

# The Creek This Week

Andrews Creek Primary School



## Upcoming events

### Monday 3 March

Think U Know program

### Wednesday 5 March

NWPSSA 3/4 Athletics

### Thursday 6 March

NWPSSA 5/6 Athletics

### Monday 10 March

Public Holiday

### Wednesday 12 March

NAPLAN starts

### Friday 14 March

Merit Assembly

### Thursday 20 March

School Association AGM

6pm

### Wednesday 9 April

Merit Assembly

### Friday 11 April

Last day Term 1

### Monday 28 April

First day Term 2

## Principal's Message

What a great turn out we had to last Friday's Welcome back BBQ! It was great to see so many of our school community here catching up with staff and each other on a lovely sunny afternoon. Please know that if you wish to have a more in-depth conversation with your child's teacher then please contact them via SeeSaw (which will be back up and running this week) or phone the school.

Speaking of SeeSaw, thank you for your patience while this system has been non-operational. This was a statewide issue that took some time to resolve. Thankfully this has now been rectified, however as part of the process we will need all families to reconnect to SeeSaw. Your child will receive correspondence either today or tomorrow from their teacher to reconnect to the platform.

A big congratulations to our student leaders who were elected to their positions last week. This is a great honour for these students and one that comes with great responsibility to be the best example of an Andrews Creek Shining Star. I would also like to acknowledge the courage shown by all those students who put themselves out there, nominated and gave a speech for a leadership role, well done.

Your child's first report for the year will be going home on 14 March, and this will be a short sharp indication of how they have started the year. In our next newsletter we will be including a full 2025 reporting schedule, including the method and timeline for sharing evidence of learning, reports, parent teacher meetings and open classrooms.

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OUR STUDENT COUNCIL

This year, due to some retirements, we will be looking for new school community members to come on board to be part of the ACPS School Association. The School Association is a very important part of every schools governance and provides an insight and voice for parents and other community members around school direction and policy and fundraising ventures. If you are interested and can provide your time for only 2 meetings a term then please have a chat with a current association member or contact myself or Mrs Hinds at the school.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to everyone for the high level of school uniform to start the year. Can I please remind families however that navy shorts and pants are expected as part of our uniform not black, and that students are expected to wear all black shoes.

In partnership

Nathan Rockliff  
*Acting Principal*

## Student Leadership

We would like to introduce our ACPS 2025 School Leaders! These students showed confidence and courage in presenting their speeches to staff and peers. All Grade 3 to 6 students and staff voted for the students they believe will be committed leaders who will have a positive impact on our school community. Students were presented with their badges in a courtyard assembly on Monday. Ms Foster will be working with our Student Council again this year so stay tuned for upcoming events!



OUR LIBRARY MONITORS



OUR HOUSE CAPTAINS



## Skorts for Sale!



## Merit Assemblies

Merit Assemblies will be held twice a term, one mid-way and the other in the last week. Any family member is welcome to join us and teachers will send personal invites to parents/carers of students receiving an award. Each assembly we will also have a couple of classes sharing and these are listed below.

### Term 1 Assemblies

**Friday 14 March at 2pm** - Grade 5 & 6 sharing.

**Wednesday 9 April at 2pm** - Grade 1, Grade 2 & 3/4B sharing.

## Think U Know Program

Our Primary classes are participating in the Think U Know program next Monday which is run by Tasmania Police.

Here is a link to the program information and parent resources.

<https://www.thinkuknow.org.au/about/our-program>



## NWPSSA Athletics

Our Grade 3-6 team has been selected for the NWPSSA Athletics carnival coming up next Wednesday and Thursday.

All of these students received a notice, and program for the day so parents/carers can attend if they wish.

**Please return the permission form to school by tomorrow Friday 28 February.**



**NWPSSA**  
**NORTH WEST**  
**PRIMARY SCHOOLS**  
**SPORTS ASSOCIATION**

## 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.

## Safeguarding training



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>

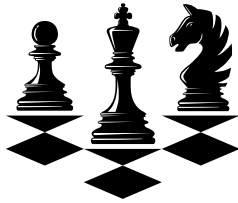
**To complete the Our Obligations – Safeguarding Training 15-minute video please visit:**

<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.



