

# Newsletter

18 AUGUST 2017

Our CST Board Chair, Mr Lance Conry, recently addressed a State Conference of Christian teachers and leaders and thanked them for being "...secure enough in their faith to allow children to be insecure in theirs."

The movement from the faith of a child to a child-like faith as an adult is no simple transition. Earnest faith may be a mustard seed, but the process of developing mature faith is like switching on a light. It is for many a fraught process.

Unfortunately, too many children in Christian schools lose their faith or are discouraged by the church. There are large bodies of evidence into this by George Barna ([www.barna.com](http://www.barna.com)) and Ken Ham ([www.answersingenesis.org](http://www.answersingenesis.org)). The book, *Already Gone* presents Ken Ham's research and analysis.

He finds that of all the 20 to 29 year-old evangelicals who attended church regularly and no longer do so:

- 95% attended church regularly during their primary years of school;
- 55% attended church regularly during high school;
- 11% were still attending church during university.

So, between the ages of 10 and 20 years 89% of young people dropped out of attending church.

Ham cites two general reasons for this:

- Children not having answers to the scientific objections to Biblical reliability; and
- Children objecting to the hypocrisy, legalism and self-righteousness of the church. Importantly, many people may have left the church, but they have not left the faith.

It seems imperative that we assist our children as they navigate the challenges of our contemporary world. The challenge is certainly happening in these areas in Australian society right now.

Dr Larry Stephens provides an excellent framework for understanding the importance of the process of learning in relation to a child's faith.

Between the ages of 4 and 7, a child should internalise the grace of God, and begin to apply the truth of God to their lives, though still living in a fantasy world. Not achieving this leaves the child in self-condemnation.

Between the ages of 8 and 13, a child should develop a healthy image of God. They should learn about prayer, worship, and devotion. The alternative is a distorted image of His love.

From the ages of 14 to 20, children search for spiritual meaning and the purpose of life. Importantly, they only believe what they can validate from experience or from their parents. Our children are living in a dangerous time for their faith.



Mr Iain Belot  
PRINCIPAL



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT *continued*

In a climate of advocacy for human rights and in a quest to eliminate discrimination there are any number of political debates that will either deepen or dampen our children's faith.

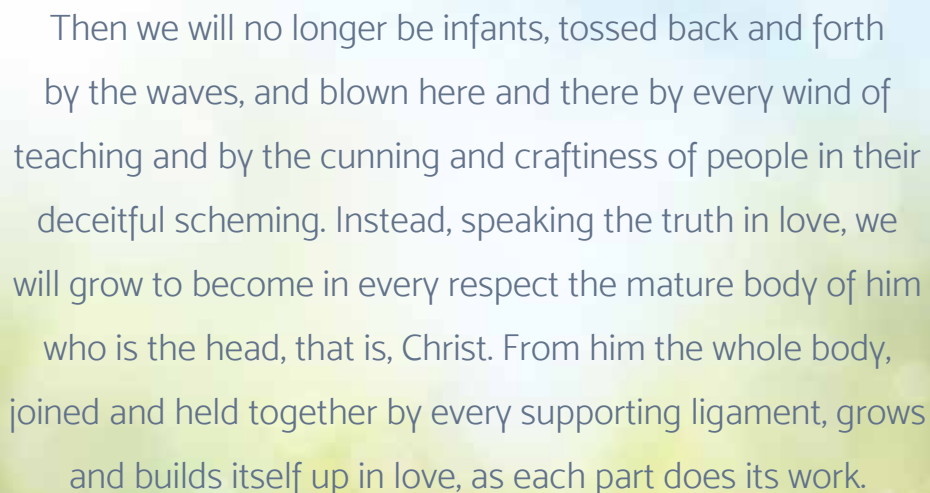
Are we secure enough in our faith to explore with our children their private thinking on these issues? It is imperative that we engage with what our children are actually thinking about these issues. They are needing to work through the paradoxes of the world and secure their faith.

