

Newsletter

10 MARCH 2017

This week we held Heritage Day. Every year on this day, we gather in a formal manner to remember and celebrate who we are as a community.

Our values are the most important element in defining what is always true for our school community. They are the core of who we are. *Be your Best* is based on the presence of these values and on our beliefs. Values and belief give us direction; they are our compass.

The idea of *Be your Best* also accepts that we all have the opportunity to choose a lesser path. *Be your Best* is the encouragement to set your standards high. To *Be your Best* requires actually living out what you believe internally; that who you are inside is who you are outside.

At Calvin Christian School we value serving others, and having the courage to stand up for what is right.

The African American poet, Maja Angelou, observes, "Courage is the most important virtue. For without courage you cannot practice any of the other virtues consistently."

Both courage, and living for others have played impressive roles in our school's history.

Even before the school was established, our founders, and the parents of some of our founders were living out their beliefs in the most remarkable circumstances. They lived for others even when it meant the ultimate cost for themselves and for those whom they loved.

During World War II the Netherlands was occupied by the Nazis. In the greatest genocide in history, the Nazi fanatics murdered 15 Million Jewish people. Many of these were Jewish people from and in the Netherlands. Men and women who would later become Calvin's founders chose to work to oppose the evil of Nazism as either members of the resistance or by protecting Jewish people from persecution.

In a recent conversation with a descendent of some of these people, their bravery was very simply explained thus:

"It was their faith; because of that it was their duty. They did it for families."

Some of our founders hid people in their houses in basements and false walls. This was incredibly dangerous. If the Nazis suspected this, they would raid the house. If caught, people would be taken and tortured, sent to concentration camps and/or killed. Some people were caught.

Among the guests at Calvin on Heritage Day were people whose parents stood in conviction, endured the terror of searches, had to escape arrest, and experienced the horror and brutality of arrest. In one example I heard, a strategy of protection was to change the pronunciation of a Jewish surname to Dutch to obscure its origin.

Our Founders also assisted others to build false walls in houses in order to hide people.

Our Founders were involved in acts of humanitarian courage by smuggling food and hiding people. I am sure they were involved in deliberate acts of violent resistance.

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**HERITAGE
DAY**
2017





PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

These people, who were amongst the founders of our school, were wanted men and women. The people are impressive. They had a relationship with Christ that was real. They deliberately chose to live their faith against persecution.

They stood and protected the weak, the vulnerable and the oppressed. They lived their faith to benefit others who were not of their own faith.

We should draw so much from them. Their faith and the humanity and courage with which they lived is inspiring. It is their faith and courage that serves to define the core of our school.

And so we return to where we started today, understanding:

- that values are the real heart of a school; and
- that we are Missionaries carrying out what we believe in faith.

The lives of those who go before us require nothing of you personally. They would be first to acknowledge that you live in freedom, and thus have the right to act as you choose. The contribution of those who precede us should be to encourage us. That is quite literally to say, that it should “put courage into” us.

Their example should make us bolder.

It should make us stand a little taller.

We should be inspired to act not just consider.

We should be more ready to face the challenges.

We must be aware of the warning from Maja Angelou, and resist making our Founders untouchable. We recognise their humanity and in that their frailty. In this, we stand with them.

By *Being our Best* we continue the heart of Calvin.

Iain Belot
Principal



HERITAGE DAY 2017





PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Top Schools recognised in Media: 2016 NAPLAN Results

Many of you may have seen the article in *The Mercury* on Wednesday 8 March covering the release of the detailed 2016 NAPLAN results. These are published on the My School website this week. (Go to www.myschool.edu.au and enter school name)

Much is made of the NAPLAN results. It is a valid measure of student progress. It does measure important elements of a school's core business. Of course, not all things are measured by NAPLAN.

CALVIN was once again singled out for its achievement in NAPLAN. In 2015 we were judged by the National curriculum authority ACARA as having fostered outstanding increases in student outcomes. We were one of only 300 schools out of more than 9,000 around Australia to be honoured for this achievement.

