

# The Creek This Week

Andrews Creek Primary School



## Upcoming events

**Tuesday 16 September**

Donut Order collection

**Wednesday 24 September**

Footy Colours Day  
Hot Dogs

**Friday 26 September**

Last day Term 3  
Merit Assembly 2pm

**Monday 13 October**

First day Term 4

**Tuesday 14 October**

School Photos

**20-30 October**

Swimming Program P-6

**Monday 3 November**

Public Holiday

**Tuesday 4-Friday 7 November**

Grade 5-6 Camp

## Principal's Message

The sun was shining last Friday and there was a fantastic turnout for our Father's Day BBQ. A big thanks to all the dads who were able to make it and to the School Association for putting on the BBQ. I hope all the dads enjoyed their day last Sunday.

Also a big thanks to everyone who came along to open classrooms on Tuesday. This was a part of our Reporting to Parents strategy, where families have an opportunity to come into school and see work samples from their child that gives you a snapshot of how they are performing compared to the Australian Curriculum. While we understand that not everyone was able to get along to this event, please know that you are more than welcome to contact your child's teacher to make a time to discuss their learning at any time. More evidence of learning samples, focussing on English, Mathematics and Hass, will be going home with reports at the end of the year.

Continuing our theme of what is happening here at Andrews Creek in reading, in this newsletter I want to share with you the six key aspects of reading education that support our learners to go from beginning readers to those who read regularly for enjoyment and to understand.

We are committed to helping every student become a confident, capable reader. That's why we use a structured and evidence-based approach to teaching literacy, built around what's known as the Big Six.

The Big Six are the essential foundations of literacy. They work together to support students as they move from learning to read, to reading to learn - and beyond. These six areas are taught explicitly and in a clear, sequenced way to ensure all students, no matter their starting point, can grow and succeed.

### Attendance

School Goal

91%

Current rate

91%

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### **What are the Big Six?**

1. Oral Language – The ability to speak, listen, and understand the sounds we use when we talk.
2. Phonological Awareness – Recognising the sounds in our speech.
3. Phonics – Understanding how letters and sounds work together.
4. Vocabulary – Knowing and using a wide range of words.
5. Fluency – understanding the meaning of words and sentences as they are being read.
6. Comprehension – using the other five skills to understand what is being read.

The Big Six are not just skills for early readers or young students. They continue to be important throughout your child's education.

### **How can families support literacy at home?**

You play an important role in your child's literacy development. Talking with your child, reading together, playing word games, and asking questions about stories are all powerful ways to support what your child is learning at school. If you'd like to know more about how the Big Six are taught in our classrooms or how to support your child's literacy at home, please contact to your child's teacher. Together, we can help every student thrive as a reader, writer, and thinker.

We strongly encourage all students to not bring items from home to school. While there will be occasions where classes have days where this occurs, for the most part items from home are at a high risk of being lost or damaged at school. They can also be a distraction during learning time.

Finally, since our last newsletter we had 8 students represent our school as part of the Devon sports teams at the Devon vs Darwin representative sports day. Well done to Oakley H, Harry (AFL), Maci (Netball), Sophia S, Lucy S (Soccer), Keeley, Lucy H, Evie (AFLW), and Riley (Hockey) their selection and at this carnival. Congratulations to Lucy H, Sophia S, Riley, and Lucy S, who were selected from this carnival to go on to the Major Exchange carnival North-West vs Launceston representative teams.

In partnership,

Nathan Rockliff  
*Principal*

# Donut Fundraiser

Last chance! Orders due tomorrow!

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





# School Association News

## Thank You for a Wonderful Father's Day BBQ!

A heartfelt thank you to all the families who joined us for our Father's Day BBQ! It was fantastic to see so many dads, grandads, carers, and special friends enjoying the sunshine, sausages, and great company. Your presence made the event truly special.

### 🎟️ Raffle Winners

Congratulations to our lucky raffle winners!

- 1st Prize – Peter Baldock
- 2nd Prize – Max V
- 3rd Prize – Sarah Roles

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and supported the cause.

### 💰 Funds Raised

We're thrilled to share that thanks to your generosity, we raised \$1246 which will go directly toward upgrading the interactive playground space and reducing costs of our Year 5/6 camps for future families. Our 2025 camp has already been subsidised by \$150 per child. We know that this is very much appreciated and supported to reduce your out-of-pocket expenses. Your support makes a real difference in our school community!

