

# The Creek This Week

Andrews Creek Primary School



## Upcoming events

- Tuesday 27 May**  
NWPSSA Cross Country
- Friday 30 May**  
Merit Assembly 2pm
- Wednesday 4 June**  
Creek Cafe
- Friday 6 June**  
Student Free Day
- Monday 9 June**  
Public Holiday
- Wednesday 18 June**  
Creek Cafe

### Attendance

**School Goal**  
91%

**Current rate**  
93%

## Principal's Message

Thank you to all those who were able to come along last Wednesday and support our students at our Cross Country carnival. The weather was great for the event and our students did a great job competing. Events like the Cross Country carnival have many purposes. They are an opportunity for those students who want to challenge themselves and excel at distance running to be successful, they are a chance for some to set a goal and work hard towards achieving it and for others it can be an opportunity to be courageous and do something they may have never otherwise given a go. I like to think the same can be said for everything that school offers, whether it be art, maths, reading, science, drama, music or our creek and kitchen garden programs. We all get a chance to Always Be Our Best! Results from the day can be found further in our newsletter.

Supporting the next crop of teachers is something that each school has a desire to assist with where it can. Last Friday we welcomed 3 student teachers, who will be with us for the next 6 weeks as part of their University degree. We are excited to have Mrs Lauren Guinane in year 6, Ms Rachael Chick in year 1 and Miss Magdalena Brooking in grade 3-4A as a part of their practical learning. At ACPS we encourage all our students to understand that learning is something we all do every day. Having adult learners in our classes, supporting the learning of our students is a great example of this.

Last newsletter I shared some tips for reading at home with your child. If you have had a chance to use them, I hope you found them useful and added to the enjoyment of reading. I said I'd have more to share this time around and please find some more simple ways to keep reading fun below.

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### Keeping the interest

- Using funny voices and plot twists helps to keep your child's interest in the book and reading.
- You can encourage your child to join in by: suggesting ideas for the story line
- choosing how a character's voice sounds
- repeating words back to you
- using gestures, clapping and acting out events
- using funny facial expressions.
- Your child can try to mimic your actions and voice or come up with some of their own.

### Focusing

While getting active and excited can keep the interest, it's important to have quiet and calm reading opportunities as well. This allows your child to focus on the words and sounds and develop their literacy skills.

### Location, location

Using different locations to read with your child can also help keep things fresh. You could go outside or bring a book to the beach or to the shopping centre. Reading a book with places and events that your child can relate to can be a great way to start conversations about the story.

### Before you start

- Let your child choose the book.
- Find a quiet place where you can sit side by side.
- Make sure you can both see and touch the book.
- Look at the front cover and title and talk about what the story might be about.

### While reading

- Use your funny voice, jokes and sense of humour.
- Read slowly and take your time to discuss the images or talk about what is happening along the way.

### After the story ends

- Your child might want to flip back through the book to explore different sections or ask questions.
- Ask them what their favourite part was or what they would change in the story.

Having trouble choosing what to read? Check out [Tasmania's Top 10s of 2024 - Libraries Tasmania](#) and scroll down to the children's section.

A very successful Do it for Dolly Day was held last Friday, This day, organised by our student leaders was a great reminder to be kind to one another and displaying our Andrews Creek values of being Safe, Thoughtful and showing Respect.

As we move into the colder months of the year, I'd just like to remind everyone that our school uniform offers many warm options for our students, including our rugby jumper and beanies. Don't forget jackets such as puffer jackets can be worn in conjunction with our uniform jumpers not instead of them.

Keeping our students safe online is a challenging task and one we are keen to support families to achieve. The Department for Children and Young People have many resources available to families for them to be able to access, full of ideas and strategies, here is the link to the website for more information Staying safe online - Department for Education, Children and Young People

Have you completed your volunteer safeguarding training? We'd love to add your name to our list so we know which parents we can call on at short notice to be part of things like excursions and parent help. If this is you, then please bring a copy of your certificate of completion to the school office along with your WWVP card. If you haven't done the training yet and would like to get your certificate, then please use the link below. Any question then please ask at the office. **[Compulsory Safeguarding Training for Workers - Department for Education, Children and Young People](#)**  
In partnership,

Nathan Rockliff  
*Acting Principal*

## Making Monday's great!

Mr Rockliff has enjoyed hiding golden tickets each Monday this term. Here are two of our lucky winners who received a voucher to the Wesley Vale shop!



