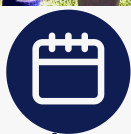




The Creek This Week

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Andrews Creek Primary School



Upcoming events

- Friday 21 November**
Schools Triathlon
- Friday 28 November**
Public Holiday
- Monday 1 December**
Kinder 2026 Orientation
- Friday 5 December**
LHS Orientation Day
- Thursday 11 December**
Christmas Concert
- Friday 12 December**
G6 Big Day Out
- Monday 15 December**
School Picnic K-6
- Wednesday 17 December**
Shining STAR Assembly
- Thursday 18 December**
Grade 6 Assembly
Last day Term 4

Principal's Message

What a great day our Athletics Carnival was last Friday! The weather was kind and enabled for a day full of fun and competitive vibe. What makes these days so special is how our community is able to come along and support our students, cheering them on and competing in the right spirit. Thank you to Sassafras Primary for joining us and adding an extra dimension to our carnival, also a thank you to our School Association for providing the BBQ for us all to enjoy. Finally, well done to Rubicon who took out this year's carnival.

Our assembly last week was also a celebration of student achievement and once again it was great to see so many in attendance. It has been a real highlight to see how well attended each of our school assemblies have been this year. Having our school hall packed for each event really gives a great community atmosphere, that shows our students how much we value their effort and achievement.

Thank you to the families who completed the School Satisfaction Survey, last term. We now have the results and can use them as part of our planning for 2026 and beyond. The strong response to the survey gives the results strong validity, we received 10 more completed surveys than the minimum required.

Some of the results that I thought were important to share are:

- Overall, on average our rating was 13% above the state average.
- For all questions our rating was above the state average.
- Our greatest areas of improvement from 2024 were in the following 3 questions:

*Staff are interested in my child's wellbeing
I feel like I'm part of the school community
I would recommend the school to others
The school embraces the DECYP values*

Attendance

School Goal
91%
Current
rate
91%

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Sadly, this year will be the final year at Andrews Creek for some of our long-time educators. Mr Connelly, Mrs Boskell, Mrs Dawkins and Mrs Armitstead will all be leaving our school at the end of year to take up teaching positions elsewhere. As I know our community will agree, these 4 members of staff have been a significant part of our school's culture and community, and they will be greatly missed. As is their way, they are heads down, busy with the many things that are happening at this time of the year for our students, so we look forward to acknowledging them appropriately at the end of the year.

In our next newsletter I will be able to announce class structures and teachers for 2026.

In Partnership,

Nathan Rockliff
Acting Principal

School Association News

🎄 ACPS Christmas Raffle - Now Open! 🎄

The Andrews Creek Primary School Association Christmas Raffle is officially live, and you won't want to miss it!

With over \$4,900 worth of prizes up for grabs (including a Vuly Ultra 2 Trampoline, PitBoss Pellet Grill, kids' kayaks, photography vouchers, and so much more) this is our biggest raffle yet!

🎟 Tickets are just \$5 each, and all proceeds go directly back to supporting our school.

✉ Hard copy tickets will be sent home with each family this week, so keep an eye on school bags and start selling to family and friends.

📅 Raffle will be drawn on Friday, 12th December 2025.

💻 Buy online or share the link:

<https://events.humanitix.com/creekxmasraffle>

Let's make this our most successful raffle yet...

You've gotta be in it to win it!

Tickets due
back
11 Decemeber

**ANDREWS CREEK
PRIMARY SCHOOL**
Christmas
RAFFLE
with over \$4900
worth of prizes

Vuly Ultra 2 Trampoline with Basketball Hoop,
Tent and Ladder
PitBoss Pellet Grill Set
2 x Kids Kayak
\$750 photography Voucher with Maddie Paige
and much more

RAFFLE DRAWN 12TH DECEMBER 2025
Grab your tickets now! Just scan the QR code or head to:
<https://events.humanitix.com/creekxmasraffle>

Prizes

- Vuly Ultra 2 trampoline with Basketball Hoop, Cover and Ladder
- PitBoss Pellet Grill + Cover and Set
- Kids Kayak, Paddle and Life Jacket
- Kids Kayak, Paddle and Life Jacket
- \$750.00 Photography Voucher with Maddie Paige Photography
- \$350.00 Photography Voucher with Maddie Paige Photography
- Beach Cart + Beach Toys + Umbrella
- Cool Cabana and Beach Mat
- Pickle Ball Set
- SUP board, Paddle and Life Jacket
- Body Board
- Body Board
- Cricket Set
- Triple Waterslide
- Kids 16-inch Bike and Helmet
- Local Tasmanian Hamper
- Face Bar Gift Pack
- \$500 Tamar Blinds Voucher
- \$100 Dig This Voucher
- \$100 Cove Accommodation Voucher
- \$100 Tenpin Bowling Voucher
- \$100 Page Hire Voucher
- \$50 Page Hire Voucher

