



Dear Parents and Carers,

The subject of personal growth has been a clear theme in recent newsletters.

Growth is central to the purpose of school, progress in life, and being a disciple of Christ.

'Being' is the critical word. At Calvin we emphasise 'Be Your Best'. The focus is on being before doing; that is, the development of a future is first achieved internally. A vision and a plan must be conceived in the mind and emotions before it can be implemented in reality. Establishing the character traits to succeed is generally an internal struggle.

The Chinese bamboo tree is an appropriate metaphor. The plant begins as a nut that needs to be watered and fertilised every day for five years. There is no visible growth during all of that time. Then suddenly, in the fifth year, the tree shoots and grew two feet per day for 45 days and reaches a height of 90 feet. The bamboo tree grew to being 90 feet tall in five years, not 90 days. The plant would have died if the nurturing had stopped at any point in that five year period.

Perhaps, the journey of George Orwell into becoming an author is analogous to the Chinese bamboo tree. Orwell wrote some of the greatest novels and essays in the twentieth century, among them, *Lord of the Flies* and *1984*. Upon returning from his life as an Imperial Police Officer in Burma, Orwell is purported to have spent a whole year just reading the works of Charles Dickens.

Albert Einstein worked in a Swiss patent office in Bern. Here he would finish his work early and ponder his theories about light. The time and solitude to reflect were vital elements in the development of his theories.

Our modern world minimises and discounts the simple art of quiet, diligent application. The admiration of immediate success seems to predominate. Delayed gratification is not affirmed by popular culture. Social media is 'Exhibit A'. Thinking before posting, and evaluating a perspective for its truth, tact and appropriateness is not required. The recent fall of candidates for the federal election seems to prove the point.

In the context of this 'immediate' culture, stress and anxiety rise more quickly when success is not easily and quickly achieved. This further undermines an individual's ability to persist.

As adults in our community, we must labour directly and concertedly to emphasise the power of being to our young people.

Prayer for our young people is certainly the most powerful. In recent meetings, staff have reminded each other that we must be praying for children in this regard.

Encouragement is the second most valuable weapon at our disposal. We must support the self-esteem of children per se, not just when they achieve something. Speaking courage and clarity into a child is a powerful gift and responsibility. To commend them for their tenacity, diligence, compassion, and decency, is a great deal more valuable than saying 'well done', 'good effort', 'I like what you have done there'.

If we encourage and support our children, pray for them, and drive courage and tenacity into their hearts, we are well on the way to raising children who are able to plan boldly and who can mentally construct purposeful futures to which they can aspire and and labour. If we do this, we are raising a rebelliousness against the apathetic tide that is gripping a generation and against the accompanying need for immediate gratification.

Iain Belôt
Principal

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Dear Parents and Families,

Next week our Year 3 and 5 students will sit their NAPLAN tests. Each grade will do four tests, starting on Tuesday and continuing through to Friday. These tests will assess their skills and capabilities in Literacy and Numeracy and compare them to a National Benchmark for their year level.

Firstly, a few quick things about the NAPLAN tests themselves. The tests have been written and developed by experts who spend significant time developing and refining each test. As a result, they are amongst the best written literacy and numeracy tests that we are likely to come across in the school setting, both as students and teachers. They are an indication of the national standard of what is expected of students in Literacy and Numeracy and are another way to help teachers know where students are succeeding and what they need to work on to continue in their learning journey.

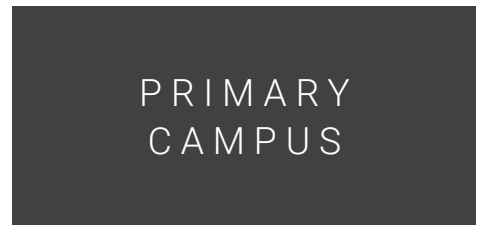
Please reinforce to your children that it is impossible to fail a NAPLAN test. Each test is benchmarked nationally and helps teachers compare the standard of students in their particular year level. Teachers have many other ways they assess student learning in the classroom, and teachers will not lower a student grade as a result of NAPLAN testing. On the other hand, if students achieve better than they have in class time, teachers may use that information to add to an expected rating as it's virtually impossible to 'fluke' a good rating in NAPLAN.

So what can you do to help your children next week? Encourage them to come to school happy and confident, knowing that all we ever ask of them is their best in everything they do. This is no different in our tests next week, and their results will not dictate or change who they are or who God has created them to be. Psalm 139:13 says 'You created every part of me; you put me together in my mother's womb.' So God has taken the time to create and design every student exactly as they are. We want students to be proud of that and bring their best for Him!

Today, the following students travelled to Launceston to represent the Huon and Channel team at the State Athletic Carnival. Amarlie Verdouw, Jeram Okongo, Austin Hughes, Matilda Lange, Imogen Verdouw, Moses Leaman and Emily Hughes. Congratulations to all on their selection and involvement! We are sure that they represented us and the Huon and Channel region to the best of their abilities and we will bring some information on how they went next week.

Andrew Nash

Deputy Principal – Head of Primary



Our Kindergarten students enjoying reading time with their buddies!

