

Newsletter

16 JUNE 2017

Dear Parents and Community members,

Feedback is crucial to the learning process. Educational research continually supports that providing accurate and timely feedback assists the learner in knowing where they are, and allows the teacher to rightly understand progress being made.

Feedback is also vital to organisational health. Conversations about the quality of education offered by the school are central elements of our professional connection. It is important to have the voice to speak into the organisation. It is also a relational imperative to be invited to do so.

Importantly, this feedback is not an event. It is not just fruit for the conversation, it is a part of the actual conversation. Some of the feedback we need is qualitative. This is the type of feedback that allows people to seek subtle nuances and to delve for the reasons things occur. Other feedback is quantitative. It measures opinions and experience against a scale. This is akin to the score in a football game. How the team played would be the qualitative discussion held in the post-match briefing with the coaching staff and players.

It is my firm opinion that both quantitative and qualitative are required to fully understand the whole story. The score never tells the whole story. The story is not compelling, engaging or specific without a score.

Our community is right in the middle of feedback season.

Our students are undertaking examinations. The result is some quantitative feedback (their grade) and some qualitative feedback in the form of conversations with teachers and parents. There will be affirmations and course corrections as a consequence.

Reports are being compiled as I write. They provide both grades and comments. The imperative of the follow-up conversation is the purpose of parent teacher night. Again, it is vital to gather information from both sources. Thus, parents receiving reports is compulsory. In my opinion, the face-to-face follow-up conversation is just as vital.

In the next few days, parents will receive a letter inviting them to contribute to the school survey of performance. This is a vital measure for us to manage our programme and measure our improvement. Through this, we establish the areas in which we need to grow, and those in which we can consolidate.

I want to invite all parents to complete this survey. Your opinion is important to us. Your feedback will guide us. The survey data will be directly comparable to that of last year.

We have worked in the interim to be responsive to the feedback. Some initiatives are already in progress, some have been planned, and others have been initiated as a consequence of the previous year's review. Some of the initiatives have a long lead-time because of their complexity.



Mr Iain Belot
PRINCIPAL

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT *continued*

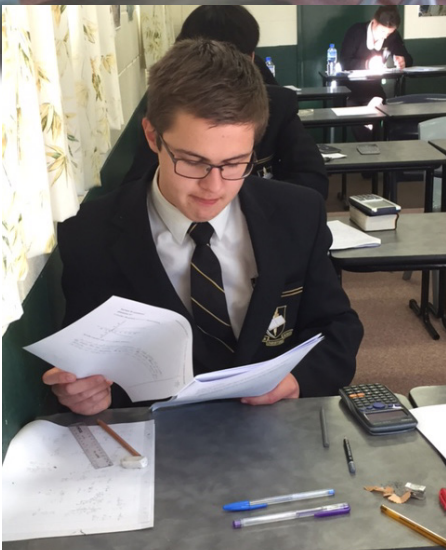
One such project is the development of a co-curricular programme. I am pleased to announce that I have invited Mr Nick Heyne to undertake the task of researching the issues surrounding the implementation of a co-curricular programme. This programme is an important contribution to the development of Christian character and the development of students' talents. This will be a thorough and careful examination of the issues that need to be considered in regard to implementing a school-wide programme.

I am also delighted to announce that I have invited Kees Wierenga to undertake the task of researching our school founding in order that we create symbolic and cultural displays that honour and celebrate the school's history. Mr Wierenga is a noted local historian who has a deep understanding of both the local community and the school's history. I look forward to being able to announce the results of this research.

As a Christian school, we are committed to delivering both elements of our charter: Christianity and education.

Please support the development of this cause by completing the surveys that you receive.

Iain Belot



Primary

Dear Parents,

This has been another full week of activities for our students. We had a large group of Year 2-6 students participate in the ICAS writing and spelling competitions. Then all students from Prep through to Year 6 enjoyed the Joseph Musical at Southern Christian College on Thursday while our Kinder students went on Friday. Earlier today, our House Captains led whole school fitness for our students. This will occur every alternate Friday morning when we do not have an assembly. It is fantastic to see our House Captains continue to grow in their confidence and ability to effectively lead others and think through the process of engaging younger students with fun fitness activities.

