



### *From the Principal*

Dear Parents and Carers,

On the first day of school, all students from Prep to Year 12 attended a chapel service.

The purpose in gathering together was to be one community before God and to affirm that we are a Kindergarten to Year 12 community. Our conviction to place God first in our lives needs to be symbolically represented to have organisational significance. During the service, I called students to consider their approach to life in 2019 as an operating system like in a computer. And I challenged all students to update their operating system (OS).

The metaphor seems straight forward. The operating system controls working memory, allocation of resources, processing, and all manner of other things. Importantly, it runs on a series of assumptions that controls the interactions and output.

My phone and computer are constantly sending me messages to accept the update in order to obtain optimum results. Even as I type this newsletter, my phone is reminding me that updating to iOS version 12.1.4 is required. The new school year is time to update to OS version 2019.1.

The challenge in this is that I must accept the update. Without my agreement the operating system will linger past its use-by date. All manner of bugs will exist and new features will be unable to be imported. A sorry state of affairs indeed. I cannot live today on yesterday's operating system. Our students cannot succeed in the challenges of a new year level with the habits and attitudes of last year.

To support this system update for 2019, a series of activities and events has been organised for this term.

In the **primary school**, we are holding the **Welcome Barbecue** this evening. This is an occasion for students and families to meet their class teachers. Importantly, this is followed by the **Parent Talk night on Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th February**. Both events serve as great opportunities to frame goals for the year and discuss the desired developments in approach, character and performance.

In the **secondary school**, students are in the process of reviewing their 2018 end-of-year reports and setting two goals for this year. These goals will form one element of the **Parent Talk evenings on Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th March**. In these meetings, parents and students meet with Home Room teachers to provide a context, share responses to the 2018 school year, and to set goals and agree on the emphasis for 2019.

Importantly, these nights are vital to establish the common language and focus between home and school. I encourage all parents to consider their expectations for the year prior to attending the Parent Talk evening. Students should attend the evening in the secondary school.

Our goals are surely not limited to the academic realm. Character is critical. This is the focus of 'Be Your Best'. Performance is secured by right application, perseverance, diligence, attitude, etc.

Scripture entreats us, *'Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.'* (Romans 12:2) I trust that the process that we have established serves your family well.

Blessings,  
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After a successful, but busy start to the year, this week teaching staff were reminded in a devotion by Miss Bylsma about the importance of taking time to rest ourselves and wait on God. Psalm 46:10 simply states, 'be still and know that I am God.' As much as this is a call to be calm and rest in times of challenge and busyness, it's also a chance for us to stand in awe of our God and creator, knowing He is in control of all things. When we seek God and put our trust in Him all things come into perspective and any sense of stress or worry is eased.

On Wednesday this week we had our **House Captain** elections which were voted on by our Year 3-6 students. It is my pleasure to announce the following Year 6 students were elected as House and Vice Captains.

**JORDAN**

**Captains:**

Harry Zimmermann and Evie Smith

**Vice Captains:**

Toby Pettit and Leah Agouzoul

**JERICHO**

**Captains:**

Harry Davies and Ava Van Muijlwijk

**Vice Captains:**

Elias Vaatstra and Chloe Bennett



Congratulations to these 8 students, I am very confident they will all represent their peers and God very well in these position of leadership.

These newly elected House Captains will have the opportunity to display their leadership skills in the **Primary Swimming Carnival** next **Friday 22 February**. Students in Years 3-6 will be traveling to the Hobart Aquatic Centre and races will begin at 10am. Parents and families are welcome to attend. If any parents are willing to help at this carnival can you please contact the primary school office on 6229 3814 or [primaryschool@calvin.tas.edu.au](mailto:primaryschool@calvin.tas.edu.au).



Congratulations also to our School Captains who were elected at the end of last year and announced in our final assembly. I am greatly looking forward to working with the following students in this role in 2019.

**Captains:** Fraser Conry and Holly Haas

**Vice Captains:** Suzanna Verdouw and Hudson Hughes

On Thursday this week we had our first session of **Small Wonders** for our Pre-Kinder students. It was great to see so many families take the opportunity to engage in the early learning and pre-school orientation provided by this program. Small Wonders will run every Thursday morning from 9:00-10:30am. These sessions will be run by Mrs Christina Flinn and Mrs Lisa Cosentino.

Andrew Nash  
Deputy Principal

**small  
wonders**

A FREE weekly  
**EARLY  
YEARS  
PROGRAM**  
for 0-5 years  
and their parents

**THURSDAYS**  
9am-10:30am

Kindergarten Room,  
Calvin Primary Campus,  
Maranoa Road, Kingston.