This year we shared in the accolades with The Friends School, another top Hobart independent school. We congratulate them on their 2016 achievement.

Our 2016 results were again excellent.

The results provide further strong evidence that our teachers add value to students learning outcomes.

We define value-adding in two ways.

- Firstly, our students achieve **MORE** than 12 months learning in any calendar year.
- Secondly, that because of the **positive learning environment** at Calvin students **should achieve at least at their optimal level**. We know that building a high-expectations culture assists people to achieve more than they may have on their own.

We aim to add value to both the speed and quality of student's progress, and also, their eventual outcome.

If an ideal rate of progress is not being achieved we would desire to sit with parents and understand how this could be attained.

Our 2016 results demonstrated that we are adding value at every year level in **Reading, Writing and Mathematics**.

Our performances in NAPLAN are **comparable to those achieved by other top independent schools in Hobart**.

Primary

FROM THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

This week we have had class photos, Heritage Day, House Captain Selection, Fire Evacuation drill, Year 6 leadership day in Launceston, primary school assembly and teachers working with students causing learning, planning and preparing for camps and so on. The busy nature of school is also one of the exciting aspects of being a part of this great community. However, your child may be tired this weekend due to the increase in activity at school.

This Monday is a public holiday and while the secondary school have Tuesday as a student free day, the primary school is open and normal school resumes.

This coming, Wednesday 15th March we will be running the Swimming Carnival at the Hobart Aquatics Centre. By now, you would have received a letter from the school containing information about the carnival. However, we are still looking for more parent help. If you are available and able, please notify the school office. Our events schedule will be released on Tuesday to all parents. We apologise for the delay but do hope to see as many family members at the Swimming Carnival in support of their children.

Finally, this Thursday and Friday, Year 3 attend camp. With all of this taking place, we trust you all have a refreshing long weekend.

Take care,

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.

Jordan

Jericho

House coloured swimming caps and t-shirts
are required for all students.

These are available from the Primary school office.
Swimming Caps \$2.00, T-shirts \$7.00.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Calvin Primary participated in the annual Clean Up Australia Day initiative on Friday 3rd March. Students in Year I and Prep teamed together to clean up the oval and the 'Out-of-Bounds' North area outside of our school grounds. Year 3 attacked the front turning circle of the school driveway and the Eastern boundary of the school down Maranoa Road. Year 4 undertook a highly effective clean-up of the topside of our carpark and the entire southern fence line (both sides) of our school. Year 2 cleaned up behind the Multi-Purpose Hall and along the western side of the school's fence line (both sides of the fence).

This was certainly a productive exercise with all sorts of unusual items recovered during our clean-wup intensive. Pleasingly, the vast majority of the rubbish collected was from the outer perimeters of our grounds, rather than inside our school yard.



Primary

YEAR 3 PREPARING FOR CAMP

Next week our Year 3 students will be heading off to camp to Blue Lagoon at Dodges Ferry. We plan to visit Red Ochre Beach on Thursday afternoon so please pray for warm weather. On Friday we will be enjoying a range of rotational activities including an Initiatives Track and some craft scrapbooking. Here are a selection of photographs we will be using for our scrapbooking activity. Enjoy!

Mrs Dixon
Year 4 Teacher



It's **WORKING BEE** time

at Calvin Primary School!

Join us on

Saturday 25th March

at **9:30am**

We have big jobs and small jobs.



Refreshments will be provided

All are welcome

So please give an hour or two to help make our school safe and beautiful!

Small
Wonders

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

THURSDAYS
9am-10:30am

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

CALVIN
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



Secondary

SECONDARY STUDENT FREE DAY

THIS TUESDAY, 14 MARCH - MODERATION DAY

Please be advised that Tuesday 14 March is a Student Free Day for
SECONDARY STUDENTS ONLY.

