

The Creek This Week

Andrews Creek Primary School



Upcoming events

Friday 5 September

Father's Day Event
Grade 6 Challenge Day
Toolskool visit

Saturday 6 September

School Association game night

Tuesday 9 September

Open Classrooms
2.55pm

Wednesday 24 September

Footy Colours Day

Friday 26 September

Last day Term 3
Merit Assembly 2pm

Attendance

School Goal
91%
Current rate
88%

Principal's Message

It was great to see so many students getting into the spirit of Book Week last Friday. I really enjoyed the wide variety of books and characters that students decided to come dressed as, demonstrating a real mixture of genres, eras and topics in our students' reading habits. A big thanks to families and carers for their support of Book Week again this year, with both the costumes and attendance at our Book Parade.

Last newsletter I shared with you some information regarding our approach to the teaching of reading and how we are part of a statewide approach to ensure that all Tasmanian students leave school with the reading skills they need. Another part of this reading teaching and learning is how we support students to stay at the required reading level for their grade level and to catch those up who may have slipped behind. We know that not everyone learns at the same rate, and we're committed to making sure every child and young person receives the literacy support they need - when they need it. That's why we use a consistent, evidence-based approach across all Department schools called the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS). More information about MTSS can be found below.

Here's how MTSS works:

- Tier 1 - For all students: Every child is taught to read using proven, evidence-based teaching strategies.
- Tier 2 - For some students: Those who need extra time and practice with specific literacy skills that work in smaller groups. Once they've mastered the skill, they return to Tier 1.
- Tier 3 - For a few students: These learners receive one-on-one support to help them learn specific literacy skills, alongside the learning in Tier 1.

This system ensures that every student gets the right amount of help at the right time. Whether it's extra practice or individual support, MTSS is our way of making sure no student is left behind in their literacy journey. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about how your child's learning is supported, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher.

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A big part of our planning to support a high attendance rate at school is ensuring that we have up to date and correct data in our systems. One easy way that you can support this is to please contact the school to explain your child's absence. When we have accurate data, it really assists us to make precise decisions about how we can best support students.

Last week it was great to have Sam from the Resilience Project come and speak to our students, staff and parents. Our school is so fortunate to be involved in the Resilience Project and to have dedicated time each week to promote and explicitly teach the values of the program. My key take away from Sam's visit is that, in the ever changing and complex world that our students live in, we need to ensure that we keep them focussed on what makes them grateful and what are the positives of their daily experiences. Just having a small conversation daily about positive experiences can quickly change a person's headspace and outlook to that one that more naturally sits in an optimistic and exciting zone.

Nathan Rockliff
Acting Principal

Merit Assembly

Congratulation to the following recipients of our Learn, Inspire, Shine awards at last week's assembly. See our facebook page for more photos!

Learn

Roy
Max Ve
Jaxon F.
Lincoln R.
Kenzie
Tianna
Sophia S.



Inspire

Hallie
Harper K.
Laycie S.
Ivahna
Ruby
Matilda



Shine

Jimmy
Alfie
Lexi
Maci S.
Jack G.
Lacey R.
William



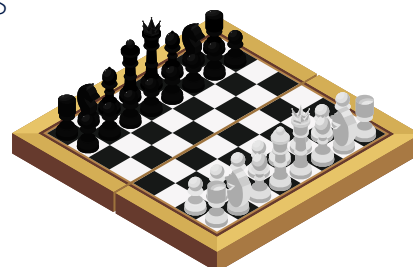
Chess



On the 17th of August a group of students who are participating in the chess club were invited to a chess tournament held at Geneva Christian College. To start the day, while everyone was signing in you were allowed to play practice games with your team until it was time to start.

When starting time came around, we were paired randomly against people from different schools, using a clock in our games. After the game if you won you would be paired against another person with the same, or very similar scoring as you. We ended up playing 7 games each. It was very fun, and we ended up third in the primary division!

Sophia S



Donut Fundraiser

Our student council are hosting a donut fundraiser this year! All money raised will go towards new play equipment for our school!

Orders can be made through the link below and are due no later than 12 September and collection on Tuesday 16 September from 2.30-3pm.

<https://bit.ly/AndrewsCreekFundraiser>



DONUT FUNDRAISER ORDER FORM



All funds raised will go directly towards new playground equipment, giving our students a fun and safe space to play and enjoy at school.

Scan Qr Code to Order

Orders due by
12 September



Mystery prize for the Most Orders!

Most orders wins - include your name in the order description!

