

Newsletter

17 FEBRUARY 2017

We are blessed that God has an infinite capacity to forgive our transgressions and to maintain His focus on who He made us to be, who we can be, and who we already are in Him.

We humans generally struggle with forgiveness. Apologies may be spoken, but often that is not the end of the matter. The incident still echoes in our memory, psyche, or soul for some time. This recollection may take the aggressive form of internal accusations and relived conversations that blame, or it might adopt the more subtle and corrosive form of doubt. Through these echoes the past is given the power to reach beyond its limit of yesterday and begin to influence how we see tomorrow. We doubt future events because of ancient history. We doubt the situation that resembles past challenges, we withdraw from people who are similar to a previous foe, or perhaps we look more inwardly and doubt our own ability. In the worst case this effect binds us to a moment that is long past. As a result, part of us is lost to the past.

It seems reasonable to conclude that our capacity to forgive and forget is not equally matched. Forgiving, while still a challenge, is easier than forgetting. We might speak words of reconciliation, but memory still lingers in our heart and soul.

It is our reliance on the power of God's love for us that eventually transcends these individual challenges with wounds and doubts.

However, we as a school have a role in dealing with these voices and situations. The new school year gives rise to hopes. Simultaneously, the echoes may become audible again. Our school programme has attempted to address these situations.

This week our Chaplain, Marty Prins, spoke lucidly about the influence of doubt in life and faith. He provided the students a really clear framework to explain how doubt operates. He identified four different types of doubt, and encouraged all students that the correct response to doubt was to choose faith. In our Christian setting we hold this to be a faith of more substance than positive thinking. However, positive thinking is a sort of faith in that it chooses to believe in any realm beyond the borders defined by doubt.

In the coming weeks we have scheduled parent teacher conversations. These are deliberate opportunities for students, parents, and teachers to connect and discuss the hopes for tomorrow.

These upcoming conversations are scheduled to be with classroom teachers in the primary levels and Homeroom teachers in the secondary levels. These are the people who provide holistic care. It is important to place your child's life in its fullest context.

Setting goals will be a preferred outcome of these conversations. The existence of goals is a proven requirement for optimal success. Goals orientate us to the future and assist us to silence the echoes that undermine our efforts. The Apostle Paul observes, "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:14).

I encourage you to attend these evenings and make the most of the opportunity to build tomorrow.

Iain Belot

It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.
Lamentations 3:22-23
King James Version (KJV)



Mr Iain Belot
PRINCIPAL

Primary

FROM THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

It has been a busy two weeks of school for everyone but school is now in full swing. Tonight we have our annual Welcome BBQ where we come together as a school community and eat, and meet with other families in the school. During this time class meetings are scheduled for parents to attend.

Scheduled class meetings are as follows:

- 5:00 – 5:15 Year 3
- 5:15 – 5:30 Kinder & Prep
- 5:30 – 5:45 Year 1 & Year 4
- 5:45 – 6:00 Year 2
- 6:00 – 6:15 Year 5
- 6:15 – 6:30 Year 6

In week 4 we are holding our Parent Teacher Interviews. This is a time when you the parents provide your insights and thoughts on your child to our teachers. Our teachers aim to serve each child and meet their needs. However for this to be possible we need to hear from you the parent or caregiver. Next week, we will open the online portal with further information so that parents can secure their meeting time with their teacher.

On a personal note, a big thank you to all the staff for carrying the extra load while I have been on paternity leave. You are fantastic team of teachers and administrators. We are blessed to have you teaching at Calvin Christian School.

Warm regards,

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
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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.

Primary

GRADE 6S

Year 6S (success) have had a magnificent start to 2017. The last year of Primary Schooling is set to be one of growth and celebration.

We have had discussions about what our Primary school theme, *Others First* means. We have focused on 8 different ways that we can put others first in our classroom, which are: showing restraint, speaking kindly, being trustworthy, think-ing first, being cheerful, being humble, being generous and listening well.