# Creek Cafe

## Term 2 Dates & menu items:

Orders due the Friday before.

**Wednesday 4 June** - Beef Massaman Curry

**Wednesday 18 June** - Butter Chicken & Rice

**Wednesday 2 July** - Taco Soup



## Kindergarten Enrolments 2026

If your child was born in 2021, living in our area, and you are intending on sending them to Andrews Creek Primary School for Kindergarten in 2026, we would like you to make contact with us so we can add them to our enrolment list.

# Kindergarten 2026

Calling all Kinder 2026 students! Please make contact with our school office so we can add you to our enrolment list. Our Pre-Kindergarten program will begin on Monday mornings from 18 August. Mrs. D will be posting more information on the LIL facebook group (ACPS Launching into Learning) closer to the date.

# Parent Teacher Conversations

Parent teacher conversations are coming up at the end of Term 2 **from Monday 30 June to Thursday 3 July.**

These important conversations are a great way to have an informal chat with your child's teacher, and we hope that you are all able to make it.

We will have an online booking system again this year and the link will be shared in the coming weeks so keep an eye out for that.



# Lego Competition

COMING SOON

Our ACPS Lego competition is being run by our Student Council next month!

See poster below for our rules. The winner of the ACPS competition will take their creation to the Ulverstone Brixhibition!



## 2025 BUILDING COMPETITION

Entries can be brought to school from **TUESDAY 10th - TUESDAY 17th June**  
(overall winner & group judging on **WEDNESDAY 18th June**)

### CATEGORIES

Kinder - Prep / Grades 1-2 / Grades 3-4 / Grades 5-6 / Overall Winner

### IMPORTANT BRIXHIBITION RULES

- Each Lego display to be no larger than 52cm x 52cm x 52cm, or no larger than four 32x32 Lug Lego baseplates.
- Each Lego display must be an original or freelance design, and not made from a Lego kit or instructions.
- Some adult help is allowed, but the Lego design should mainly be child's own design.
- Each Lego entry to be completed and displayed at school by Monday 16th June 2025.
- Each school or community group Lego Challenge overall winner will then compete against other schools or community groups overall winners at Brixhibition Ulverstone 2025. All Lego Challenge overall winners will be judged by Tasmanian Brick Enthusiasts Inc. members, to determine the grand prize winners by bringing their model to Ulverstone Sport and Leisure Centre in Flora Street to be on display at the Brixhibition Ulverstone 2025 event Sat 12th & Sun 13th July.
- Grand Prize winners will be announced at 3:20pm on Sunday 13th July during Brixhibition Ulverstone 2025.
- Grand Prizes: 1st Place Trophy + \$300 Lego Gift Voucher 2nd Place Trophy + \$200 Lego Gift Voucher
- 3rd Place Trophy + \$100 Lego Gift Voucher 4th Place - Trophy



## DJSA Soccer in Schools clinic

Thank you to Jordy and Hayden who came to our PE lessons to run a Soccer in Schools session on behalf of Devonport Junior Soccer.

Students had a great time with the coaches learning about all things soccer, practising their kicking and dribbling skills.



## Merit Assembly

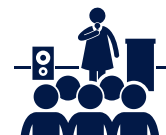
Save the date for our upcoming assembly next Friday. All family members are welcome to attend our assemblies. Parents/carers will receive an invitation from their child's teacher if they will be receiving an award.

**Date:** Friday 30 May

**Time:** 2-2.55pm

**Classes performing:** Kinder, Prep, 3/4A & ACPS Choir

**Hosts:** Asta, Sophia, Faith.



## Hobart Camp - Grade 5/6

Hobart camp invoices were sent home this week. The preferred method of payment for these is Bpay.

