



The Creek This Week

Andrews Creek Primary School

Andrews
Creek
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Learn Inspire Shine



Upcoming events

Saturday 28 March
School Association Fair
10am - 3pm

Wednesday 1 April
Creek Cafe - Sushi Bowl

Fri 3 April - Tues 7 April
Easter Break

Wednesday 15 April
Creek Cafe - Devilled Sausages

Friday 17 April
Last Day Term 1
Crazy Hair & Silly Sock Day

Saturday 25 April
ANZAC Day Service

Monday 4 May
First Day Term 2

Wednesday 20 May
ACPS Cross Country Carnival

Principal's Message

Tomorrow all students in Prep to year 6 will receive their first Evidence of Learning sample. These work samples form a key part of our reporting and communicating learning progress to families policy and are designed to give you the first snapshot of how your child is progressing in the area of English. Teachers spend a lot of time making these as valuable for parents and students as possible so if you have any questions please speak to your child's teacher.

It was pleasing to see such a good number of parents at our School Association AGM last Thursday night. New and familiar faces in roles such as these make for productive and positive discussion that benefits our school and importantly our students. I would like to thank the departing members of the committee for their input and hard work over the past years that they have contributed to our school, including Anna Johnson, Anna Peirce, Matthew Bowles, Amy Michajlow, Paige Williams, Serena Hinds and Erin Woodcock. I would also like to welcome the new member of the committee some of whom are joining for the first time. A big thank you to Sam Griffiths for taking on the role of Chairperson. Our new committee members are listed on page 4.

Today I headed off with our representative athletics team to compete at the rescheduled North-West Schools Athletics Carnival. I look forward to sharing with you how our team went in our next newsletter.

Thank you to all our community for your understanding during the recent industrial action taking place across the state. If you have any questions regarding this, please get in contact with myself.

I'm greatly looking forward to this Saturday's School Fun Fair. I look forward to seeing you all there! Don't forget to bring the whole family and grab a friend or 2. Parking will be available on the school oval, and most stalls will be cash only.

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Attendance
School Goal
94%
Current rate
92%

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Unfortunately, we currently have 56 students who have attended less than 90% of school days in term 1. 90% is shown to be the minimum for most students to ensure they remain connected to not only their learning but their peers and friends over the course of their schooling. While early in the year this number is easily skewed, I hope to see this number drop over the coming months. As always if you need to support with your child's attendance, please speak to their teacher.

In partnership
Nathan Rockliff
Principal



ANZAC Day

Saturday 25 April

Latrobe Anzac Day Citizens Commemorative Service.

Andrews Creek Primary will be in attendance at the Latrobe Anzac Day Citizens Commemorative Service. Students who would like to march with Mr Rockliff are welcome to turn up on the day however it would be appreciated if you could let him know by Thursday 16 April as an indication on expected numbers.

Could all students please meet Mr Rockliff in Barclay Street, Latrobe at 9.30am ready for the march step off at 9.40am followed by the the laying of a book at the Cenotaph. Two members of our Student council will be presenting a book to Rubicon Grove Nursing Home.

STUDENTS please wear full school uniform with black shoes.



Calling all Volunteers!

Reading Club

We are seeking parents who may be able to donate a short amount of time in the morning to become regular volunteers. Support is needed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (weekly) from 8:30-8:55am. To ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students, volunteers must hold a current Working with Vulnerable People Card, have completed safeguarding training, and check in and check out using the kiosk at the office for each session.

If you are available and willing to help, please email serena.hinds@decyp.tas.gov.au to express your interest with your WWVP Card Number and Safeguarding Certificate. Your time and support would be greatly appreciated and makes a real difference.

Creek Cafe

Orders due back the Friday before. \$3.50 per order.