\$5 tickets!!!
You've gotta be in it, to win it!
All proceeds go back to the Andrews Creek Primary School



Athletics Carnival

What a fantastic day we had last Friday! The sausages were a highlight so we would like to say a big thank you to our School Association for organising and to those family members who volunteered their time on the BBQ! We have lots of great pictures and a video on our facebook page if you would like to check them out!





Grade 5-6 Hobart Camp

Camp Reflection by Bella A

Our journey south all started on Tuesday. We all arrived at school super early before the rest of the school arrived. We were all excited and eager to begin. The first job was to get everyone's bags on the bus. The yummy homemade food and fun games were packed on next. We then loaded all 37 kids onto the bus, ready for a big ride ahead of us.

Our first stop was at the wonderful Campbell Town. We quickly stopped for a bite to eat and a quick play at the park, then back on the bus for another hour and a half. The bus ride was spent with games and laughing, and of course the occasional nap.

Once we arrived in the gorgeous city of Hobart, we took a quick tour around the Salamanca and Battery Point areas, of course guided by our amazing teachers. Then we had another snack out the front of the beautiful Parliament house. Once we had digested our food, it was time to go into parliament house. We had two incredible guides, Colette and Adrian, who took us around the house. Another part of the day was watching a "Question Time" in the Legislative council, and a sitting of Parliament in the House of Representatives. It was very interesting to be able to watch and listen, and we had time to ask questions after each session.

After Parliament House, we were off to the Aquatic Centre. It was full of fun and splashing. Sitting on the sidelines with the teachers was no less fun, as I got to watch Ms Foster and her love of Pepsi, and Mr Rockliff and his fail to put a water bottle in the bin.

After swimming, we headed back to the accommodation to find out our rooms and roomies, then had Chicken Schnitzel, salad and chips for dinner. Once our stomachs were full, we all met in the boys' 'Mansion' for a recap of the day and 'Camp Cards' which are the camp version of S.T.A.R. cards. We headed back to our rooms in preparation for Day 2.

Day two of 5-6 camp was a blast! We started off the morning with a filling, delicious breakfast before heading off to the famous Port Arthur. We split into two groups, one visiting the museum and the other touring outside. Soon after, we met back up and went on an unforgettable cruise where we saw Isle of the Dead, along with other things that you could see were built by the convicts way back in the nineteenth century.

After we got off the boat, the weather forced us to seek refuge under a tarp we found in the middle of an oval. After we waited for the rain to pass, we ran and ate our lunch. We then inevitably split again, some of us making bricks and some of us visiting the well-known solitary confinement (deserved). We then swapped over, switching activities. Afterwards, we faced the long drive home. We got some free time in the cabins before proceeding to dinner, where we ate our fill of Lasagne and Garlic Bread.

Soon after, the bowling commenced. We drove to a bowling alley and versed each other in teams of five, with our top bowler being Koby. We then faced the arcade where we had 30 minutes to play our hearts out on the games. Afterwards, we returned to the mansion and waited through Mr Wallace's excruciatingly long talks before finally going to bed. Thus, ending Day two.



Grade 5-6 Hobart Camp

With tired eyes we awoke to day 3. To begin the day, we went up Mount Nelson and learnt about signal stations – they're called Semaphores. After that we went to the Woodbridge Marine Centre where we got to pet and pick up many marine animals, use VR headsets, feed a shark and skate, use microscopes, and create bioluminescent artwork.

Next, we went to Bounce and we jumped on trampolines (sadly Mr Wallace's hips wouldn't let him bounce), went up climbing walls, and did an obstacle course.

Finally, after dinner (where Kade managed to drink 15 glasses of water) we went to mini golf and had lots of fun on both the outside and inside course. As we feared, day 4 arrived oh so quickly. We opened our eyes with great sorrow as it was the final day of camp. We dragged our heavy bags and bulky suitcases to the bus. Glenelle, our lovely driver, tried very hard to help us leave Mr Wallace in Hobart, however he chased us down, dodgy hips and all!

