER, SCAN QR CODE or go
to www.coachpip.com



For more information, please contact
Pip (Head Coach) - 0438 687 542
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Christmas in Sassafras



at The Church on the Hill
14 Chapel Road, Sassafras



Family Christmas Service

Sunday, 15 December - 10.30am
with Sunday School Presentation
morning tea - plate appreciated

Carol Service

Sunday, 22 December - 10.30am
morning tea - plate appreciated



Christmas Day Cafe

Wednesday, 25 December - 9.30am – 10.15am
Christmas cake and treats



Come and celebrate the Christmas season



Email: sassafrasbaptistchurch@gmail.com



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