



The Creek This Week

Andrews Creek
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Learn Inspire Shine

Andrews Creek Primary School



Upcoming events

Friday 28 March

SRC Fundraiser - Wheels

Wednesday 9 April

Merit Assembly 2pm

Friday 11 April

Last day Term 1

Monday 28 April

First day Term 2

Tuesday 6 May

ACPS Cross Country

School Association

Meeting 6pm

Attendance

School Goal

91%

Current rate

93%

Principal's Message

At Andrews Creek we have adopted the two new DECYP programs that support the teaching of reading. UFLI (University of Florida Literacy Institute) for years Prep to 2 and Word Origins for years 3 to 6 are designed to be delivered almost daily in classrooms to build our students' reading and spelling knowledge. After a few bumps we are now used to the structure of these programs. It has been fantastic to see and hear how these two initiatives are starting to have real impact for our students as our classes get into rhythm, incorporating them into their literacy lessons. If you haven't already heard about either of these programs from your children, I encourage you to ask a few questions and see what they can tell you.

Last week we had our School Association Annual General Meeting. At the meeting we welcomed 4 new members to the committee: Sam Griffiths, Rhett Griffiths, Amy Michajlow, and Paige Williams. Thank you for taking the time to be a part of this important school function. We also had 3 members retiring from the association. A big thanks to Deanne Polson, Rebecca Addison and Alyce Treloar for all the work you have done in various roles on the association over the years, your work and input has undoubtedly contributed to the successful work of the school association and the school more broadly.

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Well done to everyone who received a certificate at our first assembly of the year. It was great to be able to recognise you all and the great start you have made to the year. Our next assembly is on 9th April, and we look forward to recognising more student success with you all.

It is great to be able to say that Reading club is starting back up next week on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. I know many students have been keen to get back into morning reading and thanks to the work of Mrs Hinds and our reading volunteers for making sure this valuable program is back up and running. Students participating in the first round of reading club will find out in a letter going home with them this week.

In partnership,
Nathan Rockliff
Acting Principal

Merit Assembly

Thank you to our families who joined us for our first Merit Assembly for 2025. We hope you enjoyed it! Congratulations to the following students:

- Learn** - Neve, Brooklyn, Alice, Rhyen, Hunter, Evelyn, Maci L,
- Inspire** - Archie J, Leo T, Zara, Leo P, Isla B, Mila, Angus, Koby.
- Shine** - Pippa, Edie, Florence, Bonnie G, Emilia, Layla M, Indi H, Alexander.



NAPLAN

NAP

 NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

That is a wrap on 2025 NAPLAN! Congratulations to all of our Grade 3 and 5 students for doing their best and a special mention to our Grade 3 students who participated for the very first time! Results will be sent to parents/carers later in the year.

Next Assembly

Anyone in our school community is welcome to attend our assembly.

Date: Wednesday 9 April at 2pm

Hosts: William, Lucy, Maci.

Where: School hall

Items: Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 3/4B classes are sharing work

Learn, inspire, shine awards STAR card draw.

Parents/carers of award recipients will receive an invite by their class teacher.





STAR Cards

Matilda - for giving her best in Daily PE, keeping up with Mr Wallace and trying her best.

Eleanor - We really appreciate your thoughtful 'good mornings' and lovely manners.

Caitlyn - can be relied upon to be an ACPS star at all times.

Axel - for always being respectful when talking to peers and adults.

Amelia H. - for being switched onto her learning and doing a great job as a G5 student.

Matilda, Charlie, Harper, Boston, Milla S, Edie - for super attendance.

Lacey - for being a great listening in Daily PE.

Grayson - for listening and following instructions during Daily PE.

Jack S. - for helping his peers in Daily PE.

Lexi - for being a respectful listener today.

Hartley - for being super focussed during Phonics.

Lyla - for working hard to write her name.

Jai - for always using amazing manners.

Amylase - for always helping at pack up time keeping the classroom safe.

Macey M. - for always being kind to others.

Tom - for helping pack up and always participating in games and running in Daily PE.