We finally shot up in excitement as we were at Eastlands, a shopping mall we went to. With dollars in our pockets we shopped up a storm. When our pockets were empty, we hopped back on to the bus, sad that camp has almost ended. Snoring, talking, and card turning was what you heard if you were on that bus. A few hours later the schools presence was unwanted after our 4 days of fun but it came. 700 photos, infinite memories is what we now have after our incredible time.



Premier's Youth Advisory Council

Premier's Youth
Advisory Council

Call for members

Do you know a young person aged 12-24, living in Tasmania and passionate about Tasmania's future? If so, you can encourage them to apply to become a member of the Premier's Youth Advisory Council (PYAC) in 2026. There are 9 positions available.

The PYAC is an opportunity for young people to meet with representatives of the Tasmanian Government to discuss their ideas on how we can make Tasmania a better place.

All young Tasmanians are encouraged to apply regardless of their background or participation record.

The PYAC values the unique experiences, knowledge, and skills that its members bring to the group. If this sounds like someone you know, we want to hear from them!

Applications are now open and will close at 11:59 pm on Sunday 4 January 2026.

For more information and to apply, visit

<http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/pyac>

Any questions, email:

youthadvisorycouncil@dpac.tas.gov.au



Call for members

Are you a young Tasmanian? Want to share your views on how we can make Tasmania even better?

Join the Premier's Youth Advisory Council!

Applications are open until 4 January 2026 to Tasmanians aged 12-24.

Questions? Send an email to youthadvisorycouncil@dpac.tas.gov.au



Scan the QR code or visit the website to find out more and apply

www.dpac.tas.gov.au/pyac

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Kinder 2026 Orientation

We hope that our 2026 Kinder families can join us for our Kinder orientation on **Monday 1 December at 3.15pm.**

Our new Kinder teacher Mrs O'Toole will be joining us, along with Mr Rockliff (Principal), Megan (School Business Manager) and Mrs D so we can answer all of your questions and provide you with important information to assist families.

Please RSVP to Mrs D no later than 24 November.

Kindergarten Orientation

**Monday
December 1
3:15pm**

Kindergarten
classroom

**This is an information
session for our Kinder
families in 2026.**

Kindergarten information
packs will be handed out.

RSVP: November 24



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Learn. Inspire. Grow.

No PARKING

A reminder to all parents/carers please do not park over our neighbours' driveways or the no parking zones when collecting your child.

We have had complaints from neighbours and the Latrobe Council regarding this matter over the past few months.



Book Club Issue #8

Our last issue of book club is out now! Orders are due no later than 3pm on Wednesday 26 November. Please mark the order as a gift if you would like the office to contact you when orders are in.

Word Origins

Our students in Year 3 to Year 6 have been building their literacy skills with Word Origins. Word Origins is a spelling and word study program where students explore how words are built and where they come from – making spelling and vocabulary learning more meaningful.

In their Word Origins lessons, students learn about the parts of a word such as prefixes, suffixes, and root words. They also investigate the history of words and discover how language has changed over time. Understanding the 'story' behind a word helps students to understand its meaning and improves reading and writing skills.

Our students enjoy learning new facts about words and our teachers love to see each student growing into a confident and enthusiastic explorer of language. Did you know: The word "school" comes from the Greek word "scholē", which originally meant "leisure" or "free time." That might sound surprising. In ancient Greece, scholē referred to the time people had to think, learn, and discuss ideas. Over time, the word came to mean a place for learning, and that's how we got the modern word school. This kind of word history helps students see how meanings change and how words connect to culture and time. It's a great example of how Word Origins makes spelling and vocabulary more meaningful and memorable.



Social Media Age Restrictions Update

A reminder to our school community that from 10 December young people under-16 will not be allowed to create or hold accounts on certain social media platforms. The eSafety Commissioner advises that parents and carers can help their under-16s by talking openly about the age restrictions, finding out how they currently use social media and how that may be impacted by the new law.

There are no penalties for under-16s who access an age-restricted social media platform, or for their parents or carers. Penalties will apply to age-restricted platforms that fail to take reasonable steps to prevent under-16s from having accounts on their platforms.

Information and resources to support parents and carers, and young people to prepare for the change are available at the eSafety Social media age restrictions hub.

Visit: [eSafety.gov.au](https://www.esafety.gov.au)

Social media age restrictions

What you need to know

From 10 December 2025 Australian young people under 16 will not be allowed to create or hold accounts on certain social media platforms.

