

Newsletter

11 AUGUST 2017

Dear Calvin Community,

There is power in a smile.

There is an old adage that, "A picture is worth a thousand words." If that is true, then a smile must communicate the words of several pictures at one time.

There was a great deal of smiling at Calvin this week.

A group of students returned from Fiji just before the term started. They made a great investment in the lives of others and have been deeply touched by the experience. Now that the sleep deprivation has been addressed they are noticeably changed. The simple question, "How was the trip?" triggers a smile that bursts across their face. They smile with their soul. They share a reflection with words; however, their face communicates a depth of feeling that transcends language.

On Tuesday the members of the Australia Korea Club (AKC) were beaming as they welcomed both old friends and new acquaintances when the students from Imae Middle School arrived. Joy, hugs, and tears abounded even before people were off the bus. The ensuing 5 days were a wonderful collection of experiences. Friendships were made quickly and then deepened through a rich programme of organised and spontaneous activities. Tears and sincere hugs abounded on Monday as the Korean students departed. Again, a simple question, "Did you have a great time?" triggers that same kind of smile to rush from ear to ear.

On Thursday, Calvin Creative Arts students who are touring Tasmania next week presented a concert of their work. It was a wonderful night of high quality performances. Those smiles were there again. Sometimes it was a smile of satisfaction when a performance was perfectly executed. Occasionally, it was a smile of relief. It was common to see an exchange of smiles between musicians and actors as they acknowledged their connection in the moment.

The smiles on those faces matter a great deal to the staff and to me.

The smiles that impacted me the most this week were those of parents watching their children. They were in the audience for the performance on Thursday. They were chauffeurs for Korean students over the weekend. The smile was there again in conversation with parents about the value of the Fiji trip. All those trips to briefings and fundraisers. There were even smiles at parent teacher evening. There was laughter in the room and those same smiles were evidence of strong relationship. There are warm smiles at line-up in the Primary school.

Parents are investing in their children and into Calvin community. This past week isn't exceptional for that level of commitment. It is happening all the time. It is visible every week.

These investments come in all sorts of ways. The investment is constant.

Investing is different from spending. Spending is to get. Investing is a giving to a future return. Parenting is a sacrificial investment. However, the glimpse of that future return is visible today. It is that smile.



Mr Iain Belot
PRINCIPAL

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT *continued*

Scripture tells us that,

A glad heart makes a cheerful face, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is crushed.
(Proverbs 15:13)

That smile says so much. There is real power in those smiles.



Australia Korea Club

CALVIN
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



Dear Parents

Primary Schools Got Talent

There was great anticipation and excitement amongst our students this week as the School Captains and Vice Captains led their initiative by hosting 'Primary Schools Got Talent'. Over two days, 25 acts were performed by 33 students from Year 1 through to Year 6. These courageous students performed on stage in front of a live and energetic audience. It was fantastic to see and hear students sing, dance, perform music and showcase their gymnastic and sporting abilities. Some students were comedians and others performed magic tricks and optical illusions. I want to congratulate all the students who performed. It was absolutely sensational to see such a wide range of giftings and talent on display.



Reading Comprehension

Next week, Brian Parker from Sharp Reading will be travelling from New Zealand to Hobart to spend two days providing our teachers support in their deliver of high quality reading programs. It is our aim to support our students with the capabilities to become active readers who are able to make meaning and think critically on what they read. This is a necessary skill for all our students as they progress through the school. Already we are seeing tremendous achievement by our students and we expect this trend to continue.

Communication

From time to time parents may disagree with an aspect of schooling at Calvin or may not be happy with the way we are going about our business. When this occurs we encourage open communication and prefer that parents come to us to talk through a problem rather than let the issue fester and be discussed in the community. It is our job to be fair and to listen to your concerns, but this

PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

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
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 program for children and their parents/carers.
Thursday mornings during school term 9:00 - 10:30 am in the Kindergarten room.

Primary

involves your support as well. Below are our guidelines for when this may occur.

