



*From the Principal - Mr Iain Belôt*

Dear Parents and Carers,

### It is all about the 'Being'

I have heard Jesus Christ being described as 'disruptive'. That is a true statement. He disrupted everything from the level of personal standards extending through to significant cultural issues. The core of his message was that we are loved as we are made, justified by faith, and designed with a purpose. This is despite our incredulity, or perhaps it is because of it. God chose human beings to advance His Kingdom purposes on Earth.

The notion of 'Being' in relationship with our creator and each other is so central to Christianity that even the arms of the cross are representative of this simultaneously vertical and horizontal connection.

The notion of 'Being' is a little counterintuitive in a world too often focussed on 'Doing' and 'Achieving'. It seems appropriate that a Christian school would have a counterintuitive message. We saw this clearly this week on two occasions. Our Athletics team competed with distinction in the Christian Schools Carnival on Wednesday. Their excellent outcomes lay on the other side of challenges, fears, and quite possibly insecurities. Overcoming these is the great story. Yet, it is so easy for the talk to be about performances.

For those who have perused the Senior Art Display, it is easy to be stunned by the quality of the work on show. It is less natural to consider the polished, insightful and occasionally challenging works as creations that come from a personal journey where 'Being' is of primary importance.

Our notion of 'Be your Best' has a deep connection to scripture and the journey upon which the Holy Spirit takes us.

### Staffing

Last night at the Association Annual General Meeting we celebrated and acknowledged the contribution by three members of staff who are leaving the school at the conclusion of this year.

**Mrs Chris McMinn** has impacted the learning of children at Calvin for 25 years. Chris has made a contribution of profound significance. The very act of serving God in the place in which He plants you for such an extended period is worthy of note. Chris has served with loyalty amid growth, changes, and even reversals of fortune. Her quality of practice and commitment are highly valued. I know you will all join me in wishing Chris a fulfilling and blessed retirement.

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**Mr David Welsh** has served the school since 1994. In these 24 years David has faithfully worked behind the scenes in roles that ensure that the classroom and school program work effectively and efficiently. Through David's example we see the virtue of ensuring all staff walk in the Christian faith. He is no less a positive force in the care for children than are the teachers. I know of many instances where faith and care have been expressed by David. His work is largely unsung. The staff and I value his commitment to the cause of Christian Education. David will be moving to Queensland where his wife is working as a Director of Nursing. We wish them both every blessing.

**Mrs Julie Smith** will retire in December after 15 years of service to the Lord, students and the school. Kindergarten is a very formative time and Julie's contribution has been deeply valued. She has guided children, and some parents, through their separation anxiety, into forming positive connections with school and finding new elements of identity. Julie has contributed a considerable amount to the excellent foundation for learning that students received in the last 15 years. Her contribution will be missed. I know you will all join me in wishing Julie a happy and blessed retirement.

I am delighted to announce that **Mrs Christina Flinn** has been appointed to be the position of Kindergarten teacher from next year. Many of our community will know Christina through her substantive contributions as a relief teacher. Christina is well qualified and experienced in working with your children. I am convinced that she will continue the best work of Julie Smith, whilst giving the program her own special touch. Christina has a deep and abiding passion and skill set for educating children in this age group. I am delighted to welcome her to the school community.

I will be writing to all parents in the near future to announce a number of other staff appointments.

Iain Belôt



Calvin Leadership students: (L-R) Sam El Tahche (Yr6) Jonathan Sijl (Yr12) Isabel Legg (Yr12) and Abigail Veryard (Yr6) at the Remembrance Day Service at Kingston Beach.

