

Newsletter

10 FEBRUARY 2017

I wish to welcome all members of our community to the new school year. Whether you are a veteran or commencing with us for the first time, I wish you a wholehearted welcome.

The students have returned refreshed. It has been wonderful to share in the conversations about their holiday activities. For some a holiday meant a trip to Paris. Others enjoyed seeing more local sights, and others read a series of novels while they stretched out on the couch in the living room at home. No matter what the endeavour it is important that it was refreshing.

This first week is one of making and renewing acquaintances. We schedule the camps for Year 7, 11 and 12 students in this week for several reasons. Amongst the most important, is the staff engaging with the full person rather than simply encountering the student persona. This is especially vital for those students who are challenged in some way by school learning. We aim to found our relationships on more than an aptitude to a subject, and an attitude.

The Year 11 and 12 students have a clear emphasis on setting a vision for the year, building the skills to produce their best results (Elevate Education), and developing a Christian worldview. The speaker for this year's camp was human rights lawyer, Mr Martyn Iles. The students really enjoyed his inspiring sessions.

The Year 7 students enjoyed a host of team building and relationship connecting activities at The Lea Scout Camp here in Kingston. There was great joy and laughter evident when I visited the camp. The staff had ample opportunity to connect with and understand the students.

Thanks to all the staff who undertook the planning and supervision of these activities. We also welcome new staff to Calvin: Ms Samantha Harris (Science and English in the Secondary School); Mr Christopher Banham (Grade 2); and Mr Stuart Miller (PE and Athletics Coach).

2016 Year 12 Results

Our Year 12 cohort achieved excellent results in their studies. Akin to the Calvin *Be your Best* framework, we celebrate the application of character first and foremost. It is the presentation of a personal best that is important. The Dux of the School for 2016 is Marcel Swanepoel who achieved an ATAR over 99.5. This earned him a place in the top 100 students in Tasmania. He was presented with his medallion for this great achievement by the Governor, Her Excellence, Professor Warner last Monday. In all of our students achieved an ATAR of over 90. This places them in the top 10% of students in Australia.

We offer our congratulations to all students on their results.



Pictured (L-R) Mr Iain Belot, Marcel Swanepoel and his parents, Vernon and Renee Swanepoel.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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*A time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance. - Ecclesiastes 3:4
Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. - Romans 12:15*

As a community we are saddened by the passing of **Mrs Jannigje (Netty) Hofman**. Netty is the mother of Janet Vanderwal (a much-esteemed teacher in the Primary School and the grandmother of Stephen Hofman (School Council. Along with her late husband Joop, who was the first principal of Calvin Christian School, she was an important figure in the school community.

Also as a community, we celebrated the arrival of Caleb and Naomi Cooper's new baby daughter **Lilly Grace** last Friday. Mum and baby are doing well. Rumour has it that Dad is already wrapped around Lilly's finger.

In His Service,

Iain Belot
Principal



Primary

FROM THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome to everyone who will be associated with the Primary School for 2017. A special welcome to new families who have joined our great little school. I hope you all enjoyed some sort of break and feel refreshed for the year ahead.

The primary school opened on Monday with a roll of 202. It was wonderful to hear from the staff about the enthusiasm of the children as they caught up with their friends, met their classmates and their teacher for this year. It was a reminder to us all of just how much of a privilege it is to be involved in educating your children. Our teachers are well aware of the huge impact they have on your children and the responsibility of ensuring that every child in their care receives the best possible education. I assure you all, that the school has a team of very dedicated and educationally focused teachers who are well prepared to deliver quality teaching programmes.

We are introducing a school theme across the primary school this year titled 'Others First'. A school theme provides many opportunities for our school to connect around a key biblical message which is interwoven throughout Scripture and adds value and truth to our lives. Teachers are able to build upon this message when teaching their class, leading class devotions, growing their class culture, setting expectations with students, interacting with one another, leading assemblies and so on. It also supports further initiatives that we look forward to implementing throughout this year.

Thank you for ensuring your children were dressed in the correct Calvin uniform this week. If your child does not have the correct uniform it is essential that it is quickly acquired. The warmer weather is a reminder that all students must wear their Calvin school hat when playing outside for Terms 1 and 4.