Jaxon F, Sharma, Alice, Ariana - for giving their best effort in running for Daily Fitness.

Emilia A. - for being a thoughtful and helpful class member.

Kenzie - for helping to pack up and trying her best with manners.

Judd C., Kenzie, Tom, Kyle, Dustin, Poppy, Oscar, Oliver P. Rhyan, Jack S., Lincoln C, Tarkine, Madilyn, Freya Hi, Jack G. Evelyn, Sofia M, Faith, Sophia S, Riley - for super attendance.

Ava - for working quietly today.

Lucy S. - for 'thoughtful warm, fuzzy' of your own.

Pippa - for always helping to tidy up the classroom.

Cooper - for always using amazing manners.

Archie J. - for always being kind to his classmates.

Caleb - for using careful colouring on his Harmony Day task.

Elizabeth - for being respectful 100% of the time.

Eleanor - for using her incredible manners with our special guest from The Resilience Project.

Frankie - for being thoughtful of others by reading quietly in the library.

Sahara - for doing all activities safely and respectfully in Daily PE.

Elka - for always working hard, being respectful and offering to help others.

Benjin - for using safe hands and feet on the mat and following instructions.

Maeve C. - for showing kindness when a friend was hurt.

Wesley - for trying his best today to finish his jobs.

Dotty - for always trying her best during skipping.

Finlay - for always trying her best during skipping.

Kodie - for trying his best during Daily PE.

Jaxon C. - for trying his best during Daily PE.

Harvey - for his best effort in Daily Fitness for running.

Freyja - for always being a kind and thoughtful class member.



STAR Cards

Finn & Leo P. - for a fantastic effort in our Daily PE run - 6 laps!

Willow - for always showing respect.

Sofia M. - for excellent ORF reading.

Bonnie, Alby & Hugo - for best effort in Daily PE for running.

Carter - for being a thoughtful mediator today.

Saibo - for cleaning up the school bus and for seeking ways to be helpful in the classroom.

Elliott - for using whole body listening.

Leo - for being a kind and thoughtful friend to one of his classmates.

George R. - for his excellent focus and participation during UFLI.

Elka - for consistently showing respect to her teachers and peers and being a great role model.

Eddie - for always working hard to complete tasks and follow instructions.

Archie H. - for his super effort in spelling.

Eleanor - for completing all individual tasks in a very efficient manner.

Boston - for 10 wonderful talking jobs with enthusiasm.

Ziggy - for always being a thoughtful class member who works quietly and helps to clean up.

Brooklyn - for moving from one activity to another quietly.



Creek Cafe

Is back! Order forms for BOTH weeks went home this week and **are due back no later than Friday 28 March (tomorrow)**. All items \$3.50 each.

Wednesday 2 April - Chicken Caesar Salad

Wednesday 9 April - Chicken Tender Wrap



Interactive Garden

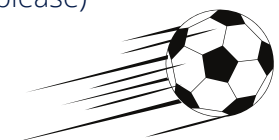
DONATE

We are after some donations for our interactive garden play area so that we can give it a re-vamp!

Ideas:

- Smooth pieces of wood (no nails please)
- Items made out of wood that could be used for building creations.
- Sandpit tools
- Buckets
- PVC Pipe or Polypipe
- Bike tyres (no car tyres please)

Soccer info



School soccer will commence at Meercroft with a two week roster on 5 and 12 April, a two week break for school holidays, recommencing on 3rd May.

Those who have put their name down to play have now been put into teams and parents/carers will have received an email with details on how to register your child.

A reminder that **it is compulsory** for coaches to also register on the playfootball website (there is no cost).

Harmony Day

Last Friday was Harmony Day and our classes all had their own special celebrations.

Harmony Day is celebrated annually on 21 March in Australia, is a day that celebrates the country's cultural diversity and promotes respect and inclusion for all Australians.

Here are some pictures from 3/4A who made themselves sushi for lunch!



