

# Newsletter

2 JUNE 2017

Dear Calvin Community,

It gives me pleasure to announce a number of changes around staffing and school programmes. Our responsibility to families and students requires that we provide a foundation in traditional values as well as responding appropriately to contemporary issues.

The rise of anxiety and insecurity in our society, especially amongst our young people, has been a matter of significant concern to the staff and myself for some time. Some statistics suggest that 1 in 4 primary school students in Tasmania are prone to significant levels of anxiety.

There is an inevitable, obvious and causal connection between the ideas driving our society and the culture that influences our children. Some of these cultural influences are valuable and some of them are pernicious. Some are the result of deliberate activism and poor policy and some are just circumstantial. Nevertheless, the impact on the culture that our children inhabit is the same.

In 2016, we announced 'Be your Best' as the strategic intent. We desire to place our emphasis on character and personal growth. We choose to emphasise that a Christ-centred and value-driven life is the appropriate focus. We choose to focus on 'Being' before 'Doing' and 'Having'. We are continuing to develop the framework that supports students to develop health and happiness in body, soul and importantly, in spirit.

It gives me pleasure today to announce the development of a Wellbeing Programme at Calvin. This programme has many foundational elements in place already: the personal development programme, pastoral leadership, the right emphasis in Health and Physical Education, etc. We will continue to develop and progressively implement further elements over the next 18 months.

It is our desire to enable students to identify virtuous examples of health in the areas of their lives. Some years ago I came to understand that the training for FBI agents in the counterfeiting department revolved around learning all the elements of making real currency. It was their immersion in the authentic that enabled them to identify a fake note.

Our Wellbeing Programme will work to positively identify examples of wellbeing in health, food, and relationships. It will be a programme that delivers instructional content and fosters skill sets. This will be expressed as an age appropriate K-12 programme.

We will be proactively and deliberately framing this programme around the Christian understanding that people are body, soul (mind, will, and emotions) and spirit. The material will be delivered from a Christian worldview. It will be specific information with proven strategies to foster understanding and practice. Through this, we envisage that belief will be sustained and deepened.



Mr Iain Belot  
PRINCIPAL

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT *continued*

To this end, I am delighted to announce that Mrs Belinda Straatsma has accepted the position as the Head of a new Department entitled Food, Health and Physical Education. Mrs Straatsma will be one of the people influencing the development and implementation of the Wellbeing Programme.



I am also delighted to announce the appointment of Mr Stuart Miller to the position of Director of Athletics. Mr Miller will be adding this role to his current roles as a teacher of Health and Physical Education. Mr Miller has an extensive professional background as a physiotherapist and has a strong commitment to a Wellbeing Programme.



I wish these staff every success in the implementation of their new duties.

Iain Belot  
Principal



### SCHOOL COUNCIL



School Council Parent Forum  
Inspirational speaker Glenn Gerrey  
speaking on Positive Parenting

**Working Together**  
council@calvin.tas.edu.au

# Primary

Dear Parents

This week we had 48 students from Year 2 through to Year 6 participate in the ICAS Science test. ICAS is an independent, skills-based assessment programme which recognises and rewards student achievement. This was the first time for our Year 2's to participate in such an assessment. It was great to see our students apply and challenge themselves in an academic setting.

Upcoming ICAS Assessments in Term 2:  
ICAS Writing will be held on 13 June.  
ICAS Spelling will be held on 14 June.

If you would like to download practice papers you can download them from the ICAS website. These practice papers comprise sample ICAS questions and an answer sheet. You can print out each paper and practise answering the questions by filling out the answer sheet. We do have a small number of papers available from the office which parents are welcome to borrow.

Thank you to all our parents who came to the After School Care information evening on Thursday evening. It was great to see you there. If you missed out we have contracted out our After School Care to Camp Australia. We have full confidence that Camp Australia will fit with our school ethos and provide a safe and caring environment for all our students. Camp Australia has delivered high quality and affordable After School Care programmes that nurture and support children's development for more than 29 years. This programme will provide time for students to complete homework, time to relax, enjoy a health snack and participate in additional educational activities.

If you would like further information or missed out on this event, please contact the school office.

This Monday, 5 June, Bravehearts will be coming into our school to present "The Ditto Show" to all students from Kinder through to Year 6. This is an excellent Personal Safety Education Programme that aims to provide children with the basic principles of personal safety. The show will commence at 2pm in the Multi Purpose Hall.

All parents are welcome to attend.

For further information on Bravehearts, please visit the website ([www.bravehearts.org.au](http://www.bravehearts.org.au)) or speak with your child's teacher.