Next Friday we have our annual Welcome BBQ for all school families. This is a time when parents and teachers can connect, discuss plans for this year and enjoy one another's company around the BBQ. The class meeting times will be released this coming Monday via email.

I hope you have all survived the first week of the delightful school routines such as making lunches and getting children out the door on time. As a staff we are believing that 2017 will be a great year for everyone.

I trust you all enjoy the long weekend.

Caleb Cooper
Deputy Principal

PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

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

SCHOOL ABSENTEES
Primary School Absentees
Phone: 6229 3814
or 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
programme for children
and their parents/carers.
Thursday mornings during
school term 9:00 - 10:30am
in the Kindergarten room.



We welcome new teacher
Mr Chris Banham to Year 2.

Primary

GRADE 6 W

Grade 6 W and Mrs Woods would like to welcome everyone back to Calvin Christian School. We have started our year getting to know each other, getting to know the routines of the classroom, and the school and also welcoming a new member of the class, Kael Waters.

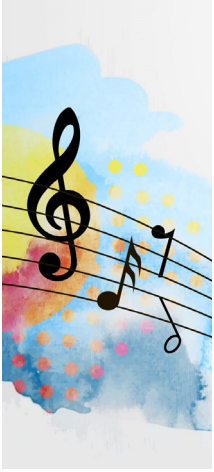
We have spent some considerable time working on the whole school theme 'Others First', and how that looks in the classroom, in the playground and at home. We have all been challenged at how we can be a blessing to others and actually think about what we will do personally to make that happen.

As a class, we have been looking at Mind-sets and how our brain works. We thought that it was important to know how our brain worked in order to un-derstand how we can minimise having a fixed Mind-set (unchangeable) but rather thoughts and actions that can change - having a growth Mind-set. Its been chal-lenging as we turn our daily speech around from 'I can't do that' to 'I haven't mastered that yet'.

We are excited about the year ahead and look forward to what 2017 will bring. Make sure that you come visit and say hello to Grade 6W.



JUNIOR BAND



In Term 3 of 2016 the Junior Band was formed and by the end of the year there were as many as 11 students playing and rehearsing on Tuesday afternoons.

The band was established to give students the opportunity to play music together in a large ensemble outside of the classroom and is open to any developing musician of any year level.

The Junior Band will recommence rehearsals on Tuesday 14th February at Calvin Christian School in the PAC (Performing Arts Centre) from 3.30pm – 4.30pm. Parents of participating students would be expected to collect their children after each rehearsal.

For further information please contact Mr. Mark Brothers - Head of Music, via the school office or email: mbrothers@calvin.tas.edu.au



Primary School

WELCOME

BBQ

and meet the teacher

Friday 17th February

5PM START

Secondary

CALVIN SENIOR BAND

The Senior Band will recommence rehearsals on Thursday 16 of February in the PAC from 3.30pm – 4.30pm. New members are welcome.



SECONDARY SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

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

SCHOOL ABSENTEES

Secondary School Absentees
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STUDENT HEALTH

Have your child's health or allergies changed?
Please let the office know as soon as possible.

YEAR 7 - SCHOOL IMMUNISATIONS 2017

The Kingborough Council's immunisation team will be providing vaccinations to year 7 Calvin students this year.

The following vaccines will be provided:

Human papillomavirus (HPV – three doses given a few months apart)
Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough dTpa – one dose)

Please complete and return all the consent forms (even if your child will not be receiving the vaccines) by 14 February 2017.

If there are any families who require assistance filling out the consent forms, please research 26TEN (LINC who provide translators and help to fill in forms. Their website address is <http://26ten.tas.gov.au/about-26ten/Pages/default.aspx>.

 **CALVIN**
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Secondary School

WELCOME

BBQ

MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

6PM START

burgers, snags, drinks

from the School Counsellor

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year!

I don't know about you but after having a lovely summer break, getting back into school routines isn't easy! My kids aren't exactly bouncing out of bed!! Thought the below article from *Raising Children Network, with the Centre for Adolescent Health*, may be of some use.

Blessings Julia Willoughby – School Counsellor.

Starting Primary, or moving from primary to secondary school, or high school, or year 11 and 12 is a big transition. It can be a time full of fun, excitement and new experiences, but can also be challenging or worrying for some children and adolescents. You can help by making sure your child is prepared and feels supported.