Parents please check that your child/ren may have allocated
homework to complete on this day.

SECONDARY SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Friday

8:00am - 4:30pm

Phone: 6229 4829

SCHOOL ABSENTEES

Secondary School Absentees

Phone: 6229 4829

or email:

absences@calvin.tas.edu.au

SECONDARY SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Calvin Secondary School will be holding its annual swimming carnival on

FRIDAY 17 MARCH

Hobart Aquatic Centre

It is a full day event for all Secondary students, with a range of events
both novelty and competitive.

All students are expected to be at school on the day and even if they
cannot swim there are areas they can help with.

Parents are welcome to come and support the event.

STUDENT HEALTH

Have your child's health
or allergies changed?

Please let the office
know as soon as possible.

from the School Counsellor

Dear parents and carers,

An interesting article on what to do when having tough conversations with teenagers!

Julia

Controlling what you can in a tough conversation with a teenager

Sports psychologists use a common phrase when working with their sports stars – **Control the controllables**.

They say that a sportsperson can control their EAR – Effort, Attitude and their Response to a problem.

When it comes to managing a problem with your child or teenager where he or she has 'crossed the line', you can control what you're going to say and how you are going to say it and what attitude you will take into the conversation you're going to have with them. You can control what you're going to say and you will be able to do this better if you have a plan and if you follow a process – keeping to the facts of the matter and eventually by clearly asking for what you want from them, next time.

Going into any conversation with your son or daughter, you'll do better if you can remember two things: Your acknowledgement of their feelings (if they get upset with you) is not your agreement with their feelings and, you don't have to show up for every argument to which you've been invited!

You can also improve your performance in a conversation like this by imagining how you are going to react, before you actually have the conversation. In other words, this is when you picture yourself in a tough conversation and imagining how you'll react. For example:



- Imagine where you are going to be sitting when you're having the conversation. In fact, I suggest that you actually sit there and imagine starting the conversation.
- Think how your teenager might be, what they'll look like (probably grumpy) and how you'll respond if they get uppity with you.
- Imagine yourself staying calm but firm and insisting on what you need while also giving ground where you need to.
- Notice any negative or angry reactions you might be feeling and think about how you would restrain these.
- Visualise yourself responding if they get upset.

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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

from the School Counsellor

Just a little bit of written preparation and some visualising can go a long way towards helping you remain composed. To sum up, here are the three controllables you can focus on when you are going to hold a tough conversation:

1. You can control the attitude you take into the conversation. You can make a decision to go into the situation with courage and firmness. You don't need to fight.
2. You can control the script of what you are going to say, which will enable you to be well prepared to solve the problem. If your teenager gets upset, you can acknowledge what they are feeling to get the conversation back on track.
3. You can control what you imagine and how you see yourself coping in the conversation — even before you have it. In other words, you can visualise success!

A friend is someone whom we enjoy being with and feel safe with, besides our own family. We may have a loving and supportive household but we still need to make friends and maintain positive relationships with other people.

Research shows that people may sometimes find it more comfortable interacting with friends than with their family. Moreover, compared to a young child who tends to rely more on their family, an older child or teenager will tend to rely more on their friends for support.

THE ENTERTAINMENT BOOK will be sent home with the youngest member of the family in EARLY MAY. Parents who do not wish to receive a book, are asked to contact Karen in the primary school office on 6229 3814 or email primary@calvin.tas.edu.au

Pre-order forms will be sent home soon. Bonus coupons are available from the Primary office. All enquiries are to be directly to Karen in the primary school.



HURRY! LAST CHANCE FOR EARLY BIRD OFFERS

The *entertainment* fundraiser is here.
Pre-order yours now!

Still just **\$65** giving you over **\$20,000** of value!