Pick-up Details:
Andrews Creek Primary School Courtyard
Tuesday, 16th September @ 2:30pm



PLEASE KEEP YOUR TOYS AT HOME



Please don't bring toys from home to school. They can get lost, broken, or cause distractions. We have plenty of toys and materials for play and learning here! Fidget toys only allowed with senior staff approval.



Let's keep our classroom calm, fair, and fun!



Toys

Reminder: Toys from Home

Please do not bring toys from home to school. While we understand how special these items can be, they may:

- Become lost or broken
- Cause distractions during learning time
- Lead to disagreements between students

Our school provides a variety of toys and materials for play and learning, so there's no need to bring your own. This helps keep our classroom safe, fair, and focused.

Important: Fidget toys should only be brought if approved by senior staff.

Let's keep our toys safe at home and enjoy the ones we have at school!

School Association News

Dear Andrews Creek Families,
Our School Association Committee met on Tuesday, 29th July to discuss a range of exciting initiatives and updates for our school community. Here's a quick snapshot of what's happening:

Fundraising & Events

Father's Day Raffle & BBQ: Preparations are underway for our Father's Day celebrations, including a raffle and BBQ on Friday, 5th September from 2:30pm. Prizes are listed below with raffle tickets being sent home this week:

- 1st Prize: Maddie Paige Photography Package valued at \$350
- 2nd Prize: Dune Cooler and Berkley Fishing Tackle Pack
- 3rd Prize: SCA Detailing Essentials

Family Games Night – Your Support Needed!

Our Family Games Night is planned for Saturday, 6th September, starting at 6pm. This promises to be a fun-filled evening for all ages, but ticket sales are currently low, and the event is at risk of being cancelled.

We need your help to make it happen:

- Buy your tickets now to secure your spot:
<https://events.humanitix.com/creek-game-night>
- Donate items for prizes or refreshments.
- Volunteer to assist with setup or activities

If you're able to support in any way, please contact the school or a SAC member. Let's come together to make this a memorable night for our families!


Other Updates


The SAC recently contributed \$6,000 towards the Year 6 Hobart Camp, helping to support families by reducing the out-of-pocket costs associated with this valuable experience for our students.


Exciting additions are coming to our playground! A mud kitchen is currently under construction for the interactive play area, and a buddy chair is also being built to support inclusive play and friendship-building.

We encourage all families to get involved with SAC activities. It's a great way to connect, contribute, and help shape our school community.

The next School Association Committee meeting is scheduled for:

 Tuesday, 21st October 2025

 6:00 PM

 Term 4, Week 2



Book Fair

Thank you to our families who generously supported our Book Fair again this year.

There were \$3,249 worth of book sales which provides us with \$812.00 to spend on new books for our library! How wonderful!

Thank you to our School Association members for your help in the set-up, pack-up and running the Fair last Wednesday.

Thank you

Thank you to our wonderful volunteer Mrs Rose-Mary Pritchard for her generous donation of these wonderful new books for our library.



Creek Cafe

Term 3 Dates:

Wednesday 10 September

Beef Chow Mein

Wednesday 24 September

Footy Colours Day Hot Dogs



Wednesday 24 September

All proceeds from hot dog sales
will be donated to the
Fight Cancer Foundation



No gold coin donations required this year
Hot dog Pre-Orders due by Friday 19 September



Term 4 Events

As Term 4 is a busy time for everyone here are some important school dates that you can put in your calendars!

Tuesday 14 October - School Photos

Monday 20 - Thursday 30 October - Swimming Program P-6

Thursday 30 October - Halloween Social (School Association) 5.30-7pm

Friday 31 October - Student Free Day

Monday 3 November - Public Holiday

Tuesday 4 - Friday 7 November - Grade 5/6 Camp in Hobart

Friday 14 November - Athletics Carnival

Friday 21 November - Schools Triathlon Devonport

Friday 28 November - Devonport Show Day

Friday 5 December - Grade 6 Orientation Day at LHS

Thursday 11 December - Christmas Concert

Friday 12 December - Grade 6 Big Day Out

Monday 15 December - School Picnic at Latrobe Pool

Wednesday 17 December - Shining STAR Assembly

Thursday 18 December - Grade 6 Celebration Assembly



School Survey

The 2025 School Satisfaction Survey is open!

Every year the Department for Education, Children and Young People conducts a School Satisfaction Survey to find out what your child(ren)'s school does well and where it may improve. Your feedback is very important to help us inform our school improvement planning and decision-making.