Creek Cafe Dates Term 1:

- Wednesday 1 April** - Chicken Sushi bowls
- Wednesday 15 April** - Devilled sausages





School Association's Annual

EASTER RAFFLE

We are seeking donations of Easter items to support our annual raffle.
 Tickets: \$1 each
 Tickets and donations are due back: Wednesday 1 April at 9am (to the school office).
 Raffle to be drawn Thursday 2 April.

Thank you for supporting our school community!

Thank you

Easter Raffle

Our School Association Annual Easter Raffle is back! Raffle tickets went home last week. **We have decided to extend the deadline to next Wednesday 1 April** and the raffle will be drawn on Thursday 2 April before our Easter break.

A huge thank you to our generous families for all of the raffle donations that we have received so far! **The cut off for donations is Wednesday 1 April at 9am so we can prepare the prizes.**

Tickets also available online here:

<https://events.humanitix.com/andrews-creek-primary-school-association-easter-raffle/tickets>

NWPSSA Athletics

Is happening today in Penguin! Our team of Grade 3-6 students (pictured on the front page) are with Mr Rockliff, Mrs Hayes and Courtney. We will have a full wrap up in our next newsletter!

Students who qualify today will head to the Twilight Carnival next Wednesday. We wish them all the best!



NWPSSA
NORTH WEST
PRIMARY SCHOOLS
SPORTS ASSOCIATION



Student Council News

Our Student Council are hosting their first event on the last day of Term! Friday 17 April.

Crazy Hair & Silly Socks Day!

Stay tuned for more information!



School Association News

Saturday 28 March
10:00am – 3:00pm

Our fair will take place on the school grounds, set up around our courtyard, and we're looking forward to welcoming everyone along.

Parking Information

Parking is available on our oval, with entry and exit via Port Sorell Road. Please follow signage and any directions on arrival. No car access from Westwind Drive.

Pedestrian Access

Pedestrian access is available next to the gates for safe and easy entry.

Cash Reminder

Please note that most stalls will be cash only, so don't forget to bring cash on the day.

Thanks for your understanding and support. We can't wait to see you there!

2026 Members



Principal - Nathan Rockliff

Chairperson - Sam Griffiths

Vice Chairperson - Rhett Griffiths

Secretary - Liv Bellchambers

Treasurer - Emma Beardwood

Parent Member - Ellie Bennett

Parent Member - Amber Richards

Parent Member - Abbey O'Brien

Parent Member - Kerryn Mathew

Parent Member - Kirsty Rolls

Staff Member - Josh Tome

Staff Member - Phil Wallace

The School Association recently met to discuss upcoming events and planning for the remainder of the year. Preparations for the School Fair are progressing well, with the majority of vendors now confirmed. The Fair will be held in the courtyard, with parking available on the Oval. Advertising is currently underway, including promotion through local schools and on the radio.

Meeting dates for the 2026 School Association calendar have also been confirmed. Members agreed to readopt a two-meeting structure each term, with a Week 2 meeting focused on reports and a Week 7 meeting dedicated to actions only. Meeting times will remain at 6:00pm. Attendance expectations were discussed, with absences able to be communicated via email, phone call, or Seesaw.



Andrews Creek Primary School
Fun Fair
Saturday 28th March
Westwind Drive, Wesley Vale | 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Arts & crafts, Ice cream, Petting Zoo, Food stall, Face Painting, BBQ, Fun games, Music & much more

Bring Family & Friends

Boot Toss

By the time this newsletter is published, Easter Raffle tickets will have been sent home. We thank families in advance for their continued generosity and support, with donations of Easter-themed items such as chocolates, craft items, and baskets greatly appreciated. Further details will be shared as the raffle progresses.

Planning is also underway for a Mother's Day event, with the confirmed date of Friday 8 May, and more information to follow soon.

The School Association would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new members and thank all families for their ongoing support of School Association activities throughout the year.



Next Meeting is on
Thursday 14 May at 6pm

School Association

Chairperson Report



It is my pleasure to present the Chairperson's Report for the 2025 school year. This has been a productive and evolving year for the School Association, with several initiatives strengthening our school environment, community connections, and student engagement.