More than 7.5 million people have migrated to Australia since 1945

A white icon of a house with a chimney, with a line of diverse people holding hands in front of it.A white icon of a line of diverse people holding hands, arranged in a grid pattern.

Almost half of Australians were either born overseas or have a parent who was

School Association News

We have some great news from our recent Annual General Meeting (AGM). Four new members have joined our committee, bringing fresh perspectives and ideas. A warm welcome to them!

Thank you to retiring members

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Bec, Deanne, Alyce, and Alana for their dedication and contributions to our school community. Their time, effort, and commitment have made a lasting impact, and we are incredibly grateful for all they have done. Thank you for your support and hard work, we truly appreciate it!

Committee Members:

Nathan Rockliff - Acting Principal

Kirsty Rolls - Chairperson

Rhett Griffiths - Vice Chair

Serena Hinds - Secretary

Sam Griffiths - Treasurer

Staff Member:

Erin Woodcock

Parent Members:

Matthew Bowles, Amy Michajlow, Anna Johnson, and Anna Peirce.



The School Association is vital for our school as it focuses on:

- Building Community: We strive to create a strong sense of togetherness among everyone in our school community.
- Fundraising Initiatives: Our fundraising activities help support important projects and enhance our students' educational experiences.
- Providing Feedback: We act as a platform to share feedback, ideas, and concerns with the school administration.

Remember, everyone is welcome at our School Association meetings. Your participation and input are valued as we work together to improve our school.

Upcoming Events

We have an Easter raffle coming up and are asking families for donations of:

- Easter chocolate
- Easter gifts (stickers, colouring books, etc.)

Raffle books have been handed out with tickets available for \$1 each.

Donations are kindly requested to be handed to the Office by Friday, 4th April. The raffle will be drawn during our assembly on Wednesday, 9th April.

Thank you for your support!



Next Meeting

In a recent meeting, it was decided that our School Association Committee meetings will now be held **once per term**. Our next meeting for Term 2 will be on **Tuesday, 6th May at 6:00pm** in the Vale Room.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Contact Details

School Association Contact Details If you would like to send the School Association an email, please use the email address below.
andrewscreek.sac@gmail.com





Absent: Erin Woodcock, Anna Peirce, Amy Michajlow.

Annual General Meeting **Chairperson Report - March 2025**

Well, what a year it's been! As Chairperson of the Andrews Creek Primary School Association, I'm thrilled to take a quick walk down memory lane and highlight some of our biggest activities from the past 12 months.

Activities & Events

We've had a jam-packed year with some fantastic events that brought our school and wider community together:

- **Trivia Night (May)** – A fun night out for many parents, teachers and community members. There were lots of laughs and friendly competition! A huge thanks goes to all the local businesses who sponsored so many prizes; we are so grateful for all your incredible donations. Thanks also to the Wesley Vale Football Club for generously letting us use their facilities free of charge for the last few years; we have tried to support them in return where we can, which is a lovely way for our communities to connect.
- **Trash to Treasure Car Boot Sale (November)** – Our first-ever Car Boot Sale was a huge success! It was a fantastic way to encourage sustainability and community spirit. Families had the opportunity to sell and rehome pre-loved items, while our bake sale and BBQ kept everyone well-fed. Despite some damp weather, the event was well received, with many stallholders and visitors eager to see it return and much positive feedback. The overwhelming response from families and staff for our bake sale was just incredible and shows how much people want to support our school and are more than happy to contribute in ways that are perhaps easier for them to fit in their busy lives.
- **Book Fair** – Held during Book Week, this beloved event not only put books into kids' hands but also helped raise funds for new books to our library. A win-win!
- **Easter & Christmas Raffles** – Our annual raffles once again brought in few extra funds but more importantly spread plenty of festive cheer. I will also include in here arranging for Santa to attend the Christmas concert was again well received by children and their families.

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Chairperson Report continued.....

Where Did the Funds Go?

We've been busy putting some of the money raised to good use! Some of our key investments include:

New Library Furniture – A fresh, inviting space for students to read and learn.