Delaying account access allows more time for young people to build digital literacy and greater resilience.

How will it work?

Under the law, the responsibility lies with the age-restricted platforms to find and deactivate existing accounts held by under-16s and to prevent under-16s from creating new accounts.

There are no penalties for under-16s who access an age-restricted social media platform, or for their parents or carers.

Social media platforms

The age restrictions are likely to apply to **Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, X and YouTube**, as well as other platforms. [See the latest list.](#)

Most standalone gaming and messaging apps, as well as many services that support health and education, will not be affected by the new law.

Information and resources

Visit [eSafety's social media age restrictions hub](#) to find out what's happening and how to prepare.

The hub includes practical guidance for parents and carers and young people, including get-ready guides and actions plans to prepare for the change.

For more **information and resources** to help you prepare, visit [eSafety.gov.au](https://www.esafety.gov.au)

eSafety Commissioner



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Commissioner



Thank you to our Grade 5 class who hosted a respectful Remembrance Day Assembly last Tuesday.

Sports Expo

On Monday 10th of November 3-4A and 3-4B went to a Sports Expo at Meercroft Park. When we got off the bus we met all the coaches and went to touch footy first.

We practiced touchdowns and how to grip the ball. We also got to learn skills in cricket, regular AFL, Soccer and Hockey! We got to play a full game of hockey once we padded up and grabbed sticks. We had a lot of fun and can't wait to go back next year!

- Rhyan & Maci





Merit Assembly

Congratulations to our Learn, Inspire, Shine award winners from our assembly on 12 November.

We would also like to congratulate our Student Council for hosting each assembly for us this year.

Learn - Caleb, Amylase, Milla, Bodhi, Mabel, Patrick, Oscar, Evora, Mahli, Jasper.

Inspire - Sage, Edie, Hamish, Merryn, Saibo, Koa, Poppy, Kade, Harry.

Shine - Bonnie R, Leo T, Fletcher, Elsie Ro, Willow, Kodie, Indi, Alexander.

Creek Cafe

Wednesday 3 December - Spaghetti Bolognese

Wednesday 10 December - Special Canteen
Orders due the Friday before.

Alana would love suggestions for 2026 for Creek Cafe menu items. Please email her at:
alana.slater@decyp.tas.gov.au



School Picnic

Our School picnic at Latrobe Pool has been scheduled for Monday 15 December.

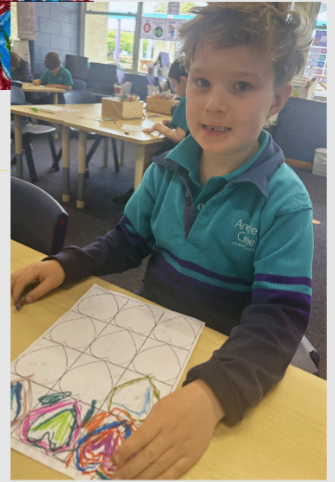
More information will be coming out in our next newsletter. An online Major Excursion form will be sent out in the coming weeks, and we require those forms to be completed no later than Monday 8 December.

Admin Staff

Olivia Bellchambers has joined us in the office working Wednesday's until the end of the year. Karen has had to leave us to take up a new role at the Latrobe hospital. Please stop in and say hi to Liv!



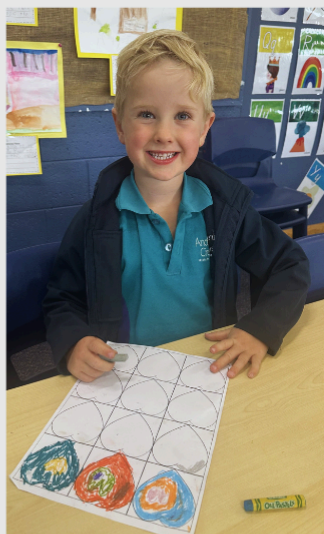
Celebrating World Kindness Day in Prep



What is kindness?

"It's empathy and doing something nice for someone when they're sad" -Roy

"You do something for another person to make them be happy" -Dotty



What is something kind you have done for someone or something?



"At recess I played with someone who didn't have a friend" - Jack

"I listened to my mummy this morning, so I got dressed, put my shoes on and brushed my teeth without her telling me" - Milla





STAR Cards

Frankie - for changing groups so another student wasn't the only girl in the group in PE.

Leo T. - for being a kind and caring friend when a peer was injured at lunch time.

