



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

When I was young, my parents would drop me off at Sunday school. Neither would stay. Mum went home and Dad went to lawn bowls.

I learned many things at Sunday School. My most powerful lesson was that Sunday School was not Mum and Dad's highest priority. I wondered why I should commit to believe when they did not.

This experience impacted my perception of the importance of parent involvement with their children. I would like to thank the parents of children in the primary school for attending the Parent Talk meetings this week. These were well attended and insightful exchanges abounded. Everyone benefits considerably from these exchanges.

I wish to thank in advance the parents who will attend the meetings in the secondary school next Tuesday and Wednesday.

The benefit of being involved in your child's learning can have impacts for them in many areas. The research makes this clear.

The key measure of progress that we value is how much a student improves. It is not how they fared in comparison to other students in the class. In education this measure of improvement is called the Effect Size.

The average impact of a teacher over a single year is measured statistically as an effect size of 0.4. We are training our staff to use proven strategies that increase their impact.

Research has identified the following effect sizes for parental contributions:

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| • Goal Setting | 0.48 |
| • Parent Involvement | 0.5 |
| • Listening to Student Reading | 0.51 |
| • Home Environment | 0.52 |
| • Effort | 0.77 |

These areas have the same, or greater, impact than a classroom teacher over one year. This is considerable.

I want to make the case that attending parent teacher evenings is essential. I believe the research supports this contention. The focus of these upcoming meetings is to assist teachers to better understand the current context of your child's life, and to appreciate your expectations and hopes for them this year. These are vital perspectives for the staff to hear and incorporate into their thinking. They provide a framework of understanding, which can only enhance our partnership in fostering the learning of your child.

Five years ago, we removed from our student reports the section that allowed teachers to make a "recommendation" for a meeting with parents. Our belief is that nothing changes student performance more than parents and teachers acting in unison. We expect parents to attend. You need no invitation to speak about your child's progress. We understand the conflicts of work schedules, and are happy to arrange a meeting with you at another time.

There is great benefit in showing our commitment to involvement (0.5), coming to agreement about goals (0.48) and prioritising effort (0.77). These elements are not cumulative, but they are a package.

Coming together to identify how your child has already improved and what further progress is desired is really valuable. Clearly, I would argue that it is essential.

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Dear Parents and Families,

This year in the Primary School we are following the theme Attitude Matters. Our attitude is strongly impacted by the fruits of the spirit, found in Galatians 5:22-23. This week in Assembly we talked about LOVE and unpacked a passage from 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 which reads,

'Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.'

This passage gives us inspiration and confidence in how we can deal with others in a positive way, but also challenges us in our attitude. It talks of love rejoicing in the truth and always protecting. We strive for students to understand that protecting others, and ourselves, begins with standing up for what we believe is true and right. In a world where peer pressure is around every corner, it can be challenging to stand up for our faith and moral beliefs. Keeping others, including our peers, accountable for their behaviour in a way that won't bring harm or shame will help to restore and protect relationships with each other and with God. We are reminded that God's love never fails and is eternally available to all through challenges in our past, present and future.

This week we farewelled a valued and dedicated member of our teaching support team. Miss Sam Groombridge has been working as a Teacher Assistant at Calvin since 2017. Over that time she has positively impacted many students, especially in our Year 1 and 2 cohorts, through outstanding group and individual classroom support. Sam will be missed by all and we wish her well with her move into a child care role with Stepping Stones. We are sure that God has fantastic plans for her in this transition.

Swimming Carnival Results

Last Friday, students in Years 3-6 swam, splashed and waded their way through a range of races and events at the Hobart Aquatic Centre. Effort and participation was at an all-time high as students competed in Freestyle, Backstroke and Breaststroke races, along with a range of fun and novelty events. At the end of the day, only one point separated Jordan and Jericho in the race to be this years' champion team!

Final results were, **Jordan - 647** to **Jericho - 646!**

Thank you to Mrs Karen Hurd for her work organising this event, and well done to all who participated on the day. Our Junior and Senior Swimming Champions will be recognised at our next whole school assembly on Tuesday March 12.

The next opportunity for Jordan and Jericho to go head to head will be at our **Cross Country Carnivals in April**. Our **Years 3-6 Carnival** will be held on **Friday April 5**, and our **Kindergarten to Year 2 Carnival** will be on **Monday April 8**. We look forward to seeing parents and families at these events.

