

Newsletter

15 DECEMBER 2017

Dear Parents and Community Members,

My assembly address this week had two titles; 'The rest of the Christmas Card Message... all of it' And, 'I won't be wishing you a Happy Holidays. I wanted to share with you the message that the students heard.

There is a scripture from Isaiah, Chapter 9 that is quoted in many Christmas cards;

'For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us;

And the government will rest on His shoulders;

And His name will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,

Eternal Father, Prince of Peace'.

But there is a second part that is rarely quoted, in my experience.

'There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace,

On the throne of David and over his kingdom,

To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness

From then on and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this'.

We are living in interesting times, and it may not be apparent that God's government is actually increasing. Checking progress based on the circumstances of our world isn't a reliable measure. I posed this question to the students: "Is there an absence of Government in Australia just because Malcolm Turnbull is not visible in Hobart?"

It cannot be that God's authority or Jesus' authority is increasing. Christ's sacrifice at the cross delivered the complete victory. Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father. God does not require improving or increasing.

When we became a Christian, our name was added to the roll in heaven. When that happened His government increased in number by one person.

At that moment, we became an ambassador of Heaven. Every country has an ambassador whose duty it is to represent their government. As a Christian, we are the official representatives of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just like in an earthly embassy, our ground is the sovereign territory of our Kingdom. Wherever we stand is holy ground.

Christ has asked us to bring His peace. I explained to the students that it is imperative that

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we rightly understand the nature of Biblical peace. Too often, we consider peace to be the absence of conflict. The Bible calls us to understand that peace is ruling in the middle of the conflict.

Rightly understood we will have realistic expectations and a correct understanding of our role.

Unfortunately, there will be a disaster somewhere on Christmas Day. Either nature or man will cause devastation. If we are unprepared, or have the wrong perspective then we attribute the suffering to God and fail to see our role.

I shared the example of the 'Youth With A Mission' (YWAM) group that sought to witness to athletes and officials during the 1972 Olympics in Munich. Immediately before the games commenced their official access to the games village and stadiums was inexplicably revoked. Confused by this they resolved to take their message of Christ to the streets. During these games eleven Israeli Olympic team members were taken hostage and eventually killed, along with a German police officer, by the Palestinian terrorist group Black September. The YWAM students were 'suddenly' in the right place. In an act of powerful symbolism a Jewish believer led a Palestinian to the Lord.

These young people were free to comfort and witness to a city in distress. They were effective ambassadors of peace within crisis. May we learn from their example.

I also told the students that I would not be wishing them a Happy Holiday.

Some of you may know that my wife Jill and I lived in the United States for 4 years. In American culture, the secular code for excluding Christ from Christmas is "Happy Holidays". The trend is increasing here. So, as a Christian, I refuse to say it.

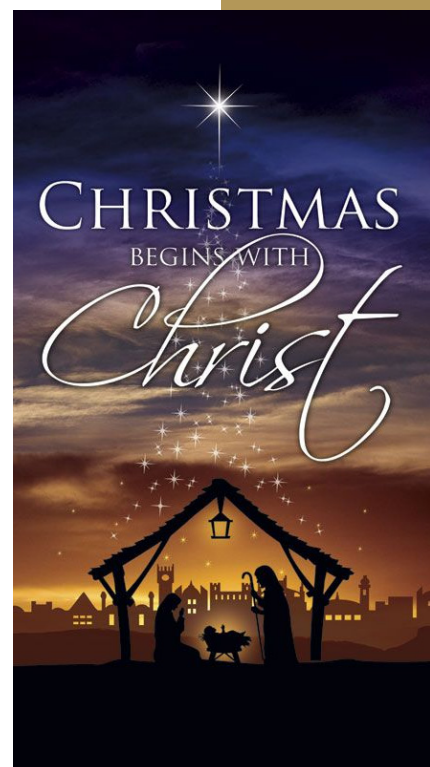
Likewise, I will always write Christmas instead of the abbreviation XMAS. The X deletes Christ from Christmas.

As his ambassador, I will sign His name just as I will proclaim it.

So instead, I did express that I hoped that they had a pleasant vacation. But more importantly, I hope that they have an encounter with the 'reason for the season', Jesus.

I wish you no less.

Iain Belot

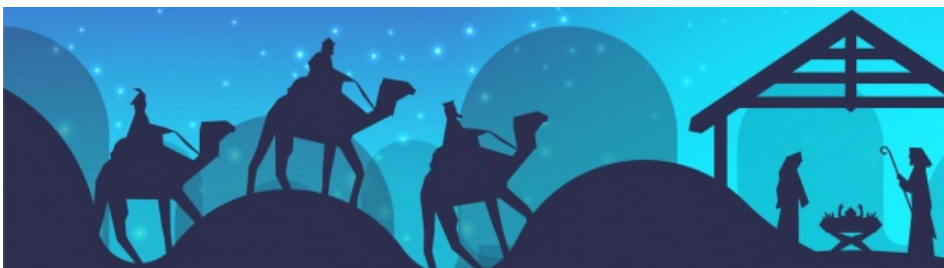


Primary

Dear Parents,

This week commenced with Orientation Day where students were provided with the opportunity to spend time with their teacher for next year. It was exciting to see such a wide collection of teacher led activities spanning across the Year levels and students committing to working together to lay the foundations for 2018. This was an important time as teachers worked to foster confidence in each child and relieve any fears and anxieties about moving class that some have been carrying. We know that our endeavours are built on the work of parents and we thank you for your support.