## PRIMARY TERM 1

### FEBRUARY

- 15/2 Welcome BBQ & Class Meetings
- 22/2 Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival
- 25-26/2 Parent Teacher Talks
- 26/2 Primary Assembly – Year 5/6 Smith

### 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)
- 26/3 Primary Assembly – Year 4

### APRIL

- 5/4 Years 3-6 Cross Country
- 8/4 K-2 Cross Country Carnival
- 9/4 Primary Assembly – Year 3
- 12/4 Term 1 Concludes

## KEY DATES

tonight



Primary School

WELCOME

BBQ

*and meet the teacher*

Friday 15 February

5PM START

## SECONDARY TERM 1

### FEBRUARY

- 18/2 Welcome BBQ and Head of Year Meetings
- 25/2-9/3 Dutch Exchange Program
- 27/2 Secondary Swimming Carnival

### 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
- 22/3 Secondary School Photos



Secondary School

WELCOME

BBQ

MONDAY 18 FEBRUARY

6PM START

burgers, snags, salad & drinks

'What a great start to 2019 we have had in Year 5/6S. It has been a busy time but a fun time having a new space to work in and getting to know new students in our class.

Part of our journey this year is knowing that we are all part of this community (our class). We all have gifts and talents that can support each other. We have created a Class Puzzle to show that while we are individuals we can also be united together and create a beautiful puzzle that ultimately gives God glory. In each puzzle piece is a self-portrait of ourselves and some things that we believe are an area where we are talented or a hobby we enjoy!

Isaac Smith  
Teacher Year 5/6S



PRIMARY  
CAMPUS

**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](mailto: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**

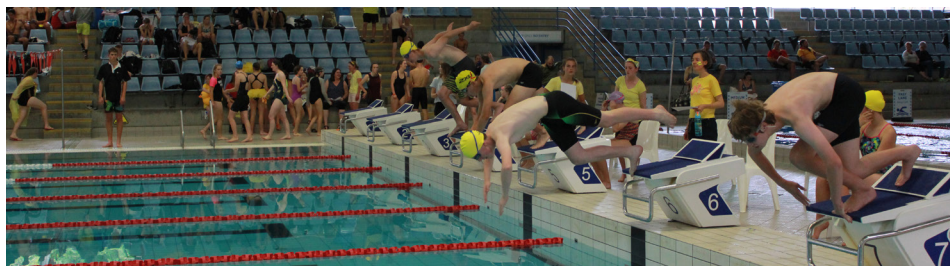
A free early years program for children (0-5years) and their parents/carers.  
Thursday mornings during school term.  
9:00am-10:30 am  
Where: Kindergarten room

**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](mailto:admin@sharingthecare.com.au)

A reminder to parents that we are a **ALLERGY AWARE SCHOOL** this means children are not permitted to bring food with Nutella in it to school. For details of this policy (and much more) please download a copy of the Calvin Primary School Handbook available from the Calvin website [calvin.tas.edu.au/parents](http://calvin.tas.edu.au/parents) This Handbook is also available from the school office by request.

## SECONDARY SWIMMING CARNIVAL



### Secondary Swimming Carnival

The **Secondary Swimming Carnival** will be held at the Aquatic Centre Hobart on **Wednesday 27 February 2018**. Parents are welcome to come along and enjoy this school sports event.

We are grateful for any parents who are able to assist staff on the day. If you are able to help please contact the Head of Physical Education, Mrs Belinda Straatsma on 0423 003 495 or [bstraatsma@calvin.tas.edu.au](mailto:bstraatsma@calvin.tas.edu.au)

## IMMUNISATIONS YEAR 7

The Kingborough Council will be providing immunisations to Year 7 at Calvin on **Tuesday 5th March at 1.45pm** as part of their School Based Immunisation Program.

The following vaccines will be provided:

- Human papillomavirus (HPV) - two doses given six months apart.
- Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (whooping cough) dTpa - one dose.

These forms need to be filled out and returned to school by **Wednesday 20th February**. Please note that these forms need to be fully filled out, regardless of whether your child will be getting immunised or not. There is a section for YES and NO on the back of each form. We require this information to send to the Department of Health and for the Council's own records.

Please contact the secondary school office if you have any further questions or concerns.

## SECONDARY CAMPUS

### Secondary Office

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

### School Absentees

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## YEAR 7 CAMP - THE LEA



## YEAR 11 & 12 CAMP - SPRING BEACH



## WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

### School Uniform Shop

Secondary Campus

Ph. 6240 1883

[ccs.kingston@midford.com.au](mailto: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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