We must entertain their questions. We must linger in close relational and conversational proximity with them in their doubts.

It is my prayer that we are not so mindful of the events in the market-place that we miss the challenge of faith that might be occurring in our living room.

We must dare to say it. Lance is right.

Iain Belot  
Principal



Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Ephesians 4:14-16 (NIV)

# Primary

Dear Parents

This week 57 students from Year 2 through to Year 6 participated in ICAS Maths tests, which assesses a student's skill and knowledge in Algebra and Patterns, Chance and Data, Measures and Units, Number and Arithmetic and Space and Geometry. ICAS then provide a detailed analysis of your child's achievement. I want to congratulate all our students who chose to participate and challenge themselves in the area of mathematics. We now look forward to receiving your results.

## Sharp Reading

As a school we have invested in a whole school approach to teaching literacy where all teachers share the same principles in their teaching and learning programs. We know that students do not learn and cannot enjoy learning through struggling. A key to increased engagement and motivation is through ensuring students experience success in each lesson while maintaining an appropriate level of challenge.

This week, Brian Parker has been providing our teachers with one to one support in their delivery of their reading program in their classrooms. Brian is an international consultant who trains teachers to be able to cause students to become active readers who are able to comprehend and think critically on what they read. This is a necessary skill for all our students as they progress through the school. Since last term, we are seeing tremendous achievement by our students and we expect this trend to continue.

Tonight, when you read with your child ask them to teach you about the strategy "I think that means...".



## Book Week

Next week we will be celebrating Book Week!

We are already writing a school story. Classes have selected one part of the narrative structure to write and illustrate. This book is currently going around the classes and already looks amazing. This story will be completed for us all to read during Book Week.

On Monday 21st August, we will have a 'book swap' day. All students have been encouraged to give a book to the school that has been approved by their parents. All classes will receive the opportunity to go to the library and look at the books handed in. They will be able to select a book of their choice to keep and take home.

## 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](mailto: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.

On Monday 21st August and Tuesday 22nd August, we have a local author, Jennifer Cossins providing writing workshops across the Grades. Jennifer is a 2017 CBCA shortlisted Tasmanian artist and writer with a passion for nature, the animal kingdom and all things bright and colourful. She also designs homewares, textiles and stationary, which she stocks in her store in Hobart, Red Parka.

## **Parent Helpers Welcomed**

We have a number of primary school events in which we are keen to include parents in planning and assistance of events. If you are available and hold a Working with Vulnerable Children Card we are keen to hear from you.

## **Soccer BBQ**

On Saturday, 16th September we will be hosting an end of season BBQ for all our soccer players. We are looking for a few parents who are able to organise and operate the BBQ. If you are available to help, please inform Karen Hurd in the school office.

## **Annual Soccer BBQ Saturday, September 16**



## **Athletics Carnival**

We are looking for parent helpers to help with the running of the Athletics Carnival. This is an all-day event and it takes place on 8th November at the Domain. If you are available, please inform Karen Hurd in the school office.

Finally, as stated in our last newsletter, we welcome open communication between parents and school and prefer that parents come to us to talk through a problem rather than let the issue fester and be discussed in the community. I want to thank those parents who have followed this process and encourage you all to come and see us when an issue arises because this models the right way to solve an issue to our children.

I hope you all have a wonderful and memorable weekend with family and friends,

Caleb Cooper  
Deputy Principal: Primary



## YEAR 2

In Year 2, we have started our drama unit on different emotions with some short clips from the movie *Inside Out*. Together we have had fun looking at some of the different emotions that people feel, discussing what emotions we know and the different situations that can make us feel that way.

We have concentrated on how our faces and bodies look with our different emotions and have practiced and experimented these with different movements to find the one that best fits the scene we are in.