Primary Term 2

MAY

- 14-16 NAPLAN Testing Year 3 and 5
- 21 Primary Assembly Year 1/2D
- 29 Huon and Channel Cross Country

JUNE

- 10 Public Holiday (Queen's birthday)

KEY DATES

For all important school dates please check the **CALVIN CALENDER**.

calvin.tas.edu.au/calendar

Secondary Term 2

MAY

- 14-22 NAPLAN testing Year 7 and 9
- 15 Year 7 and 8 Showcase
- 17 Secondary Cross Country
- 30 SSATIS Cross Country
- 31 Science and Engineering Challenge Year 9 and 10

JUNE

- 4 University of Tasmania Discovery Day Year 10
- 5 Australian History Competition
- 10 Public Holiday (Queen's birthday)

For school life, photos and events, visit and **LIKE** our Facebook page.

fb.me/calvinchristianschooltasmania



Woolworths Earn and Learn

Calvin is taking part in the **2019 Woolworths Earn & Learn program**.

Last year, we were able to purchase some great resources with the points we earned, thanks to you.

From now until June 25th 2019, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. Staff, parents, grandparents, neighbours and friends who shop at Woolworths can collect stickers.

For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths, you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a special sticker sheet. Once it is completed, they can simply bring it back here to school or you can drop them into your local Woolworths collection box.

The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 10,000 educational resources including Mathematics and English resources, art and crafts materials and much, much more!

If you have any questions, please contact the **Primary school office**.



YEAR 5/6 S



Last term during German classes we were learning about traditions and culture. Part of learning about the German culture was learning about food. In our last class of Term 1 we learnt about a particular food made in German called Hefezopf. Hefezopf are breads from Switzerland, Germany, Austria and South Tyrol. The dough is made from sugar, flour, butter, eggs and yeast. Typically Hefezopf consist of three braided dough-pieces. Students not only learnt how to braid but they also finished the lesson with eating this delicious German bread. Thank you to Mrs Ridge for providing us with an opportunity to experience the German culture!

Isaac Smith

Year 5/6 Teacher



PRIMARY CAMPUS

Primary Office

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

School Absentees

Primary School Absentees
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 (0–5 years) and their parents/carers.

Thursday mornings during school term. 9:00am–10:30am in the 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

NAPLAN TESTING

NAPLAN testing will take place for **Years 7 and 9** from **Tuesday 14th** until **Wednesday 22nd May** during regular class times. Catch up tests for those who missed a test will take place on **Thursday 23rd** and **Friday 24th May**. Students need to have a charged laptop (or their school laptop for Year 7 students) and **headphones/earbuds** (brought from home or purchased from the office prior to testing for \$2.50 per pair).

You can help your child prepare for the NAPLAN testing by reassuring them that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and by reminding them on the day to simply try their best. Ensuring students are familiar with using devices, typing on them and navigating through programs are a part of student learning and a requirement of the Australian Curriculum from the first year at school. ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of coaching providers. NAPLAN is about assessing learning progress in literacy and numeracy.

To discuss any concerns you may have about the NAPLAN testing, contact your child's Head of Year.

Bonny Moroni

Deputy Principal - Head of Secondary

SECONDARY CAMPUS

Secondary Office

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8:00am – 4:30pm
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YEAR 7 AND 8 PRESENT

TRIMESTER ONE SHOWCASE

WED 15/05

PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

6:30PM FOR YEAR SEVEN
7:30PM FOR YEAR EIGHT
drama | design tech | music
digital tech | visual art | food tech

For information contact
admin@calvin.tas.edu.au or (03) 6229 4829

CALVIN
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

**Wednesday
Night**
Year 7 and 8
SHOWCASE

SECONDARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



After a change of date the Athletics Carnival was held last Friday (3rd May). We are very thankful for a day that ran smoothly, for weather that was almost perfect and the high participation of our student community.

We ran, jumped, threw and cheered. Houses were represented well and without giving too much away yet records may have been broken.

A big thanks to the parent community for sharing in the day as well as all staff who served the Calvin community so diligently. You can view the full gallery of photos on our [Facebook page](#).



HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

High School Cross Country event is happening next Friday. Students will participate in running, high jump and tug-of-war. They are able to come to school in their sports uniform, remembering to layer and be prepared for any type of weather conditions.

Parents are welcome and if you are available to help please contact [Stuart Millar](#).

CAREERS WEEK

Next week is [National Careers Week](#). It is a great chance to have positive conversations around careers at the dinner table. I wanted to share with you a document from the Careers Industry Council of Australia. [This article](#) is about why career development matters and is a useful tool in establishing career conversations in the home and at school. Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information about career development at Calvin.

This term I will be commencing career and pathway planning conversations with Year Ten students and parents. However, I am able to discuss careers plans with students and parents at any stage. Please do not hesitate to email me if you have any questions.

Alison Whiteley

Careers Practitioner

SECONDARY
CAMPUS



Calvin Christian School is a co-educational K-12 school of 500 students in Kingston, 10 kms south of Hobart. It has a strong tradition of academic success and has an enviable reputation in the Hobart community.

Expressions of interest are invited from suitably qualified practising Christians for the position of:

Library Information Services Technician

(3 days per week. 40 weeks per year.) Commencing as soon as possible.

To apply please visit cst.tas.edu.au/employment or email hr@cst.tas.edu.au Applications must be received by 5pm Friday 17 May 2019.
www.calvin.tas.edu.au

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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 Vulnerable People Registration.

For details please contact

- Primary Office:
Ph. 6229 3814
- Secondary Office:
Ph. 6229 4829



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SCHOOL FUNDRAISER



Hobart Including highlights from around Tasmania

Correction to last weeks notice! We are selling the **Entertainment Book** as a school fundraiser.

For the **Primary school** books will be sent home with the youngest family member and information on how to purchase or return will be included.

For the **Secondary School** books are available for purchase from the Office or online at www.entbook.com.au/240714k