## Chess



A big thank you to Carl from [Black Square Chess](#) for coming along last Friday. Black Square Chess have kindly donated two chess sets to ACPS! Any student keen to learn chess can come and visit Carl in 6 Wallace each Friday at recess this term!

## Hobart Camp 2025

Parents/carers of our Grade 5/6 students would have received a letter last week regarding our 2025 Hobart Camp. If you didn't receive this letter via email, please let your child's teacher know.

**Camp Dates:** November 4-7.

**Participants:** Grade 5/6's along with Mr Wallace, Mrs A, Ms Foster and Mrs Scicluna.

**Where:** Hobart and surrounds

**Cost:** TBA - Invoices will be sent out early Term 2 and not due until Term 4.

**Motel:** Riverfront Motel & Villas

**Activities:** Full itinerary coming out in Term 3, but it will be packed with lots of great educational and fun activities!



## 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.**

The number of unexplained absences is increasing each week, and we would appreciate parents/carers **contact us every day their child is absent from school** using one of the following options.

**Options:**

- **Email the office** (preferred) at:  
[andrews.creek.primary@decyp.tas.gov.au](mailto: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 6428 4088





## STAR Cards

**Neve** - for her positive approach to all tasks.

**Macey M.** - for always helping pack up the classroom.

**Caleb** - for offering to go inside with a friend when they were nervous about it.

**Archie J.** - for using amazing manners and listening respectfully.

**Albie R.** - for excellent, respectful listening during mat time.

**Benjin** - for drying the floor so no one slips.

**Edie** - for a wonderful effort keeping the classroom tidy.

**Milla S.** - for her beautiful manners in the library this afternoon.

**Florence** - for showing your clever maths skills.

**Freyja** - for always using whole body listening.

**Harper K.** - for a great job packing up.

**Jack S.** - for sacrificing himself in a game to allow another student to stay in.

**Saibo** - for being extremely kind and helpful by teaching another student how to log into a computer.

**Oliver P.** - for sacrificing himself in a game to allow another student to stay in.

**Dustin** - for always respecting the class expectations.

**Amelia H.** - can be relied upon to be an ACPS Shining Star at all times.

**Angus** - Perfect listening to instructions.

**Matilda** - for quietly, accurately and diligently completing all tasks.

**Lincoln R.** - for picking up lunch boxes outside to help tidy up the courtyard without being asked.

**Eleanor** - a wonderful start to the year being spotted showing thoughtful initiative.

**Mahli** - positively participating in class discussions.

**Sofia** - for great maths reasoning.

**Caitlyn** - for a great start to the year.

**Kenzie** - for always doing her best during whole school run.

**Everlee** - for always giving 100% in the Resilience Project.

**Faith** - for showing great courage to present her leadership speech.

**Oakley S.** - for showing courage to share his speech.

**Declan** - for showing courage to share his speech.

**Keeley** - for great courage to share her leadership speech.

**Mahli** - great reading of her leadership speech with great ideas.

**Asta** - for great presentation of well thought through leadership speech.

**Maci L.** - for excellently presenting her well written leadership speech.

**Oakley H.** - for showing courage to present his leadership speech.

**Amalia** - for great courage to share her great ideas in her leadership speech.

**Sophia S.** - for presenting a well written leadership speech.

**Sofia M.** - for showing courage to present her well written leadership speech.

**Riley B.** - for great courage to read a well written leadership speech.

**Jasper** - for great courage to share his leadership speech.



## STAR Cards

- William** - for excellent presentation of his leadership speech.
- Lucy H.** - for great ideas in her leadership speech.
- Arlo** - for being a star meditator.
- Esther** - for being a fantastic buddy reader.
- Wynter** - for being a fantastic buddy reader.
- Fletcher** - for being a super star meditator and being a focussed learner.
- Ava** - for doing a great job during yoga today and working quietly during draw and label.
- Eleanor** - for comforting her brother.
- Harper** - for always working hard and taking her 'class job' very seriously.
- Ethan** - for listening really carefully and following instructions quickly in UFLI.
- Jaxon F.** - for listening really carefully and following instructions quickly in UFLI.
- Evelyn** - for being reliable to be an ACPS Star at all times.
- Lucy** - for working quietly and not disturbing others.
- Jasper** - thoughtful greeting each morning.
- Arie** - for a super week.

