



NEWSLETTER

14 JUNE 2019

Dear Parents and Carers.

There is power in the phrase, 'We don't do that at Calvin!'

You will hear this phrase uttered in conversations between students, and staff talking to students and other teachers. It is a simple phrase that defines and reinforces our cultural expectations. Uttering the phrase is an easy, direct and clear way to tell someone that their language and/or behaviour varies from the expected standards. It communicates what we value and the standards we value.

Culture is more than the published rules of an organisation, school or family. Culture is the collection of all the values, assumptions, and expectations, including those that exist but are not stated. We might declare being punctual as an expectation and even establish a rule to that effect. However, if we then fail to comment when people are late to meetings, then tardiness becomes the culture despite any rule. The cultural setting is determined by the response to behaviour.

A clear sense of culture is a critical element in a successful organisation. There is an accepted maxim that, 'Culture eats strategy for lunch, all day, every day.' The culture of the accepted norms is more powerful than new ideas and initiatives.

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Have you noticed the cultural norm that tacitly accepts using the word 'guys' when speaking to a group of men and women? Most familiar to me is the conversational sign off, 'Thanks guys'. Also popular is, 'would you guys...' followed by an instruction. We may trumpet the belief that 'girls can do anything', and even build our science initiatives to promote more females in senior science classes; yet if these young women's visibility remains unrecognised in our speech when sitting with boys then we undermine our initiatives, our strategy, their self-esteem, and our character. The culture trumps the strategy. Accordingly, I have asked Calvin staff to monitor their language with the purpose of eliminating using the word 'guys' when talking to a mixed gender group. As parents you are members of our community, and therefore contributors to our culture. I would ask you also to monitor your language in this regard.

A culture absolutely benefits the individual. A culture brings empowerment and significance to people's lives. An aspirational endeavour ignites the possibility of success. A culture of respect brings the affirmation of individual decency.

A student at Calvin should be advantaged by our culture. The community norms should inspire personal improvement and develop restraint to impulses. The standards of behaviour and application should affirm to anyone that their best is respected, required and able to be recruited. The collective high expectations of people will become the new normal for the individual

We build a culture through the twin response of confronting challenging individual behaviour that falls short of our norms, and affirming and encouraging the examples of preferred and ideal choices.

A challenged individual often retorts with, 'Look at the others! I am not the only one'. This is an appeal to the rulership of the individual. Such a view only needs to find one other errant example to justify their own mediocrity. It is an appeal that the lowest standards become the rule not the exception. It is a claim of disbelief that greater achievement is not possible.

We must be aware that a strong culture advantages your children. We are working to build such a culture at Calvin. We build it through our response to uniform, attendance, homework, and courtesy. These are the frontlines from which we defend ourselves against more grievous issues.

The protest statement will always be, 'Look, someone else is doing the wrong thing as well!'

The antidote is the power in actually saying, 'We don't do that at Calvin'.

From the Deputy Principal - Primary



Dear Parents and Families,

Over the coming weeks, we will be talking with our students about the importance of nutrition and **eating well** to fuel their bodies for learning and activity throughout the day. Students will be learning about the best foods to eat during the school day to ensure they are able to maintain concentration and apply themselves to learning throughout the day. The Western Australian Department of Education website outlines the importance of good nutrition with the following statement:

"Research indicates that eating well and being active are critical to children's health and wellbeing in both the short and long term. They also have a direct impact on children's performance at school. The school day is busy, filled with learning, concentration and physical activity. Food is fuel for our bodies and healthy food provides your child with energy and nutrients to get them through the day."

The Victorian Healthy Eating Advisory Service also outlines the importance of healthy eating and nutrition and the benefits of creating good habits when we are young.

"Eating habits are instilled from a young age, and often these habits are carried through to adulthood. Children who learn to eat well can develop and sustain a healthy lifestyle, which has many benefits such as healthy growth and development and preventing long term illness. Children who eat healthy foods in their everyday lives can be more alert and interested in activities, which can improve their concentration and learning."

At Calvin, we seek to ensure all students are obtaining the necessary fuel into their bodies to keep them working at their best throughout the day. We provide a designated 10 minutes where all students sit and eat lunch before going to play, ensuring they are refuelled for afternoon learning. Some classes have included a 'fruit break' in the morning session, where students can eat fruit or vegetables midway through this learning block to help maintain concentration and focus on their learning tasks. We are encouraged by the many students that eat fruit and vegetables during the school day and look forward to continuing the partnership of educating our students in the importance of healthy eating.

PRIMARY CAMPUS



Drama Achievement

This week, Griffin Shepherd competed in the Drama category at the City of Hobart Eisteddfod. Griffin has displayed outstanding potential in this area both at school and in his private interest of acting and drama. Through his participation in the Eisteddfod, Griffin was awarded first place for his Monologue, second place for his Duologue and Adjudicator's Choice Trophy for an individual performer in drama. Well done on these fantastic achievements Griffin!

LEARNING ABOUT OUR SPONSOR CHILDREN IN PREP



In Prep this term we have been learning about how we are the same and different to our Sponsor Children – Suany from Guatemala, Daniel from Ethiopia, Benta from Kenya and Beatrix from Indonesia. Our particular focus these last couple of weeks has been on how our homes are the same and different.

We learnt that in other countries different materials may be used to construct houses. They might use grass, mud, corrugated iron, sticks, clay or even animal poo!

We then looked carefully at pictures of our own homes and what they were constructed with – bricks, tiles, render, glass, metal etc. We then planned what our houses would look like, painted paper to look like our homes, covered boxes with it and constructed rooves and features to look like each of our houses. The Prep students were excellent builders, painters and architects as they constructed replicas of their own homes.