**These invoices are not due until October.**

More information about camp will be coming home in Term 3.



# ACPS Cross Country Carnival



Last Wednesday the sunshine was out, and our students came to school pumped to run our incredible Cross Country course around our creek! Congratulations to our place runners listed below and also to those students who showed up and did their best even though running isn't their favourite thing. Mrs Hayes has announced our NWPSSA Cross Country team who will head to Ulverstone on 27 May. Thank you to our wonderful groundsman Grant, who did lots of behind the scenes work ensuring our creek area was safe for students! Thanks Grant.



## Kinder

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kayden & Emilie
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Cooper & Macy
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Archie & Billie



Check out our video on facebook!

## Prep

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ollie & Billie
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Remy & Milla
- 3<sup>rd</sup> George & Maeve



## State Athletics

Congratulations to both of these students below who represented our school at the NW team on Friday 9 May in Launceston at the State Athletics Carnival! A fantastic achievement and they should be both very proud!

## Grade 1

- 1<sup>st</sup> Fletcher & Zara
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Carter & Ava
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Max & Esther



## Grade 2

- 1<sup>st</sup> Finn & Lacey
- 2<sup>nd</sup> George & Mabel
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Max & Lucy

## Grade 3

- 1<sup>st</sup> Patrick & Emilia
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Arlo & Poppy
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jaxon & Elizabeth



## Grade 4

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jack & Kenzie
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kyle & Mila
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Robert & Hannah

## Grade 5

- 1<sup>st</sup> Zeke & Evora
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Oliver & Evie
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kade & Delilah

## Grade 6

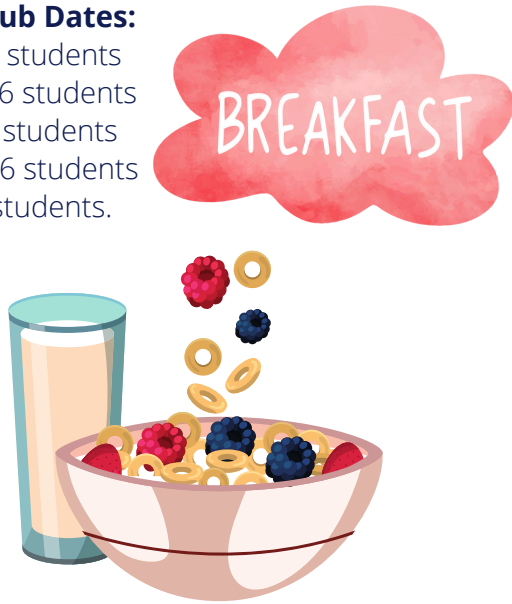
- 1<sup>st</sup> Oakley & Sophia
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jasper & Faith
- 3<sup>rd</sup> William & Mahli

# School Association News

Great news! Breakfast club kicks off next week!

## Breakfast Club Dates:

- 26 May** - P-2 students
- 2 June** - G3-6 students
- 16 June** - P-2 students
- 23 June** - G3-6 students
- 30 June** - All students.



## Call for Donations:

Thank you to those parents who have already donated! We are still seeking donations of "Move Well, Eat Well" foods such as rice bubbles, Weet-Bix, and cornflakes. These donations will help us provide healthy breakfast options for our students. Please place your donations in the tub at the Front Office.

## How You Can Help:

- **Donate:** Please bring your donations to the Front Office.
- **Volunteer:** We are always looking for volunteers to help with our events and initiatives. Your involvement makes a huge difference! Please email us at [andrewscreek.sac@gmail.com](mailto:andrewscreek.sac@gmail.com) if you can help.

## Upcoming Events Needing Volunteers:

- Book Fair
- Father's Day BBQ
- Athletics Carnival
- Games Night
- Christmas Raffle
- Working Bees

Volunteers  
needed

Warm regards,

Andrews Creek School Association

# ICAS Assessments

ACPS will be offering ICAS competitions again in Term 3, 2025.

## What is ICAS?

ICAS is an online academic competition that gives students the opportunity to challenge their higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee, and Digital Technologies.