Charlie B. - for being respectful and quiet in the library.

Amayah - for showing empathy and helping a class mate.

Freyja He, Indianna B, Nevae Z, Amelia B - for following instructions with the kitchen.

Amelia B. - for always being a respectful class member.

Tilly M, Laycie S, Micah, Ella, Max VB, Hugo, Leo P, Alby M, Harvey - for participating in the inside Daily PE in a safe and sensible way.

Ariana - for always giving 100% effort whilst at school.

Laycie S. - for being enthusiastic about being at school and her learning.

Amayah - for your amazing listening in the library.

Alfie - for being respectful in the library.

Ava L. - for listening clearly at the pool and while walking and great classroom participation.

Milla S. - for being such a kind and thoughtful friend.

Lucy T. - for being a safe and sensible member of the class.

Milla S. - for always being ready quickly with respectful listening.

Maeve A. - for always remembering and respecting expectations.

Lexi - for being an Andrews Creek STAR in every way.

Ethan & Finn - for always using the computers in a safe and sensible way.

Freyja - for always helping to look after our classroom.

Ava L. - for cleaning up without being asked in her classroom.

Rose - for amazing focus and work during UFLI.

Benjin - for being a kind friend and helping a class mate.

Madilyn - for being very incredibly organised.

Tom - for being honest.

Wynter - for always being a respectful listener.

Alexander - for helping Mrs (April) Bishop solve an IT issue - it was very appreciated.

Dakota - for joining in positively in activities and tasks.

Esther - for showing smart and sensible behaviour at the pool.

Florence - for always paying attention and joining in positively.

Arlo - for his best effort all day, working conscientiously.

Ziggy - for always being a positive person in the class and doing her best.

Remy - for his kindness to friends.

Benjin - for amazing work during maths and great focus during reading.

Lucy S. - for always being keen to learn more and make others smile!

Hartley - for being a respectful class member today.

Outside School Hours Care

An expression of interest form for Outside School Hours Care was sent to the first emergency contact for each student yesterday.

These forms aim to understand whether families would benefit from an on-site Outside School Hours Care service.

If your family would like to use this service, please **complete the form no later than Thursday 27 November**.

Please drop into the school office or email to: andrews.creek.primary@decyp.tas.gov.au

If you didn't receive the form and would like one please ask at the office.

Community News

NOVEMBER 2025

Registration of Interest

For the provision of Outside School Hours Care

Andrews Creek Primary School would like to understand whether families would benefit from an on-site Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) service. If your family would be likely to use this service, please complete and return this form. Knowing how much interest there is in our community can support us to establish an OSHC service in partnership with an Education and Care provider.

OSHC can include before school care, after school care, and vacation care for children up to Year 6. There is a cost for your child/children to attend, but the Australian Government's Child Care Subsidy (CCS) will reduce this cost for most families. The Child Care Subsidy your family receives will depend on your individual circumstances.

Please complete this form if your children are likely to attend this service if available and return it by Thursday 27 November.

Your personal information will be kept confidential by us, but prospective OSHC providers will be notified of the number of families and children in the school community that might use the service, their interest for different types of services and preferred days of the week.

Family Name	
Child or children's name/s and age/s	
Is your family interested in (tick all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> After School Care <input type="checkbox"/> Before School Care <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation Care
Please tick to indicate which days you may be interested in	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday <input type="checkbox"/> Friday

OPTIONAL: If OSHC is established at Andrews Creek Primary School and you would like the provider to contact you regarding your interest please provide your preferred contact details below. Please note, OSHC providers are not part of the Tasmanian Government, and by completing this section of the form, you consent to your contact information being shared with them for this purpose.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

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INTERNATIONAL MEN'S DAY EVENT

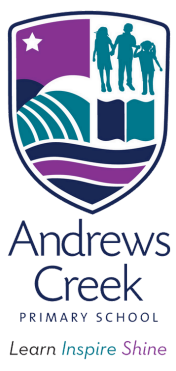
SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2025

"Why not come along and have a friendly game of soccer or volleyball?"

Event	'BBQ AT BELLSY' Bells Parade, Latrobe	Date	SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER
Info	This FREE family picnic day will have sporting activities, live music, BBQ lunch(\$), coffee and ice-cream vans, community group displays, health checks, car displays, sword fighting display and a Westie Rescue and Rehoming Tasmania fun day! Everyone is welcome!!	Time	12 NOON - 2.30PM
		Contact	6422 3000 or 0409 015 253

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