Miss Karalyn Bylsma - Prep Teacher



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











Primary Term 2

JUNE

20 & 21 Bright Sparks Electrical Safety

25 Primary Assembly - Prep

25 All Schools Cross Country at Symmons Plains

28 Primary Music Assembly

28 Reports sent home

JULY

1 & 2 Parent Teacher Interviews

5 Last day of term

Secondary Term 2

JUNE

18 Mid-year exams conclude

JULY

2 All Schools Cross Country at Symmons Plains

4 Year 9 Music & Drama

5 Reports sent home

5 Last day of term

For all future school dates please visit calvin.tas.edu.au/calendar

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2020



KEY DATES

small wanders



A FREE play based

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM

for 0-5 years and their parents

THURSDAYS 9am-10:30am

Kindergarten Room



YEAR 9 SPORTS DAY AT ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE



On Wednesday our Year 9 students traveled to Launceston to compete in an inter school sports day at St Patrick's College, Launceston. Sports played included Basketball, Netball, Soccer and Futsal. It was pouring with rain but the students turned in some fantastic performances with wins in soccer and futsal. For more photos see here.

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EXAMS YEAR 10,11 AND 12

Our Year 10, 11 and 12 students have completed their first week of mid-year examinations! We want to acknowledge the hard work that has gone into exam preparation and encourage students to maintain their effort and focus as they complete the final examinations next week.



SECONDARY CAMPUS

School Absentees

All absentees can be reported to the school by filing out this webform OR email absences@calvin.tas.edu.au

PACK A PACK FOR VANUATU MISSION TRIP



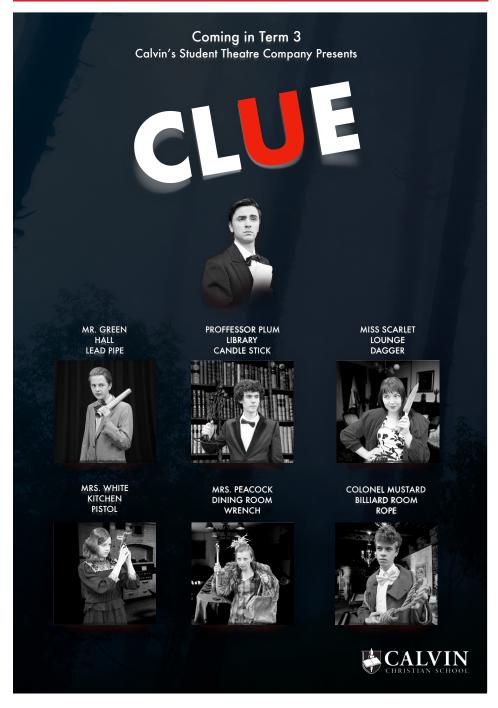
- Pens, pencils, sharpeners
- Erasers, chalk
- Exercise books

In support of our upcoming Vanuatu Mission trip, students and families are being asked to donate items for distribution to the students being visited at three schools and a Kindergarten in both village and slum areas. Collection of the following items will take place through Home Rooms in Years 7-10:

Sporting equipment (vortex, rounders cricket bats, footballs, volleyballs, net balls, frisbees, etc.)

Or make a donation of money at the secondary front office.

COMING SOON



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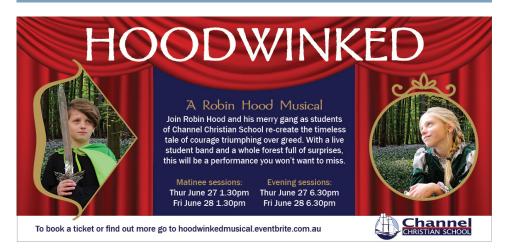




WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Stepping Stones - After School Care

We still have space for additional students in our After School Care program by Stepping Stones! If you are interested please contact them on 1300 665 699 or admin@sharingthecare.com.au



DID YOU KNOW - SCHOOL GOVERNANCE









Calvin, along with Channel, Emmanuel and Northern are part of the Christian Schools Tasmania Network and members of Christian Education National (CEN). This great little video gives a great run down on how our schools operate. If you have any questions about this please contact us.

CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

TRACKPANTS - New Style

The next shipment of NEW track pants will be arriving in July.

Size 4/6/8/SMALL/LARGE/XLARGE in the store.

TRACK PANTS – Older Style

These are being sold at \$21 pair and are available in ALL sizes except SIZE 6.

(Once sold out, the uniform will only stock the new style pants).

GREY WOOLLEN VEST- Available in all sizes 4-16 (size 8 now in stock).

SOFT SHELL JACKETS - Size 14 should be available next week.

LONG SLEEVE - polo tops available size 4-6-8-10 on sale 30% off.

CALVIN SPRAY JACKETS

Size 4/6/8/12/XS/Small/Medium/Large/XL \$70.00

CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS TASMANIA 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:

Teacher Aide

Part-time for 22 hours per week in school weeks, commencing in Term 3 2019

For information visit cst.tas.edu.au/employment To apply email: hr@cst.tas.edu.au

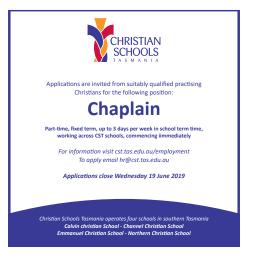
Applications close: Wednesday 26 June 2019

emmanuel.tas.edu.au

Opening Minds to Life's Possibilities

EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IS A PART OF CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS TASMANIA







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.

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

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

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- Secondary Office:
 Ph. 6229 4829