Next week, students will get to experience Playhouse Australia's production, 'Puss n Boots'. We will be joined by students from Channel Christian School. This promises to provide our students with some inspiring and engaging theatre experience. For more information, please go to <http://australiaplayhouse.com.au>.

Property

You may have noticed new fencing is currently going up on the primary campus. This is part of the plan to continue to keep our students safe from unknown visitors. This will also direct all foot traffic to sign in at our office on arrival as is required.

Bikes, Skateboards and Scooters

Once the fencing is complete, no skateboards or scooters will be allowed to be used on school property as this is causing increasing damage to our facilities and we have had a number of near misses with students or members of the community colliding into other people.

In addition, students have been informed that they are to walk their bikes and scooters on the school grounds. Many students have been speeding past buildings and people and have caused themselves or other people injuries.

School Traffic

We have been informed that the Tassielink bus and Wisby bus will no longer pick Calvin students up from school if they cannot access the turning circle. We appreciate that the lack of available parking spaces can be frustrating, however between the hours of 8:20-9:00 and 2:45-3:30 the turning circle and staff carpark is not for parents to use. If parents continue to use them, students will be left stranded at school by the bus companies and parents will be required to collect their child from school. You can park your car on Maranoa Road, at the Woolworths car park or at the Reformed Church.

Student drop off and pick up

A reminder that children should not be at school before 8:20am. There are a number of children who are arriving at school well before 8:20am, in some cases before 8:00am. I respectfully request that children are not dropped off at this time as there is no supervision for them. Staff are in meetings or are preparing for the day ahead at this time of the day.

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.

After School

On a similar note a reminder that at the end of the school day all students must make their way home. If parents are not at school, then students must go to Mr Smith's classroom so we know where they are, and can ensure they are supervised and safe until you arrive. I appreciate that meetings run late, cars break down or have flat tyres and best laid plans turn to custard on occasion; however for everyone's peace of mind please encourage your children to either make their way to Mr Smith's classroom or head home.

Playgrounds

Finally, starting this coming Monday all playgrounds will be closed after school. We have had an increase in students injuring themselves on the playground during after school hours. Playgrounds are not supervised at this time of day. We are currently at a high risk of further injuries occurring which impacts on our ability to provide a safe environment for our students. This also impacts our insurance policy. We ask that you respect this decision and help us meet our obligation to ensure all students are kept safe while at school.

I hope you have a wonderful rest of the week,

Warm regards,
Caleb Cooper

It's **WORKING BEE** time



at Calvin Primary School!

Join us on

Saturday 24th June

1pm - 4pm

We have big jobs and small jobs.

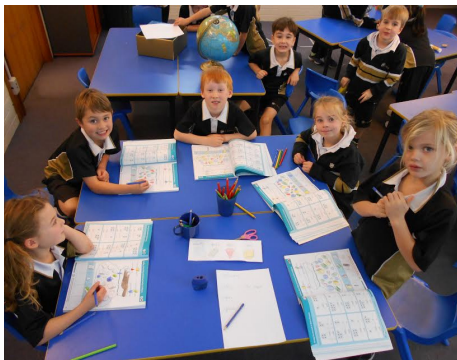
Refreshments will be provided

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

PREP

In Prep each week we consolidate our Mathematical learning with hands on Learning Centres. This week we have been learning about 3D shapes including cylinders, spheres, cubes, oblong-based prisms and cones. We looked for these shapes in our environment and talked about which shapes can and cannot roll. We loved having a go at making them with playdough!

Miss Karalyn Bylsma
Teacher - Prep



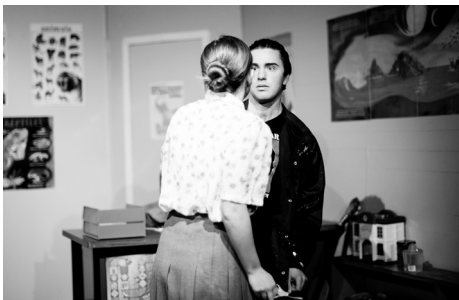
Secondary

SENIOR DRAMA - GROPING FOR WORDS

Last Friday an appreciative audience was entertained by the Senior Drama class as they presented their mid-year production of *Groping for Words* by Sue Townsend. A dramatic comedy, the play explores the lives of four strangers drawn together by the issue of adult literacy. The students spent a lot of time in research and character development and then in rehearsal, to create a polished, funny performance full of pathos and laughter. The four actors did a terrific job of developing and sustaining these complex, subtle characters and they were a joy to watch.