1. The first person you should see regarding your concern is the person closest to the problem.
2. If the matter is a general issue, discuss it with the person concerned or your child's teacher or the Deputy Principal or Principal.
3. If you have a complaint about a staff member, contact the person involved and discuss the matter. We ask that parents make this direct approach as soon as possible.
4. Be prepared to make a time to discuss your complaint if the staff member is unable to talk with you straight away. This is especially important if a teacher is teaching.
5. Be open to listening to the other side of the story to avoid communication breakdowns.
6. Problems should not be discussed in front of children – either at school or at home. It is important that we protect our children from any concerns between parent and school.
7. If you have concerns regarding a student you must approach the school, NOT the student.
8. We ask that staff show respect for you and ask that you show respect for them.
9. If you are unhappy with the outcome of your initial meeting, please contact the Deputy Principal, Mr Caleb Cooper or our Principal, Mr Iain Belot so we can consider and respond to the complaint as appropriate.

It is essential that we all work towards a resolution so we can fulfil our obligation of working together in partnership. In most cases, constructive discussion will resolve the issue. However, we are unable to respond to any concerns unless you tell us. I hope this is helpful and you feel confident to approach us.

Finally, thank you to all our parents and students for your support and cooperation with our change in routines with our gates and entering the school grounds before school starts. By not opening until 8:20am we are ensuring that all students are kept safe and supervised while on the school property.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Caleb Cooper
Deputy Principal



YEAR 3 - EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCES

In Science, Year 3 have been studying the moon and observing it each night for homework over the course of this month. We have learnt that like Earth, the moon is always half illuminated by the sun. The round globe of the moon therefore has a day and a night side.

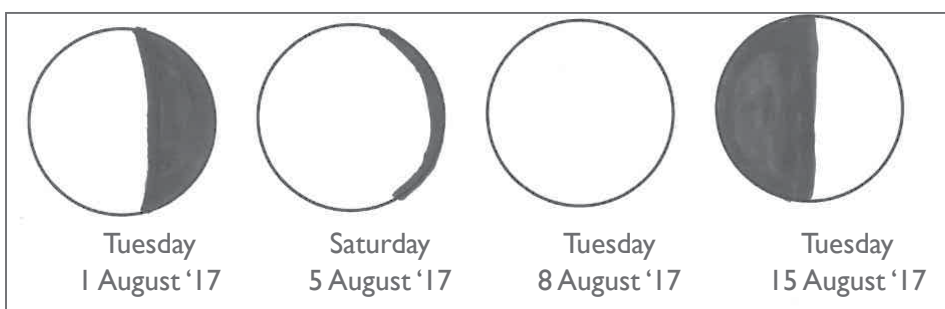
From our earthly vantage point, as the moon orbits around Earth, we see varying fractions of its day and night sides. On 1st August, the moon was in a waxing gibbous phase, meaning more than half of the lit portion of the moon could be seen. The lit portion waxed (increased) each night, until a full moon occurred on 8th August.

A full moon is when we can see the entire lit portion of the moon, as it is on the opposite side of the Earth from the Sun. We know that it takes about a month for the moon to orbit the Earth.

From the 9th August until 15th August, the moon will be in a waning gibbous phase, meaning more than half of the lit portion of the moon will be seen and the shape will decrease (wane) in size. We are expecting it to be a new moon on 22nd August.

We have all enjoyed our nightly study of the moon so far this term. It reminds us of just how amazingly clever God is to have designed the universe with all its planets, stars and moons!

Mrs Jo Dixon
Year 3



CODE CLUB BEBRAS COMPUTATIONAL THINKING CHALLENGE

Earlier this year, 21 of our Code Club students from Years 4-10 entered the Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge, run by the CSIRO. They were among over 23,000 students Australia-wide who participated in the online challenge, answering a series of problem solving questions.

Our students achieved very well. Of the 21 entrants, Calvin received 8 credits, 5 merits and 8 participation awards.

