

The Creek This Week

Andrews Creek Primary School



Upcoming events

Thursday 20 February

Playgroup starts

Friday 21 February

Welcome BBQ 2.15pm

Wednesday 26 February

Creek Cafe

Wednesday 5 March

NWPSSA 3/4 Athletics

Thursday 6 March

NWPSSA 5/6 Athletics

Monday 10 March

Public Holiday

Wednesday 12 March

Creek Cafe

NAPLAN starts

Friday 14 March

Merit Assembly

Thursday 20 March

School Association AGM

6pm

Principal's Message

It's been great to have all our students back over the past week, including our new kindergarten students. All classes have started off smoothly and it has been great to see students make settled starts to new teachers and classroom combinations. One of our big focusses of the past couple of years and again in 2025 will be student attendance. Regular attendance is still shown to have the greatest impact on students learning. Students who have an attendance rate less than 90% (9 out of every 10 days) are at a great risk of disengaging from education as they get older. In 2019 we had a massive 85.2% of our students achieve this target, however last year this was just 67%. This drop off is not isolated to Andrews Creek and is being felt state and nationwide but like everything I believe we can aim to achieve high and return to a level above 80%.

To support this, we have added an extra 'S' to our S.T.A.R values to become S.T.A.R.S values with the extra 'S' standing for Super Attendance. It was great this week to start handing out some cards and stickers recognising this value.

If your child came home with an acceptable use and agreement form for either the ICT or the school bus, this needs to be returned to school as soon as possible.

Can I also ask that if you haven't already done so can you please make sure you are connected to the Seesaw app for all your children here at ACPS. This app will be our main communication tool from class to home and will also be our main method of sharing student achievement and whole class updates.

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A reminder that on Friday 21 February we will be having a welcome back to school BBQ here at school from 2:15pm onwards. This is a great opportunity to come and meet your child's teacher, say hello, and catch up with other parents.

Finally, just a reminder that students who are arriving **after 8.55am** need to check-in at the DECYP kiosk next to office window. This is to ensure that our records have them onsite. **As classes have already started, students who arrive after this time need to make their own way to class.**

Yours in partnership

Nathan Rockliff
Acting Principal



Safeguarding training for volunteers



As we kick off the new school year, we want to remind our school community about the important requirements for volunteering at our school.

To ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students, it is mandatory for all volunteers to have their RWVP (Registration for Working with Vulnerable People) and to have completed the Our Obligations – Safeguarding Training 15-minute video before engaging with children and young people in a volunteer capacity at our school. Certificates for the training video are valid for 12 months from the date of completion. These steps are essential in helping us maintain a safe and supportive environment for our children.

To apply for a Registration for Working with Vulnerable people, please visit:

<https://bit.ly/41clui3>

To complete the Our Obligations – Safeguarding Training 15-minute video please visit:

<https://www.decyp.tas.gov.au/safe-children/safeguarding-children/safeguarding-training/>

Volunteers are a vital part of our school community, and we are excited to collaborate with you in the year ahead.

Playgroup

Thursday's
9-10.30am

Term 1 Dates:

20 February, 27 February,
6 March, 13 March, 20 March,
27 March, 3 April, 10 April.



Playgroup

Playgroup is starting on Thursday 20 February! Come and join us for some fun with Mrs D. We will offer playgroup sessions all year each Thursday and Pre-Kinder will start later in the year for those students turning 4 in 2025.

Our playgroup sessions are open to everyone so please bring along your friends. Please feel free to bring a piece of fruit along to share for morning tea. A list of Term 1 dates is on the poster above.

School Levy Payments

Andrews Creek Primary School levies invoices will be processed next week and families should receive a copy of the invoice in early March. Families who have been approved for the STAS (Student Assistance Scheme) will not receive an invoice. Prep-Grade 6 Levy is \$220 Kinder Levy is \$170.

These invoices are due to be paid by 31 March. The preferred method of payment is Bpay.

If you have any questions regarding levies, please contact our School Business Manager, Megan at: megan.yasui@decyp.tas.gov.au



Validation Forms

Please make sure you have returned the ICT User Agreements, Bus Code of Conduct and Student Validation Forms ensuring contact details and medical information is up to date and correct. This is vital to ensure we are able to care for your child's needs.