Thanks go to our Year 9 Drama Class who provided technical support, crew and ushers.

Mrs Emily Di Pretoro
Head of Creative Arts
Teacher of Drama



SECONDARY SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

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8:00 am - 4:30 pm
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FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT

Trimester Two is well underway. Year Eight Art students have started studying the portrait, self portraits, facial proportions and the Principles of Art. Here are a few of the students charcoal drawings created recently. Students have done a great job using the foundations of portrait drawing and representing tone in an artwork.

Mrs Miriam Grice
Teacher of Visual Art

PRAISE & WORSHIP

On Thursdays from 8:00 - 8:30am, a group of us meet in the Conference Room on the Secondary campus to Praise and Worship our faithful God. We would like to invite parents, friends and students to join us whenever possible. We believe God is calling us to lift His name high and to bless Him in this way. King David's exhortation to worship is relevant today! 1 Chronicles 16:8-36.

Ineke Laning - Acting Deputy Principal

Secondary

OPEN WATER SCUBA DIVING

Over the last few weeks Matthew Nyhouse, Thomas Nyhouse and Mark Nyhouse have braved the chilly winter waters to complete the 2017 Open Water SCUBA course. The boys were blessed with excellent conditions both above and below the water and passed all training dives and open water dives with flying colours. This qualification is worth 4 TCE points and is recognised internationally allowing them to dive autonomously anywhere in the world. Congratulations Matthew, Thomas and Mark!

Mr Ian Riley
SSI SCUBA Instructor
Director of Studies



Year 9 and Senior Students present an



**EVENING
OF MUSIC**

Thursday 22 June @ 7pm Performing Arts Centre

CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Pilgrim Artists Festival



A small festival of art, music, and words
in the Huon Valley, 23-26 June 2017

Free entry

Exhibition 10am-4pm

Events schedule, including children's activities at pilgrimhill.org/artists.php

Lucaston Apple Shed

102 Lucaston Road, Lucaston, Tasmania

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Pilgrim Artists Festival

EVENTS

Daily 10am-4pm Exhibition. Free entry.

Friday 12pm Tutorial

Paint in the Style of the Old Masters with Margaret Sonnemann

Saturday 11.30am Writer's Panel

Self-publishing and Selling Your Work

Sunday 2pm Family Concert

with Alan Gogoll, guitar (tickets \$10/\$5)

Monday 12pm Tutorial

Crafting Heroes in Fiction with Suzannah Rowntree

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

These events are designed for children 7 to 12. Spaces are limited.

Saturday

10.30am Drawing with Marion Isham

1:30pm Origami with Marion Isham

2:30pm Writing Riddles with Steve Isham

LOCATION

The beautifully restored Lucaston Apple Shed

at 102 Lucaston Rd, Tasmania. Note: Google map is mislabelled.

For more details on the program pilgrimhill.org/artists.php

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CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

SOFT SHELL JACKETS

ALL SIZES except Size 16 are now back in stock.

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

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LEGO® HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

**BRICKS 4 KIDZ® school holiday workshops using
LEGO® Bricks are a fun way for boys and girls to
spend their school holidays in Hobart.**

With our own special BRICKS 4 KIDZ® models and lot of creative free-play building, kids always have fun at our LEGO® workshops!

Our school holiday programs are designed for both girls and boys aged 5 – 12 and are staffed by trained, screened BRICKS 4 KIDZ® instructors. Children will rotate between different stations during our sessions and work and play with different types of LEGO® - including Technic pieces such as gears, axles, electric motors and more! We also have heaps of fun in our break times – with different ball games and fun activities!



Contact Kylie
hobart@bricks4kidz.com
0408 487 393

Please turn over for details of Hobart
locations, workshop dates and the different
themes we are offering!

Cost
One day workshop \$80 incl GST
Half day workshop \$40 incl GST

Check out the website and enrol here:

www.bricks4kidz.com.au/tasmania-hobart/