The class has enjoyed the challenge that comes with thinking about how different characters in stories have felt and how we can show that to an audience. In the coming weeks we will be looking at some popular fairy tales and how different characters would approach the story. This will require us to applying different drama skills, including use of voice and body, that will help us think about other people's feelings, put ourselves in their shoes and portray those ideas thoughts to a group.

Chris Banham  
Year 2 Teacher



# Primary



**AFTER  
SCHOOL  
CARE** by  
Camp  
Australia



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



## REGISTER AND BOOK

1. Visit [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)
2. Search for your school on our homepage
3. Enter your details on the school page to start the registration process



[www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au) | 1300 105 343

It's **WORKING BEE** time



at **Calvin Primary School!**

Join us on

**Saturday 26 August**

**1pm - 4pm**

*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!*

# Secondary

## BOOK WEEK IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOL

*Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Book Week  
22nd – 25th August 2017  
Escape to Everywhere*

The Humanities Department, in particular the English and German teachers, in collaboration with Mr Pontes in the library and students of the Student Council, are all very excited about the return of Book Week celebrations to the Secondary School.

Next week a number of in-class and out-of-class activities are planned and everyone is invited to participate in the fun of this celebration of books, and all they hold for us, bring to us – or indeed, where they can take us (everywhere!).

English classes for students in Years 7 to 10 will focus on Book Week activities from creative writing, famous literature quotations 'avenue walk', literary reminiscences, reading, the writing of postcards from... (everywhere?) and book discussions.

Meanwhile, German classes will focus on exploring German products and inventions through the enticingly named, 'The Billionaire's Suitcase' activities!

Apart from the special Book Week English and German classes there will be:

- **Book Week Assembly** (Tuesday) with guest speaker Tasmanian author (and past Calvin teacher) Steve Isham
- **Library Sessions for each English class** overviewing the CBCA categories and the short-listed books
- **Book of The Year Competition** - guess the winning book for each category and the Book of the Year
- **My Favourite Escape Competition** - match the nominated 'favourite escape' to the correct teacher
- **Gold Coin Donation** (Thursday) - in support of the work of the Hobart City Mission
- **Book Character Dress-Up Day** (Thursday) – hosted and judged by Student Council members, this day brings the chance for everyone to dress up as a favourite book character – with book voucher prizes in five categories:

### **Best and Runner-up Award Categories**

- Best (All Out Effort) favourite book character
- Best (Most Accurate Representation) book character

### **Best Award Categories**

- Most colourful costume book character
- Best children's book character costume
- Biggest Cheer

*Because books are for everyone!*

Ms Helen Sinclair  
Head of Humanities

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- 21ST-25TH AUGUST
- COMPETITIONS - WITH PRIZES!
- DRESS UP DAY! - 24TH
- GUEST AUTHOR - STEVE ISHAM
- FUN LIBRARY ACTIVITIES!
- ENGLISH CLASS ACTIVITIES!
- GOLD COIN DONATION - TO CHARITY



(Poster by David Carr, Year 8)

## ICAS MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

On Tuesday, 13 of our students from Year 7 to Year 11 participated in the ICAS Mathematics 2017 competition. ICAS is an independent, skills-based assessment program, run by the University of New South Wales, which recognises and rewards student achievement.

Every year, a number of our students rise to the challenge and give the competition their best effort.

Experienced teachers review all ICAS tests. This ensures that they accurately assess students' skills and are relevant to what they are learning at school. The competition provides a wonderful opportunity for our students to practise mathematical skills and thinking as they progress through Secondary and Senior school.

Mrs Virginie Von Savageri  
Senior Mathematics teacher





# Secondary

## PARLIAMENTARY PRAYER BREAKFAST

Year 12 student leader, Corey Eduljee (pictured below with his father, Nicholas Eduljee) had the privilege of leading prayer at Wednesday's Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast. The annual event brings together members of the Tasmanian Parliament and a cross section of leaders from business, community, education, media and Tasmanian churches.

