

Newsletter

23 JUNE 2017

Dear Calvin Community,

There have been some great community moments this week.

Parent meeting

On Wednesday, a number of parents met together at the Post Primary Question and Answer sessions regarding transition to the secondary school. Over 30 parents attended and our discussions were sincere and open. Amongst the information is data that evidences that Calvin's educational outcomes in NAPLAN in 2016 are the equivalent of, or better than, most other respected Independent schools in Hobart.

I have shared this information with a few groups over the last few months. In every meeting a number of people have been surprised. It is pleasing as Principal to be able to share independently verified data that affirms parents' faith that the teaching staff deliver optimal outcomes. This is one of the reasons we continue to grow in both numbers and reputation.



Basketball

I have been impressed with the community spirit and tenacity of our Basketball teams. I have visited several of the boys' and girls' games over the last few weeks and have been inspired by our players. In victory they have been humble, composed and sportsmanlike. Certainly they have expressed their excitement and confidence in meaningful ways, but they have always done so respectfully.

When teams faced tough opposition I was overjoyed to see a certain doggedness and loyalty to teammates exhibited through a commitment to maintaining effort and a commitment to others.

One of the elements absent was that harsh sense of 'win at all costs'. This dark cynicism infects so much of the sport that we see in professional competition. In the name of winning many accept sledging, gamesmanship, and the outright cheating of the professional foul. This latter legitimises cheating when, exposed by sheer skill, an opposition player is fouled to prevent them scoring. This style of play is a stain on the ethos of any game. This practice makes hearts cold to fair play and subverts decency and promotes selfishness and egotism.

I admired the spirit of 'compete at every opportunity' that was displayed by our teams. I have watched with genuine pleasure when our teams have maintained their effort regardless of the scoreboard's progress.

I look forward to cheering them on in their respective finals next week.



Mr Iain Belot
PRINCIPAL



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT *continued*

Music

The Year 9 and 10 musicians performed last night. It was an evening of quality performances that nurtured gifting into flourishing. Unfortunately, I was attending the Christian Schools Tasmania Board meeting. Accustomed to the standard of our musicians, I was not surprised when a Board member enquired whether professional musicians were rehearsing in one of our buildings.

Staffing

I wish to announce that Mrs Erin Leder will be concluding her work at Calvin at the end of this term. I thank Mrs Leder for her contribution to the school especially in the area of curriculum writing. We wish her well in her future endeavours.

Iain Belot

Primary

Dear Parents

Over the last few weeks, teachers have spent an incredible amount of time forming, writing and proofreading reports. All parents and caregivers, should have received their copy today. If you did not receive your copy please notify the school office.

On Monday, we look forward to strengthening the home-school partnerships through our parent-teacher interviews. These meetings are of high importance for us as a school. While parents and teachers often connect, the parent-teacher meetings are purposefully designed to talk about the school reports and any additional thoughts of celebration or concern that you may have about your child and their progress.

TO BOOK YOUR INTERVIEW,

Please go to website www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Insert the School Event Code: **srjxq** in the green **Parents** section and press the green **GO** button.

Parent/Teacher interview tips

- Keep a list of questions you want to discuss with the teacher. If you wish to discuss specific pieces of work, have them with you to take to the meeting.
- If you want the teacher to discuss a specific matter, email in advance so the teacher can be prepared with the information you are seeking.
- Ask your child if there are matters they would like you to discuss.
- Take notes during the conference so you can recap the conference at home with your child.
- Be ready to ask questions, or admit you do not understand.
- Share helpful information about your child or family circumstances. Teachers are appreciative of anything that helps them know their students better.
- If you are concerned about specific behaviour, be ready with examples.
- If you disagree with any judgements the teacher may have made about your child, listen carefully and ask for examples. Being apologetic or angry won't help fix the problem.
- Remember that the meeting is a valuable time to discuss your child, not share your experiences at school or philosophies about modern education.
- If you are unhappy about the meeting, please speak with the Deputy Principal.

