



# **NEWSLETTER**

## 14 DECEMBER 2018

Dear Parents and Community Members,

This year the theme of the Primary School has been 'Representing God'.

It was a valuable focus for this school year. It is, of course, a valuable focus to have any and every year.

As Christians, we are always representing God. Scripture refers to us as the 'salt' and 'light' because we are called to influence people and events around us, not just to participate in them. As I have written on previous occasions, we are the earthly ambassadors of the Kingdom of Heaven. Our duty it is to represent the King. Just like an embassy situated in another country, the ground under our feet is the sovereign territory of our Kingdom. Wherever we stand is holy ground.

In some significant sense, our school is an embassy. The family home of Christian parents is probably another embassy.

Until recent years, Christians lived as ambassadors within a culture that was very sympathetic to our beliefs. Christians were akin to the ambassador of Britain living in Australia. However, in what is increasingly becoming a secular culture, it is more akin to an ambassador living in territory with increased diplomatic tensions. It is a little more like the prophet Daniel living in Assyria.

In this month, when Jesus is the reason for the season, Christians have an opportunity to influence as ambassadors at its highest since Easter. Our embassy is in full swing.

I think we are challenged to make a stand on the small issues as well as the large ones.

As an example of a small stand, I will always write the word Christmas instead of stooping to the common abbreviation of Xmas. While the 'X' might denote the first letter of Christ in the Greek, it still deletes Christ from conversation at Christmas. If that is an inconvenience in the business of the world then I must disqualify myself as a loyal ambassador. As His ambassador, I will write his name in full to proclaim it. I will act in other small but significant ambassadorial ways, such as refusing to purchase Christmas cards that do not honour Christ, choosing carols that are hymns, and sundry small others.

As ambassadors we also engage in larger issues. My recent visit to the Legislative Assembly is an example of such an issue. Is this newsletter another?

We all have our sphere of influence. It would be ideal to exert the maximum impact in this area at this time.

I wish you well at Christmas. I wish His presence among you in powerful and meaningful ways.

We will be giving thanks for the school year at our Graduation and Prize Giving service next Tuesday.

Blessings,

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# **THANK YOU**

Thank you to the parents, students, and staff for all of your help throughout the year.

Thank you for assisting us with; the welcome bbqs, working bees, parent forums, ice cream fundraiser, the year 5/6 Dance, and the Oliebollen Festival.

CALVIN SCHOOL COUNCIL

# From the Deputy Principal - Primary

Dear Parents and Families.

One year into my time at Calvin Christian School, I feel very blessed to be part of the thriving and committed community that has been created by teachers, students and parents of multiple generations over the years the school has been operating. It's interesting how a year can feel like forever and yesterday both at the same time. I have been warmly welcomed by the school community and at times find it hard to think I've ever been anywhere else. There are also times, such as the Gold and Founding Members luncheon, where I heard stories of what was done to establish the school in the community and I realise what an honour it is to play my small part of the journey that will carry on the work that has gone before me. Through both experiences, one thing that stands out to me most about Calvin is the partnership between the school and families, working together to ensure we continue to provide the best education possible to every student who walks through the door.

### **Graduation Assembly**

This week we celebrated with our Year 6 students as they took part in their Graduation Assembly. Students were given the opportunity to give their highlights of Primary School during this event. All students stepped up to the challenge to share and all should be proud of their efforts doing so. Many talked of the relationships and friendships formed over the years, which for some was eight years of schooling. They acknowledged teachers who have sown into their lives, both past and present, and the life lessons they have learnt along the way. It was an opportunity for our Year 6 students to look at those younger students sitting in the audience, and remember what it was like to progress through their own Primary School years.

It was also a wonderful chance for us to acknowledge our God and creator who made these Year 6 students. Ephesians 2:10 states "We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do". He placed them in His world to give glory to Him by being who they have been created to be and using the gifts He has given them. Gifts of academic learning, sporting prowess, artistic ability, and empathy to care for their fellow classmates. Gifts that fulfil our school values of courage, love, compassion, generosity and diligence. While Year 6 Graduation is about acknowledging the journey, it's also about celebrating the amazing individuals - all gifted by God in some way, all successful because of who they are as a person and who they are in Christ. We are sure that each and every student will continue to grow and succeed in their life as Secondary School students in 2019.

# Year I/2 Update

As you would be aware, an important initiative for 2019 is the creation of three classes of Year 1/2 students. This will provide opportunities for teachers to collaborate across learning areas, students to expand their social networks and learning to take place in student-centred individualised and small group programs. Our current teachers in Year 1 and 2 are Mrs Kim Denholm and Mrs Heather McCallum. Both of these teachers are experienced and professional, bringing clear structures and high levels of expectation and behaviour to our student body. We are currently in the process of interviewing for a third teacher to join this team. We have had an impressive and experienced selection of teachers apply for this position and we are very confident that we will be adding an exceptional teacher to our new 1/2 team in 2019.