This year's guest speaker was former NSW Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione. Mr Scipione shared the story of his life and upbringing, his personal experience of faith and the impact it had on his life and leadership in the police force.



*On Tour*

## CALVIN SCHOOL BAND & STUDENT THEATRE COMPANY



# 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 -



## SENIOR SUBJECT SELECTION REMINDER



### SUBJECT SELECTION FOR YEAR 10-12 STUDENTS IN 2018

A link to the online web preference system was 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](mailto:bmoroni@calvin.tas.edu.au)

### THE AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION

We congratulate Year 9 student Caleb Reader who received a credit in the recent Australian Geography Competition. Caleb received his award at last week's assembly, along with the students mentioned in last week's newsletter.

Ms Helen Sinclair  
Head of Humanities

# Secondary

## FROM THE CAREERS CO-ORDINATOR

The University of Tasmania is having two taster days.

The first is a **PHARMACY** taster day which is to be held on Monday 4th of September for any Year 9-12 student at the Sandy Bay Campus of UTAS from 10.00 pm until 3.00 pm with lunch provided.

The second is a **NURSING/HEALTH SCIENCES** taster day (advertisement below) Students interested in the taster days can contact our Careers co-ordinator, Mrs Whiteley for more information.

## Nursing & Health Sciences Taster Day



### Experience a day in the life of a student.

Interactive workshops will give you an insight into what it's like to study a health degree.

Thursday 7th September 2017  
Session One: 9am - 11:30am | Session Two: 1pm - 3:30pm  
Newnham Campus, University of Tasmania

This Taster Day is open to Year 12 students who are interested in studying Health Science (including Nutrition, Exercise Science and Medical Radiation), Laboratory Medicine, or Nursing with the University of Tasmania.

Register your interest online at [www.utas.edu.au/taster-days](http://www.utas.edu.au/taster-days)

Registrations close 1st September 2017.  
Places are limited so get in quick!



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# Oliebollen

festival

Saturday  
9 September  
10am-2pm

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WEEKS  
TO GO

## 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

Time to clean out those cupboards! 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.*

## volunteering

### HELPERS NEEDED

Have you put your name on the roster to volunteer on a stall yet?



## farmers' market



Farmers' market is in **NEED OF DONATIONS** of your home made, home grown fresh produce.

- jams
- marmalade
- chutney
- eggs
- vegies
- flowers
- seeds

Contact Kirrilli 0428136072

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## craft stall



### The **CRAFT STALL** needs 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

## cake stall



It's time to start thinking about what wonderful goodies you can make for the cake stall.

Baked goods can be dropped off at the stall on the morning of the festival or the day before, to the Secondary or Primary office.

## sweets



### Donations of lollies:

Marshmallows, Banana's, Jelly Beans, Snakes, Party Mix, Chocolates, Lolly Pops, Raspberries, Chocolate Frogs, Jaffas, Licorice All Sorts, Jersey Caramels, Smarties etc.

Please donate sweets in the **ORIGINAL SEALED** packaging they were purchased in. Due to health reasons we cannot accept jars, cups etc that have already been prefilled with sweets.

### Donations of ingredients could include

- sugar, coconut,
- icing sugar,
- Rice Bubbles,
- cornflakes,
- plain sweet biscuits,
- chocolate melts,
- condensed milk,
- paper cupcake holders,
- ribbon, and cellophane bags.

If you would like to be a volunteer cook, some ideas for sweets are:

- coconut ice,
- fudge,
- truffles,
- chocolate crackles,
- honey joys,
- peanut brittle,
- rocky road,
- popcorn

*(please attach a label listing ingredients)*

If you are able to help, please send your donations to Kinder, Prep and Year 1 classes. For further information please call Catherine Ratcliffe on 0412 501 892 or email her at [crat@live.com.au](mailto:crat@live.com.au)  
With thanks, Mrs. Denholm, Miss. Bylsma, Mrs. Smith

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# Oliebollen

*festival*

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Hi Everyone,

We're looking at doing something special as part of our Oliebollen Festival this year and we would LOVE for as many of our school community as possible to be involved.

