

The Creek This Week

Andrews Creek Primary School



HAPPY
Holidays



Upcoming events

Friday 11 April

Last day Term 1

Monday 28 April

First day Term 2

ANZAC Day Service

Thursday 1 May

Grade 3-6 Excursion

Friday 2 May

Grade 1-2 Excursion

Tuesday 6 May

ACPS Cross Country

School Association

Meeting 6pm

Principal's Message

Wow! First term is just about finished for 2025 and what a great term it has been. We have seen so many excellent examples of our students being Andrews Creek Shining Stars, highlighted once again at yesterday's assembly. Being a Shining Star is synonymous with being a student at Andrews Creek and these traits are lived by our students every day. The pride on each student's face when they share their "Star Card" with me is always the highlight of my day and shows that these are behaviours highly valued by our community. As you would hopefully be aware, this year, we have introduced a new element to our existing values, "Super Attender" and over the course of the term teachers have recognised students who have shown either improved attendance or 100% attendance. As of Monday, 7th April we have 59 students with 100% attendance and a further 80 students with an attendance rate of 90% or above. An attendance rate of above 90% is the goal for all our students across Tasmania. You would have noticed an attendance tracker on the front of our newsletter so that we can all keep track of our school improvement goal of 91%, so far so good!

As many of you would know, being late can make you feel anxious and uncertain, making it tricky to get started. It's just the same for our students. I know mornings can be a struggle and to get everything done can feel impossible, but I can assure you that the effort is worth it because the difference on a student's face and the way they start the day is immeasurable. Students have those opportunities to check in with their friends and teachers and have conversations that put them in the right mindset to start their learning. School doors open at 8:30 with the bell going at 8:55. Don't forget reading club starts at 8:30 on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays!

Attendance

School Goal

91%

Current rate

94%

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Over the past couple of weeks, we have been asking for student voice to guide some initiatives we can incorporate into the start of our school week. Data would show that if schools can have high attendance on a Monday, then that will flow throughout the rest of the week. It also supports the flow of a week's learning and a positive mindset. The aim is to create a positive and engaging beginning to the school week that all students can connect with and be the great start that flows through the rest of their week. We look forward to trialling some of these ideas in term 2.

I hope that everyone is able to have a relaxing school holidays and Easter Break and spend quality time with family. I'm looking forward to another great term of learning and growth in term 2. As we head into the cooler months, please remember our school uniform. Our school uniform is a great way for everyone to stay connected to each other as one Andrews Creek team.

In partnership

Nathan Rockliff
Acting Principal



Don College Musical

These four ACPS students (pictured above) have been asked to perform alongside Don College students in their upcoming musical "Charlie and the Chocolate factory". They are all very excited about this wonderful opportunity and will get to perform in front of ACPS students when we head to the matinee on 20 June!

Fire Education Program

The School Fire Education Program is an initiative of the Tasmania Fire Service, as a strategy towards our vision of a Tasmanian community that is safe from the impact of fire. The program has been designed to teach children from Prep to Grade 6 about basic home fire safety.

Lessons and resources are delivered in schools by specially trained firefighters of the Tasmania Fire Service.

The key home fire safety messages are developed over the primary school years so that they are age-appropriate and engaging for students. Home fire safety resources are given out to children in class, and we encourage them to share the home fire safety messages with their family.

Activity books are given out to children in Grades 1 to 4, and can be taken home at the end of the program so that the whole family can participate in the activities to ensure their home is fire safe.

This advice is designed to keep you and your family safe and protect what you value.

ACPS Fire Program Dates:

Tuesday 13th - Friday 16 May.

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT TIP

Start the Day Right!

Arriving on time helps students feel calm, confident, and ready to learn!



- 🕒 Arrive between 8:30 - 8:55am to start the day smoothly
- ✅ Reduce anxiety with a predictable routine
- 📅 Be ready for learning from the first lesson
- 👉 Enjoy social time with friends before class

Let's build strong habits for success! 🌟



Start the Day right! Let's arrive to school on time every day.

At Andrews Creek, we know that a great start to the day sets students up for success. Lately, we've noticed an increase in students arriving late (after 8:55am but before 10:00am), which can be disruptive to both their learning and the classroom environment.

Our school day starts at 8:55am, and between 8:30am and 8:55am, students have important morning jobs to complete. These tasks help them settle in, get organised, and feel prepared for the day ahead. When students arrive late, they often miss these vital routines, making it harder for them to transition smoothly into learning.

Research from The Resilience Project highlights the link between structure, routine, and student wellbeing. Arriving late can increase stress and anxiety, as students may feel rushed, unprepared, or out of place. Australian statistics show that one in seven children aged 4-17 experience anxiety. Being late can heighten these feelings, especially if they walk into an already-started lesson or struggle to catch up on missed instructions.

