

Newsletter

Dear Calvin Community,

Year 7 & 8 Showcase

It was wonderful to see so many people at the Year 7 and 8 Showcase on Wednesday evening. The night was another great success.

The Showcase is all about performing, exhibiting and presenting.

Students reach a higher standard in 13 weeks of lessons because there is a Showcase event to frame their work and efforts.

There is a strong personal development emphasis in the context provided. Students are tackling musical instruments foreign to them, learning new codes, encountering different mediums in art and wood, and adapting practical approaches.

They are also facing their fears; fears about making fools of themselves, speaking in public, being exposed for having no artistic talent, etc.

It is a valuable exercise that fosters students to take risks and adopt successful strategies.

This cannot be achieved without parents attending to provide the audience that stimulates achievement, frames the learning and builds the connections in relationships. Thank you for attending.

Thank you to all the staff who worked tirelessly to assist students achieve such high standards.

School Council Forum

Next Monday at 7.30pm Mr Glen Gerreyn will be speaking to an audience from around Hobart on the topic of ***“From Boys to Men of Honour”***.

As parents themselves, the Calvin School Council are committed to supporting our students, staff and parents, and those in greater Hobart encounter excellent speakers who cover topics of importance and value for raising children and understanding our times.

I am sure that Glen will make an impact on our thinking and provide us with fresh perspectives on how to foster and promote in our young boys the qualities desired in a mature response to the world.

There is a great deal of effort being placed into stealing our young men away from the paths that we would desire for them: media, games, the impact of sexualisation of women, the impact of food and sedentary lifestyle, etc.

I know that the Council have invested a great deal to bring information to you that is relevant, credible and renowned.

I encourage you to come and listen to Glen on Monday night.



Mr Glen Gerreyn
PRINCIPAL



Glen Gerreyn,
Director and co-founder of
The Hopeful Institute, has spoken
to over 500 000 people around the
world in the last 12 years.
He has a passion for delivering
solutions for whole school
communities to shift individual
thinking and inspire audiences
to navigate the complexities of
contemporary society.

Monday 22nd May
7.30-9.00pm

Stanley Burbury Theatre
University of Tasmania
Sandy Bay
ENTRY BY GOLD COIN DONATION



A CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL COUNCIL INITIATIVE



Primary

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all those who came and supported the K-2 Cross Country. It was a great joy to see our students participate and give it their best shot. I do hope you enjoyed the day. I want to thank Mrs Karen Hurd for organising the event, she did a fantastic job.

Next week, we have a big week with THRASS. Part of our strategic intent is to continue to consolidate our teacher practice in THRASS. We have a THRASS consultant coming from South Australia to work one on one with our staff in the classroom and provide additional support and guidance. This is important as we aim to ensure we maintain our school-wide approach to teaching literacy in the classroom.

To help support you with your children, we are inviting you to our **THRASS Parent Information Session**. This session will be tailored specifically to all parents by our THRASS consultant. No matter if you are a beginner or an expert in THRASS, all parents will leave equipped to support their child despite their child's Year level or ability.

This event will be held next Tuesday 23rd May in the Multi-Purpose Hall. The meeting will start at 7pm and conclude by 8:30pm. The school is covering the cost so there is no charge.

If you are interested, please register your interest with your child's teacher or the school office. This will help us cater appropriately. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Caleb Cooper

Deputy Principal



After School Care

At the beginning of Term 3, the school, through Camp Australia, will be providing after school care for all Calvin students.

As we finalise arrangements, we will be holding a **Parent Information Evening** for those interested. This will be held on

**Thursday 1st June
at 6 pm.**

We will be releasing more information in the near future as we finalise details.

If this would be a useful service to you and your family, please register your interest for the parent evening via the school office before Friday 26th May.

You are invited to...

THRASS PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Tuesday 23rd May

7:00-8:30pm

Calvin Multi-Purpose Hall

FREE EVENT

THRASS®

PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

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

SCHOOL ABSENTEES

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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.

Spelling and literacy are the cornerstone of education. If a learner cannot successfully spell words then they are less likely to succeed at formal learning.

Skills and strategies for learning 'how to spell' are a very important part of the spelling process. Even if a learner is able to 'spell a word', if they do not understand the process they cannot use this knowledge to spell unfamiliar words.

Talking with your children about the meaning of words from the relevant classroom themes, using dictionaries and looking at the grammatical changes in words is far more important than 'rote' learning a word for testing at the end of the week. The more the learner can see the word in context, understand the meaning, make phonic links and practice writing words in a fun and meaningful way, the more competent and adventurous speller they will become. You will also be building vocabulary for future learning.

It is important that your child learns the THRASS CHART, so that they are able to use the phonic information to decode (read) and encode (spell) words. Having this knowledge will allow your child to develop skills in reading, spelling, writing and reading comprehension enabling them to reach their full potential in literacy learning.