### 📅 17 Next SAC Meeting – You're Invited!

📍 **Where:** The Vale Room at Andrews Creek Primary School

🕒 **When:** Monday, 21 October at 6:00 PM

👥 **Who:** Everyone is welcome!

It is a great way to stay informed, share ideas, and help shape the future of our school. We'd love to see you there!

## Breakfast Club

### 🍞 A Huge Thank You to Toast for Kids!

We'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Toast for Kids for their generous donation of a brand new conveyor toaster to our Breakfast Club! 🍞🌟

This amazing upgrade has made serving up toast in the mornings a speedy and efficient process, helping us get warm breakfasts to more students, faster than ever!



# Schools Triathlon

The Schools Triathlon Event is on again for 2025!

It will be held on Friday 21 November 2025, at the Devonport Bluff.

Children from grade 3-6 can enter.

This event is aimed at providing the opportunity for kids to try something a little out of the ordinary in a safe environment. There are no times taken or awards presented, every child is a winner at the Triathlon Challenge for having a go and joining in.

The Schools Triathlon allows students to enter as individuals, a team (where they need only do ONE part of the event) or both.

The cost is \$25 per person no matter if they do one, or two events. All participating children receive a swimming cap, hat, plus fruit and a drink at the finish line!

ACPS can assist with transport and supervision at the event. Students wishing to participate individually or in a team as the bike rider will need to have access to their own bike.

More information can be found on their website:

<https://schoolstriathlonchallenge.com/>

Notices are available at the office. Or find the entry form online and return to the school office.



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



## Footy Colours Day

Footy Colours is just around the corner!

Students may wear their footy colours, basketball tops or other sporting colours to school on Wednesday 24 September.

Hot Dog pre-order forms are coming home soon and are due back no later than Friday 19 September.

All profits from hot dog sales will be donated to Fight Cancer Foundation.

If students would also like to bring a gold coin donation they may.

Mrs Hayes will be organising some fun footy activities for us at lunch time.

## Merit Assembly

Our last Term 3 Merit Assembly will be held on:

**Friday 26 September (last day of term)**

**Time:** 2pm

**Sharing Classes:** 3/4A, Prep, Grade 2

**Hosts:** Wililam, Maci, Lucy.



## Hats!

Just a reminder that hats are to be worn from first day of Term 4.



**DEVONPORT 2025**  
DEVONPORT BLUFF

**Grades 7-12**  
Thurs 20th November 2025

**Grades 3-6**  
Fri 21st November 2025

**WHO**  
All schools, individual and relay team categories.

**START**  
Events will run from 10am-2pm each day (All bikes must be racked by 9:45am)

**COST**  
\$25 per student

**FUNDRAISING**  
give.diabetesaustralia.org.au/event/schoolstriathlonchallenge

**FURTHER EVENT INFO**  
www.schoolstriathlonchallenge.com  
• Tim Smith - 0417 552 181  
• tim@trisevents@gmail.com  
• Your P.E. Teacher

**SWIM BIKE RUN**  
SCHOOLS TRIATHLON CHALLENGE

thanks to our sponsors





## Eye Testing

A big thank you to the volunteers from the Lions Club (pictured above) who were at ACPS this week conducting a free vision screening as part of the Lions Eye Health Program.

Students with a possible vision problem were notified on a result slip and given to them after their screening so they can seek a further eye assessment with an optometrist.

## Story Dogs Ice Pole Fundraiser

Our Student Council are hosting a fundraiser **tomorrow**. Students may bring \$1 to school to purchase a zipper dooper with all funds raised donated to Story Dogs.



## Grade 5-6 Hobart Camp

Final preparations are happening for our upcoming Hobart Camp for Grade 5/6 students in November.

**Payments:** All final payments are **due no later than Friday 17 October**. Bpay is the preferred method of payment. If you have lost your invoice, please email Megan in the office.

[megan.yasui@decyp.tas.gov.au](mailto:megan.yasui@decyp.tas.gov.au)

**Itinerary & Packing List:** These will be sent home in early term 4 so families can get organised.

**Permission Forms:** Will be emailed to parents/carers in early term 4 and will be an online form like our new swimming forms. These **MUST** be completed before your child can go on camp.

**Medication:** If your child takes medication at home and will require it on camp, please collect a form from the office so that staff can administer the medication.