Breakfast Program: A Standout Achievement

One of the most successful undertakings this year has been the introduction of the Breakfast Program. This initiative has been met with great enthusiasm from students, who have enjoyed having a welcoming and supportive start to their school week.

Importantly, the program has also fostered exceptional community engagement:

- Local businesses and families have generously contributed food items.
- Members of the wider school community have volunteered their time to assist.

This collaboration has highlighted the strong community spirit surrounding our school and reinforced the value of partnerships that directly support student wellbeing.

Improvements to the Interactive Garden

Our interactive garden area has continued to evolve, providing students with hands-on learning and play opportunities. This year, we were pleased to add:

- **A mud kitchen**, which has quickly become a favourite among younger students.
- Soon to be completed **buddy bench**, a project designed to encourage inclusiveness and peer connection.

These enhancements help enrich the outdoor learning environment and support both creativity and social development.

Chess Club Commencement

We also welcomed the successful commencement of the Chess Club, which has been very well received by participating students. Feedback suggests it has quickly gained momentum and is providing a valuable space for strategic thinking, problem-solving, and social engagement.

Fundraising – A Shift in Approach

This year required flexibility and creativity in our fundraising efforts, with several of our usual activities unable to proceed. Despite these challenges, the committee successfully delivered a number of fundraising initiatives that contributed positively to the school.

Key highlights included:

- A successful **Book Fair**, which was well supported by families and helped promote literacy within our school community, while also contributing to a number of new books for our school library.
- A particularly exciting milestone this year was the **Halloween Disco**, marking the first school social event held in several years. The event was extremely well attended, with students and families embracing the opportunity to come together in a fun and festive atmosphere. The positive turnout and enthusiastic feedback demonstrated just how valuable these social experiences are for building school spirit and reconnecting our community after a long break from such events.
- Our traditional **Easter Raffle**, always a winner!
- A popular **Father's Day Raffle**, which generated strong interest and participation.
- And, of course, our **"BEST EVER" Christmas Raffle**, which became the major fundraiser for the year. Its exceptional success, combined with the ease of organising compared to larger events, made it a standout achievement.

School Association

Chairperson Report continued...

These results show that rethinking our approach can maintain fundraising momentum while reducing workload and stress on volunteers.

Where Did the Funds Go?

Funds raised throughout the year were directed toward a number of meaningful initiatives that directly support students, staff, and the school environment. These included:

- **Contribution towards camp costs**, helping to reduce the financial burden for families.
- **End-of-year books for Grade 6 students**, celebrating their achievements and marking their transition to high school.
- **Farewell gifts for long-serving staff members**, acknowledging their dedication and service to the school community.
- **Additions to the interactive garden**, further enriching this hands-on learning and play space.
- **Upgrades to the plumbing in the kitchen garden**, supporting ongoing use of this valuable outdoor learning area

Still to come!

We eagerly await our first **School Fair** in a couple of weeks' time, with much hard work going on behind the scenes to make this event a success, I'd like to thank all involved on the organising team and also the teachers who are hard at work organising the class stalls. This is sure to be a standout event on this year's calendar.

Acknowledgements

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all committee members, volunteers, school staff, and community partners for their contributions across the year. Every initiative, large or small, is strengthened by the commitment and generosity of the people involved.

Lastly, but certainly not least I have two final thank you's to mention; Serena and Sam, my right-hand women, for the copious amounts of hours you have both spent behind the scenes organising all of our ideas into minutes, posters, event pages, just everything. You have been a sounding board, provided a voice of reason and emotional support throughout the year when I have been too overwhelmed to even hear my own thoughts, let alone navigate them into reality, this year could not have finished the way it has without you. You are superwomen and I feel privileged to have worked alongside you both this year.