Upcoming Projects – A buddy bench and upgrades to the interactive playground are in the works!

Supporting Camps & Awards – By ensuring we have supplementary funds in the bank means that we can continue to provide financial support for each student to attend the biannual Grade 5/6 camp, Grade 6 awards, and potentially to support an ongoing biannual Grade 3/4 camp into the future.

Acknowledgments

None of this would be possible without the amazing people who keep the wheels turning:

Teachers & Staff – A special shout-out to Serena in particular, our secretary extraordinaire, but obviously also the teachers on the committee for your ongoing support and commitment to the Association and support you provide in your personal time.

Parents & Volunteers – Obviously all the people on the committee and everyone who has helped us in a myriad of ways this year, thank you for your active participation and support in our school activities and fundraising, your efforts invaluable and very much appreciated.

Farewell & Thank You

Well, this is it - my final report as Chairperson. It's been an absolute privilege to serve on this committee, and I can honestly say I've learned so much. From understanding how things run behind the scenes to creating some wonderful relationships with people I may not have otherwise had the chance to get to know, and I am grateful for the opportunity to help support our fantastic school. Although I'm stepping away from the committee, I'm not disappearing! I'll still be around to lend a hand at events whenever needed.

I'd also like to give a huge thank you to two other committee members who are also finishing up—Alyce Treloar and Deanne Polson. Over the past three years, Deanne has been a phenomenal Secretary, and Alyce has kept our finances in check as Treasurer. Your time, dedication, and hard work have been invaluable. If you purchased one of our recipe books last year, then you'll have some of Deanne's hard work in your kitchen for years to come. It's been so fun doing this with you ladies.

Final Thoughts

It's been a big year, and I'm excited to see how the new committee bring fresh ideas and energy going forward. To all of you joining this year and those stepping into new roles - good luck, and please don't be shy about reaching out if you need anything!

Thank you all for your support, your time, and your dedication to our wonderful school. Here's to another great year ahead!

Rebecca Addison
Chairperson



School Levy Payments

A reminder for those parents/carers who haven't yet paid their 2025 levies. These are due this Monday 31 March.

School levies provide the school with vital revenue to support student learning. Bpay is the preferred method of payment. If you haven't paid by Monday, you will need to contact Megan our School Business Manager and organise a payment plan.

Student Council Fundraiser

Don't forget Wheels Day is on tomorrow!

To raise money for Koinz4kidz we will be holding a 'Wheels Day' so students can enjoy their break time riding with their friends. Please bring a gold coin donation if you would like to participate.

Reminders:

- No electric scooters or bikes.
- No helmet no riding.
- Bikes and scooters must be in working order as we will have no pit crew doing maintenance.

Drop off Procedure (Friday morning)

Please drive through the bus gate to the oval between 8.30-8.55am and drop off bike/scooter at the allocated spot.

Pick Up (Friday afternoon) - must be collected as we don't have storage space at school.

Please follow usual drive through procedure but head to the oval and collect your child and their bike/scooter.

Hobart Camp

More documentation for our Grade 5/6 camp coming up in November is coming home today so please keep an eye out for these.

By Friday May 2 the following is required:

- Signed Camp Contract
- \$50 deposit payable to office
- Signed permission slip

Wheels day + casual clothes

Gold coin donation

Friday 28th
March

NO ELECTRIC



Grade 5

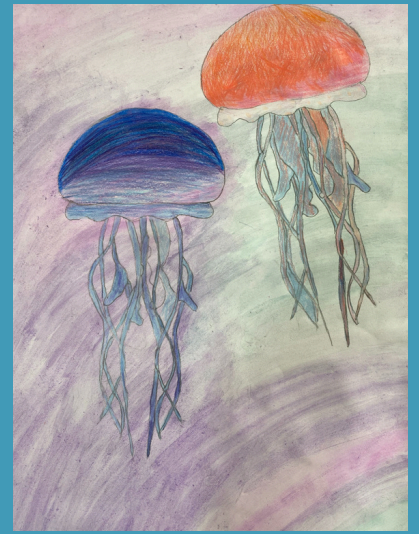
Based on their class novel.... grade 5 created these works of art using coloured pencil and water colour paints.