ORDER NOW FOR EARLY BIRD OFFERS

The advertisement features a blue banner in the top left corner with the text 'HURRY! LAST CHANCE FOR EARLY BIRD OFFERS'. The main text reads 'The entertainment fundraiser is here. Pre-order yours now!'. Below this, there are images of the Entertainment Book, several event cards (one labeled 'EVENT'), and three smartphones displaying the app interface. To the right of the smartphones is a blue bird perched on a branch. A circular badge contains the text 'Still just \$65 giving you over \$20,000 of value!'. At the bottom, a yellow button says 'ORDER NOW FOR EARLY BIRD OFFERS'. The word 'OR' is placed between the book/event cards and the smartphones.

Whole School



Applications are invited for the position of

Compliance/WHS Officer

Full time position commencing immediately

We are looking for a passionate Christian professional to coordinate WHS and other compliance matters across four Christian Schools in the greater Hobart area.

Applicants must be experienced in contemporary WHS practices and be able to demonstrate initiative and capacity to prepare, communicate and coordinate implementation of policies across an organisation.

*For enquiries or an application package contact
Mr Brian Bosveld, Business Manager*

on 6224 8300 or bbosveld@cst.tas.edu.au

Applications close: Friday 17 March 2017

Christian Schools Tasmania operates four schools in southern Tasmania:

Calvin Christian School - Channel Christian School

Emmanuel Christian School - Northern Christian School



Applications are invited from suitably qualified Christians for the following position:

Family Accounts Officer

Hobart

Part time (0.5 FTE), fixed term.

Strong communication and organisational skills essential.

Experience in business and/or administration desirable.

Proficiency in Microsoft Word and Excel required.

*For enquiries or an application package contact
Mr Brian Bosveld, Business Manager*

on 6224 8300 or bbosveld@cst.tas.edu.au

Applications close: Friday 24 March 2017

Christian Schools Tasmania operates four schools in southern Tasmania:

Calvin Christian School - Channel Christian School

Emmanuel Christian School - Northern Christian School

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

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

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.

Community Notices

**ENDEAVOUR AVE
MARGATE**



**Channel
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

4:30 PM ~ 7:30 PM
Friday
**MARCH
17th**

**TWILIGHT
FAIR** ★

Oliebollen | **LIVE MUSIC** | **THE SWEET SHOPPE**
Croquettes

Woodfired PIZZA | Toffee Apples

Baked Goods CAFE | **Ice cream** | **Coffee Van** | **Cakes & Preserves**
CAKE Competition

LUCKY DIP | **Handmade Craft Stall** | **PHOTO BOOTH**

BBQ | **SHOW BAGS** | ***PLANTS*** | **SILENT AUCTION**

Pre-loved Toys, Books & Clothes
KIDS RIDES



Call for Entries!



**Channel
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

**TWILIGHT
FAIR** ★

4:30 PM ~ 7:30 PM
Friday
MARCH 17th

CAKE DECORATING COMPETITION
All cakes must be from either of the Women's Weekly Birthday Cakes books (original edition or more recent 'Kid's Birthday Cakes' version).
Judged by a Peoples' Vote on appearance only.
The cake with the highest bid wins the prize!

RECYCLED SCULPTURE COMPETITION
Wow our community with a sculpture made from what you can find in the back of the shed, garden or recycling bin.
Mr Roberts (school principal) will judge on creativity and the best use of recycled materials.

CATEGORIES: 5-8's / 9-12's / Adults
Register submissions: clancyhartman79@gmail.com

Community Notices

Kids Love Science at Love Living Locally



**LIQUID NITROGEN
ICE CREAM**

DEMOS AT 10.30AM, 12NOON,
1.30PM

**THE GREAT KIDS VS PHYSICISTS
BOTTLE FLIPPING COMPETITION**

FLIPPING AT 11.15AM, 12.45PM,
2.15PM

10am - 3pm, Sunday 19 March

www.lovelivinglocally.com



Jazz, Tap, Ballet and Acrobats
Huonville

Contact Emma O'Neill:
0427228106

emma.robson73@gmail.com