If you have not had the opportunity to complete the survey about Andrews Creek Primary School yet, it is open until Friday 19 September 2025 and should take about 5 minutes of your time.

Each family should nominate one person to fill in this survey for their child(ren).

Take the online survey by clicking this link below:

<https://nam.dcv.ms/xxgsvYvQFO>

The survey is carried out on a secure website and all responses are anonymous and confidential. All families in this school received the same survey link and no identifying information is collected. A summary of the survey results will be provided to schools. Responses from individuals or small groups will NOT be disclosed to any Department for Education, Children and Young People staff. Please contact your school if you require any assistance.

Thank you for taking the time to fill in this survey



Resilience Project

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for our recent in-person session with Sam from The Resilience Project. We know how busy life can be, and it's never easy to carve out time away from your families. We truly appreciate your presence and support.

We hope that those who were able to attend found the session valuable and took away something meaningful to support your child's wellbeing. As always, your feedback is warmly welcomed. Feel free to reach out anytime!

To help keep the conversation going at home, and to share with anyone who missed out, we have shared the following:

- ✔ A copy of Sam's presentation
- ✔ Take It Home sheets for each year level (some may have already made it home, some may be buried in bags, and some are still upcoming!)
- ✔ All of our GEM Chat prompts. Feel free to use these at home! (Please don't feel the need to purchase them — they're \$20 from TRP but free for you to download, print, and use.)
- ✔ Emotional literacy resources including the Emotion Wheel, Emotion Posters, and one of my personal favourites... The Catastrophe Scale!

🔗 TRP @ Home Parent Hub:

<https://theresilienceproject.com.au/at-home/home-2023/>

🔗 Access the shared drive here:

Please make contact with Mrs Hinds to access the shared files.

Thank you again for your ongoing support and for being such an important part of our wellbeing journey.





STAR Cards

Carter - for turning his day around and showing respect and thoughtfulness in his class.

Merryn - for a fantastic effort in daily fitness today!

Robert - for doing a spelling test without being asked.

Oscar - for doing a spelling test without being asked.

Brooklyn - for putting so much effort into her work today.

Zeke - for thoughtful manners and getting his school day done.

Elizabeth - for moving chairs and furniture safely around others with care.

Tarkine - for working respectfully (sharing) with peers in HASS.

Archie H. - for working respectfully (sharing) with peers in HASS.

Harper - for showing respect to everyone around her, every day.

Sahara - for always promoting safety in the classroom.

Patrick - for being safe in the learning environment in order to learn.

Oliver P. - for super attendance so far this term 3.

Isla - super attendance so far in term 3!

Delilah - super attendance so far in term 3!

Lincoln - super attendance so far in term 3!

Archie - super attendance so far in term 3!

Jobe - super attendance so far in term 3!

Jack S - super attendance so far in term 3!

Lincoln R. - for super attendance so far this term 3.

Maci S. - for assisting without questions to make the playground safer.

Evora - for consistently producing great work!

Lusiana - We RESPECT your resilience to keep tackling everything - even with a broken arm!

Florence - for putting so much effort into your work today.

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

Jai - for demonstrating excellent listening during group time.

Emilie T. - for her effort she puts in when completing her work.

Sage - for including others in her games.

Jasper - for always using respectful language towards others.

Alexander - for assisting with IT help in a respectful way.

Harper - for putting in 100% effort, always with a smile on her face.

Rose - for her awesome effort reading and spelling CVC words.

Ollie - we love how you are always trying your best in everything you do. You are awesome!

Edie - for being such a respectful listener.

Isla - for helping others use laptops safely.

Everlee - smashing her maths tasks today and feeling confident!!!!

Rhyan - super attendance so far in term 3!



STAR Cards

Jobe - being so respectful to his friends in class.

Maci S - helping pack up our classroom safely.

Lincoln C - for always giving your best effort during our speech sessions!

Wesley - for trying so hard with your writing today.

Wynter - being a respectful listener.

Zara - for always being respectful, a quiet class member.

Frankie - for being a respectful listener in our assembly.

Ava - for always helping to tidy up our classroom.

Kyle L - keeping our school clean and safe.

Koby - always has a smile on his face and will always do anything asked of him.

Faith - prepared to do that little extra.

Harry - continuing reading when Mrs Hinds was sick.

Asta - always willing to help at any time.

Sofia - always willing to help at any time.

Alexander - for being inclusive of peers and conscious of their needs.

Archie J - for always using amazing manners.

Amylase - for always trying her best at all tasks.