Some questions that might help you

- How is my child progressing?
- Are there ways I can help at home?
- Does my child need extra help?
- How does my child get on with other members of the class?
- Does my child participate in class activities?
- Does my child complete assignments and homework?
- What is my child's behaviour like at school?
- How well is my child doing in tests and assessments?

After the conference

- Discuss the meeting with your child, including any points for action.
- Stress the good things that were said and be direct about any problems.
- Act on any suggestions made by the teacher.
- Keep working with the teacher by staying in touch.
- Children like the security of knowing that the important adults in their life are working together. Discuss any issues with the teacher in the first instance. Your child should see a united team.

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

Primary

Thank you to all our families for accepting and following our new position with car parking and collecting students. We do appreciate and value your understanding. A strategic objective of the Board is to ensure that we are compliant as a school and are striving for excellence in all of our operations. This means all staff, students and parents will experience changes and new expectations in how we do school. Recently, TasFire approved our new Fire Evacuation procedures. We have also updated our Lockdown procedures. This has meant slight upgrades to our property. Every term, we aim to conduct a practice drill to ensure we are prepared and remain compliant on such matters.

This year we have received two whole school audits on all areas of property and operation. In both instances we have continual areas that we must improve in. As an education provider, this is a worthy objective and a moral and ethical obligation. We must always ensure we provide a safe environment for all people while on school property and be compliant to new legislation on all matters. That is why all playgrounds, including the oval, are closed straight after school. If parents are late to collect their child then the child is to go straight to Mr Smith's classroom which is located under the library until their parent arrives to collect them.

In addition, no dogs are allowed on school property and the turning circle and staff car park is not for public parking between 8:15-9:00am and 2:45-3:30pm.

Each week, there are a couple of nights when school sports teams have practice after school. This is located on the oval. During this time, parents and their families are more than welcome to watch and enjoy the practice as a community. If you have children who are not involved they are able to play on the oval but off to the side so they do not interfere with the practice. However, they must remain under your direct parental supervision and control and not wander off to other parts of the school. The playgrounds will remain closed during this time.

This is a great school and awesome community. We enjoy celebrating your family successes and supporting you during difficult times. We value you all and look forward to continuing to work with you as we live life together.

Have a wonderful weekend,



Primary

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2017

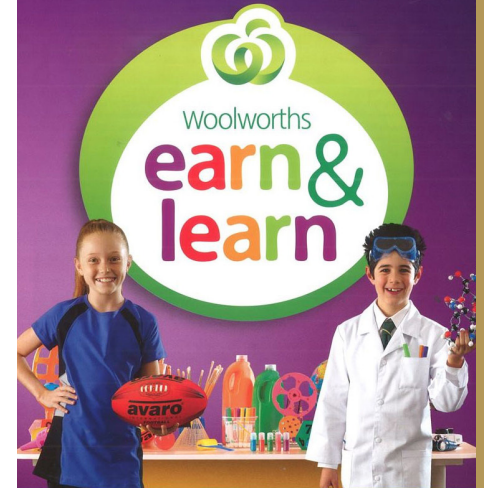
This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 26th July to Tuesday 19th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library.

If you'd like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

It's back!



this Saturday

It's **WORKING BEE** time

at Calvin Primary School!

Join us on

Saturday 24th June

1pm - 4pm

We have big jobs and small jobs.



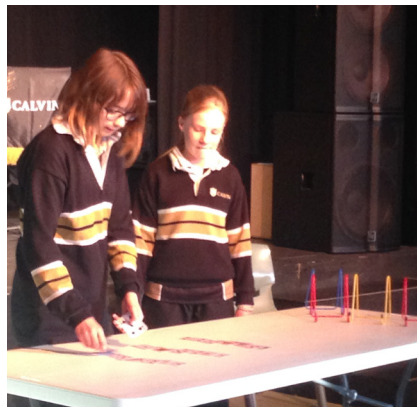
Refreshments will be provided

All are welcome. If you cannot commit to the entire time, fee free to come and give an hour or two instead. Every bit helps!