Looking Ahead

As we move into the coming year, it is my hope the committee can continue building on the momentum of this year's achievements, further strengthening community connections and enhancing the opportunities available to our students.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as Chairperson. I look forward to another successful year working together, meeting the new committee, supporting those undertaking new roles and assisting in whatever capacity I can.

Kirsty Rolls
Andrews Creek Primary School Association
2025 Chairperson



STAR Cards

Evora - for offering to tidy the PE storeroom in her own time.

Eleanor - for offering to tidy the PE storeroom in her own time.

Evie - for offering to tidy the PE storeroom in her own time.

Evora - for giving her best effort at all times.

Angus - for applying concepts to new situations.

Poppy - for helping with extra end of day pack up tasks.

Mabel - for helping her peers move safely with laptops.

Merryn - for participating in running activity.

Charlotte P. - for participating in running activity.

Delilah Y. - for caring about others.

Kodie - for being kind to others.

Freya H. - for always giving her best in class.

Sahara - for cleaning up a mess in the classroom without being asked.

Ella - for helping to solve a small classroom problem.

Lincoln R. - for cleaning up a mess in the classroom without being asked.

George M. - for being thoughtful and packing up the skipping ropes.

Esther - for her focus and hard work in maths.

Ava - for showing respect by listening carefully, using kind words and treating others the way you would like to be treated.

Esther - for being responsible and safe in the library.

Indi B. - for helping to sort the UFLI magnets and keeping the classroom tidy.

Brooklyn - for always showing respect to peers and teachers and working hard to reach her goals.

Dakota - for being organised and helping to keep the classroom clean and safe.

Ava - for consistently being a respectful, thoughtful and safe member of class and working hard in all learning activities.

Charlie B. - for walking back from library quietly.

Charlotte E. - for walking back from library quietly.

Rose - for being quiet in the library.

Leo T. - for walking safely and quietly to Dig Tech.

Edie - for following expectations carefully in Dig Tech.

Harper K. - for following expectations carefully in Dig Tech.

Ollie M. - for helping to keep the classroom super tidy.

Enzo - for trying hard with his work.

Indie V. - for helping to clean up after recess.

Hazel - for enthusiastically participating in whole class activities.



STAR Cards

- Macie W.** - for showing whole body listening during group time.
- Tristan** - for walking safely up the stairs.
- Kayden** - for a fantastic effort in UFLI.
- Jai** - for trying his best when colouring in a job.
- Caleb** - for super attendance!
- Bonnie R.** - for super attendance!
- Lyla** - for super attendance!
- Billie W.** - for being a respectful listener during yoga.
- Pippa** - for being a respectful listener during yoga.
- Hannah H.** - for saying thank you to her sports leader.
- George M.** - for an amazing effort in maths.
- Harvey** - for playing safely and respectfully with his peers.
- Grayson** - for hard work in class.
- Albie R.** - for being a respectful listener.
- Roy** - for being a respectful listener.
- Finn** - for being a great listener during group activities.
- Cooper O.** - for the effort he put into his wolf drawing.
- Emilie T-S** - for the effort she put into her wolf drawing.

- Lucy S.** - for helping a younger child with an issue.
- Zeke** - for making smart decisions about where to sit to complete work.
- Zeke** - for helping in the classroom without prompting.
- Leo P** - 100% attendance
- Grace** - 100% attendance this year
- Dustin** - 100% attendance this year
- Rose** - for doing amazing work
- Freyja** - for having 100% attendance this year
- Max** - for having 100% attendance this year
- Brooklyn** - for having 100% attendance this year
- Ava** - for having 100% attendance this year
- Arlo** - for having 100% attendance this year
- Amelia** - for having 100% attendance this year.
- Bonnie R.** - for focussing on her job and managing time well.