## Creek Cafe

We will keep you posted on when we have Creek Cafe back up and running and advertise a date for the egg and bacon quiche orders.



- Charli** - for being a kind and thoughtful friend to Finlay today.
- Ziggy** - for working quietly while others were doing PAT testing.
- Maci** - the care she displays in class makes it a safe learning environment.
- Mahli** - insightful contribution to class discussion.
- Jasper** - reasoning in Maths.
- Sophia** - always following class rules and making sure everything is as it should be.
- Everlee** - working respectfully in a group.
- Tarkine** - working respectfully in a group.
- Pippa** - always using amazing manners and respectful listening.
- Jaxon L** - working respectfully in a group.
- Bonnie** - being an active participant in PE with excellent listening.
- Cooper** - using scissors safely.
- Leo P** - for being a respectful listener during mat time.
- Hamish** - for doing your best work during our capacity lesson.
- Patrick** - for helping a Prep student find their class without being asked.
- Koby** - for being willing to assist a classmate without prompting.
- Hannah** - for being a great classroom manager.
- Jai** - for holding the bin open for a friend.
- Lincoln C.** - for being a considerate class member working hard in writing.
- Isla B.** - for always trying her best even when faced with challenges.
- Rhyan** - for working hard and trying his best in our new spelling program.

# Welcome to Kindergarten!

CLASS OF 2025





The Kinders have loved their time at school getting to know one another and exploring all things in Kindergarten! Mrs D and Mrs Guthrie have been very impressed with the way our Kinder students have settled in to school life!





# Environmental Program

At 'The Creek' we have been busy focussing on 4 main areas; caring for self, caring for each other, caring for our creek country and learning aspects of science in the environment.

We have learnt about how to be safe in our outdoor environment at this time of year - creatures that can be harmful to us, as well as what allergies and anaphalaxis are. We have learnt how to safely use tools and keep our working spaces safe through raking paths, bridges and using weed removal tools, identifying weeds and we also learnt how to use walkie talkies to communicate with each other across our area.

Students have been helping keep the nearly 200 new trees that we planted at the end of last year surviving through fixing knocked tree guards, watering and weeding around the new plants. We have also been collecting more seeds to keep regenerating the creek with species from within the area.

Our Science Learning varies across the grades, but we are focusing on life cycles, adaptations and how science designs are influenced by design features in nature.



# 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](mailto: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)

# Reading Club

We are excited to announce that Reading Club will be back in 2025! Running before school on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, Reading Club provides a fantastic opportunity for students to build their confidence and enjoyment in reading.

We're seeking volunteers to support our young readers! If you have a current WWVP card and have completed the safeguarding training, you're welcome to join. Mrs Hinds will provide reading support training to help you feel confident in assisting students. To get involved, please contact her at [serena.hinds@decyp.tas.gov.au](mailto:serena.hinds@decyp.tas.gov.au)

Student invites for the 2025 Reading Club will be sent out via Seesaw soon, so keep an eye out!



A vibrant purple and teal poster for the Reading Club. At the top, it says 'COME & JOIN OUR READING CLUB' in white and purple text. Below this, there are three boxes: 'Parent Support Needed', 'Monday, Wednesday + Friday's', and '8:30-8:55am'. A central circular image shows two children reading a book together. The poster is decorated with starburst icons and a heart icon. The Andrews Creek Primary School logo is in the top right corner.

# Resilience Project

At Andrews Creek Primary, we are continuing our journey with The Resilience Project, helping students develop important wellbeing habits through Gratitude, Empathy, and Mindfulness (GEM). One way families can support this at home is by having daily GEM chats - a simple and meaningful way to reflect on the positives in each day.

Try asking:

- What is something you're grateful for today?
- How did you show empathy or kindness to someone?
- What is one mindful moment you had today?