On Wednesday evening, our gorgeous **Kindergarten students showcased their Christmas play.** They performed well and looked the part all dressed up in their costumes. Thank you to all the families who were able to join us and fellowship with one another afterwards. It was a special evening.



PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Friday
8:30 am - 12:30 pm
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
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SMALL WONDERS PLAYGROUP

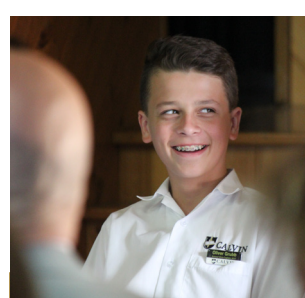
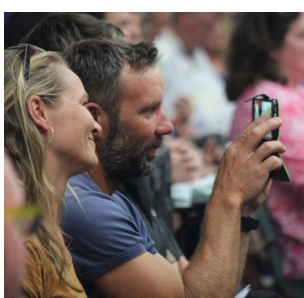
A free early years program for children and their parents/carers.
Thursday mornings during school term 9:00 - 10:30 am in the Kindergarten room.

Primary

The **Year 6 Graduation Ceremony** was a display of excellence. Students performed and presented with great confidence and skill. The audience was engaged and impressed! For many of our Year 6 students this ceremony culminated the end of 8 years of primary schooling. This was their turn to showcase how far they had come. Every student was absolutely outstanding! They conclude their time in the primary school with their heads held high leaving a strong legacy for future years to emulate. Thank you Year 6 for your hard work, effort, discipline and perseverance. You leave primary school ready to lead the world.

Well done on all your achievements!

To conclude the Year 6 experience at primary school, they all went on a surprise visit to Hastings Cave on Friday where they enjoyed exploring the caves, a swim and a gourmet BBQ.



Primary

Next week is our final school week of 2017. On Monday, we have the School Picnic Day. This is a great opportunity for students to enjoy the end of the year with their school friends. Please note that this is a compulsory school day.

We will be travelling by bus to Glenorchy pool. We will leave school at 9:00am for an expected arrival time of 9:30am. Students must bring their swimming bathers and a towel. At 11:30am we leave the pool and head by school bus to Simmons Park in Lindisfarne where we will have lunch, play games and enjoy each other's company. We will leave the park at 2:30pm and make our way back to school. The school day will conclude at the normal time of 3:00pm.

Students can wear free dress but must bring food for morning tea and lunch including a drink bottle to keep hydrated. It is important that students wear sun hats and bring sun screen for the day.

Parents are welcome to join us at the park. It is our hope to make sure this is a great day for our students.

On Tuesday, we hold the final assembly for 2017. This assembly is a time where we will acknowledge student achievement over the course of this year. This is a formal event where academic awards will be awarded to students. In attendance will be a group of distinguished guests from the community who will present our Special Awards which acknowledge the character and service of students. The assembly will commence at 1:30pm and conclude at 2:30pm. Students will then go back to class to receive their end of year report and say their goodbyes for 2017. Students are expected to attend school on this day, wear their full school uniform looking neat and tidy. This is the final day of Term 4.

I look forward to seeing you at these final events and pray that the year comes to a nice completion for you all.

On a personal note:

I would like to thank the students, staff and parents for what has been a wonderful year. After three years at Calvin, I now relocate to Queensland. It has been a privilege to serve this school and to lead a team of dedicated staff who seek to see the school impact young lives for Christ.

May God bless you and your families during the Christmas holidays. I pray that as you remember the birth of Jesus that you are reminded afresh of His personal love and care for you. May you have time with those you love and the space to refresh and revive for the New Year ahead. I look forward to hearing of the good work that will continue next year and the years to come under the leadership of Mr. Iain Belot and Mr. Andrew Nash at Calvin Christian School.

Yours in Christ,

Caleb Cooper
Deputy Principal



YEAR 4

CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND COOKING

Wow! What an incredible, creative, crazy and slightly chaotic, couple of days, Grade 4 have enjoyed. We have been blessed to have an unprecedented 11 parent (sibling/friend) helpers in our classroom, enabling us to create some beautiful Christmas crafts and cooking. We are so grateful to the many parents, the sister and the Grade 10 friend who were keen to get involved and help us learn and enjoy the festive season. We hope and pray that you all find some moments to have fun, encourage those around you and reflect on God's faithfulness and perfect plan during this Christmas period.