# PRIMARY CAMPUS

# PRIMARY UPCOMING EVENTS

FINAL WEEK
Monday 17 December
Kinder Nativity Play – 6:007:00pm
Tuesday 18 December
Final Assembly – 1:30-3:00pm
Wednesday 19 December

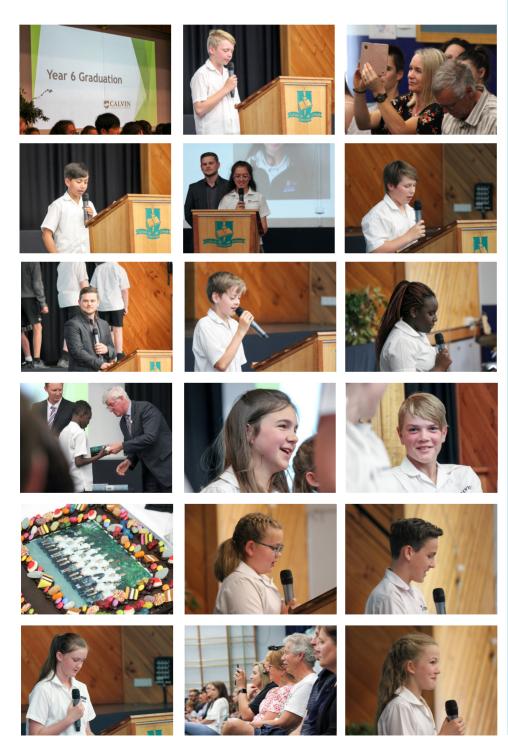
K-6 Picnic Day (final day for

students)

We have undergone a thorough process allocating students into these class groups and will announce classes to the school community on Monday. All classes are structured to have an even mix of ability, gender and year level groups. We are excited about the opportunities this initiative will create for the school community, especially the students involved in these classes.

Finally, I would like to thank teachers, parents, students and the wider school community for your support and prayers in 2018. I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to lead the Primary School this year, and more than ever feel that God has placed me in this environment. Have a safe, blessed and happy Christmas, I look forward to working with you again in 2019.

#### Andrew Nash



# PRIMARY - TERM 4

17 Dec Kindergarten Nativity Play

18 Dec Prep-Year 6 Presentation Assembly19 Dec K-6 Picnic Day (last day for students)

# 2019 PRIMARY - TERM I

4 Feb Term I commences

I I Feb Public Holidays (Regatta Day)

# **SECONDARY - TERM 4**

18 Dec Year 11/12 Book lists available

Year 8-12 Handbook available

Calvin Secondary Uniform Policy available

18 Dec Graduation/Thanksgiving Service

19 Dec Last Day for students

# 2019 SECONDARY - TERM I

4 Feb Term I commences

5 Feb Year 7 Camp 6 Feb Year 11/12 Camp

11 Feb Public Holiday (Regatta Day)27 Feb Secondary Swimming Carnival

# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR 2019**

#### **SECONDARY**

Administration - Secondary Campus will be closed from midday on Thursday 20 December until Monday 21 January

**Book Pack Collection Days for Year 7-10** 

Thursday 31 January and Friday 1 February 9am - 4pm

## **PRIMARY**

Office - Primary Campus will be closed from midday on Thursday 20 December until Thursday 31 January

**Book Pack Collection Days for Prep - Year 6** 

Thursday 31 January 9am - 4pm

For urgent enquiries, contact Christian Schools Tasmania on 62 24 8300 or email admin@calvin.tas.edu.au

# TERM DATES

#### TERM 4

Monday 15 October
Wednesday 19 December

#### YEAR I

Year I Mathematics.

Children in Year I have been playing a range of 'Equal Chance' games to explore the outcomes and likelihoods of:

- 1. How many possible outcomes there are, depending on the game or activity.
- 2. How a player performs, and how the tools used for each game may impact the result.
- 3. How long it might take to get to the finish.
- 4. Who will get there first or last and why?
- 5. Does each player have an equal chance and why?

Students played games such as 'Jam Sandwich'. The idea was to find out whether it was more likely for a piece of bread to fall on the buttered side or the unbuttered side when dropped to the ground from approximately one metre. In the game of 'Two Steps Forward' students either moved forward or backward depending on each head or tail throw. They tallied how many times it took them to get to the finish line. Games with spinners and dice were also played and scores collected on respective odd and even number throws. Another game called 'Greedy Pig' was played as a whole class. It begins with a dice number being decided upon. Prior to each die throw, students have the option to sit or stand. If they stand they take the chance of losing their tallied score if the designated number comes up. If they choose to sit, they keep their tallied score. All students participated enthusiastically and enjoyed the fun of learning 'probability' through these games and activities.