Andrew Nash
Deputy Principal



PRIMARY TERM 1

MARCH

- 5/3 Year 3 State Athletics Selections
- 8/3 Clean Up Australia Day
- 11/3 Public Holiday – Eight Hour Day
- 12/3 Primary Assembly – Year 5/6 Hofman
- 14-15/3 Year 3 Camp – Blue Lagoon
- 18/3 Primary School Photos
- 19/3 Huon & Channel Swimming Carnival (Years 3-6)
- 23/3 Primary School Working Bee
- 26/3 Primary Assembly – Year 4

APRIL

KEY DATES

For all important school dates please check the calvin calendar.

calvin.tas.edu.au/calendar

SECONDARY TERM 1

MARCH

- 5/3 Year 7 Immunisation
- 5/3-6/3 Parent/Teacher Talks
- 11/3 Public Holiday - Eight Hour Day
- 12/3 Moderation Day - Student Free Day

it's
**WORKING
BEE**
time!

Join us at Calvin Primary School

Saturday 23 March

1pm - 4pm

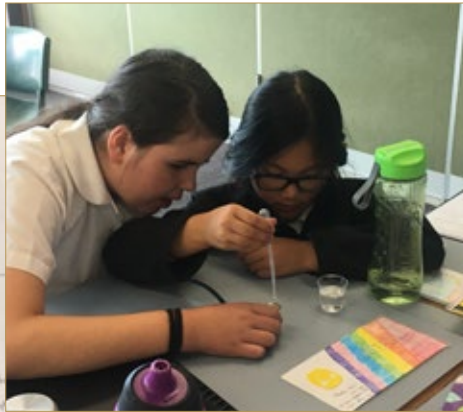
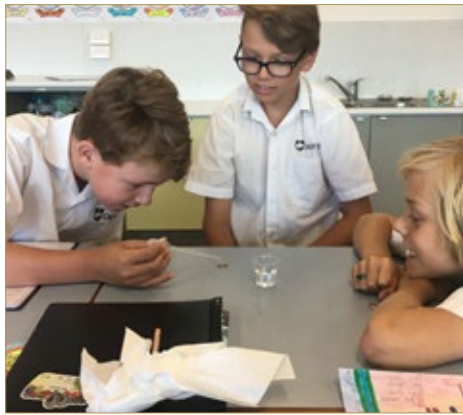
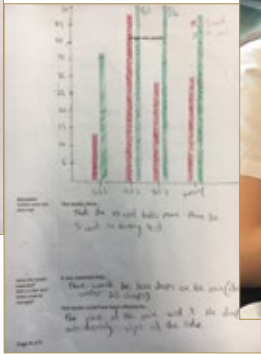
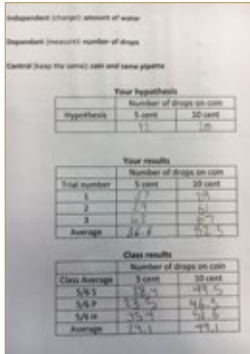
Refreshments will be provided

All are welcome. If you cannot commit to the entire time, feel free to come and give an hour or two instead. Every bit helps!



Science

Across all 5/6 classes we have been looking at writing methods and displaying our findings using scientific terminology and techniques. We experimented with water cohesion as we investigated how many drops of water we could put on a 5 cent and 10 cent coin before water disperses. Our findings were very interesting!



Geography

Exploring geography has been exciting this term as we begin to investigate 'geographical divisions'. We have been looking at geographical divisions from a big picture, such as continents and from a micro level of Calvin Christian School. Our focus has been on exploring the six geographical divisions of Asia. To extend our knowledge we have discussed what latitude, longitude, the equator, and how that assists us to identify certain divisions. With this knowledge we have been on google maps exploring the countries in Asia. We have identified the latitude and longitude of some of these places.



Mr Frank Pascal
Year 5/6P



PRIMARY
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Primary Office

Monday- Friday
8:15 am - 4:00 pm
Ph. 6229 3814

School Absentees

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Ph. 6229 3814
primaryschool@calvin.tas.edu.au

Student Health

Have your child's health or allergies changed? Please let the school office know as soon as possible.