### Irene and 'Leo'



Irene and 'Leo' help children at Andrews Creek Primary School, Wesley Vale

**About:** Irene enjoys walking with 'Leo', travelling and gardening

**Initial Funding** provided by a grant from My State Bank.

**Sponsor:** S Group

**Dog breed:** Maltese cross

**How we met:** From a puppy

**Great loves:** ball throwing, walking, meeting dogs and people

**Favourite foods:** Smackos

**Doesn't like:** Peas

**Quirks:** Brings his ball beside my bed each morning to play

### Indy and 'Sheena'



Sheena and 'Indy' help children at Andrews Creek Primary School

**About:** Sheena is a Story Dog Coordinator

**Sponsor:** Story Dogs is looking for a sponsor

**Dog breed:** Border Collie

**How we met:** Belongs to my friend Lisa, I walk her every day

**Great loves:** Walks, swimming and food

**Favourite foods:** Everything

**Doesn't like:** Nothing

**Quirks:** Very good at directions! Knows left and right when I point

# School Survey

The 2025 School Satisfaction Survey is still open!

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/xxgsvYvQF0>

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

# EVERY SCHOOL DAY MATTERS



Let's help our kids get to school every day, so they have every opportunity to learn, grow and connect.

ANYTHING IS  
POSSIBLE

[anything.tas.gov.au](http://anything.tas.gov.au)



# Asthma Week 2025

Asthma Australia is asking parents to help flip the script and Attack Asthma for their child.

It's time we Attack Asthma before the symptoms start! Asthma is one of the leading causes of children ending up in hospital.

New research by Asthma Australia shows that while most parents feel like they are confident in managing their child's asthma, nearly two thirds live in constant fear of an asthma attack. But it doesn't have to be this way.

A daily preventer can help keep your child's asthma under control, reducing the chance of an attack. This means less time feeling sick or in the hospital and more time for them to just be a kid.

Instead of waiting for symptoms like wheezing or difficulty breathing, use a preventer every day to help your child breathe normally.

Learn more about how to Attack Asthma here: <http://www.asthma.org.au/attack>





## STAR Cards

- Amayah** - for using lovely manners and being polite.
- George R.** - for helping to tidy up and keep the classroom near and safe.
- Rose** - for her fantastic focus and effort during UFLI.
- Leo H.** - for his awesome effort and focus during UFLI.
- Maeve C.** - for her amazing memory and helpful attitude in kitchen garden.
- Leo H.** - for his extra careful care in kitchen garden drying a knife.
- Leo T.** - for being a great friend and encouraging others to do their best.
- Indiana B.** - for being the best tidy-up-er-or!
- Jack T.** - for showing kindness to a friend by asking them if they were okay.
- Ziggy** - for always walking inside and in the courtyard.
- Amelia** - for being quietly thoughtful of others.
- Lacey R.** - for being a responsible ACPS star at all times.
- Delilah E.** - for focussing on schoolwork.
- Cooper O.** - for being an active participant during our 'listening' tasks.
- Billie W.** - for her top effort she puts into completing tasks.
- Lyla** - for using amazing listening skills during group time.
- Kayden** - for always helping during tidy up time.

- Neve** - for being an amazing helper at pack up time.
- Boston** - for his amazing focus and effort during UFLI.
- Alice** - for pegging our door back to make it safe for everyone to enter.
- Wynter** - for working quietly today.
- Hartley** - for tidying up safely today.
- Freyja** - for tidying up safely today.
- Emilia** - for always treating our classroom with care, including laptops and packing up.
- Evora** - for jumping through her times tables.
- Patrick** - for super attendance so far for Term 3.
- Frankie** - for working so hard on your rainbow colouring in today.
- George R.** - thanks George for suggesting a fun game for everyone to play to feel included.
- Leo H.** - love the way you were using your words to let another student know what was up.
- Max Ve** - for having an amazing day.
- Esther** - for always helping to keep our classroom tidy.
- Archie H.** - for sharing sports equipment willingly without being asked.
- Maeve** - for doing extra work at home to improve her knowledge.
- Hallie** - for always using amazing manners.
- Bonnie R.** - for always being kind and caring to everyone.
- Charlotte P.** - thank you for working so respectfully each week with Stacey.
- Angus** - for always wearing school uniform respectfully.
- Macey M.** - for always being kind to everyone.