We will be performing a **FlashMob!!**

As you know, a flashmob works best when  
(a) there are a lot of people doing it, and  
(b) it's kept a secret from the general public!

*Shh!*

We have the help of a local dance school, Studio42dance who have had experience in running successful flashmobs in the past. The routine will be easy enough for those with little or no dance experience to learn, and will be suitable for all ages!

We have organised dates and times when you can come along and learn the dance routine with others - apparently they are a lot of fun and most of the time is spent laughing (together, not at each other!) There will also be a video which you can watch at times when it's convenient for you. This is perfect for those who can't get to the practices, or who prefer to learn in the privacy of their own homes before unleashing their talent on the wider public.

The dates and times for practice sessions, and the video link will be sent to you once you register your interest.

To register your interest head over to <https://signup.zone/calvin-flashmob> and sign up by clicking on New User and creating a sign in.

Elisa Severini

## Auction

### 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](mailto:bmoroni@calvin.tas.edu.au) so that your item can be collected and added to our Auction List.



# Whole School



**Channel**  
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

*Expressions of interest are invited from suitably qualified practising Christians for the following maternity leave position at Channel Christian School, Margate:*

## Primary School Teacher

Full time, fixed term for 2018

For an application package or enquiries please contact Mr Keith Roberts, Principal: [kroberts@channel.tas.edu.au](mailto:kroberts@channel.tas.edu.au) or phone 6267 2775

**Applications close: Friday 8 September 2017**

[www.channel.tas.edu.au](http://www.channel.tas.edu.au)

*Love to Learn, Learn to Love*

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### 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.



**NORTHERN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**  
ENCOURAGING | ENRICHING | EQUIPPING

*Expressions of interest are invited from suitably qualified practising Christians for the following position at Northern Christian School, Bridgewater:*

## Primary School Teacher

Full time, commencing January 2018

For an application package or enquiries please contact Mrs Petrina Essex, Principal: [admin@northern.tas.edu.au](mailto:admin@northern.tas.edu.au) or phone 6263 4733

**Applications close: Friday 8 September 2017**

[www.northern.tas.edu.au](http://www.northern.tas.edu.au)

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## Parent Information Sessions

HOBART • LAUNCESTON • ULVERSTONE

Autism Tasmania will be offering a series of information sessions for parents and family members of children on the autism spectrum aged over 7 years. These sessions provide an opportunity to learn about and discuss a variety of autism specific issues in a friendly and supportive environment.

**Registration is free of charge.**

	<b>Ulverstone</b> Montgomery Room, Ulverstone Civic Centre	<b>Launceston</b> Northern Children's Network 59D Amy Road, Newstead	<b>Hobart</b> Buckingham Rowing Club Marine Esplanade, New Town
<b>Understanding autism:</b> characteristics, research and personal stories	10am - 12pm <b>Wed, 30 Aug 2017</b>	10am - 12pm <b>Wed, 23 Aug 2017</b>	10am - 12pm <b>Thu, 24 Aug 2017</b>
<b>Puberty and autism:</b> hygiene, sexuality and social safety	10am - 12pm <b>Wed, 20 Sep 2017</b>	10am - 12pm <b>Wed, 13 Sep 2017</b>	10am - 12pm <b>Thu, 14 Sep 2017</b>
<b>Siblings:</b> supporting the wellbeing of your children who don't have autism	10am - 12pm <b>Wed, 25 Oct 2017</b>	10am - 12pm <b>Wed, 1 Nov 2017</b>	10am - 12pm <b>Thu, 2 Nov 2017</b>

Please contact Autism Tasmania for more information and registration.

**Phone:** 1300 288 476  
**Email:** [autism@autismtas.org.au](mailto:autism@autismtas.org.au)