## PRIMARY TERM 4

23 Nov	Primary Triathlon - Bellerive Beach
29 Nov	Assembly - Year 1
5 Dec	K-12 Volunteer Thank You Morning Tea
6 Dec	Assembly - Prep
10 Dec	P-6 Orientation
12 Dec	K-6 Botanical Gardens Excursion
13 Dec	Year 6 Graduation Assembly
14 Dec	Year 6 Activity Day
18 Dec	Prep-Year 6 Presentation Assembly
19 Dec	K-6 Picnic Day (last day for students)

## SECONDARY TERM 4

21 Nov	Year 7 Orientation Evening
22 Nov	Year 10 Op Shop Ball
22 Nov	Secondary Triathlon - Bellerive Beach
23 Nov	Year 10 last day
23 Nov	Alumni Reunion Leavers 1998
26 Nov	Year 12 Formal
26-30 Nov	Year 10 Work Experience
5 Dec	K-12 Volunteer Thank You Morning Tea (held at the Primary Campus)
10 Dec	Year 7 (2019) Orientation Day
12-14 Dec	Year 9 Camp
18 Dec	Graduation/Thanksgiving Service

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

The School Council is selling ice creams on Wednesday 28 November at luncheon time.

Cost: \$2.00 each



## TERM DATES

### TERM 4

Monday 15 October

Wednesday 19 December



Dear Parents and Families,

This week in assembly I talked to the students about the importance of kindness. It's something that never goes out of fashion. It's something that is free to give and everyone wants to receive it. It is never wasted and always makes a difference. It blesses the person who receives it and the person who gives it. It's the simple gift of a smile or giving a compliment. A selfless act of charity to make someone else's day better. Sometimes kindness involves loving people more than they deserve. It's being the first to forgive or doing a good deed for someone without expecting something back in return.

Ephesians 4:32 says, "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you."

We've been given the ultimate example of kindness and forgiveness through Jesus. His love, His life and ultimately His death on the cross displays God's love and kindness towards us. As we may be feeling tired towards the end of the year, excited or nervous about the upcoming holidays and the New Year to come, we are challenged to continually seek ways to be kind to others.

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. At Calvin, we want to be known as people who make everybody feel like somebody. People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. I pray that we all take on the challenge to look for opportunities to be kind to others. Kindness is contagious.

### **Huon and Channel Athletics Carnival**

On Wednesday we sent 30 athletes to Huonville with Mr Laning and Mrs Webb. I'd like to congratulate every student for their behaviour, effort and representation of our school at this event. The carnival was blessed with superb weather and over the course of the day we had some outstanding individual and group performances across all grades and genders. Thank you to the parents who attended and supported our students. Further affirmation of the effort and behaviour of our students was displayed through an email I received from a parent with the following comment, "It was such a fabulous day, all of the students were so well behaved and it was a pleasure to be there!"

### **Year 3-6 Triathlon**

Next Friday is the Hobart Triathlon Schools Challenge. We have had 36 students sign up to compete in this event. 8 are competing in individual events, 34 are competing in teams events, with 13 teams in total. This is a great display of the willingness of students to step out and challenge themselves and take on new experiences. The event will be held at Bellerive Beach and Mrs Dixon and Mrs de Kievit will be travelling with the team. Parents are welcome to attend and support their children on the day.

Please make sure you check the calendar in this newsletter for all other important events and dates for the remainder of the school year.

Andrew Nash

## PRIMARY CAMPUS

Huon and Channel  
Athletics Carnival photos

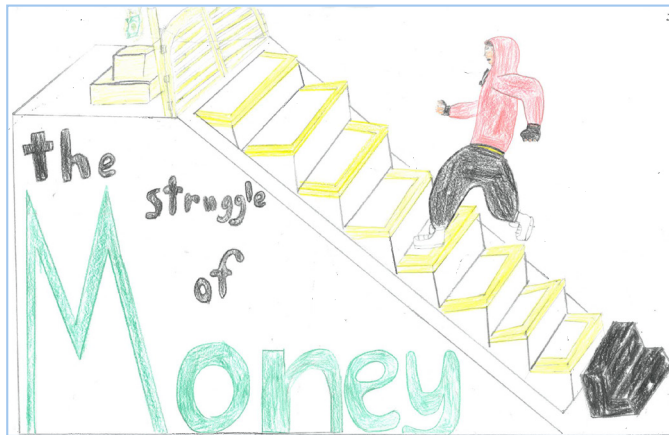


**Art**

'A picture can tell a thousand words'. Throughout Term 4 in Art, we have been looking at meaning behind an art piece. After discussing the 'big issues' of the world, students have composed art pieces with meaning.