**Expression of Interest:** Connected Parenting Session  
The Resilience Project is hosting an online Connected Parenting session to help families build strong relationships and support their child's resilience.

**Date:** Monday, 12 May 2025

**Time:** 6:30 pm

**Location:** Andrews Creek Primary School

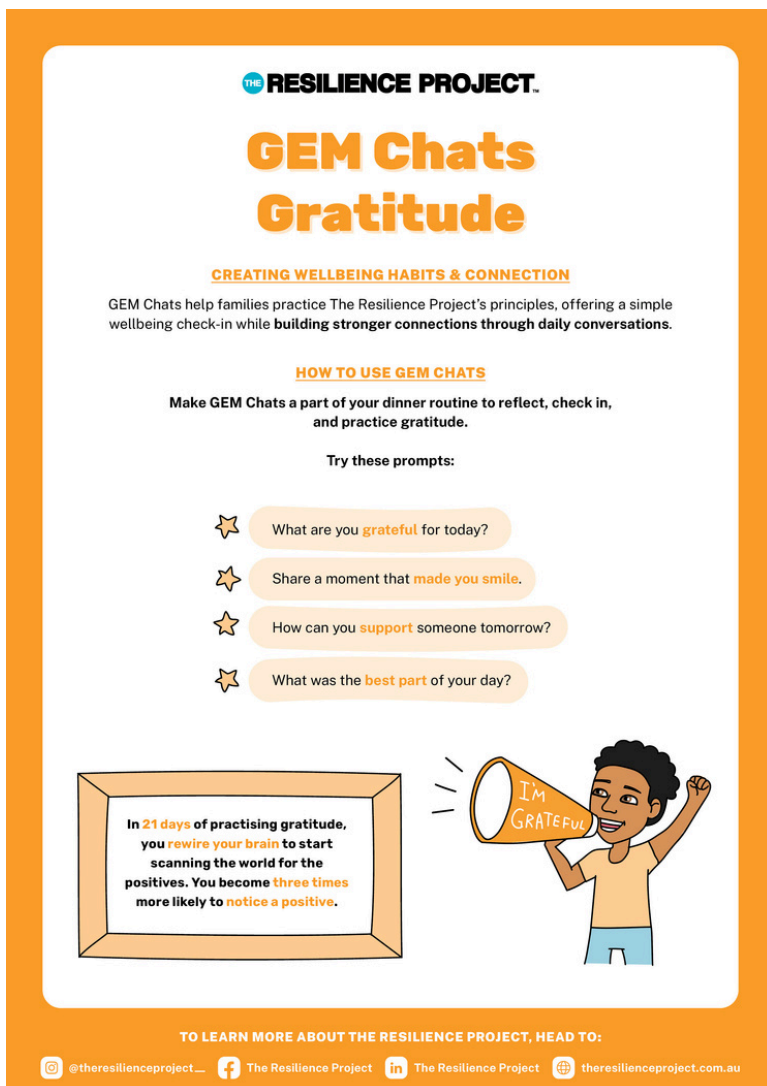
We'd love to know if you're interested in attending and what topics matter most to you! Please register your interest here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/X0QhCDfDJD>

For more information about connected parenting, please read Connected Parenting Helps Us Raise Resilient Children.

<https://theresilienceproject.com.au/at-home/wellbeing-hub/connected-parenting-helps-us-raise-resilient-children/>

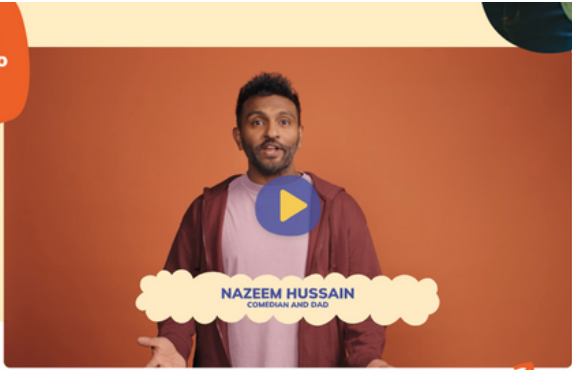
Let's keep the GEM conversations going at school and at home! ❤️