Congratulations!

Mrs Lynda Davey

Teacher | Code Club Co-ordinator



Pictured - Primary School Code Club members and Challenge participants

It's **WORKING BEE** time



at Calvin Primary School!

Join us on

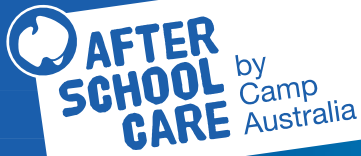
Saturday 26 August

1 pm - 4 pm

We have big jobs and small jobs.

Refreshments will be provided

All are welcome. If you cannot commit to the entire time, fee free to to come and give an hour or two instead. Every bit helps!



GREAT FUN AFTER SCHOOL

- ★ Outdoor games and sports
- ★ Arts and Crafts
- ★ Playing with friends
- ★ Time for homework
- ★ Great Educators
- ★ Food and Cooking
- ★ Indoor Activities

SPECIAL WELCOME OFFER

Register for an account before Friday 18th August and we will waive the annual account keeping fee (Valued at \$25). It's a great idea to register an account, so that you can use After School Care any time you need to.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE - 3:00PM - 6:15PM



REGISTER AND BOOK

1. Visit www.campastralia.com.au
2. Search for your school on our homepage
3. Enter your details on the school page to start the registration process



Secondary



SUBJECT SELECTION FOR YEAR 10-12 STUDENTS IN 2018

A link to the online web preference system will be emailed to parents of students who will be in Years 10, 11 and 12 next year. Please take the time to carefully consider your son or daughter's course preferences for next year. At Calvin we encourage students to choose a pathway of study based on a variety of factors including interest, aptitude, gifting, post-school aspirations and career options. **Please ensure that your son or daughter's web preferences have been lodged by Tuesday, 22 August.**

After this date, the system will be closed so we can build the 2018 timetable. Once subjects have been selected, the final receipt will need to be printed, signed and returned to the school office. If you do not receive an email with the link to the web preference system by Monday, please contact Bonny Moroni by email: bmoroni@calvin.tas.edu.au

IMMUNISATIONS

A reminder to all **Year 10, 11 and 12** parents that students' completed immunisation forms must be returned to school by Monday 14th August, even if they are not to be immunised.

YEAR 8 HISTORY

Last term, Mrs Leder's Year 8.2 History class were studying the Middle Ages and the Crusades. During the term holidays, David Carr took time to craft a medieval shield, similar in design to the same used by Knights of the Crusades! David's fine work may be seen in Room 20.

Well done, David!



SECONDARY SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

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THE AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION

The results for the Australian Geography Competition are now in and the following students are to be congratulated on their participation and achievement.

- Year 7** **Jack de Puit (credit) Nathan de Puit, Arielle Reader, Levi Vonk (distinction)**
- Year 9** **Lawson Grey, Caleb Reader and Cade Swanson (credit)**

The competition is open to students from Year 7 to 12, so if you missed out this year, you can put it in your diary for next year – see the information below. It is a really interesting paper to do and you can check this out by looking at past papers online.

2018 Australian Geography Competition

Next year, the Competition will be held in secondary schools around the country between Thursday 17 May - Thursday 31 May. Entry is open to all students from Year 7 to Year 12.

To help prepare for the Competition, past papers and answers can be accessed on the competition website <http://www.geographycompetition.org.au/content/downloads>.

Well done 2017 participants!

Ms Helen Sinclair
Head of Humanities

YEAR 10 DANCE CLASS

The Year Ten Physical Education program takes a slightly different approach to previous year's, looking at some of the more non-traditional sports. The students are participating in 4 weeks of Dance classes as part of fitness and incorporating movement in different genres.



Secondary

FIJI MISSION TRIP



Secondary

School Band and **Student Theatre Company** are off on their **tour of Tasmania** on Wednesday.

They will perform for four different Christian schools around the state, and everything is set for their trip. Last night's preview concert was a great success. Students were excited to be able to perform before their head of on their tour.

