

First Day 2026

Andrews Creek Primary School



Principal's Message

Welcome back everyone to the start of a new school year. I hope all our students and their families enjoyed a wonderful summer break and are feeling refreshed and ready for an exciting year ahead. It was fantastic to see everyone back on the first day—students eagerly reconnecting with friends, meeting their new teachers, and beginning what promises to be a year filled with learning, discovery, and fun.

Andrews Creek Primary School is a special place to learn and make connections, and I would like to especially welcome all our new students who are beginning at our school this year, as well as our new staff members who have joined us on this journey of learning and connection.

Student Attendance Matters

Last year, I shared our focus on improving student attendance as part of a statewide effort to ensure students are at school every day. Our goal last year was 91% attendance which we were able to achieve, just! in 2026 our target is 91.5%. Regular attendance gives children the best opportunity for a bright future. Being at school consistently allows students to learn new skills, build friendships, and explore their interests.

Again, this year, our new reading program will also rely on high levels of consistent attendance to support student success. While maintaining strong attendance habits can sometimes be challenging, establishing a solid routine from the start of Term 1 can make a big difference and set your child up for success throughout the year.

Please always talk to us if you're having trouble getting your child to school. We're here to help. See the website below for further information.

Get excited for school

If you have a positive attitude towards school, your child will pick up on that.



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Of course, we know students will still become ill and staying away from school is necessary in these cases. We ask that you please contact the school to notify us on these occasions so that we can mark the absence as explained.

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Welcome BBQ

On Wednesday 18 February beginning from 2:15pm we will be having a welcome back to school BBQ here at school. There will be free sausages and veggie burgers and all families are welcome. Classrooms will be open and with most of our students having different teachers this year I highly encourage you all to come along for this excellent opportunity to meet and greet.

Teacher Communication

Over the first few days you will receive information from your child's teacher containing information about their class and things they and you will need to know. Once again SeeSaw will be the best method of contact for parents with your child teacher. Teachers will also use this app to share information about your child's learning as well as important information specific to their class's routines, events and requirements. Please make sure you regularly check this for information. Teachers will endeavour to check regularly during the school day however this is rarely possible during teaching and learning and a call to the office may be required for any last-minute changes to preplanned arrangements.

Dress Code

Traditionally at ACPS we have a high level of support from families regarding our school uniform and dress policy. The purpose of a School Student Dress Code and Uniform Policy (the Policy) is to promote social equity in terms of clothing, assisting school staff in easily identifying students and enhancing the sense of pride within a school. I strongly believe, students feel more connected and less anxious when they understand that everyone will be wearing the same uniform. Not having to worry about keeping up with the latest trends can significantly reduce student anxiety.

The Policy is in accordance with [Secretary's Instruction No 6 for State School Student Dress Code](#) and developed in consultation with the School Association and students. There is a link to our ACPS Dress Code and Uniform Policy included with this information for you to refer too.

School Times

I would just like to remind people that the school hours remain the same as last year 8:55am – 2:55pm. The school will be locked until 8:30am. There have also been some changes to the recess and lunch times within our day. Recess is now 10:45-11:10am and lunch 12:55 – 1:35pm. Daily PE will also move to a different time slot at 12.40pm to allow students to jump straight into literacy at 8.55am.



Keep an eye out next Thursday 12 February for our first newsletter!

These can be accessed via our website or facebook page. Links will also be sent via EdSmart to the first contact person.



Volunteer & Parent Help Requirements

To all our volunteers –Remember you will need to finish this training before working with any children or young people this year.

If you are a parent and are thinking about volunteering for us, you can also do the training. You will need this to work with children and young people. Make sure you save the certificate to show you have completed it.

The training is compulsory under new laws designed to better safeguard children and young people in Tasmania. It will help you understand what to do if you believe a child or young person is or may be being harmed, and to make sure you are doing all you can to prevent this from happening. The training will also tell you what you must report under the new laws.

To complete your training, visit the link below.

<https://www.decyp.tas.gov.au/safe-children/safeguarding-children/safeguarding-training/safeguarding-for-volunteers-and-external-service-providers/>

Yours in partnership

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