Pippa - for always being a kind friend to all the Kinders.

Eden - for being a great helper at pack up time.

Harper A. - for making safe choices in the classroom with devices, choices and property of others.

Grayson - for helping his peers with their learning. Well done.

Elliott - for producing a bee-autiful bee craft and demonstrating her best work.

Delilah Y. - for simply always being her best.

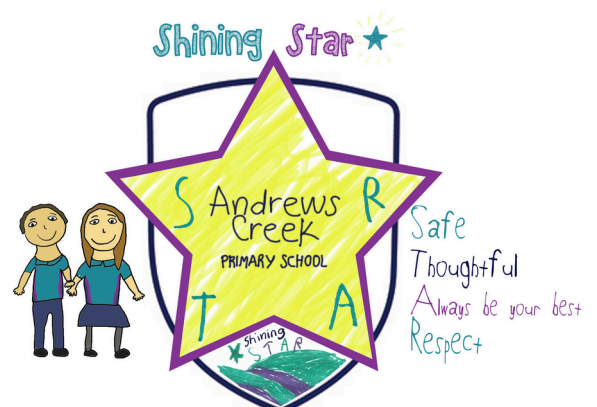
Jack S. - for continuing to give up his own time to help others.

Max Vea. - for doing amazing work this afternoon.

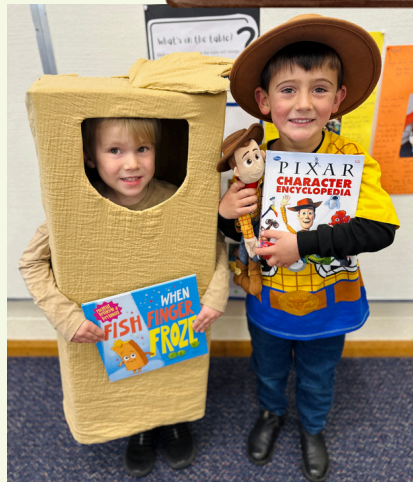
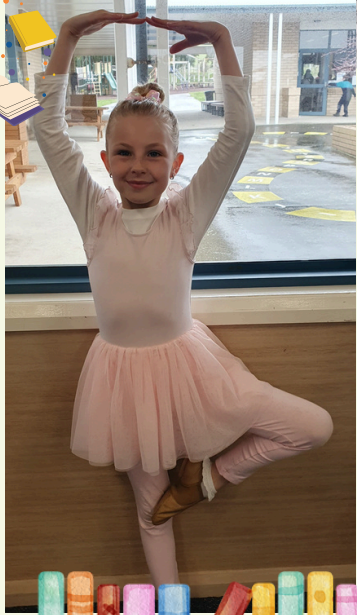
Oliver B. - for putting your brain to work on the weekend to create a poly cryptogram for the class to solve.

Evelyn - for respectful and committed help at Reading Club.

Bella A. - for thoughtful care into how her work is completed.



Book Week Celebrations



Young Tassie Scientists

The Young Tassie Scientists visit schools around Tasmania during August to celebrate National Science Week. They share their work through engaging talks and activities. Thank you to Young Tassie Scientists Atilia, Sam and Zane for visiting us as part of our science week celebrations!



Student Wellbeing and Engagement Survey

Parents and Carers of students in Years 4 - 6

At Andrews Creek Primary, the wellbeing of our students is a top priority. We want to hear directly from our students about how they're feeling and what's happening in their lives.

Students in Years 4 - 6 will soon be participating in the Student Wellbeing and Engagement Survey. This important survey helps us build a clear picture of our students' current wellbeing and identify ways we can better support them to thrive and engage in learning. The more students who take part, the more meaningful the insights will be.

This survey is part of the Department's Child and Student Wellbeing Strategy.

Survey Details:

When: Week starting Monday 1st September

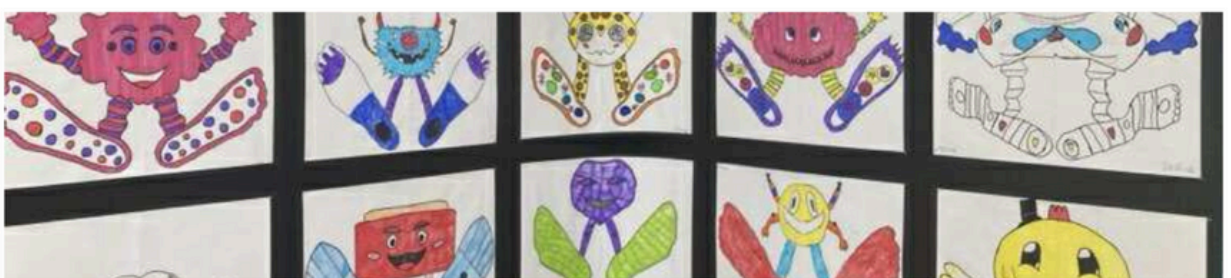
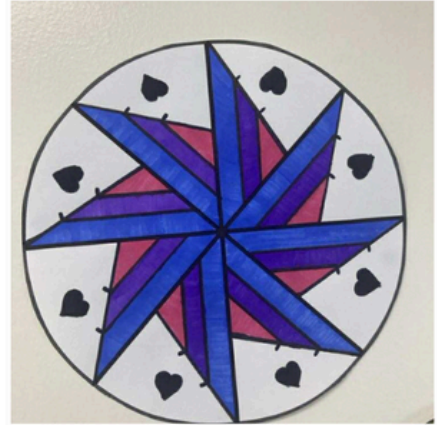
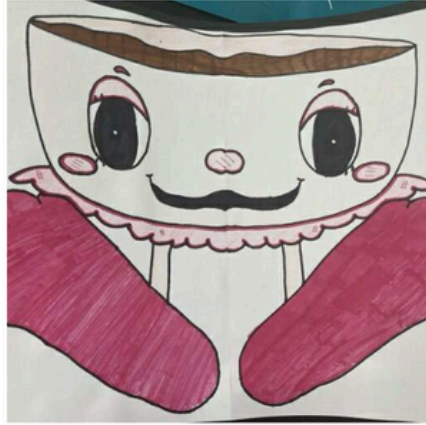
Who: Year 4 - 6 students

What do I need to do: You and your child don't need to do anything. The survey will be done in class time and will not require your child to prepare in any way.

A letter with more information has been sent home with all Year 4 - 6 students. This includes a list of Frequently Asked Questions and a form to return if you do not want your child to participate.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Mrs Serena Hinds at the school.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to ensure every student feels safe, supported, and ready to learn.



ALL THINGS SYMMETRICAL

In Grade 5 Mathematics

Community News

CLUB VS CLUB

THURSDAY OCTOBER 9TH, 9AM - 3PM



REGISTER NOW

- DROP OFF, PICK UP (PARENTS NOT REQUIRED)
- MINI INTERCLUB SERIES
- PLAY WITH YOUR CLUB
- AFL MINI DRAFT TESTING
- AFL TAS EXPERT COACHES
- SPLIT INTO AGE/SKILL LEVEL
- AGE 8-12



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SORTED

@Marist Regional College

MIXED PROGRAM

THURSDAY OCTOBER 9TH, 9AM - 3PM

4-8 year olds

- DROP OFF, PICK UP (PARENTS NOT REQUIRED)
- GAMES & MINI MATCHES
- AFL TAS EXPERT COACHES
- SPLIT INTO AGE/SKILL LEVEL
- AUSKICK AGE 4-8



REGISTER NOW

GIRLS ONLY

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 8TH 9AM - 3PM

REGISTER NOW



- DROP OFF, PICK UP (PARENTS NOT REQUIRED)
- FEMALE COACHES
- DESIGNED BY GIRLS FOR GIRLS
- MINI MATCHES
- KINDER - GRADE 6
- @DEVONPORT FOOTBALL CLUB



KIDS LOVE BEING OUTDOORS? THERE'S GOLF FOR THAT.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO
IN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS?

Register for a free session
across Tasmania



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BAKERS SCENIC CHALLENGE PRESENTS



THE INAUGURAL ALL SCHOOLS CUP

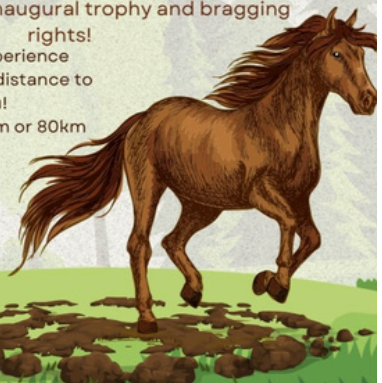
Equine endurance ride,
Open to all school aged riders!

4th October 2025 | Bakers Beach

Nominate your school when entering, earn 1 point per rider. The school with the most points wins the inaugural trophy and bragging rights!

Open to all experience levels, Choose a distance to suit you!
6km, 20km, 40km or 80km

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