Calvin Primary School
Theme 2017

Others First

Secondary



Last week the Year 7 class descended upon the Lea campground near Mount Nelson for 3 days of activities designed for the whole class to get to know each other. Activities included laser skirmish, shelter building, camp cooking, archery and an orienteering quest that included a ride on the crazy flying fox.

Miss Harris introduced the shelter challenge where teams had 30 minutes to build a shelter from bush materials which then had to survive her mean kungfu kick test and a bucket of water poured on students as they "hid" in their shelters.

Four terrific mums kept the campfires burning to help students cook damper and sweet s'mores in ice cream cones. Its amazing how chocolate can become an essential ingredient of any meal!

The talent night featured a lip sync battle, in which the whole grade lip synced to songs such as Let it go and Hakuna Matata from the Lion King, a rubics cube race and skits. The food was amazing with Mrs Grice heading a team of staff and parent volunteers to serve up tasty meals that provided energy for the busy campers.

The camp finished at the beach with a huge water fight, swimming and hot chips for lunch. Students had a great time and were thoroughly exhausted from three very busy but fun days.

Mr Boonstra - Head of Year 7



SECONDARY SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

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

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Secondary



QUICK AND DIRTY BOAT BUILDING competition

On the February long weekend, three teams of Year 8 students built, decorated and raced their boats as part of the Wooden Boat Festival's "Quick and Dirty" challenge. Watched by thousands of onlookers, our boys and girls teams made a brilliant effort over the three day event, enjoying and learning about boat building and sailing. On the first day the teams had just 3 hours to construct their boats – and thanks to some terrific parent help from Trevor de Kievit and Andrew Kent, the quality of boat construction, made simply from can and canvas, was superb. Team "Drowning Penguins" won "Best Constructed Boat". In the race around Constitution dock, the "Drowning Penguins" team came third overall, closely followed by the "Centurions". Team "Capsize", true to their name....went down in style!

Well done Team!
Mr Boonstra
Teacher of Design and Technology



Secondary



Year 11 and 12 Seniors camp was held at Spring Beach campsite in Orford.

James from Elevate came to teach study and exam skills on the Tuesday. He was clear, funny and informative. He motivated all the senior students to set goals for the year ahead.

Martyn Iles, a human rights lawyer spoke about leadership on Wednesday and Thursday. He compared our standards of what a good leader is with what God thought. He focused on the Beatitudes – *blessed are the meek*. He told us about some of his work with people who are struggling with lawsuits because of their Christian faith and what that has led them to do. I am sure that most of the students were very challenged by his teaching. In our ‘free time’ we played basketball, eightball, had fun with the Wii Dance, went swimming, played beach games and walked on the rocks, plus doing a wasgij puzzle and playing cards.

We had an eyebrow-singeing camp fire to toast marshmallows, get our clothes smelly and to give the local mozzies a good feed! The camp consolidated relationships and staff were most impressed by the way a number of students looked out for the newbies and worked at being inclusive and welcoming. The food was yummy and there was plenty of it (we even had left overs). Thank you to Mrs Moroni and Mrs Straatsma for doing a fabulous job of catering.

Thank you to everyone who participated – it was so good to see people turn up for duty, participate and create an atmosphere of fun.

Mrs Laning
Acting Deputy Principal - Secondary



2016 MUSIC EXAMINATION RESULTS

The AMEB (Australian Music Examinations Board) which is administered in Tasmania by the University of Tasmania on behalf of the Minister for Education and Training has recently announced the results of its 2016 series of practical examinations.

Please note, students begin learning music at different ages. To be ready to sit a grade one exam usually equates to 2–3 years of previous lessons and groundwork. The year grade in brackets is their CURRENT 2017 year grade.

The exams were sat at different times during 2016. Congratulations to the following Calvin students who put in hours of practice per week to obtain these results.