Below are two art pieces from Toby Petit and Evie Smith. Here are their meanings behind their art:

Toby: "My art piece is about society chasing money, and in this case a male. He will never make it to the gold because he is on a treadmill".



Evie: "My picture is showing richness, greed and fame against poverty, coldness and loneliness. There is a mirror with a rich and greedy lady looking into it, and a poor, hungry person looking back".

**Poetry**

We have also been able to express our emotions and thoughts with the use of poetry. Students have been challenged to stay on a topic, use accurate syllables and rhyme. Here are two pieces of work that have been composed.

**The Wind**

Strong gusts blow the leaves,  
Swaying the grass in a dance,  
Arcing through the air.

By Fraser Conry

**Summer**

Scorching hot is the sun.  
Under the shade you should stay.  
Mixing cool drinks to cool down.  
Meeting friends at the beach.  
Eating ice-cream of all different flavours.  
Resting after a long day in the sun.

By Suzanna Verdouw

**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



## YEAR 8 FOSSIL COVE EXCURSION



In Science this term, students have studied Geology. To further extend this knowledge, the Year 8 students ventured to Fossil Cove in Blackmans Bay on Tuesday. Fossil Cove is considered an area of national significance as there are thousands of fossils visible in the wave-cut rock. Students spent time categorising fossils and classifying different types of rocks. They also considered how the oceanic fossils observed could have moved to land, and identified areas where magma had been forced through the rock to create a distinct pattern. The excursion was concluded with a quick ocean paddle followed by a hike back up to the bus. The biggest challenge of the trip was trying to work the bus air-conditioner. As we were unsuccessful, we detoured on our return to school for icy poles which made it all worthwhile. Overall, it was an informative and enjoyable time.

A huge thank you to Ian Riley and Glenda Adler who assisted with the trip.

Samantha Harris  
Teacher of Science



## SECONDARY

### Secondary Office

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

### School Absentees

Primary School Absentees  
Phone: 6229 4829

email:

[absences@calvin.tas.edu.au](mailto:absences@calvin.tas.edu.au)

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## 2018 - 2019 TRADING DAYS

Extended Trading Hours

### TERM 4 TRADING DAYS IN DECEMBER 2018

Tuesday 4 Dec	8:30am - 4:00pm
Thursday 6 Dec	8:30am - 4:00pm
Tuesday 11 Dec	8:30am - 4:00pm
Thursday 13 Dec	8:30am - 4:00pm
Tuesday 18 Dec	8:30am - 4:00pm

The Calvin Christian Uniform Shop  
**CLOSES on**

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

**REOPENS for Back to School sales on**  
Monday 21 January 2019 at 8:30 am.

Please contact Joanne to make an appointment time.

Phone: 03 40 1883

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

### BACK TO SCHOOL 2019

*Appointments are recommended for all fittings.*

#### Trading days in January

Monday 21 Jan	8:30am - 3:00 pm
Tuesday 22 Jan	8:30am - 3:00 pm
Wednesday 23 Jan	8.30am - 3:00 pm
Tuesday 29 Jan	8:30am - 4:00 pm
Thursday 31 Jan	8:30am - 4:00 pm
Friday 1 Feb	8:30am - 4:00 pm

#### Trading days in February

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

Normal Trading Days resume Tuesday 5 Feb 2019.

Closed School Holidays and Public Holidays.

### School Uniform Shop

Secondary Campus

Phone: 6240 1883

Email: [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:  
6229 3814
- Secondary Office:  
6229 4829

### Calvin Facebook page

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