2025 Specialist Lessons

in 2025 we are offering a range of specialist lessons for our students in addition to their core learning areas with class teachers.

PE - K-6 with Mrs Hayes

Perceptual Motor Program for Prep students with Mrs Hayes.

Health - K-6 with Mrs Hayes

Kitchen Garden - K-6 with Mrs Dick on Thursdays and other days with Kinder later in the year.

Digital Technologies - G1-6 with Mrs Hinds.

Environmental Education - K-6 with Mrs Woodcock on Thursday's and other days with Kinder from T2.

Art - Our 3/4 classes in Term 1 with Ms Foster.

Music - Our 1/2 classes with Mr Rockliff in Term 1.

Student Absences

When your child is going to be absent from school you must let us know before 8.55am on the day they are absent.

Options:

- **Email the office** (preferred) at: andrews.creek.primary@decyp.tas.gov.au



- **Seesaw message your child's teacher** before 8.30am (They may not see the message after this time).



- **Call the office** on 64284088



School Association News

Join Our School Association – Make a Difference!

Are you passionate about our school community and keen to have a say on important decisions? The Andrews Creek Primary School Association is looking for new members, and we'd love for you to join us!

Being part of the School Association is a fantastic way to stay informed, contribute ideas, and help shape the future of our school. Whether you're interested in event planning, fundraising, or supporting school initiatives, your involvement can make a real impact. It's also a great opportunity to connect with other parents, build friendships, and work alongside staff to create the best possible learning environment for our students.

Our next meeting and AGM will be held on Thursday, 20 March at 6:00 pm at school. This is a perfect time to come along, see what we do, and consider joining the team! No prior experience is needed - just a willingness to get involved.

If you're interested in joining, nomination forms are available at the school office or can be emailed upon request. For any questions or more information, please come chat to one of us or contact the team at andrewscreek.sac@gmail.com.

We encourage all parents, carers, and community members to attend. Your voice matters, and together, we can make a difference!

We hope to see you there! 🚀

**Four parent
vacancies open!**
No experience necessary



We meet eight times a year, but attending every meeting isn't essential. If you're able to lend a hand at events for a few hours each term, we'd greatly appreciate your support!



2025 Meeting Schedule

Term 1

Thursday 20th March (AGM): 6pm

Term 2

Tuesday 6th May: 6pm

Thursday 12th June: 6pm

Term 3

Tuesday 29th July: 6pm

Thursday 3rd September: 6pm

Term 4

Tuesday 21st October: 6pm

Time and date TBC (Dinner Meeting)



STAR Cards

Bodhi - for reading quietly during rest and read.

Boston - for being so helpful when it was time to tidy up (with a big smile).

Ethan - for a great start to 2025.

Zara - for acting safely in our classroom by walking inside.

Elsie - being safe in the playground.

Jaxon - for initiating a handshake with Mr Connelly at the end of day one.

Phoenix - for using whole body listening on the mat.

Jack - holding scissors responsibly when moving around the room.

William - giving his best effort in daily P.E.

Jasper - giving his best effort in daily P.E.

Sophia - giving her best effort in daily P.E.

Oakley H - giving his best effort in daily P.E.

Finn - for giving his best effort in daily fitness (running).

Charlotte P - for a great start to 2025 and giving her best effort in daily fitness.

Brooklyn - for putting so much effort into your drawing job today.

Laycie - for being an awesome friend to one of our new students.

Sharma - picking up rubbish without being asked.

George - for sitting on the mat quickly and quietly after recess.

Ariana - for being an awesome friend to one of our new students.

Tarkine - asking politely to sit with a person sitting on their own.

Ivahna - standing back when a lot of people were crowding the bookshelf.

Oakley H - fantastic start to the year and being helpful in many ways.

Lucy H - thoughtful and insightful discussion points.

Indiana B. - for working safely when measuring capacity in class.