Successful candidates 2016 (as published in the Mercury Jan 2, 2017)

PRIZEWINNER

Tasmania Music Teachers' Association (TMTA) for Seventh Grade Piano:

David Vonk (yr10)

MUSICAL THEATRE

Fourth Grade: Beth Hochman (yr11)

VIOLIN

Fifth Grade: Leah Hochman (yr11)

PIANO

First Grade: Anna Hartman (yr7),
Isabella Verdouw (yr7),
Joel Verdouw (yr8)

Third Grade: Luke Hartog (yr8)

Fifth Grade: Beth Hochman (yr11),
Chloe Winkler (yr11)

Seventh Grade: David Vonk (yr10)

PIANO FOR LEISURE

Preliminary: Nadene Adler (yr6), Esther Webb (yr 8)

First Grade: Caitlin Adler (yr8), Molly Hartog (yr7), Matlida Hartog (yr6),
Yasmin Hartog (yr6), Amelia Ridge (yr7), Zachariah Vonk (yr5)

Third Grade: Annabel Hazell (year 10)

Fourth Grade: Levi Vonk (year 7)

Fifth Grade: Daniel Hartog (yr9), Leah Hochman (yr11),
Joshua Wilson (yr12)

Sixth Grade: Ruth Hazell (yr12)

The Tasmanian Qualifications Authority, now the Tasmanian Assessment, Standards and Certification (TASC) recognises AMEB qualifications on the Tasmanian Certificate of Education (TCE). Please see www.tasc.tas.gov.au for more information.

Mr Mark Brothers
Head of Music



Secondary

UNDER 16 GIRLS CALVIN BASKETBALL TEAMS

Calvin has registered three teams to play in this term's KSC competition. An email will be sent to parents (or students who have expressed an interest in joining a Calvin basketball team Registration details and a link to online registration will be included in the email.

The competition starts this **WEDNESDAY 22nd FEB**. All players must be registered to play.

Team Coach: Jenny Levett

Team Manager: Lee Anne Levett

For further information please contact:

Lee Anne Levett by email - leeanne.levett@gmail.com or mobile 0417 592 314



Secondary School

WELCOME

BBQ

MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

6PM START

burgers, snags, drinks

Whole School



The school provides students with the opportunity to learn a musical instrument outside of the classroom environment.

Currently, tuition is available for

Piano, Guitar, Drums, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone, Violin and Voice.

A list of available teachers of these instruments may be collected from either the Primary or Secondary offices. Please feel free to contact them directly to organise or enquire into lessons for your child.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

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

CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP



NOW IN STOCK

Basketball singlet	\$45
Soccer Tops	\$55



Whole School

EXTRA TERM DATES ADDED IN RED.

TERM DATES 2017

Term One commences	Monday 6 February
Public Holiday (Regatta Day)	Monday 13 February
Public Holiday (Eight Hours Day)	Monday 13 March
Secondary Moderation Day/Home study	Tuesday 14 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
Secondary Moderation Day/Home study	Friday 1 September
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



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.

SOUTHERN F.C. IS LOOKING FOR YOUTH PLAYERS TO JOIN OUR CLUB

Southern F.C. is a football (soccer) club based at Sherburd Park in Blackmans Bay, Tasmania.

We pride ourselves on strong family and community values and the virtues of good sportsmanship and teamwork.

We have two amazing youth coaches in Mirko Milic and Hayden O'Connor.

At this stage we have two teams, but are always looking to add more.

Training

Training has started for Under 14s on Thursdays, 5.20pm to 6.20pm, and Under 16s will begin on Thursday 16th February, 3.45pm to 5.00pm.

What to bring: shorts and top, socks, shin guards, boots, drink.

Both teams will initially train at Calvin Christian School Oval, Sophia Street, Kingston, moving to Sherburd Park in April.

Fees

Registration Fees are: \$150.00

For further information please contact

Mirko Milic - 0418 591 792 (Under 16s)

Hayden O'Connor - 0439 029 379 (Under 14s)

Kylie Pepper - 0428 019 069 Or email :secretary@southernfc.com.au