Every student who participates is celebrated and recognised with a printed certificate in each subject area, and an online results report to track development each year. Top performers are eligible for one of the highly coveted ICAS medals.

To learn more about this year's exciting ICAS competition, visit:

[icasassessments.com/products-icas/](https://icasassessments.com/products-icas/)

## How to participate in ICAS

If you wish for your child to participate in ICAS this year, please:

1. Read about ICAS subjects and prices here: [icasassessments.com/products-icas/](https://icasassessments.com/products-icas/)
2. Read the Privacy Collection Statement below.
3. Read the terms and conditions here: [icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Schools-TsCs\\_S2023.V6-1.pdf](https://icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Schools-TsCs_S2023.V6-1.pdf)
4. Go to the Parent Portal to sign up to chosen subject areas here: [shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps](https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps)
5. Enter our school's access code - **DGC176**
6. Enter your child's details, select the subject areas your child would like to participate in, then proceed to payment.

After payment is made via the Parent Payment System, you will receive an order confirmation email, please keep this for your records.

We are excited to be offering ICAS to our students this year and look forward to celebrating their achievements. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions.



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# Mother's Day

Thank you to all our visitors for coming to our special Mother's Day afternoon tea. A big thank you to our Grade 2 class and Mrs Dick for baking some special treats! They used sweet potatoes from our school garden to make delicious sweet potato cupcakes with cream cheese icing!





# Do it for Dolly Day



Last Friday we held "Do It For Dolly Day" an annual day of awareness and action to end bullying. It encourages people to go blue, spread kindness, and raise funds for bullying prevention programs and support services. Together we raised \$259.20! Great job everyone!

# National Simultaneous Story time

Mr Rockliff did an awesome job yesterday reading this year's book for National Simultaneous Storytime "The Truck Cat". Check out the photo on our front page, he even dressed up as "Yacoub" from the book. Thanks Mr Rockliff!

**DO IT FOR Dolly DAY**

**THANK YOU**

For supporting our Do It For Dolly Day Fundraiser.

**TOGETHER WE RAISED**

**\$ \$259.20**

Every dollar raised helps support young people and families impacted by bullying

**DONATE**

If you missed Do It For Dolly Day, it's not too late to give online and make a difference to those impacted by bullying.

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[#librarestorytime](https://twitter.com/librarestorytime)

**NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME**

**THE TRUCK CAT**

Deborah Frenkel Danny Snell

**SAVE THE DATE**

21 May 2025 • 12pm (AEST)

# Fire Education Program

Thank you to Firefighter Craig for spending last week with our Prep- Grade 6 classes for the Fire Education Program.