Emily Di Pretoro
Head of Creative Arts
Artistic Director of S.T.C.



Secondary

Years Seven & Eight Present

TRIMESTER TWO SHOWCASE

WEDNESDAY 30TH AUGUST 2017

CREATIVE ARTS & TECHNOLOGIES

DESIGN TECH VISUAL ART DRAMA
DIGITAL TECH MUSIC FOOD TECH

6.30PM FOR YEAR SEVEN

7.30PM FOR YEAR EIGHT

- PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE -



ENROL NOW FOR 2017

Alphacrucius College would love to invite students, families and staff of Calvin interested in finding out more about the college to come along to see the range of courses on offer here in Hobart.

OPEN DAY IS ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 26TH

12pm – 3pm at 45 Melville Street Hobart

- Live music & Ultra 106.5 live broad cast
- Pizza, Doughnuts and other food available on the day
- Presentations on courses from heads of Faculty: Business, Applied Social Science, Ministry & Theology
- Launch of Scholarship opportunities

ADF Careers Expo

Hobart—2017



NAVY



ARMY



AIR FORCE

Date: Friday 15th — Saturday 16th of September
2017

Location: Princes Wharf, Hobart

Info: CPTTAS@dfr.com.au

Attending the ADF Careers Expo offers an amazing opportunity to see and hear from today's leaders and is set to inspire tomorrow's future leaders. A perfect chance to gain insights into the multitude of Defence Careers.

Whole School

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WEEKS
TO GO

Oliebollen
festival

Saturday
9 September
10am-2pm

CRAFT STALL

The Oliebollen festival will be running a **CRAFT STALL** this year, but we **need your help!!**

We are interested in anything that is handmade, knitting, crochet, woodwork, jewellery, pottery, paper craft, sculpting, painting or any other type of handmade goods.

Please bring to the school by Friday the 8th of September, clearly marked for the craft stall.

If you have any questions please contact Clancy on 0418571802

tombola

The Tombola Stall needs lots of goodies to go into jars. Please help by bringing in items to the school office for this very popular children's stall!

Ideas include:

Stickers,
swap cards,
rubber finger puppets,
hair ties,
whistles,
packaged lollies,
erasers,
candy,
stampers,
hair clips,
mini pencils,
pencils,
mini toys,
match box cars,
balloons,
lip gloss,
bracelets,
ribbons,
mini note pads,
beads etc.

ANYTHING KIDS ENJOY

books

Please donate books in good condition only. Recent titles and popular authors are highly desired. Please do not donate encyclopaedias.

white elephant

Please do not donate items that are trash or broken. We cannot accept any electrical items.

second hand clothing

Please donate clothing in good condition, preferably washed. No underwear or dirty shoes.

*All donated items may be dropped off at the Secondary school office.
Thank you.*

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.



ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AND GET FREE ADVERTISING FOR YOUR BUSINESS

Do you have a business that provides goods or services to the community?
Would you consider donating an item or voucher for services to the school
to be sold during the 2017 Calvin Oliebollen Auction?
If so, please email Bonny at bmoroni@calvin.tas.edu.au so that your item
can be collected and added to our Auction List.

farmers market

Farmers' market is in need of
donations of your homemade,
home-grown fresh produce.

jams
marmalade
chutney
eggs
vegies
flowers
seeds

Contact Kirrilli on
0428136072



SPRING



Its Disco Party Time here at the Huon Valley PCYC Kids Night Out !

Let's have some fun and dance the night away with disco lights and lots of music.

Fun Factory will also be open for everyone to have a great time.

Prizes for best disco dancer/ best dressed in Spring clothes !

When: Friday 1st September 2017

Time: 6.30pm - 9.30pm

Ages: 5 - 12 years

Cost: \$8.00 members/\$12 non-members - Dinner supplied

Where: Huon Valley PCYC 72 Wilmot Road Huonville

Ph: 6264 3100 to register your child for a fun night out !