Mr Jono Laning
Year 4 Teacher



Secondary

ATHLETICS

Last weekend, the Australian All Schools Athletics Championships were held in Adelaide. I attended as one of the state team managers and was blessed to witness some terrific performances. Ebony Webb, who was also one of the team captains, ran very well in both the 2000m steeplechase and the 3000m and there were many other fantastic performances from Tasmanian athletes.



Stuart Millar
Head of Athletics

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SHOWCASE TRIMESTER 3

Our final Showcase for 2017 was held on Wednesday and it was lovely to see parents able to come along during the daytime. Performances from Music and Drama provided some terrific entertainment and allowed students to share their work from this trimester. Students then accompanied families to the Resource Centre to enjoy work from the Art Studio and the Technologies. Year Eight also presented a fascinating display of their Humanities book projects. A great end to a year of creativity, skill development and learning.

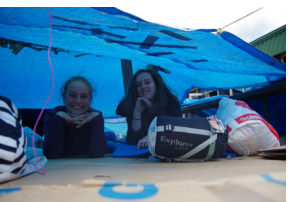
Emily Di Pretoro
Head of Creative Arts

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YEAR 7 & 8 - End of Year Activities



Whole School

Volunteers needed to look after school **stick insects** and/or **goldfish** over the school holidays.

All food, tank, filters, chemicals, etc. will be supplied to keep fish happy.

Stick insects are much easier to look after and only need a spray of water everyday and fresh Messmate (*Euaclyptus obliqua*) leaves once a week.

Anyone interested and would like to have these temporary pets for the holidays please contact

Glenda Adler - 0409 480 396.



SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

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

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We are looking for an energetic person to co-ordinate and run our weekly Early Years program for 0-5 year olds and their parents/caregivers.

Previous experience in teaching, child care or playgroup is highly desirable, but not essential.

The position is 3 hours per week during school term

Written expressions of interest are to be sent to:
Mrs Julie Berg, admin@calvin.tas.edu.au



Whole School

2017 TRADING DAYS AND TIMES

Extended Trading Hours

All new parents are advised to make an appointment.

Term 4 Trading days in December 2017

Tuesday 12 Dec and Thursday 14 Dec 8.30 am to 4.00 pm

Tuesday 19 Dec 8.30 am to 4.00 pm

The Calvin Christian Uniform Shop CLOSSES

Tuesday 19 December 2017 at 4.00 pm

2018 TRADING DAYS AND TIMES

RE-OPENS for **Back to School** on Monday 22 January 2018 at 10am

JANUARY	Monday	22 Jan 10.00 am to 3.00 pm
	Tuesday	23 Jan 10.00 am to 3.00 pm
	Wednesday	24 Jan 10.00 am to 3.00 pm
	Monday	29 Jan 10.00 am to 4.00 pm
	Tuesday	30 Jan 12.00 pm to 7.00 pm
	Wednesday	31 Jan 10.00 pm to 4.00 pm

FEBRUARY	Thursday	1 Feb 10.00 am to 4.00 pm
	Friday	2 Feb 10.00 am to 4.00 pm
	Monday	5 Feb 8.30 am to 4.00 pm
	Tuesday	6 Feb 8.30 am to 4.00 pm
	Thursday	8 Feb 8.30 am to 4.00 pm

Normal Trading hours: Tuesday and Thursdays 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
Resumes on 6 February 2018.

Please contact Joanne to make an appointment time.

Phone: 03 6240 1883

Email: ccs.kingston@midford.com.au

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TERM DATES 2018

Secondary and Primary

Term One commences	Monday 5 February
Public Holiday (Regatta Day)	Monday 12 February
Public Holiday (Eight Hours Day)	Monday 12 March
Secondary Moderation Day	Tuesday 13 March
Easter Break	Friday 30 March – Monday 2 April
Non-Student Day	Tuesday 3 April
Term One concludes	Friday 13 April

Term Two commences	Monday 30 April
Public Holiday (Queen's Birthday)	Monday 11 June
Term Two concludes	Friday 6 July

Term Three commences	Monday 30 July
Secondary Moderation Day	Friday 7 September
Term Three concludes	Friday 28 September

Term Four commences	Monday 15 October
Public Holiday (Hobart Show Day)	Thursday 25 October
Non-student Day	Friday 26 October
Term Four concludes	Wednesday 19 December



Kingborough Tennis Coaching (Nick Martin)

TENNIS CLINICS



Where: Kingston Tennis Club

Clinic 1 - Wed 11th Jan -Thur 12th Jan (8:30 – 12:30)

Clinic 2 - Wed 17th Jan -Thur 18th Jan (8:30 – 12:30)

Cost: \$100.00 per clinic

For more information please call Nick on 0447293582 or email julianick@bigpond.com