For those who we have on our team lists, please go to:

<https://playfootball.com.au/home>

and search for Andrews Creek Primary School to register your child. If you have added your child's name to our list, you will have also received an email from our soccer co-ordinator Nicole Tilling-Shakoff. For any further soccer enquiries, please email Nicole at:

nicole.ettridge@gmail.com



3/4B Term 1 Novel Study: Kensuke's Kingdom

We are part way through our first class novel. These are some reflections and watercolour art works based on what we have read so far.

'When Kensuke first appeared, I thought he was a ghost, but really he is just an old man with blonde hair and a knife.'

Oscar

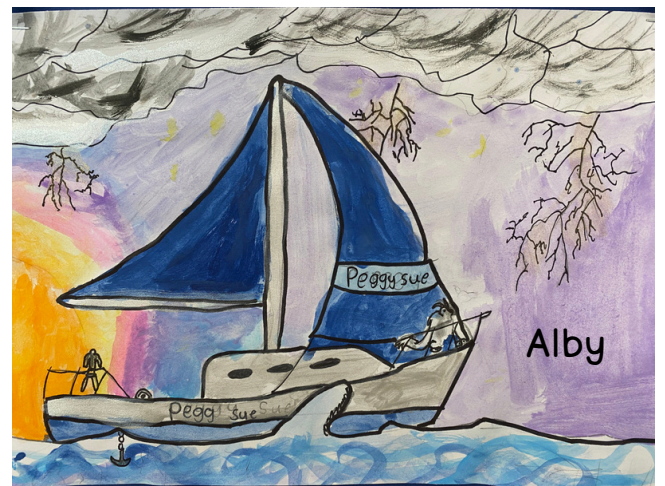


'When Kensuke first appeared, I thought he was very suspicious because he was putting out the fire. Life on the island would be pretty good, but I don't want to live alone though.'

Grace

'I think Michael is brave because he thinks he can survive until his parents find him. I can imagine what the island looks like, so I know where Michael is staying.'

Jack



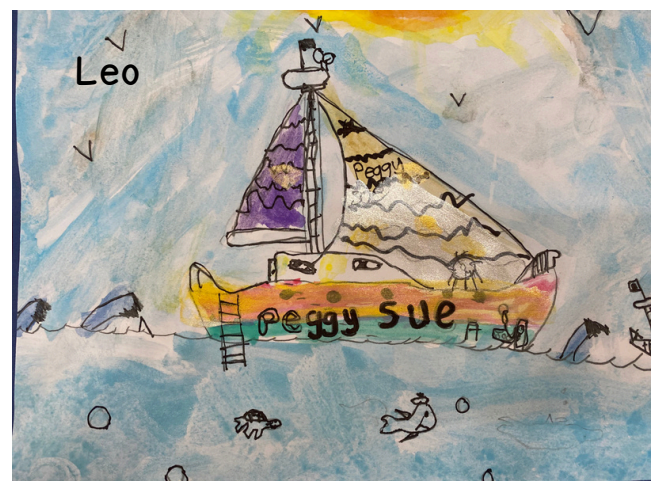
'I am curious about Kensuke because he was putting out the fire and was being suspicious saying, "No fire!".'

Lachlan



'When Kensuke first appeared, I thought he would hurt Michael, but he started helping Michael and Stella by giving them red bananas and water. Life on the island seems very hard because there isn't much food.'

Elsie



Community News



DEVONPORT JUNIOR SOCCER
2026
REFEREE TRAINING

**TRAINING FOR BOTH
NEW REFEREES
& RETURNING
REFEREES**



**SCAN QR CODE
TO REGISTER!**

IF YOU CAN'T ATTEND
ANY OF THE SESSION
STILL REGISTER
YOUR INTEREST HERE.

MONDAY 16TH MARCH
5.30PM-7PM
WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH
5PM-6.30PM
THURSDAY 26TH MARCH
5.30PM-7PM

MEERCROFT PARK

- Referees are required to be Grade 5 and above.
- Sessions will be a mix of both theory and practical in preparation for the 2025 DJSA school soccer roster.
- Referees will be provided with a whistle on the day to keep.
- Only one session is required to be attended.
- Level 4 Referees will be required for the Grade 7 & 8 roster.
- Parent/Guardians are welcome to stay.