Small Wonders Playgroup

A free early years program for children (0-5years) and their parents/carers.
Thursday mornings during school term.
9:00am-10:30 am
Where: Kindergarten room

After School Care

After school care is provided by Stepping Stones Children's Services.
To find out more please contact them on 1300 665 699 or admin@sharingthecare.com.au

NEW SECONDARY STAFF



Mr Ken Holloway
Director of Operations

Ken moved to Tasmania from South Africa in 2018. Ken previously held the position of Senior Deputy Principal of a Christian Secondary School. He values the partnerships between the school, home and the community, and strives to live out this through a culture of honour and mutual respect

Along with his duties as Director of Operations, Mr Holloway teaches Mathematics and Design Technology and is involved in the Co-curricular Program.



Mr Kyle Fifield
Head of Year Seven

Kyle previously worked for seven years as a Boarding Housemaster and Studies of Religion/History teacher in Sydney. Kyle is joined by his wife and their three children. We're reliably informed he has more guitars/banjos/ukuleles than is strictly necessary, though he could make a strong argument for their various uses at some point.

Mr Fifield teaches Studies of Religion, History, English, Faith and Life.



Mr Geoff Rayner
Music

Geoff likes being able to show students something about themselves that they didn't believe they were capable of. He's enjoyed the start to the year. The highlight of this being responsible for the composition for the new Westminster House team chant.

Mr Rayner teaches Music from Year 5 onwards.

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SECONDARY PARENT TALK EVENINGS

At the beginning of each school year we hold our Parent Talk Evenings. The purpose of these evenings is for us to hear from parents and caregivers about their child/ren.

These sessions are not designed to be interviews but rather an opportunity for you to share insights about your child/ren so we can understand their needs. [Bookings close on Monday at 9pm.](#)

Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th March

in the Secondary School Library.

[Book here](#)

SECONDARY SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Wednesday the Secondary School had their first carnival of the year, the Swimming Carnival.

Some days you just know from the start that it is going to be a great day, Wednesday was that day. Even a bus breakdown and early equipment failure couldn't prevent us from enjoying a day full of generosity, encouragement, support and fun. The staff set the standard with both their positive attitude and tremendous effort in contributing meaningfully to the running of the day. This was echoed wonderfully by our newly elected House Captains who were seen all day tirelessly being the example, and at times, motivators their houses needed.

From the formal races, to the lighter novelty events, it was a day when students, parents, and staff witnessed some great performances, impressive teamwork, and the type of engagement we hope will continue throughout the year. The only thing bigger than the flamingo inflatables was the success of the day. A special thank you to the HPE staff, Mrs Hurd and Mr Holloway on their hardwork to ensure a wonderful day.

Mr Jono Quinn
Health & PE

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PRIVATE MUSIC TUITION



SECONDARY CAMPUS

Students are encouraged to consider taking private lessons for their instrument to help them progress most effectively.

Lessons are conducted at either the primary or secondary campus and this year we are offering to connect parents with a tutor for the following instruments:

trumpet, trombone & low brass, flute, clarinet, saxophone, drum kit & percussion, music technology, piano, guitar, bass guitar, beginner violin and voice.

Prices may vary and parents are asked to negotiate a suitable lesson time with their child's tutor.

Please call the school office or send an email to music@calvin.tas.edu.au for more information.

Mr Geoff Rayner - Music Department

Calvin's Student Theatre Company Presents

A Night of Comedy and Theatre Sports

Starring

Teams from our staff, drama-loving old scholars and us!

Friday, March 15, 7pm

Performing Arts Centre

Entry by Gold Coin Donation



CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

Price Reduction on Girls Formal High Waisted Black Pants.

Now \$70 pair until sold out.

(Women's sizes starting at Size 4 through to size 18)

Great for winter and very smart on!

Boys Packs of Grey School Socks

Children's sizes 5-8 to Adult sizes 11-14.

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

The Science Department are after established **indoor house plants**. Indoor plants that are easy to propogate are most welcome.

If you can help out, please contact:

Mr Phil Banham
pbanham@calvin.tas.edu.au

Dr Margaret Lindsay
mlindsay@calvin.tas.edu.au



WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

School Uniform Shop

Secondary Campus
Ph. 6240 1883
ccs.kingston@midford.com.au

Opening Hours

Tuesday and Thursday
8:30am - 4:00pm

Working with Vulnerable People registration

Parent volunteers at Calvin are asked to obtain a Working with Vunerable People Registration.

For details please contact

- Primary Office:
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- Secondary Office:
Ph. 6229 4829

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