Going to high school: what to expect

Children often have **mixed feelings** about starting high school. They might be:

- excited about new friends, subjects and teachers
- nervous about learning new routines, making new friends or even wearing a new uniform
- worried about handling an increased workload pressures of exams or being bullied.

You might also worry about these issues, and about whether your child will have the confidence and skills to handle them.

These **worries are all normal**. Starting primary or Secondary school also means a move from the familiar to the unknown, and a whole new way of doing things.

Relationships

Your child will need to meet new peers and make new friends, and establish or re-establish her position within a peer group.

Schoolwork

Your child will need to adapt to new teaching and assessment styles, cope with a wide range of subjects, adjust to having different teachers in different classrooms, become more responsible for his or her own learning, manage a heavier study and homework load, and learn a new and more complex timetable.

Getting around

Your child will have to adjust to a new school campus, find their way around, get to class on time with the right books and materials, and possibly cope with new transport arrangements.

When children are making the move to high school, parents have the biggest influence on how smooth the transition is. Your child's friends do influence how your child feels about the move, but your support has longer-lasting effects.



SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

Our School Counsellor, Mrs Julia Willoughby, is available by appointment in both the Primary and Secondary schools.

Please email Julia at jwilloughby@calvin.tas.edu.au



SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

Our School Chaplain, Mr Marty Prins, is available in the Secondary School.

Please email Marty at mprins@calvin.tas.edu.au

from the School Counsellor

Here are some ideas to deal with **mixed feelings and worries**:

- Talk with your child about what she/he's most looking forward to and what they are worried about. Really **listen** when your child shares their feelings about school.
- Listen to your child's worries, but also get her/him to look at the positive things about the move. For example, you could highlight the new opportunities your child will have by talking about extracurricular activities your child could choose at school.
- Talk with your child about friendship worries. For example, you could ask what your child's friends are saying about school. You could also talk about how your child might keep in touch with old friends and make new friends at school.

During the transition to high school

Here are some ideas to help with the **practical side of the transition** to high school:

- Try to arrange for a parent, grandparent or other close adult to be home before and after school for the first few weeks of transition.
- Find out the name of the teacher responsible for your child's overall care, attendance and social and academic progress. Such as the home-room teacher, Head of Year. Make personal contact with this person as early as possible to introduce yourself and ask questions.
- Try to make your home as comfortable for study time as possible. For example, make sure your child has a quiet place to study, away from distractions such as the TV or a mobile phone. When the internet is necessary for study, you might want to keep an eye on the websites your child is using

These ideas might help with **worries about getting to know people and making new friends at high school**:

- Find out whether there's extra curriculum at your child's school and encourage your child to be involved in it.
- Let your child know that friends are welcome in your home. Encourage your child to invite new friends over, or be ready to transport your child to their houses.
- Help your child explore new opportunities. Learning a musical instrument, trying a new sport or joining a drama class are great ways for your child to meet other kids and get involved in school activities.

You could try these suggestions for **handling emotional ups and downs**.

- **Be prepared for early ups and downs.** Adjusting to change takes time, but if things don't stabilise after the first six weeks, talk to your child's Head of Year, home-room teacher in the first instance or speak with the School Counsellor.
- Remind your child that it's normal to feel nervous about starting something new – for example, you could share how nervous and excited you feel when starting a new job.
- Talk to other parents to check whether your child's experiences and feelings are similar to those of others. Sporting and school events are a good place to meet other parents.

from the School Counsellor

- Try to make sure your child eats well, gets plenty of physical activity and gets plenty of sleep. Starting the new school year is likely to make your child more tired at first.

Your feelings about your child starting school

Your child's transition to school is a big change for you too. Whether they are starting full time school, or starting High School, you're likely to have to start to have different sort of relationship with your child.

It's OK for you to have mixed feelings about these changes.

Talking to other parents, particularly those who have gone through transitions, often helps. It might ease your mind to know that many children find things a little hard at first but settle in during the year.

Also, other parents who are experienced at the school can often answer small questions and give you helpful tips about how things work at your child's school. And don't be surprised to find that your child doesn't want you to be as visible at their secondary school as you might have been during the primary years. Remember that they still need your support outside of school, and that it's all part of the way they develops greater independence.