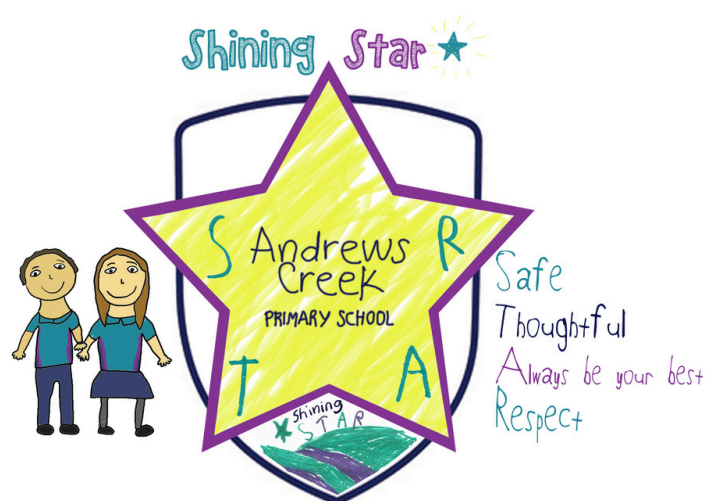
Dustin - for always respecting class expectations.

Laycie - for being a respectful listener during mat time.

Tilly - for being a respectful listener during mat time.

Merryn - for being a respectful listener during mat time.

Leo - for being a respectful listener during mat time.





Creek Cafe

In 2025 we will no longer be offering Subway each Friday, as demand last year was very low.

Creek Cafe will be continuing each fortnight with Alana and some Grade 6 chefs!

Orders due back the Friday before. \$3.50 per order.

Creek Cafe Dates Term 1:

Wednesday 26 February - Egg & Bacon Quiche (2 per serve)

Wednesday 12 March - Chicken Caesar Salad (with chicken tenders) Vegetarian and GF option available

Wednesday 26 March - TBC

Wednesday 9 April - TBC



New staff in 2025

We have some new faces at The Creek this year! Mrs Bellchambers pictured on the far left is our new 3/4A teacher.

Mrs Sayers (middle) is our new Prep teacher on Mondays-Thursday and Miss Finch (right) is also on Prep Thursdays and Fridays.

We also have a new teacher Assistant working across several of our classes, Linda Munnings.

Please introduce yourself and say hi to them!

Book Club

Book Club Issue #1 is out now. Students received a catalogue last week. Parents/carers can order via the LOOP online system at the link below. When choosing your child's class in your profile, please click the option "All Classes" in the first drop down box and then all the ACPS classes will appear in the second drop-down box and allow you to select your child's class.

Click the link below to order:

<https://bit.ly/3Ut6kTF>

Issue #1 Orders due in LOOP by 20 February.

Our school earns 15% in Scholastic Rewards on all Book Club orders to help us purchase new books for the library.





eSafety

As we are at the start of the school year, it is a good time to focus on the importance of keeping our children safe online. Technology is an integral part of our daily lives, so it is vital to prioritise the online safety of our children and young people. This helps them understand how to safely navigate the digital space.

Here are some tips and resources to help you when considering e-safety for your children.

★ **Educate:** Teach your children about the potential risks online, including cyberbullying and privacy concerns. Explain how to recognise suspicious behaviour and the steps they should take if they encounter something uncomfortable or threatening. Encourage them to think critically about the content they view and share, and the people they interact with online.

For e-safety education resources designed for children, see: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids>

★ **Monitor:** Keep an eye on their online activities and use parental controls to set boundaries. Check out the Parental Control factsheet on the e-Safety Commissioner website for more details on steps you can take to improve e-safety through parental controls.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/issues-and-advice/parental-controls>

★ **Communicate:** Encourage open discussions with your children about their online experiences and reassure them they can come to you with any issues. It is important to have ongoing conversations about digital safety – with the online landscape changing rapidly, children and young people are often the first to adopt these changes. Continually touching base on these topics allows you to monitor what is happening while also ensuring their safety.

To find comprehensive info on e-safety, as well as some great links and resources, check out:

<https://www.decyp.tas.gov.au/families/technology-support/cyber-safety-resources/>

School Choir

Mrs Hardy will be taking choir again 2025 for all of those students interested from Grades 1-6 and will start next Thursday.

Choir will run each lunch time, and we are looking forward to their performances again this year!



School Library

Library sessions are starting next week with each class. It is one of our school goals to have all students borrowing books from the library. We have a beautiful space in our library with brand new furniture purchased by our School Association at the end of last year for students to enjoy. We have also been purchasing new books regularly.

Libraries:

- Instil a love of reading in our students.
- Expose students to a large range of books.
- Support teaching and learning.
- Enhance reading skills learnt at school.