By arriving on time, students:

- ✅ Feel a sense of calm and control over their day
- ✅ Build confidence by completing morning tasks independently
- ✅ Strengthen friendships during social time before learning begins
- ✅ Are fully present for key learning opportunities right from the start

Let's work together to build healthy habits that support our students' wellbeing and learning. Arriving on time isn't just about being punctual... It's about setting them up for a successful and less stressful school day.



Wheels Day!

Thank you to our families who donated to our Wheels Day fundraiser. Our students had the best time riding around with their friends listening to music. We published photos on our facebook page.



\$230 raised to donate to Koinz4Kidz.

Easter Raffle

Thank you to our families for donating Easter prizes to our Easter raffle.

\$1418 was raised for the School Association which is an amazing achievement!

Congratulations to the following winners that were drawn in yesterday's assembly! There were 21 winners in total!

Prize winners:

1st Prize - Asta P

2nd Prize - Oakley H

3rd Prize - Kelsea J

Easter Egg Hunt

Student leaders are assisting staff in organising an easter egg hunt tomorrow for the last day of term.

Each student will receive one hunting egg. If you do not wish for your child to participate please let their teacher know by tomorrow 9am.

Hobart Camp

A reminder to our Grade 5-6 families.

By Friday May 2 the following is required:

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



Playgroup

Thursday's
9-10.30am

Term 2 Dates:

1 May, 8 May, 15 May, 22 May
29 May, 5 June, 12 June, 19 June
26 June, 3 July.



Please bring a piece of fruit to share for morning tea





Merit Assembly



Thank you to our families who joined us yesterday.
Congratulations to the following students:

Learn - Bonnie, Remy, Freyja, Hugo, Grayson, Tom, Lusiana, Mahli.

Inspire - Cooper, Milla, Hartley, Ella, Everlee, Hannah, Axel, Max.

Shine - Jai, Elka, Ava, Harvey, Delilah Y, Lachlan, Amelia, Sofia.

Also a big congratulations to our student to the right for receiving the only Shining STAR certificate so far this year for collecting all 5 STARS cards!





What's been happening at The Creek?

Students in Prep, Grade 1 and 2 have had a busy month at The Creek.

We have been learning how to be safe at the creek, why the creek is such a special place and ways we can care for the creek. Did you know we have endangered burrowing crayfish, frog, bird and bandicoot species? It is important that we stick to our boundaries and keep regenerating the landscape to protect these vulnerable and endangered species.

We have learnt about how snakes behave and what to do if we ever see one.

We have also been learning a few words of palawa kani- our Tasmanian Aboriginal language. Most students now know 'hello' and 'welcome'.

We have read stories and songs about our Tasmanian wildlife to help us recognise different species in our environment.

Students have also had the opportunity to 'choose their own adventure' with parts of our sessions being student led ideas. Students have created their own learning tasks; exploring with magnifying glasses, making crafts, creating artworks, shelters, cubbies and animal homes. We are so lucky to have such great students caring for and valuing our special environment at the creek. A big thanks to all the parent helpers who have joined us this term.

Mrs Woodcock

Cross Country Carnival



CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL 2025

Tuesday 6 May
1.10-2.55pm

ACPS Oval & Creek



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Outdoor Learning

Why are we going to Nature Play?

Children derive tremendous benefit from taking part in regular outdoor play and learning in nature. This brings the curriculum alive!

Nature play & learning:

- Provides experiential opportunities (the best way to learn!)
- Allows children to respond positively to challenges, to manage risk and cope with change.
- supports skills including inquiry and experimentation, communication, reflection, problem solving & co-operation.
- Gets children moving and connecting with nature and each other.

Only 19% of Australian young people meet the national daily physical activity guidelines (1 hr per day).

What about the Risks?

- Developmentally, our children NEED challenge, adventure & uncertainty.
- Reasonable Risk taking:
 - builds emotion regulation skills
 - develops decision making, planning and judgement skills
 - improves self control, confidence and self esteem
 - promotes perseverance, coping skills and independent thinking

When a child takes a risk they aren't being reckless. They are making analytical decisions and shaping pathways in the brain for skills needed to negotiate larger stressors.

Let Them Go and Watch Them Grow!



Nature.
Be in It.
Connect. Grow. Belong.



3/4A Rubicon Grove Visit

On Tuesday, 3/4A went on an excursion to Rubicon Grove. We went on a 10 minute bus ride. When we arrived there we were greeted by two sweet ladies and one of them was in a wheelchair. We went inside through a long hallway which took a couple of corners on our voyage. When we got there we were greeted with heaps of smiles. We paired up with anyone because we got to pick whoever we wanted. We read books to our partner and did some other easter activities. We spoke about ourselves and asked them questions about themselves. When we were finished, we went back through the hallway and went out a special door and we saw that the bus was already there. We arrived back at Andrews Creek Primary and played in the playground until the bell.
by Rhyan, Isla B, Harper and Jack S.