Finally, well done to our House Captains who ran a successful fitness session for lineup this morning. It was great to see everyone moving around and exercising before they entered the classroom.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Caleb Cooper



## PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

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

## SCHOOL ABSENTEES

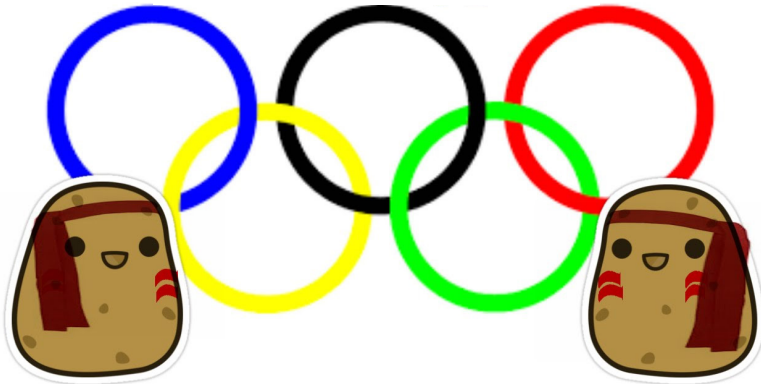
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## STUDENT HEALTH

Have your child's health or allergies changed?  
Please let the office know as soon as possible.

## SMALL WONDERS PLAYGROUP

A free early years programme for children and their parents/carers. Thursday mornings during school term 9:00 - 10:30 am in the Kindergarten room.



## YEAR 2 - Potato Olympics

In Year 2 we have been looking at measurement. To practise different types of measurement we have created events for our potatoes to participate in that will measure height, distance, capacity, and will compare weight. We are also looking at different ways to present the information we will receive through the Potato Olympics in graphs.

After the games we will be using the potatoes to explore a drama unit involving problem solving and thinking about how particular events can affect different people in different ways, and how a community can work for the best of the people in that community.

Chris Banham  
Teacher Year 2.



# Secondary

## FIJI MISSION TRIP 2017

Each year Calvin Christian School sends a group of eager students and staff to Fiji for a mission trip. This is a time of blessings for everyone who is involved. We travel to a range of schools, sharing the gospel and also restocking their first aid kits with much needed medical supplies. In a village, the school and the medical centre (if they have one) is the place people will go, to get basic first aid. Our aim is to bless the Fijians as they offer us unconditional hospitality and love.



Last year (see photo above) we were able to take over a huge amount of medical and school supplies thanks to the kind donations of the wider Calvin Community. We are asking for assistance again as our bags are looking rather empty at the moment.

If you are able, we would love either

- **money donations, or**
- **items donated (these should be: basic first aid items, school sports equipment or stationery).**

We head away at the end of Term 2.

When we return we will be updating you on how our trip went

God Bless,  
Fijian Mission Trip 2017

## YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND THE COMMUNITY

One of our senior students, Lucy Mitchell, has been studying a TASC 1 course called "You, Your Family and the Community". In this subject she has been learning all about the value and importance of community. To see this aspect playing out in real life, Lucy visited the Channel Men's Shed and the Kingston Community Gardens last Friday. Both of these organisations play an integral role in the Kingborough community. Peter at the Men's Shed kindly told us about the social benefits the Men's Shed gives to over 150 men, and how it helps foster community, share different skill-sets and provide friendship. An interesting fact - the Channel Men's Shed is the largest mens shed operating in Australia.

### SECONDARY SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

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

### SCHOOL ABSENTEES

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## STUDENT SAFETY

### MARANOVA AND DENISON STREET CROSSING

Calvin Secondary Duty Staff are very concerned about the dangerous behaviour of students crossing the road(s) after school. Please remind your students to obey the rules which are for their own safety. Some students will have had a stern warning from their Heads of Year.

Students are to cross Maranoa Road with the crossing guard employed for their safety. Students going towards Channel Court should walk down Denison Street and cross from below the Christian Reformed Church where there they can be clearly seen by drivers.

Please be aware that we have received complaints from the public about some students' foolish and careless behaviour around the intersection of Maranoa Road with Denison Street.

Mrs Laning  
Acting Deputy Principal



## BASIC ROAD SAFETY

Last Friday two of our Year 10 Basic Road Safety students Royce Belbin and Lucy Mitchell delivered a very important message to some of the primary school students. Exploring pedestrian safety issues, they created some safety posters to display at the primary school encouraging our youngest members of the Calvin community to "Walk Safe and Survive!".



Royce (Yr10) and Malcolm (Yr1)



Lucy (Yr10) Evangeline and Eve (Yr1)

# Secondary

Calvin's Senior Drama Class presents

## **Groping for Words**

**A dramatic comedy about literacy,  
learning and life**

*by Sue Townsend*

*Directed by Emily Di Pretoro*



At the Performing Arts Centre

**Wednesday 7th June | 1.25pm matinee**  
free entry

**Friday 9th June | 7pm**

Adults \$10

Concession by gold coin donation

Door Sales Only

03 6229 4829

admin@calvin.tas.edu.au



# Whole School

It's **WORKING BEE** time



at Calvin Primary School!

Join us on

**Saturday 24th June**

start time to be confirmed

*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!*

## 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

**03 6240 1883**

Email: [ccs.kingston@midford.com.au](mailto:ccs.kingston@midford.com.au)

## YOUTH PROGRAMS JUNE 2017

**YOUTH**  
ARTS &  
RECREATION  
CENTRE 

A PROGRAM OF



City of **HOBART**

AGES 12 - 25 | 44 COLLINS ST HOBART  
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