Mrs Kim Denholm Teacher - Year I















# PRIMARY CAMPUS

# **Primary Office**

Monday- Friday 8:30 am - 12:30 pm 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm Phone: 6229 3814

#### **School Absentees**

Primary School Absentees
Phone: 6229 3814
email:

primaryschool@calvin.tas.edu.au

### **Student Health**

Have your child's health or allergies changed? Please let the 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.

Time: 9:00-10:30 am

Where: Kindergarten room



The Principal, Mr Iain Belôt, invites you to the

# GRADUATION AND PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY

Tuesday 18 December 2018 at 7.00pm

C3 Convention Centre 64 Angelsea Street, South Hobart

Please join us in the Atrium for refreshments after this special occasion.

RSVP: 12 December 2018 to Julie Berg Phone 6229 4829 email: admin@calvin.tas.edu.au



From the **PE DEPARTMENT** 

BASKETBALL TOPS

are to be returned to

the PE Department via the front office before

16 December. Thank you

# SECONDARY CAMPUS

# **Secondary Office**

Monday- Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm Phone: 6229 4829

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## **METRO BUS CHANGES 2019**



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12 December 2018

Calvin Christian School PO Box 40 Kingston TAS 7051

Dear Madam/Sir,

#### Changes to Metro Tasmania services for Term 1, 2019

Some bus routes and timetables are changing in southern Tasmania as a result of the bus network review undertaken by the Department of State Growth (DSG), the contract holder for all public transport services in Tasmania.

The changes involve both school bus and general access services across all passenger transport operators, including Metro, and are expected to be introduced on **Sunday 20 January 2019**.

As contracted service providers, we will be working to support the Tasmanian travelling public to prepare for this change and would appreciate any assistance you could render in communicating details to your school community.

There are major changes to services to and from Kingston and the Channel. These alterations are to routes and timetables, some of which may impact on student travel to and from Calvin Christian School, including:

- The withdrawal of the Route 418 service between Cygnet and Hobart via Oyster Cove. All services to Cygnet will now be provided by Tassielink Transit, and will travel via Hunnville
- Routes 416 and 417 from Middleton and Gordon will now travel via Snug Beach and Margate Beach.
- Changes to departure times in the morning peak from Channel destinations through to Hobart.
- Route 429 will no longer service the Huntingfield stop. Services will instead be provided by Channel Routes 412 to 417.

Specific school trip information is as follows:

#### SUMMARY OF METRO CHANGES FOR TERM 1, 2019 - AFTERNOON

There are no changes to the existing advice for students travelling from Sandy Bay,
 Taroona and Bonnet Hill on the Route 429 service departing Franklin Square at 7.47am.

SUMMARY OF METRO CHANGES FOR TERM 1, 2019 - AFTERNOON

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#### **EMPLOYMENT**



Emmanuel Christian School is a growing K-10 school on Hobart's Eastern Shore

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

# Year 5/6 Primary School Teacher

Full-time, 1.0 FTE

For enquiries phone Mr Scott Winkler, Principal on 6247 8476 or email: admin@emmanuel.tas.edu.au

Applications close: Monday 17 December 2018

www.emmanuel.tas.edu.au

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# WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

# **School Uniform Shop**

Secondary Campus
Phone: 6240 1883
Email: 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

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# Calvin Facebook page

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# CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

# 2018 - 2019 TRADING DAYS

**Extended Trading Hours** 

#### **TERM 4 TRADING DAYS IN DECEMBER 2018**

Tuesday 18 December 8:30am - 4:00pm

# The Calvin Christian Uniform Shop CLOSES on

Tuesday 18th of December 2018 at 4:00pm.

# **REOPENS** for Back to School sales on

Monday 21 January 2019 at 8:30am.

Please contact Joanne to make an appointment time.
Phone: 6240 1883
Email: ccs.kingston@midford.com.au

#### **BACK TO SCHOOL 2019**

Appointments are recommended for all fittings.

## Trading days in January

Monday 21 Jan	8:30am - 3:00pm
Tuesday 22 Jan	8:30am - 3:00pm
Wednesday 23 Jan	8.30am - 3:00pm
Tuesday 29 Jan	8:30am - 4:00pm
Thursday 31 Jan	8:30am - 4:00pm
Friday I Feb	8:30am - 4:00pm

# Trading days in February

Monday 4 Feb	8:15am - 12:00pm	Half day only
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Tuesday 5 Feb 8:30am - 4:00pm Thursday 7 Feb 8:30am - 4:00pm

Normal Trading Days resume Tuesday 5 Feb 2019.

Closed School Holidays and Public Holidays.

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