More photos have been uploaded to our facebook page.



Andrews Creek Primary School Association Election Day Bake Sale Fundraiser

The Andrews Creek Primary School Association will be running a Bake Sale at the school on National Election Day this year! This is a fantastic fundraising opportunity for our school, with all funds raised going towards supporting our Year 5/6 Camp.

We are asking families to contribute baked goods, sweet treats or savoury items to sell on the day. If you're able to donate, please email the School Association at:

✉ andrewscreek.sac@gmail.com

to let us know what you're able to provide.

A few things to keep in mind:

- Due to limited refrigeration space, we kindly ask that donations are non-perishable and do not require refrigeration.
- This year, families are welcome to package their items however they like — no need for standardised packaging like last time!
- Sticker labels will be available from the school office for collection in Week 1, Term 2 to assist with pricing and allergen information.
- Donations will need to be delivered to the school the morning before the election.

Bake Sale Ideas:

We welcome both sweet and savoury items! Some ideas include:

Sweet Treats

- Biscuits & slices
- Cupcakes or muffins
- Fudge
- Loaf cakes (banana bread, lemon loaf etc.)
- Brownies or blondies
- Rocky Road
- Chocolate crackles
- Sweet scrolls
- Lolly bags or treat packs

Savoury Options

- Cheese and vegemite scrolls
- Cheese biscuits
- Savoury muffins
- Herb or cheese scones
- Popcorn bags
- Savoury crackers or snack packs

Thank you in advance for your support — every donation helps our students and contributes directly to making the Year 5/6 Camp a memorable experience.

thank you

ANDREWS CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
ELECTION DAY
BAKE SALE
FUNDRAISER
SATURDAY, MAY 3RD
ANDREWS CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL

Donations due: The morning before Election Day
All funds raised will support our Year 5/6 Camp!
Can you donate?
Please email us! ✉ andrewscreek.sac@gmail.com
Thank you for supporting our school community!

We need your help!
We're looking for donations of:
Sweet Treats – Cupcakes, slices, biscuits, fudge, rocky road
Savoury Snacks – Scrolls, cheese biscuits, savoury muffins, popcorn packs

Things to remember:
✗ No refrigeration space available – please donate items that don't need to be kept cold.
✔ Families can package items however they like this year!
📍 Sticker labels for pricing/allergens available from the office in Week 1, Term 2.



STAR Cards

Florence - For always using your whole body listening and being a good reading buddy.

Josh - For helping keep our room safe and tidy.

Billie - For following instructions to complete tasks independently.

Neve O - For always using amazing manners.

Emilie T - For including others in her games.

Jasper - Outstanding attendance.

Indi H - For being "on the ball" in G5 - organised, working hard, high standard of work!

Evora - Thoughtful care you take in presenting your work!

Amelia H - Always respectful to both peers and adults.

Neveah C - Can be trusted to be an ACPS Shining Star at all times.

Elsie Re. - For trying her best at all times and being a great role model to others.

Charlotte P - For being enthusiastic in our activities and having a go at all jobs.

Laycie S - For being a focused and supportive partner during paired fluency reading.

Koa - For being a focused and supportive partner during paired fluency reading.

Maeve A - Helping a friend in need.

Florence - For doing WOW work in your Resilience Project book.

Emilia - For being a thoughtful, helping class member.

George - For giving his best effort in running.

Esther - For always transitioning calmly and safely.

Oliver B. - Excellent work during the morning block to create his persuasive advertisement.

Finn - For giving his best effort in running.

Leo P. - For giving his best in running.

Sharma - For giving his best effort in running.

Rose - For having courage during Daily Fitness and trying new things.

Jack T. - For a super effort with his reading and great participation in UFLI.

Roy - For being a thoughtful and kind friend and sharing the bug catcher.

Benjin - For being a focussed learner and working hard to follow instructions. Super effort!

Leo H. - For his excellent effort and hard work during literacy groups.

Connor B. - For always being respectful, thoughtful and considerate.

Billie - For following instructions to complete tasks independently.

Merryn - For being a UFLI Star in Week 9.

Alice - For being an excellent listener in our class (nominated by Tilly).

Angus - For super attendance.

Lucy S. - TOP score in her maths test!

Mahli - For outstanding participation and application to class tasks.

Wynter - For always being safe in the classroom.

Alby M. - For being a UFLI star in Week 9.

Finn - For being a UFLI star in Week 9.

Harvey - for being a UFLI star in Week 9.