Keep talking with your child about school. If you're having trouble getting your child to open up, try our tips on talking about school. (will send in next newsletter or go to website)

Signs your child might be having difficulty

Signs your child might be struggling include:

- a lack of involvement in the new school
- little or no talk about new friends
- refusal to talk with you about school
- little or no interest in doing homework
- low confidence or self-esteem – your child might say she's dumb or stupid
- no desire to go to school, or refusal to go
- a drop in grades or academic performance.

If your child is having trouble, **don't wait for things to improve on their own.**

Try to get your child talking about how they are feeling, let them know that their feelings of worry and discomfort are normal, and see whether you can work out some strategies together. Also consider speaking with your Head of Year, Homeroom teacher or school counsellor or GP.

Transitions for children with special needs

The transition from each school year is sometimes more challenging for children with special needs. It's important to ensure that your child – and your family – are adequately prepared for the change, and have access to appropriate information. If your child needs extra support in starting their new school year contact your Head of Year, or Homeroom teacher or School Counsellor so we can ensure your child's needs are supported.

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Whole School

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

Secondary Campus
Opening Hours
Tuesday and Thursday
8:30 am - 4 pm

CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

LARGE BACK PACKS now in stock.



SIZE 12 MIDDLE SKIRTS now in stock.



SOFT SHELL JACKETS
are now available in children's sizes 4-14
and adult sizes S,M,L. Price \$65.00.



CALVIN SOCCER TOPS for 2017
season now in store to purchase.



BASKETBALL TOPS are arriving soon.

The Calvin Christian Uniform Shop is open every
Tuesday & Thursday 8.30am to 4.00 pm

Whole School

BASKETBALL - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST:

Students wishing to play in the KHBA (Basketball) Junior Rosters in 2017, please advise the H&PE staff of name/s, DOB, and proposed name of team (if submitting a full team). We encourage students to find others to make a team; and ask that a parent volunteer to be the team manager / coach - Minimum of 5 per team; maximum of 10 per team.

The roster commences on 20 February and payment needs to be upfront directly to the KSC - U12's \$180; U14's and older \$205.

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, information, photos and events, visit our Facebook page.

2017 KHBA AUTUMN JUNIOR ROSTER

U10's— Thursday afternoon (following "Mini Kings" session)

U12, U14 & 16 and Under Girls—Wednesday afternoon

U12 & U14 Boys—Tuesday afternoon

16 and Under Boys—Monday afternoon

"Rep Ready" Program—Monday afternoons

Roster begins the week of Monday the 20th of February

For more information and to enter your team please visit

khba.sportingpulse.net



TRANSITION YOUTH ARTS

Transistor Film Weekly Workshops

Have you made films before but just want to improve your skills? Do you want to act in front of camera? Have you never made a film but want the opportunity?

Participants will learn all aspects of the filmmaking process from professional filmmakers, screen writers and actors and then apply the skills learnt to make short films and/or a short dramatic web series. We are currently taking enrolments for Term 1 workshops in Rokeby and Hobart.

Due to the generous sponsorship of the Community Support Levy, Tasmanian Regional Arts and Clarence Council we are offering a generous subsidy to concession cardholders in the 7019-postcode area (Clarendon Vale, Rokeby, Oakdowns).

Bookings visit: <http://transistoryoutharts.com/transistor-film-weekly-workshops/>

Email: admin@mastfilms.com.au

Call: 0424 783 702



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CENTRE



Whole School

TERM DATES 2017

Term One commences	Monday 6 February
Public Holiday (Regatta Day)	Monday 13 February
Public Holiday (Eight Hours Day)	Monday 13 March
(Easter Break)	Friday 14 April – Monday 17 April)
Term One concludes	Thursday 13 April
Term Two commences	Monday 1 May
Public Holiday (Queen's Birthday)	Monday 12 June
Term Two concludes	Friday 7 July
Term Three commences	Monday 31 July
Term Three concludes	Friday 29 September
Term Four commences	Monday 16 October
Public Holiday (Hobart Show Day)	Thursday 26 October
Non-student Day	Friday 27 October
Term Four concludes	Tuesday 19 December