## STAR Cards

**Lacey R.** - for a super achievement on our subtraction unit!

**Lacey R.** - for showing resilience to put her best foot forward whilst dealing with a broken arm.

**Axel** - for respectfully working hard in class.

**Zeke** - for respectfully working hard in class.

**Bella** - for a super achievement on our subtraction unit.

**Elliott** - for working and playing quietly inside our classroom.

**Zeke** - for 100% attendance in Term 1.

**Eleanor** - for being persistent during Daily PE.

**Wynter** - for always being safe and following our class rules.

**Zara** - for always doing her best in UFLI lessons, meditations and yoga sessions.

**Pippa** - for always working hard on all tasks.

**Kayden** - for taking care tidying the Duplo, not to break anyone's creations.

**Billie W-S** - for being an amazing helper at pack up time.

**Macey M.** - for drying all the bowls after fruit time at playgroup.

**Ruby** - for helping to tidy the library.

**Oscar** - for helping to tidy the library.

**Bonnie R.** - for always being kind to others!

**Cooper** - for always being kind and including others in his games.

**Caleb S.** - for always using amazing manners during morning greetings in Kinder.

**Archie J.** - for always showing determination with all tasks he undertakes.

**Jack T.** - for showing empathy and helping a class mate.

**Arlo H.** - for trying his very best with resilience project job.

**Jobe** - for being a UFLI star - engaged and working hard to complete new tasks.

**Ethan** - for working hard in UFLI - demonstrating great understanding.

**Laycie S.** - for working in a focussed manner during UFLI and Fire Education.

**Tilly M.** - for working in a focussed manner during UFLI and Fire Education.

**Sharma** - for working hard in UFLI - staying focussed and on-task.

**Ella P.** - for working hard in UFLI - demonstrating great understanding.

**Leo P.** - for working hard in UFLI - demonstrating great understanding.

**Alby M.** - for being a UFLI star - focussed and ready to go.

**Evora** - for respectful listening and following instructions.

**Florence** - for always being a quiet and polite student.

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

**Zara** - for trying her very best in our maths lesson today.

**Ziggy** - for doing a great job with her maths tasks.

**Evelyn** - Can be trusted to be an ACPS star at all times.

**Jack T.** - for his outstanding effort in his cross country writing.

**Max Ve** - for trying his very best making snowmen.

**Neve O.** - for always following classroom values.



# STAR Cards

**Ella P.** - for being a UFLI star - focussed and ready to go.

**Koa** - for working hard in UFLI - demonstrating great understanding.

**Harvey** - for being a UFLI star - focussed and ready to go.

**Leo P.** - for being a UFLI star - focussed and ready to go.

**Alby M.** - for working hard in UFLI - demonstrating a great understanding.

**Arlo B.** - for working safely down at the creek and staying on task with the mulching job.

**Kyle** - for being a safe leader today. Helping others in class to build a shelter.

**Amayah** - for her excellent effort and focus during UFLI. Well done!

**Zara** - for great attendance.

**Carter** - for great attendance.

**Ariana** - for being a respectful learner during UFLI - being focussed and attentive.

**Delilah Y.** - for caring about others and ensuring they are being safe in the classroom.

**Harper A.** - for showing genuine care for her peers.

**Elizabeth A.** - for picking up rubbish in the yard.

**Jack S.** - for respectfully helping others with their work.

**Ollie M.** - for being a respectful and active listener.

**Remy** - for showing maturity and respect in talking job games.

**Leo H.** - for being a respectful active listener during UFLI.

**Remy** - for always working hard and being respectful and kind to others.

**Hunter** - for working safely with his jobs and showing commitment in finishing a task.

**Dotty** - for her perseverance and incredible effort during writing.

**Freyja He.** - for trying her best when working with Alicia.

**Jedd** - for sitting quietly doing his work.

**Declan** - for focussing and completing tasks and asking for help.

**Oakley H.** - for focussing and completing tasks.

**Evie** - for thoughtful care taken with book work at all times.

**Zeke** - for impressive effort in Cross Country.

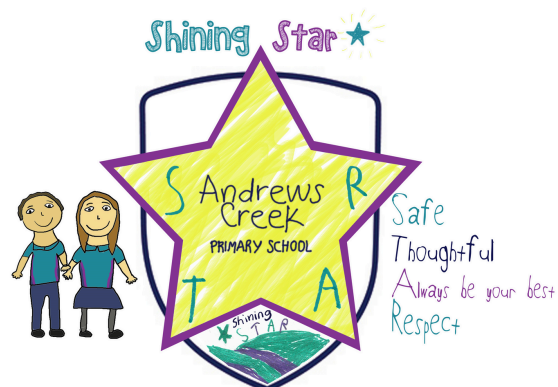
**Maci** - for helping others around the classroom and her teacher.

**Isla B.** - for always responding to every peer with politeness and respect.

**Jack S.** - for being a superstar in cleaning things up that didn't belong to him without being asked.

**Tarkine** - for working hard on all class tasks. Well done!

**Lexi** - for being a super meditator!



# Grade 2's Excursion to the Arboretum

On Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> May our class and the grade 1 class went to the Arboretum in Eugena as part of Arbor week celebrations.

We did a nature scavenger hunt: planted pots of succulents: learnt about birds: and went on a guided walk where we were lucky enough to cross the stepping stone bridge. play in fantastic piles of colourful Autumn leaves and see platypus swimming.





