

Newsletter

17 MARCH 2017

A Community Message

STAFFING NEWS

I want to announce some upcoming changes in staffing.

Margaret Bester will be leaving Calvin to work full-time in the Armed Forces. Her resignation will take effect from the end of this Semester.

Most recently, Ms Bester has held the position of Deputy Principal of the Secondary School.

Ms Bester has made an exceptional contribution to the life of the school both within and beyond the classroom. As a teacher, she has always been a taskmaster who has demanded quality work from her charges. She has also earned a reputation for delivering engaging lessons, that were rich in content. High expectations have always been the order of the day.

Ms Bester has had a great commitment to the wellbeing of her students. Students have regularly sought her out for counsel, advice and support. She also possesses an admirable capacity to maintaining a relationship with a student whilst challenging them over serious issues of behaviour.

Ms Bester pioneered student exchanges to South Korea and the development of a relationship with IMAE Middle School. She was also instrumental in the successful conduct of many mission trips to Fiji.

Ms Bester will be sincerely missed. We wish her every success in her future.

I am grateful to Ms Ineke Laning for her work in replacing Ms Bester during her absence. Ms Laning will continue in the role of Deputy Principal (Secondary) until a permanent replacement is appointed.

Ms Rebecca Aitchison-Gill will be leaving Calvin at the end this term having accepted the position of Principal at a Christian school in the Cook Islands. On behalf of our community, I offer Ms Aitchison-Gill congratulations on her appointment to this influential role. The leadership of the school and the community that it supports is a fitting expression of her well-developed heart for Christian missions. Ms Aitchison-Gill has led her department through a number of significant initiatives and I thank her for the extensive work that she has invested in implementing the Australian Curriculum. We wish her well in this new phase of her career.

Consequently, we will be advertising in tomorrow's media for the replacement positions of Deputy Principal - Head of Secondary, Head of Health and Physical Education, and Head of Sport. The of Head of Sport will be responsible for the further development of the place of sport within our education programme.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

SWIMMING SPORTS

The Primary and Secondary swimming sports were held this week. Both of these events celebrated community. Our overall objective is to promote a sense of belonging by fostering a sense of identity to Houses within the school. Within the mild competition that occurs within House events there is a positive atmosphere that enables us to encourage sporting excellence, showcase prowess, foster talent, combine hearts in fun activities, and promote student leadership.

We don't lose sight of the virtue of having fun and growing leadership. A sense of fun is often the environment that celebrates relationship as well as releasing joy. The student leaders learn useful management skills.

I wish to thank the number of parents who ventured to visit both carnivals. It was pleasing to see so many support their children.

I also express my thanks to all staff for so actively contributing to the day in time, energy and a spirit of fun. A special thanks to Ms Rebecca Aitchison-Gill, Ms Karen Hurd, and all other members of staff who contributed to the organisation and operation of the day. Both days were great successes.

Iain Belot
Principal



Primary

FROM THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

A culture of collaborations is an integral part of creating a school environment where we all enjoy and can play a part in creating. Students relish the opportunity to make decisions, take on responsibility and have an input into the direction of the running of our school. Our teachers value the opinions of the many young and creative minds they are guiding and are constantly amazed by the inspiring ideas and capable competencies of our students.

This year we are pleased to promote our school captains for the primary school. Below is a short blurb about who they are and what inspires them in 2017.



School Captain – Lauren Shelton

Hi my name is Lauren Shelton. This year I was chosen to be Calvin Primary School's, School Captain. I have 3 brothers and I love sport, art and hanging around with my friends. I am enjoying being a captain so far and I know that I'll keep on enjoying it throughout this year. I have been at Calvin since Year 4 and it's been amazing. All my teachers have been kind and helpful. My goal is to leave something special behind at Calvin. I am looking forward to representing the school in leadership, sport and other events.



School Captain – Reuben Conry

Hi, my name is Reuben Conry. I am 11, play cricket and love sushi. This is my second year at this incredible school and I have truly loved every second of being here. This school is amazing and I am blessed to be School Captain this year. I hope to improve the school in any way possible in the hope that it will benefit us even more. I try to be as helpful, cheerful, encouraging and kind as possible.



School – Vice Captain – Sophia

Hi, my name is Sophia. I enjoy reading, crochet and other types of craft. I was elected Calvin Christian School vice-captain and I am really enjoying it. I have been at Calvin since Kindergarten and have received kindness from all the staff and teachers. I've also made many lifelong friends. As vice-captain, my aim is to contribute to the school in a positive way and repay all the staff for what they've done for me. I also intend to support the captains in good choices and step up to lead when needed.



School – Vice Captain – Oliver Grubb

At the start of the 2017 school year I was privileged to be chosen for school vice-captain. This role means you open assemblies and have a meeting with Mr Cooper every fortnight. I look forward to having the opportunity to represent Calvin through the year at certain events. During my years at Calvin I've grown up and I've learnt how to be a good leader and how to listen to everyone's opinion and I will always represent the school well.

PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

**Monday- Friday
8:30am - 12:30pm
1:30pm - 3:30pm
Phone: 6229 3814**

SCHOOL ABSENTEES

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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.**

STUDENT LEADERSHIP DAY

Calvin Primary School is a part of the Independent Primary School Heads Association (IPSHA). IPSHA is an Australian wide collegial network of independent primary school educators and leaders. Each year in Tasmania, IPSHA provide a student leadership day as a means to help grow and foster leaders amongst our children. This year we had 12 students attend the day and together we travelled up to Launceston to experience the day.



Below is a short blurb from some of our students who participated.

“When we arrived in Launceston we went to Scotch Oakburn College. There were other schools there too who had come to join us for this day. We heard about how we can use different things instead of plastic to help the environment, one example of what we could use was bamboo, for example bamboo toothbrushes, plates and cutlery.”

Oliver Grubb

“We were split into random groups and participated in activities that helped us grow as a leader and work as a team. The day was fabulous especially when we stopped at the lolly shop!” Yasmin Hartog

“We learnt about the environment and how plastic is destroying it. It was really inspiring how there are so many options instead of plastic and how we can be leaders in guiding people to do the 4 Rs: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Refuse plastic. It was a really fun day and we all had a great time.” Sophia Z

“I learnt that a good leader should persevere through challenges and make the most of every opportunity.” Reuben Conry

“I really enjoyed the day and think it’s a great experience for other Year 6 leaders to do.” Matilda Hartog

“It was a great bonding experience with other schools and students. I enjoyed the day and got to learn about interesting leadership skills.” Ethan Forsyth

“Leadership day was a great opportunity to learn what qualities you need in order to be a good leader”. Caitlin Bruce

“It was a really good experience and we learned a lot about leadership, like finding out that you don’t have to talk to be a leader”. William von Stieglitz

Finally, thank you to all our staff, parent helpers and students for making our Swimming Carnival a wonderful day. It was great to see everyone support one another as they participated in the different swimming events.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Caleb Cooper
Deputy Principal

Primary

PRIMARY SCHOOL

SWIMMING CARNIVAL



YEAR 1 BUCKET FILLERS

Are you a bucket 'filler' or a 'dipper'? Year 1 have been developing their understanding of our Primary School Theme "Others First" by thinking about how to fill someone else's bucket. It is based on the story "Have you filled a bucket today?" by Carol McCloud.

The children have created their own buckets with a 'smiley face' and stickers. These are displayed on a special board in the classroom. Before they write, students are encouraged to think about the special qualities of another person, how they care and act towards others, or how another person may be feeling. The messages are written on small strips of paper before being placed into the respective bucket.

Mrs Kim Denholm
Year 1



WELL DONE LAUREN

Congratulations to Lauren Shelton (Year 6) on her outstanding achievement at the State Championships Little Athletics over the weekend.

Lauren won **GOLD** in the shotput, **SILVER** in the high jump, javelin and discus throw, **BRONZE** in the 100m, 200, and 60m hurdles. 4th in the long jump and triple jump and 8th in the 400m.



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!

Secondary

WELL DONE

Congratulations go to James McEwan (Year 7) who won GOLD in discus 4th in shotput and 5th in javelin at the State Individual Championships on the weekend.



GIDEONS VISIT YEAR 7

To receive a Bible is such a gift - all the year 7 students were very fortunate to receive a Bible from local Gideon's representative, Graeme Roberts. But a gift that is not opened is no gift at all. So we made the point by singing Happy Birthday and presenting a box of chocolates to Isabelle Weilly. But we had covertly arranged it so that she refused to open it - crazy right - all those chocolates that everyone could share - if only she opened her gift. After we made the point, Isabelle opened the box and everyone received a chocolate, and hopefully open and use their other gift too, their Gideon's Bible.

Simon Boonstra
Head of Year Seven



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Be your best

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Due to the incumbent moving to a leadership position in the Armed Forces, expressions of interest are invited from suitably qualified practising Christians for the position of:

Deputy Principal Head of Secondary

The Deputy Principal - Head of Secondary is responsible to the Principal for the daily operations of all aspects of the Secondary School. The position is full time and preferably commences in Semester 2, or at another time by mutual agreement.

For enquiries, a confidential conversation, or to request an application package, please contact Melita by email at admin@calvin.tas.edu.au or by telephone, (03) 6229 4829.

Applications close: 3pm Monday 3 April 2017
www.calvin.tas.edu.au

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SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

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

WORKING WITH VUNERABLE PEOPLE REGISTRATION

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CALVIN FACEBOOK PAGE

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Teacher's Aide (Full time or Part time)

For enquiries, please contact Melita at admin@calvin.tas.edu.au

Applications close Friday 24 April 2017
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Head of Health and Physical Education

This is a part-time role and involves a teaching load of approximately 0.4 FTE in addition to providing the leadership of curriculum and learning of the K-12 programme.

Head of Sport

Calvin is a member of the Sports Association of Tasmanian Independent Schools. This role is responsible for the administration of the K-12 sporting programme including the planning of carnivals. This position is a part-time position of approx. three days per week.

These positions may operate separately or be combined depending on the strengths of the applicants. The positions preferably commence in Term 2, or at another time by mutual agreement.

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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.

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



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Would \$500 help pay for uniforms, books, excursions, tutoring, a laptop or tablet?

Saver Plus can match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to \$500!

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Contact Nicole Hacker
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