A white poster with an orange border for 'THE RESILIENCE PROJECT. GEM Chats Gratitude'. It features the text 'CREATING WELLBEING HABITS & CONNECTION' and 'GEM Chats help families practice The Resilience Project's principles, offering a simple wellbeing check-in while building stronger connections through daily conversations.' Below this, it says 'HOW TO USE GEM CHATS' and 'Make GEM Chats a part of your dinner routine to reflect, check in, and practice gratitude. Try these prompts:'. There are four prompts, each with a star icon: 'What are you grateful for today?', 'Share a moment that made you smile.', 'How can you support someone tomorrow?', and 'What was the best part of your day?'. At the bottom, there is a quote in a box: 'In 21 days of practising gratitude, you rewire your brain to start scanning the world for the positives. You become three times more likely to notice a positive.' To the right of the box is a cartoon illustration of a boy shouting 'I'M GRATEFUL' into a megaphone. At the very bottom, it says 'TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RESILIENCE PROJECT, HEAD TO:' followed by social media icons for Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn, and a website icon.

# School Nurse News

Everything you need to know... in 5min



**NAZEEM HUSSAIN**  
COMEDIAN AND DAD

Our top tips to build better body image in under five minutes  
Epic dad and comedian Nazeem Hussain hosts the Embrace Kids Parent Masterclass

## Embrace Kids Parent Masterclass

This is a great five-minute video (QR code with the link right) with positive messages about food, kids bodies and social media.



# Ninja FreeG Classes



**CLASSES AVAILABLE MONDAY'S TO THURSDAY'S**

**WITH CLASSES TAILORED FOR AGES RANGING FROM 5 YEARS TO 12 YEARS PLUS!!**

# Community News



## COME AND TRY DAY



**FRIDAY 14TH MARCH**  
**GIRDLESTONE PARK**  
**5:00PM - 6:15PM**  
**REGISTRATION FROM 4PM**



## GOOD CLEAN FUN

[PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK](http://PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK)

**EAST DEVONPORT**

**GIRDLESTONE PARK**

**FRIDAYS FROM MARCH 21ST**  
**4:00PM - 5:00PM**



# Community News

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**4 - 7 YEAR OLDS**

PORT SORELL  
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@ Port Sorell FC

REGISTER NOW

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**HOBART HURRICANES**

**STAGE 1 SMASH**

**FUN, FAST MODIFIED CRICKET MATCHES PLAYED ON OUTFIELDS**

**ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED - SIMPLY TURN UP AND PLAY**

**ALL GAMES PLAYED AT A CENTRAL LOCATION**

**SHORT 4 MATCH ROSTER IDEAL FOR JUNIOR PLAYERS NEW TO THE GAME**

**MATCHES TO BE PLAYED IN UNDER 60 MINS**

**FURTHER DETAILS AND REGISTRATION BELOW**

**LOCATION** Devonport Region - Meercroft Park  
North Street, Devonport

**TIME** 4.30pm - 5.30pm

**DATE** Monday Afternoons - 4-weeks  
March 3rd until March 24th

**SCAN TO REGISTER**

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT JOSH MARSHALL (NORTHERN) - 0407 576 184 | PAUL TAYLOR (HOBART) - 0404 477 111

**DELORAINE JUNIOR BASKETBALL CLUB**

Get Ready for an Exciting Season!

Calling all young basketball enthusiasts!  
The Deloraine Junior Basketball Club is gearing up for another action-packed season, and we want YOU to be a part of it!

- Season Starts: March 10th
- Ages: All age groups (Aussie Hoops and U10s TBA)
- Develop skills & teamwork
- Make new friends
- Stay active & have fun

- Sign-up Deadline: March 9th
- How to Register: Via QR code attached or via the link on your facebook page
- Fees: \$160 plus BTas Fees

Don't miss out on a fantastic opportunity to be part of a great team!  
Whether you're a beginner or an experienced player, there's a place for everyone.

For more information email:  
delorainejuniorbasketballclub@gmail.com

See you on the court!



**Andrews Creek**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Learn Inspire Shine

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