If students have a special request of a book or series, please let the office know and we may be able to purchase it for the library. Please make sure your child returns their book on a weekly basis. We understand that chapter books may take longer to read.

Any families with lost or damaged books will be charged a replacement fee.

Please also make sure that your child has a library bag. These can be purchased from the office for \$5 cash.

Library Days:

Mondays: Grade 6

Wednesdays: Kinder, Grade 2.

Thursdays: Grade 1, 3/4A, Grade 5.

Fridays: Prep, 3/4B



Bus Travel

Our school is serviced by two Kinetic buses. For any enquiries, please call Kinetic on: **6427 7626** or by checking: <https://bit.ly/3CZwFSK>

Bus No 9 – Squeaking Point, Thirlstane and Port Sorell with an interchange to Shearwater and Hawley.

Bus No 66 – Wesley Vale, Frankford Hwy, Beer Street, Northdown, Sassafra, Harford, Bakers Beach, Latrobe Primary School, Latrobe High School and Moriarty.

Buses arrive at school between 8:40am and 8:50am. Buses depart school between 3:00pm and 3:05pm.

To ensure the safety of our students, all students using a bus service are marked off a bus list. Students will be asked each day if they are 'bus' or 'pick up'. If your child is being picked up or needs to change buses, a Seesaw message to the teacher, a note or phone call to the school is essential.

A Bus Code of Behaviour form was sent home with students this week. If you haven't already returned it, please do so by Monday 17 February.

Additional copies are available from the office. It is our expectation that all students adhere to the Bus Code of Conduct while travelling on the bus.

School Parking & Traffic Reminders

A reminder about our parking and traffic rules to keep our students and families safe. We also need to make sure our buses can get safely into the bus gate.

- **No parking - Outside the main gate close to the entrance on both sides of Westwind Drive.** The buses need lots of room to get in.
- **Please turn RIGHT ONLY on Westwind Drive** when coming out of drop off zone at front of school.
- **Parking outside the office is 5-minute parking only for quick pick up and drop off.** These spaces are not for parents collecting students from the courtyard.
- **Drive through pick up is available again in 2025 for those parents** who would like to collect students and drive through the oval and exit on Port Sorell Main Road. **Drive through cars can not enter the school grounds until both our buses are in first.**
- **Please drive very slowly in and around our school area.**



Community News



Basketball

DBC INC. 2025 WINTER PRIMARY SCHOOL ROSTER

REGISTER NOW

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE ON WEDNESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY

NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

Welcome to the 2025 DBC Inc. Winter Primary School roster.

IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT YOU READ ALL THE TEXT BELOW SO THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THE REGISTRATION AND DOOR FEE PROCESS TO ENSURE YOUR CHILD IS REGISTERED AND YOU ARE PAYING THE CORRECT FEES. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE REGISTRATION PROCESS OR FEES, PLEASE CONTACT THE DBC INC. OFFICE ON 64242440.

The Devonport Basketball Council Inc. will continue to run the 2025 Winter Primary School roster as school-based teams for children in grades 1 to 6. For schools that do not have enough players to field a full team the DBC Inc. will combine schools.

Grades 1 & 2 roster will commence on Wednesday 19th March and will run through until 2nd July (12 weeks). No games will be played during the school holidays on 16th and 23rd April and on the 28th May and 4th June due to NWBU finals.

During the roster we will hold 2 skills sessions for all grade 1 and 2 children where there will be no games played on 9th April and 21st May however DBC coaches and players will take children to help develop their skills.

Skills sessions will be held on: -

9th April (round 4 games) - Girls from 3.30 pm until 4.30 pm and boys from 4.30 pm until 5.30 pm.

21st May (round 8 games) - Boys will be from 3.30 pm until 4.30 pm and girls from 4.30 pm until 5.30 pm.

Grade 3 & 4 and 5 & 6 rosters will commence on Friday 14th March and run through until 27th June (12 weeks). There will be no games played during the school holidays on 18th and 25th June and on 30th May and 6th June due to NWBU finals.

2025 WINTER REGISTRATION FEES

It is a requirement of Basketball Tasmania that all players register online through PlayHQ.