## Devonport Junior Soccer message for all schools



DJSA have recently received a number of concerns around rough play during games, as well as inappropriate bumping, elbowing and comments during the after-game handshakes.

**We would like all coaches from all schools to supervise closely the after-game handshakes, encouraging good sportsmanship.**

This is a reminder that junior soccer is a non-contact sport. DJSA suggest the below to work together to support a safe and respectful environment for every player:

**Coaches** – Please remind players that pushing, pulling on tops, heavy bumps and slide tackling is not allowed. Please reinforce clean tackling and good positioning.

**Parents** – Encourage your child to play fairly. From the sidelines, model respectful behaviour and avoid phrases that might promote physical play (like “get stuck in”).

**Support the referees** – Many are still learning and doing their best. Let’s create a positive environment so they can grow too.

Do you have a concern? If something is happening during a match that worries you, please don’t hesitate to find a DJSA committee member. We’re here to help.

Thank you all for your support.

## Laptops for sale!

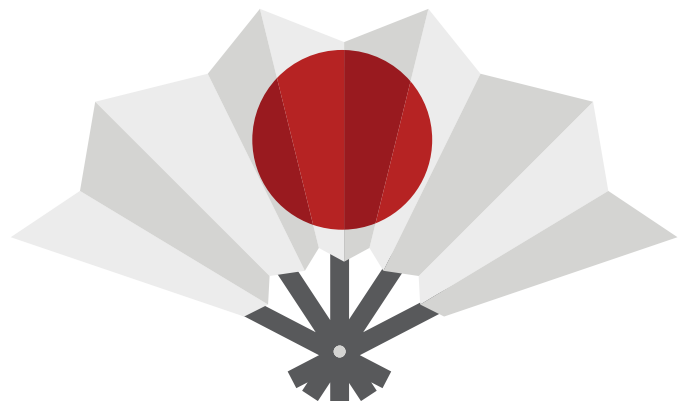


## Glow Run

Andrews Creek Primary School is thrilled to announce that we have registered as a school team for the upcoming 2025 Light Night Glow Run! 🌟 Join us for this fun and vibrant event by registering today. Simply visit [thelightnightglowrun.com](http://thelightnightglowrun.com) and select "**Andrews Creek Primary School**" as your team. Let's glow together and make this event unforgettable!

## Japanese Classes

ACPS has once again secured funding for a LOTE program for 2025. Heather McBain will start here each Friday for the remainder of Term 2 and Term 3. Heather will be taking our Prep - Grade 6 classes for 45 minutes for Japanese.



# Community News

## 2025 ALL SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

**ENTRIES  
CLOSE SOON!**

12 JUNE - SECONDARY  
17 JUNE - PRIMARY  
SYMMONS PLAINS RACEWAY



### All Schools Schools Country Championship

Entries for the 2025 All Schools Cross Country events are now open, and you don't need to qualify in a local competition to be a part of it. All school participants are welcome!

Visit the links below for more information and to enter:

**Primary - 17th of June:**

<https://www.tasathletics.org.au/events/294585>

[https://www.onlineentry.com.au/XCPPrimary\\_Tas\\_2025.aspx](https://www.onlineentry.com.au/XCPPrimary_Tas_2025.aspx)

Visit our website calendar for more information.

Parents/carers will be required to take their child to this event.

### All Girls - U11 Mini Series

Our four-week U11 Girls Mini Series is the perfect introduction to the game. It's relaxed, local, supportive, and designed for girls of all experience levels. This is a great chance to stay active, make new friends, build confidence, and be part of a growing community.

#### Details:

Free 4-week competition

Friday Nights 5pm - 8pm

Two Hubs (Port Sorell - Ulverstone OR Penguin - Smithton)

#### Commencing Friday June 13th

Click on the link to start the registration process:

<https://forms.office.com/r/XrkMNgbv1i>

Absolutely no experience needed. Brings your friends and have some fun!

For questions: [Beth.Kompes@afl.com.au](mailto:Beth.Kompes@afl.com.au)



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