Interested in roller skating or roller derby?

Want to be part of a fun and
inclusive team?

Contact us for more info on how to join

cradlecoastjr@gmail.com

or Messenger



Census

Recruitment for the 2026 Census

Support our community this Census

The next Census is on 11 August 2026. Census data helps plan local services in our community, including schools and health centres.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics is hiring over 30,000 people in areas all over the country to support the Census. Jobs are temporary and close to home. You can choose the hours you work and fit them into your schedule.

From delivering Census letters and forms to managing a team of people on the ground, there are multiple jobs available.

Applications for Field Managers are now open. To see all opportunities and apply, visit census.abs.gov.au/jobs.



**CRADLE COAST
JUNIOR ROLLERS**

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JUNIOR ROLLERS
2026 SOCIAL SKATE DATES**

★ 31 January	★ 25 July
★ 28 February	★ 29 August
★ 28 March	★ 26 September
★ 18 April	★ 31 October
★ 30 May	★ 21 November
★ 27 June	★ 19 December

At East Devonport Recreation Centre
3.30 pm - 5.30 pm
\$5 per skater.
Skate hire available

**NEW & EXPERIENCED SKATERS
ALL AGES WELCOME**

Community News

APRAXIA AWARENESS DAY - MAY 14TH

CHILDHOOD APRAXIA OF SPEECH

Have you heard of Childhood Apraxia of Speech?
A lifelong, neurological, speech disorder affecting 1-2 in 1000 children.

EVERY CHILD DESERVES A VOICE

Apraxia Awareness

People with Childhood Apraxia of Speech know what they want to say but they have trouble moving their tongue, lips, and jaw to speak.

This makes their speech hard to understand.

Early and intensive speech therapy is crucial.

Stall Bookings & Enquiries
Phone: 0417 380 268
Or contact us on Facebook
Email: market@thefairygodmothers.com.au

EASTER MARKET

(Indoor & Outdoor stalls)

SUNDAY 29TH March 2026

9am to 1pm

Burnie High School Gym

Fidler Street, Cooee

Easter Bunny
BBQ & Hot Food
Cake Stall
Easter Raffle
Lucky Numbers
Lucky Wheel
Lucky Dips

CAKE SALE

BBQ

Easter Gifts,
Art, Crafts, Fashion,
Jewellery, Home Living,
Candles & Fragrances,
Children & Baby items,
Beauty & skin Care
Books & Stationery
Toys, Plants, Home produce

GOLD COIN DONATION ENTRY

Fundraising to assist children with disabilities, special needs and medical conditions within Tasmania

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CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF

ECOFEST

CAMP CLAYTON ULVERSTONE

11TH & 12TH APRIL
9-4pm SAT & 9-3pm SUN

MANY HANDS MAKE A LIGHTER PLANET

North-West ecofest

Join us for our celebration!

EVs
MUSIC
FOOD VANS
EXHIBITORS
WORKSHOPS
PRESENTATIONS
DEMONSTRATIONS
ECOKIDS ACTIVITIES
SUSTAINABILITY INFO

a festival for sustainable living

10 YEARS

www.ecofesttas.com.au

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An initiative of the North West Environment Centre

Ecofest 11th & 12th April
Gates open 8:30
Camp Clayton, Ulverstone
 Plan your weekend and take advantage of the early bird ticket prices. Head to our website for details:
<https://www.ecofesttas.com.au>

Ecofest is a two-day festival dedicated to building a more sustainable future. Set at Camp Clayton in Ulverstone, Festival goers can enjoy a great family day out experiencing fun from eco-kids activities, presentations and workshops to adventure activities, bustling market stalls, and a lively line-up of music to enjoy alongside great food and drinks, every moment is designed to be both fun and meaningful.

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