The Parent Information Session will equip you with key tools and strategies to help you support your child at home no matter what Year level they are in the primary school.

Register through the office or by informing your child's teacher.



CALVIN
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

BOOK FAIR



We are having our annual 2nd term book fair at Calvin Primary next week in the Primary Library.

Monday 22 May to Thursday 25 May.

The doors will open at 9:00 am and close at 3:00pm, each day. There will be lots of fantastic bargains, so come along and help support our wonderful school.

Grant Murray - Primary School Library

SMALL WONDERS TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

We all know that if you go to the woods you'll find teddy bears having a picnic, but on Thursday, 17th May they skipped the woods to join the Small Wonders children at the Botanical Gardens. After a fun-filled, sing-along bus ride, we ventured our way through ferny glades, duck-filled ponds and autumn-dappled avenues to our picnic rotunda. The children and the teddies enjoyed yummy treats and some fun games beneath the trees. Then the tired little teddy bears and our small wonders headed back home after a beary nice morning in the gardens. A big thanks to bus driver Stam!




Mrs Carly Brouwer
Small Wonders Co-ordinator



YEAR 4

Year 4 have been busy this term getting ready to celebrate their mums. They have written poems using the picture book "My Mum" by Anthony Browne as a stimulus. The students found this both challenging and enjoyable as they thought and wrote about their mums using similes. They then used one of the lines of their poem as a basis for their art. This took the form of a collage using the technique of Eric Carle, author of books such as "The Very Hungry Caterpillar". I hope you enjoy reading some of them as much as I did. If you would like to see more they will be displayed in the Primary Administration area.

Christine McMinn
Year 4 Teacher



My Mum

*She's awesome, my Mum
My mum's brighter than the sun,
And has eyes like the sky
She's so tall she could be a giraffe
She's as strong as a lion
She's really awesome, my Mum*

*My mum can swim like a shark
She's so fast she's like an Olympic runner
My mum's quieter than a criminal,
And saves money like a bank
She's really, REALLY awesome, my Mum*

*She's as beautiful as a flower,
And sweeter than honey
My mum's as playful as a puppy,
And as cuddler than a teddy bear
She's really, really, really Awesome!! My Mum*

*She's as funny as a clown,
And as smart as a computer
My mums as colourful as a butterfly,
And she's the best at art she can make anything
I think my mum is awesome
And you know what?
She thinks I am too
(And she always will)*

By Alyssa Lynch



My Mum

My mum is a funny as a monkey.
She is as pretty as a lion's mane,
And as strong as Donkey Kong.
She is a great gamer.
She's super awesome my mum
She's as fun as a puppy.
She is a calculator, she is such a problem solver.
My mum is kinder than a baby wombat,
Yet as tough as a wrestler.
Shes super, super awesome mum
Her eyes are as beautiful as sparkling water.
She is taller than the Eiffel Tower.
She can fix everything.
My mum is as cool as an iceberg.
She's super, super, super, super awesome my mum
She is as sleepy as a sloth.
My mum is a cheater, she's so fast.
My mum is as smart as Google.
She is so cool, she's like a water bottle.
She is so fantastic, my mum.
And you know what?
She thinks I am too.
{And she always will!}

By Flynn Lavelle

Kindergarten, Prep and Year 1 visit Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary

On Wednesday 10th May, a group of very excited children from Year One, Prep and Kindergarten boarded a bus and headed off to Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary.

This excursion extended the work already undertaken to introduce the native Australian animals to the children. It was exciting and daunting to meet them in real life and hear about their characteristics from the staff (who were very well versed in meeting their needs).

We watched Tasmanian Devils feeding and listened to their nightly noises that gave them their name. We patted koalas and then smelt our hands to smell the eucalyptus from their leaves. We said hello to the 100-year-old resident. But the real highlight was to mingle with the kangaroos. The children were tutored in the best way to offer the food and how to behave around them. For some children, the opportunity to pat a kangaroo was a first and a very calming time. The children are still chatting about their time at the Wildlife sanctuary.

Come and look around our classrooms to see some of our work.



Secondary

INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY

On Wednesday afternoon, the Introduction to Psychology and Sociology class spent some time in the Kindergarten classroom undertaking activities with the children. The High School students were able to test Piaget's notions of conservation and reversibility with the Kindergarten students as part of their study of the theories of cognitive development across the lifespan. Thank you to Mrs Smith, Mrs Herweynen and the Kindergarten students for allowing the Year 10 and 11 students to participate in your classroom activities!