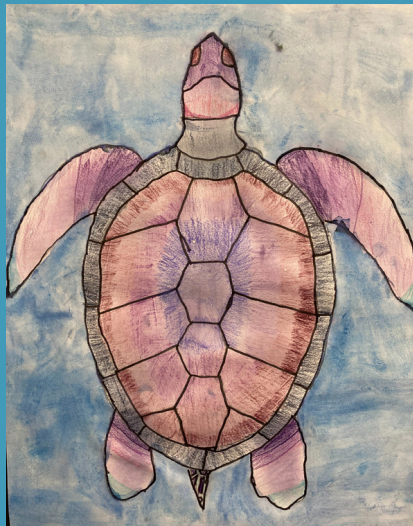
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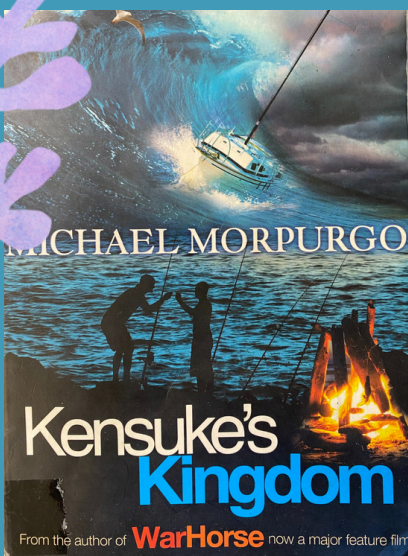
LUSIANA



OLIVER



MATILDA



NEVAEH



LUCY

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

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



A colorful poster for the Reading Club. At the top right is the Andrews Creek Primary logo. The main text reads 'COME & JOIN OUR READING CLUB'. Below this, it says 'Parent Support Needed', 'Monday, Wednesday + Friday's', and '8:30-8:55am'. A central image shows two children reading a book together. There are decorative stars and a heart icon.

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?

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

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. You can watch this from the comfort of your own home.

 **Date:** Monday, 12 May 2025

 **Time:** 6:30 pm

Register Online Now - [Click Here](#)

Come along to a Parent & Carer Presentation!



Connected Parenting Webinar

WHO'S INVITED?
Parents & Carers

DURATION
75 minutes

WHERE?
Online Webinar

ABOUT THIS WORKSHOP

Discover valuable tools and insights in this Connected Parenting Webinar with educator and parenting expert Lael Stone. This session aims to support you in building stronger relationships with your children through positive communication.

You will leave this session with:



Practical strategies to foster cooperation and deepen connections with your child.



Ideas to support your child when they are facing adversity.



Ways to assist your child in building emotional resilience.



Helpful tips for managing your own triggers as a parent or carer.

SCAN FOR MORE ABOUT
RESILIENCE PROJECT



Connected Parenting Webinar

WITH
Lael Stone



ABOUT LAEL STONE

Lael Stone is an educator, TEDx speaker, author, mother, and parenting counsellor who has worked with families for over 20 years. Her work as a birth educator, post-natal trauma counsellor, and parenting educator has seen her work with thousands of families consulting about newborns all the way to the teen years.

She spent over 5 yrs in secondary schools working with teens and her great aim is to empower parents to create connections and stronger relationships with their children.

She is the co-creator of Woodline Primary School, an innovative new school based on emotional well-being and connection. Lael was the co-host of The Aware Parenting Podcast and a sought-after public speaker who talks candidly about her experiences and her great passion for creating wellness in adults through connection and communication.

As well as sitting on a few advisory boards and consulting with organisations around emotional awareness and trauma-informed practices, Lael's first book 'Raising Resilient and Compassionate Children' debuted on many best-selling lists.

Lael's work has now extended to working with adults in the corporate space, where she addresses the impacts of imprints and trauma and how that affects all relationships and stepping into our potential.