## STAR Cards

**Phoenix** - for having amazing ideas to complete a writing task and being a focussed learner.

**Faith** - for helping clean the classroom in her own time.

**Maci L.** - for using leadership to assist the class.

**Freyja H.** - for always being a safe class member.

**Albie** - for his amazing effort during dictation. Great writing, Albie!

**Elliott** - for being a quiet class member today.



## School Food Matters

Congratulations to Alana Slater who runs our "Creek Cafe" and has just been awarded the highest rating "platinum" for her menu items!

This accreditation is awarded through the School Food Matters program that supports school communities to provide nutritious and affordable lunch options for students.

Congratulations Alana! Also, a shout out to our Grade 6 chefs who assist Alana in the kitchen each fortnight.





## Swimming & Water Safety Program

**Dates:** Monday 20 October - Thursday 30 October

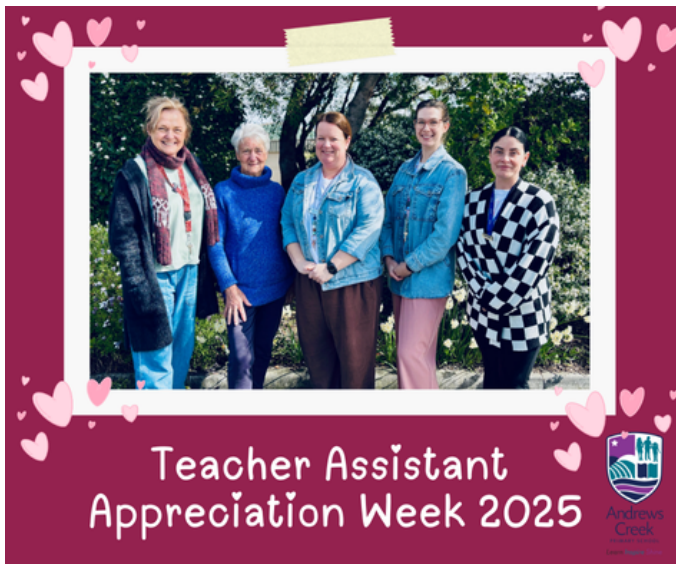
**Permission Forms:** Are being sent to the first emergency contact via email next Monday morning. We are trialling online permission forms this year so no paper copies will be sent home. If you do not receive an email or need assistance completing your online form, please let the office know.

**Swimming Schedules:** Will be attached to the email with class dates/times so you know when your child will be swimming.



## TA Appreciation Week

Last week at ACPS, we celebrated our dedicated and invaluable Teacher Assistants, whose tireless work behind the scenes supports both our learners and teachers every day. We are incredibly fortunate to have you as part of our ACPS community. ❤️❤️❤️



## Uniform Pre-Orders 2026

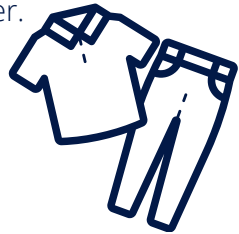
Our Uniform orders need to be placed soon for our back to school order for January.

**We ask that all parents/carers return a pre-order by Wednesday 24 September. These hard copy order forms will be coming home next Monday with students.**

Please email the office if you didn't receive one.

**If you do not place a pre-order we can't guarantee uniform items will be available on back to school day.**

Mrs D will have uniform items out for Pre-Kinder families next Monday 15 September.



## eSafety Webinars

The eSafety commissioner is running a series of webinars, discussing some of the most pressing issues facing children and families online.

These live webinars give parents and carers the knowledge, skills and tools to support their children to have safe online experiences.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars>





# DRUMMING IN 3-4A

With Mr Rockliff

Mr Rockliff has been teaching music in 3-4A this term. Students have been learning about rhythm and tempo using some drumsticks and a good old bucket!



# GEM Chats

Let's keep the chats happening! As part of The Resilience Project, our students have been engaging in GEM Chats (short, reflective conversations centred on Gratitude, Empathy, and Mindfulness). These chats help build emotional awareness and strengthen relationships in the classroom. This month, we're focusing on empathy... The ability to understand and share the feelings of others.

We encourage families to try GEM Chats at home! A simple question like "Can you think of a time today when someone showed kindness to you or someone else?" can spark meaningful conversations and help children develop compassion and perspective. Small moments of empathy can make a big difference.