Bonny Moroni
Teacher of Psychology and Introduction to Psychology/Sociology



SECONDARY SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

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YEAR 7 AND 8 SHOWCASE

This week saw the presentation of the first Years 7 & 8 Showcase for 2017. Students who had spent the last 13 weeks working in one Creative Arts subject and one Technology were able to share with the wider school community the culmination of their experiences. The Showcases have become a favourite event on the school calendar, with families enjoying the chance to experience their child's practical work. Events kicked off with the Performing Arts in the PAC. Classes presented musical works in a wide variety of ensembles and styles, and Drama students took to the stage with entertaining self-devised pieces. The audience then moved to the Gallery to enjoy some beautiful art works, followed by nibbles in the library courtesy of the Food Technology classes. Co2 cars and Lego Mindstorms were crowd pleasers and displays from Digital and Design Technology were of great interest.

It was a wonderful evening of creativity and sharing, where gifts and talents as well as hard work and persistence were celebrated.

Emily Di Pretoro
Head of Creative Arts



ROSTRUM VOICE OF YOUTH 2017

Rostrum Voice of Youth, 2017

On the afternoon of Saturday, May 6, two Calvin students competed in the annual Rostrum Voice of Youth event - the first time in many years that Calvin had participants in this competition. In the senior section, Year 12 students, Daniel Bosveld and Josh Wilson, represented themselves and Calvin with great style and competence, and they both placed well.



The senior competition requires students to speak for eight minutes on a subject they have chosen from a selection of given topics; and also to present a three-minute impromptu speech. For the impromptu, students are given an unseen topic and just fifteen minutes to prepare!

Apart from presenting, it was a great opportunity for all participants to listen to the speeches of senior students from various schools in Hobart.

Congratulations to Daniel and Josh on their effort and achievement. Hopefully other students will follow their lead in 2018's event!

Ms Helen Sinclair
Head of Humanities

Whole School

**entertainment**
FUNDRAISING



Entertainment books have arrived and were sent home with the youngest student in the family this week (unless you have advised otherwise).

This is a fantastic fundraiser for the school & offers thousands of dollars of coupons for families for the bargain price of \$65.00. If you do not wish to purchase the book, please return it undamaged, in the original envelope to the class teacher by next **Friday, 26 May**.

If you wish to purchase the book there are 3 options:

1. Pay online with credit card & keep the book
2. Keep the book, complete payment details on flyer & return envelope with payment to class teacher or school office
3. Keep the book & return the envelope with cash enclosed to class teacher or school office

There is also the option of purchasing a digital membership, which you can install on up to 4 devices. If you purchase the digital membership, please return the book in the envelope to the class teacher or school office.

Thank you to the many families that have already paid or returned their books.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Karen Hurd in the Primary School office via email or phone 6229 3814.

Whole School



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Be your best

Calvin Christian School is a co-educational school of 500 students in Kingston, 10 kms south of Hobart. The school has a strong tradition of academic success and has an enviable reputation in the Hobart community.

Due to the promotion of the incumbent to the position of Deputy Principal - Head of Secondary, expressions of interest are sought from suitably qualified practising Christians for the position of:

Director of Studies

The Director of Studies is responsible for the operational aspects of the teaching and learning program in the Secondary School.

The position can be structured to be either full-time or part-time (~0.8 FTE), and 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: 4pm Monday 29 May 2017.
www.calvin.tas.edu.au**

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Expressions of interest are sought from suitably qualified practising Christians for teaching positions in the disciplines of:

English and History/SOSE

The experience and capacity to teach History to senior classes will be well regarded.

The positions are both part-time, and if combined would be approximately (0.8 FTE). The successful applicant/s would be required to commence in Semester 2, or earlier by 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: 4pm Monday 29 May 2017.

Interviews will be conducted on Friday 2 June.

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SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

Secondary Campus

Opening Hours

Tuesday and Thursday

8:30 am - 4 pm

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.

Whole School



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Recognise a teacher who has made an impact at ADAYMADEBETTER.COM.AU



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Community

PARENT NOMINATION FOR TRB BOARD

Independent Schools Tasmania has asked schools to submit the names of interested parents for nomination to the Teachers Registration Board (TRB). The successful applicant will be required to attend approximately 8 Board meetings per year, and serve for a term of up to three years.

If you are interested in this position, please contact the school on 6229 4829.



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SUNDAY MAY 28, 2017 | 4:30PM
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PROGRAM FOR ALL KIDS AGE 1 TO GRADE 6

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Community



Fridays

19th May - Just Flush It!

2nd June - Nerf

23rd June - 1000 Balls

Grade 3-6

Cost: \$2

Time: 3:30-5pm

**Colin Buchanan
Live in Concert!**

4th July @4:30pm
Information and tickets
available at Koorong

150 Redwood Rd

Contact Jono: kidcity@citylightchurch.org.au - 62291944

Complete permission forms required - available at door

Community

Southern Christian College
presents

JOSEPH

AND THE
AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT
School Production

LYRICS BY
TIM RICE MUSIC BY
ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

JUNE 15 - 16 @ 7pm
JUNE 17th @ 2pm & 7pm

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