Basketball Tasmania, NWBU and Basketball Australia registration fees will only be shown if you are not already registered for the upcoming winter roster. If you are not registered fees will automatically be calculated on your YOB. Basketball Tasmania fee for 12 months is \$45.00 for U10 and U12 age groups and \$70.00 for U14's and above. The NWBU fee can be paid for 6 or 12 months, and Basketball Australia levy is a 12-month fee. **All players will be required to pay the DBC fee of \$40.00.**

Registration fees are made up of the following components:

Basketball Tasmania Fee - 12 month fee of \$45.00 (for U10 and U12 players) and \$70.00 for U14 players - compulsory state registration also includes insurance in the unlikely event of an injury.

NWBU Inc. Fee - 12 month fee of \$11-00 or 6 month fee of \$5.50 - compulsory fee to play in any competition on the NW Coast.

Basketball Australia levy - 12 month fee of \$5.61 - compulsory levy set by BA.

DBC Inc. Fee \$40-00 - club registration to Devonport Basketball Council Inc to participate in the winter primary school roster.

For children that qualify for TICKET TO PLAY you will register through the link below and click I have a Government Voucher (in payment/summary page), add your TTP voucher details which will cover fees up to \$100.00 for the one voucher. Anything over you will be required to pay or use your second voucher if still current.

2025 WINTER WEEKLY DOOR FEES

These will again be paid upfront and included in the registration process. This worked ideally for the club and players in both the 2024 winter and spring rosters.

The upfront door / playing fee will be \$35.00 based on 12 roster games. This will be in addition to the normal registration fees (Basketball Tasmania, NWBU, Basketball Australia and DBC).

PLEASE NOTE THAT WHEN PAYING FEES THE DBC REGISTRATION FEE OF \$40.00 AND UPFRONT WEEKLY DOOR FEE OF \$35.00 ARE LISTED AS ASSOCIATION PLAYER REGISTRATION FEE OF \$75.00.

Should this arrangement cause hardship or stop your child from playing please contact us to come to an arrangement, as the last thing we want to do is stop anyone from participating.

PLAYHQ also gives participants the choice to pay fees in instalments using "PayPal Pay in 4 option"

Please note the club has not increased registration or door fees for several years now although we have seen increased costs in running the roster and keeping the club operating.

Should you have any queries please contact Jan at the DBC Office on 64242440.

Link to register for the 2025 Winter Primary School roster.

<https://www.playhq.com/basketball-tasmania/register/b43598>

Football

GOOD CLEAN FUN

PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK

LATROBE
LATROBE RECREATION
GROUND

TUESDAYS FROM MARCH 18TH
4:00PM - 5:00PM

Latrobe Demons

With our first session starting in 6 weeks on Tuesday the 18th of March it's time to get registered!! We will have 2 come and try days this year and they will be held on the 18th and 25th of March, After these dates you will have to be registered to continue with the program.

To Register your child for Auskick (Kinder-Grade 1)
<https://www.playhq.com/.../latrobe.../d4fdb359/register>

To Register your child for Superkick (Grade 2- Grade 4)
<https://www.playhq.com/.../latrobe.../18c13694/register>

We will continue to run on a Tuesday night from 4-5pm.

More details about this year's schedule to come. We are also looking for some fresh faces of volunteers to help out this year, so please reach out if you are able to help in anyway.



Term 1 Registration now open

Learn tennis for life

Tasmanian Tennis Academy at Devonport Tennis Club
Ages 3+
hotshots.tennis.com.au Pip 0438 687 542
www.coachpip.com

Community News

DEVONPORT GYMNASTICS CLUB NOW TAKING 2025 ENROLMENTS



WWW.DEVONPORTGYMNASTICS.ORG.AU



NETTA AUTUMN ROSTER

For players in school grades 2, 3, 4
Player registration is now open!

Roster starting 15th March
Last game June 28th

Saturday Mornings at Spreyton

Player registration due before 1st game

REGISTER NOW!

<https://www.playhq.com/netball-australia/register/e88f37>
or from the NetballHQ app



PRIMARY AUTUMN ROSTER

For players in school grades 5&6
Player registration is now open!

Roster starting 15th March
Grand Final June 28th

Saturday Mornings at Spreyton

Player registration due before 1st game

REGISTER NOW!

<https://www.playhq.com/netball-australia/register/005032>
or from the NetballHQ app



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