**THE RESILIENCE PROJECT.**

## GEM Chats Empathy

**CREATING WELLBEING HABITS & CONNECTION**

GEM Chats help families practice The Resilience Project's principles, offering a simple wellbeing check-in while **building stronger connections through daily conversations.**

**HOW TO USE GEM CHATS**

Make GEM Chats a part of your dinner routine to reflect, check in, and practice empathy.

Try these prompts:

- ★ Thank each family member for something they've **done or said** today.
- ★ Give each family member a **compliment**.
- ★ Share a time when someone has done **something kind for you** this week. Describe how it made you feel.
- ★ Think about someone special in your life. **What makes them special**, and how will you let them know this week?
- ★ Who made you **feel cared** for this week? What actions did they take?

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RESILIENCE PROJECT, HEAD TO:

@theresilienceproject... 
 The Resilience Project 
 The Resilience Project 
 theresilienceproject.com.au

# LATROBE FESTIVAL OF ARTS

SEP  
18-20

ART
DANCE
DRAMA
MUSIC
WORKSHOPS

AN INTERACT INITIATIVE  
SUPPORTED BY:  
LATROBE ROTARY  
LATROBE COUNCIL

THREE DAY EVENT  
DAY TICKETS & MULTIDAY  
TICKETS AVAILABLE

## Community News

### Celebrating 100 Years of Latrobe Primary School (at our current site)



#### Friday 24 October Trivia Night

6pm for 6.30pm start

Latrobe Football Club

Bookings and payment  
made to the school office  
by Thursday 16 October

☎ 6426 1203

- ✓ Tables of 8-10 people
- ✓ \$100 per table
- ✓ BYO food
- ✓ Drinks for purchase
- ✓ Fun to be had!
- ✓ Dress up as something starting with L, P or S

#### Sunday 26 October Open Day

10am - 2pm  
23 Lewis Street, Latrobe

- ✓ Tour the school
- ✓ Meet past and present staff
- ✓ Discover our history
- ✓ Coffee van, sausage sizzle, ice cream
- ✓ Face painting
- ✓ Latrobe Federal Band
- ✓ Official ceremony and LPS choir at 12pm



# Community News



**LITTLE ATHLETICS**

**Come & Try Days**

Little Athletics Tasmania

**Domain Athletics Centre, Hobart**  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2025, 10am-12pm

**Penguin Athletics Track, Penguin**  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025, 10am-11:30am

**Northern Athletics Centre, Launceston**  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025, 2:30pm-4pm

REGISTER HERE



taslittleathletics.com | office@taslittleathletics.com.au | (03) 6230 0900

# DEVONPORT TENNIS CLUB



## COME & TRY SESSION!

Professional Tennis Coaching.  
All ages and abilities welcome.

When: Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September

When: 11-12noon

Cost: \$5 whole family

To register, please scan the QR code below

To find out more contact  
Coach Pip 0438 687 542

devonporttennis@yahoo.com

\*Pre-Registration required\*



**tennis ACADEMY**

For more information,  
please visit  
[www.coachpip.com](http://www.coachpip.com)



## Come and Try Little Athletics

Family, Fun and Fitness

Devonport Little Athletics Centre presents

### Come and Try Fun Day

Saturday 18 October 2025

2pm to 4pm

Girdlestone Park, East Devonport

Please contact us on 0459 031 750 for more information  
and to register your child's name

# THE 'SKINNER' CUP

**GIRLS PRIMARY SCHOOL COMPETITION**

GRADE 4-6

**STARTING FRIDAY  
NOVEMBER 14TH**



Expressions of Interest Now Open!

*Is your school ready to take part in The Skinner Cup?*

This exciting Primary School competition is open to girls in Grades 4-6, with a 4-week round robin roster designed for fun, teamwork, and school pride.

Each round will be held at a different location on Friday afternoons, between Ulverstone and Latrobe (depending on interest), giving schools a chance to play across the region.

**TO SUBMIT YOUR  
INTEREST, OR FOR MORE  
INFORMATION, PLEASE  
CONTACT:  
KAT.LEE@AFL.COM.AU**

With modified rules, it's perfect for players of all skill levels - whether they're trying the game for the first time or already love it.

A great chance to enjoy, have fun with friends, and represent your school!

Get your school involved today!



**Andrews Creek**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learn Inspire Shine

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