Lucy T. - for being a UFLI star in Week 9.

Ariana - For being a UFLI star in Week 9 showing understanding of words that end in ED and ING.



STAR Cards

Harvey - For being an amazing, focussed learner during UFLI today.

Brooklyn - For being a fantastic partner during buddy reading.

Wesley - For being a fantastic partner during buddy reading.

Fletcher - For working quietly today.

Eden - For always being keen to complete any task.

Phoenix - For being a thoughtful meditator.

Koby - For super attendance.

Rhyan - For consistently using his beautiful manners in Digital Technology.

Caitlyn - For being respectful to both peers and adults.

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

Bodhi - for putting 100% effort into all his work today.

Ava L. - For helping keep the classroom tidy.

Alexander - For super attendance.

Indi - For showing initiative to get things done without having to be asked.

Connor - For always being on task in UFLI.

Lyla - For including others in her games.

Bonnie - for always showing excellent listening skills during group time.

Kayden - For playing safely and respectfully with the toys in Kinder.

Maci L. - For always abiding by class rules and enforcing them on others.

Maci L. - For encouraging others to do the right thing.

Edie - For being a thoughtful class member by showing respect and kindness.

Amelia B. - For being a respectful learner today during the UFLI lesson.

Arlo H. - for being a respectful listener.

Ziggy - for always being a safe class member.



Costa Berries

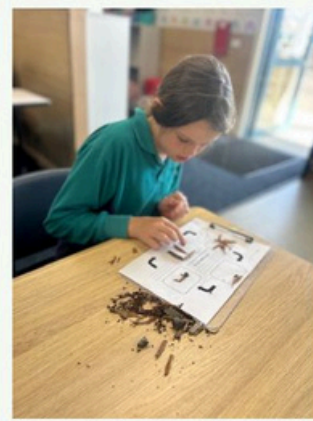


We would like to express gratitude to Costas berries who are again providing our students with fresh blueberries, raspberries, strawberries and black berries. We are so lucky! A big thank you to Rohan Kile and other Costa staff who deliver our berries each Wednesday.



BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE

3-4A get hands on and create representations of LIFE CYCLES using materials from the outdoors.



Reading Club

Reading Club is 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



Andrews Creek Primary

COME & JOIN

OUR READING CLUB

Parent Support Needed

Monday, Wednesday + Friday's

8:30-8:55am

The poster features a purple background with a teal bottom section. It includes a circular photo of two children reading a book together, a white arrow pointing right, and decorative elements like stars and a heart.

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.



Community News

EASTER HOLIDAYS @HIVE

12-27 APRIL

WORKSHOPS & ACTIVITIES

- ARTIST IN RESIDENCE
- SCAN FOR INFO

EXTRA PLANETARIUM SHOWS

- NEW SHOW! *The Universe Through All The Senses*
- ALL AGES SHOW @ TIAM

Tickets at Hive or online... hive.tasmania.com.au

Hive: 50 Main St, Ulverstone, Tas



2025

Port Sorell Fire Brigade Easter Picnic

Saturday 19th April, 10am - 2pm

Fire Station, Rice Street, Port Sorell

Entry \$5 each, infants under 3 free

Easter Egg Hunts, Face Painting, Raffles, BBQ, Games,
Meet the Easter Bunny

This is a smoke / vape / dog-free event

CLUB VS CLUB

TUESDAY APRIL 15TH 9AM - 3PM

- DROP OFF, PICK UP (PARENTS NOT REQUIRED)
- MINI INTERCLUB SERIES
- PLAY WITH YOUR CLUB
- AFL MINI DRAFT TESTING
- AFL TIPS EXPERT COACHES
- SPLIT INTO AGE/SKILL LEVEL
- GRADES 2 - 6

REGISTER NOW

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SORTED

GIRLS ONLY

MONDAY APRIL 14TH 9AM - 3PM

- DROP OFF, PICK UP (PARENTS NOT REQUIRED)
- FEMALE COACHES
- DESIGNED BY GIRLS FOR GIRLS
- EARLY ACCESS TO EXCLUSIVE EVENTS
- CREATE A TEAM BANNER
- FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS
- EASTER THEMED FUN
- MINI MATCHES
- KINDER - GRADE 6

ENROL NOW 2025!

No experience required for these classes

KINDER CIRCUS

TINY TUMBLERS

JUNIOR JUMPERS

TEEN TRICKSTERS

HOOPING

ADULTS TOO!!

BEGINNER AERIALS & BEGINNER ACRO

MORE INFO AT: SLIPSTREAMCIRCUS.ORG.AU

EVERY SATURDAY

\$15 per child
11.00am - 12.30pm

Saturday Open Gym Is Back!



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Learn Inspire Shine

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