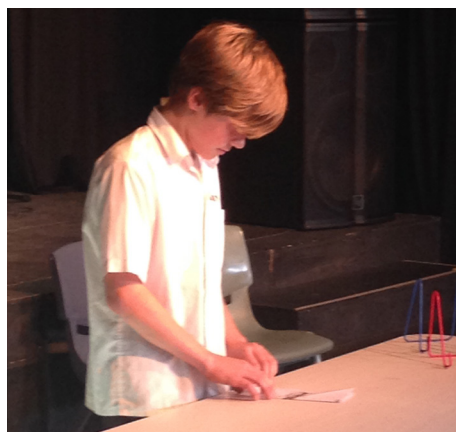
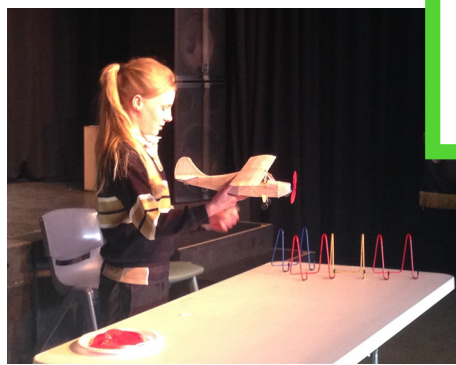
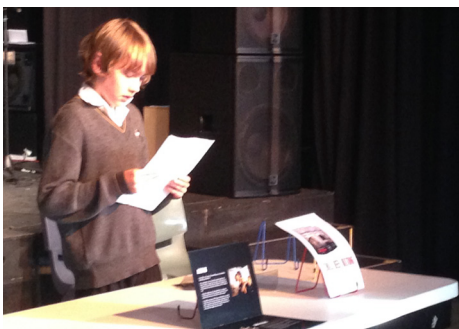
Primary

YEAR 6 - TALENT SHOW

Over the last couple of weeks Grade 6W have been digesting what they would like to present at our class Talent Show. The students were asked to think of a short performance that would entertain yet be about a topic of their choice and interest. The talent of each student still astounds me. They are so gifted and talented by our creator, and if you give them an inch they take a mile. They always shine and can find the most wonderful, exciting and thrilling ways to present simple everyday topics. Grade 6W presented nail art, dancing, musical items, information sessions, magic tricks, jokes, singing, cooking, facts and figures, and crazy trivia about themselves. The whole experience made them proud and we got to know each other a whole lot better. Thank you to our audience of family and friends who came to support and be the best cheering squad. We trust you will enjoy the photos that show a little of the talent within our amazing school.



**Grade 6
Talent Show
Thursday 22 June,
2017**

A graphic illustration of musical notes and a treble clef. The notes are black and white, and the background is a vibrant rainbow. The notes are arranged in a flowing, wavy pattern.

Secondary



AKC KOREAN EXCHANGE VISIT OPPORTUNITY TO HOST AN IMAE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT

In early Term 3, Wednesday 2nd August - Monday 7th August, we are anticipating a visit from 20 students of Imae Middle School in South Korea as part of our AKC (Australia Korea Club) exchange program.

An important and cultural part of the program is the homestay, where students are billeted out with Calvin students and experience home and family life in Australia. This homestay opportunity will include student involvement in the AKC program while they are here.

We are looking for expressions of interest for anyone happy to host a student for this period of time (5 nights, including across the weekend). We are particularly interested in those families happy to host a female student.

If you can assist or have any questions please contact:
Jonathan Quinn on [jqquinn@calvin.tas.edu.au](mailto:jquinn@calvin.tas.edu.au) or via the school.

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DONATIONS NEEDED



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 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.

Medical supplies - bandages, dressings, antiseptic etc
Educational supplies - pencils, erasers, sharpeners, deflated balls etc.
Montetary donations gratefully accepted.

Blessings - Fiji Mission Team 2017

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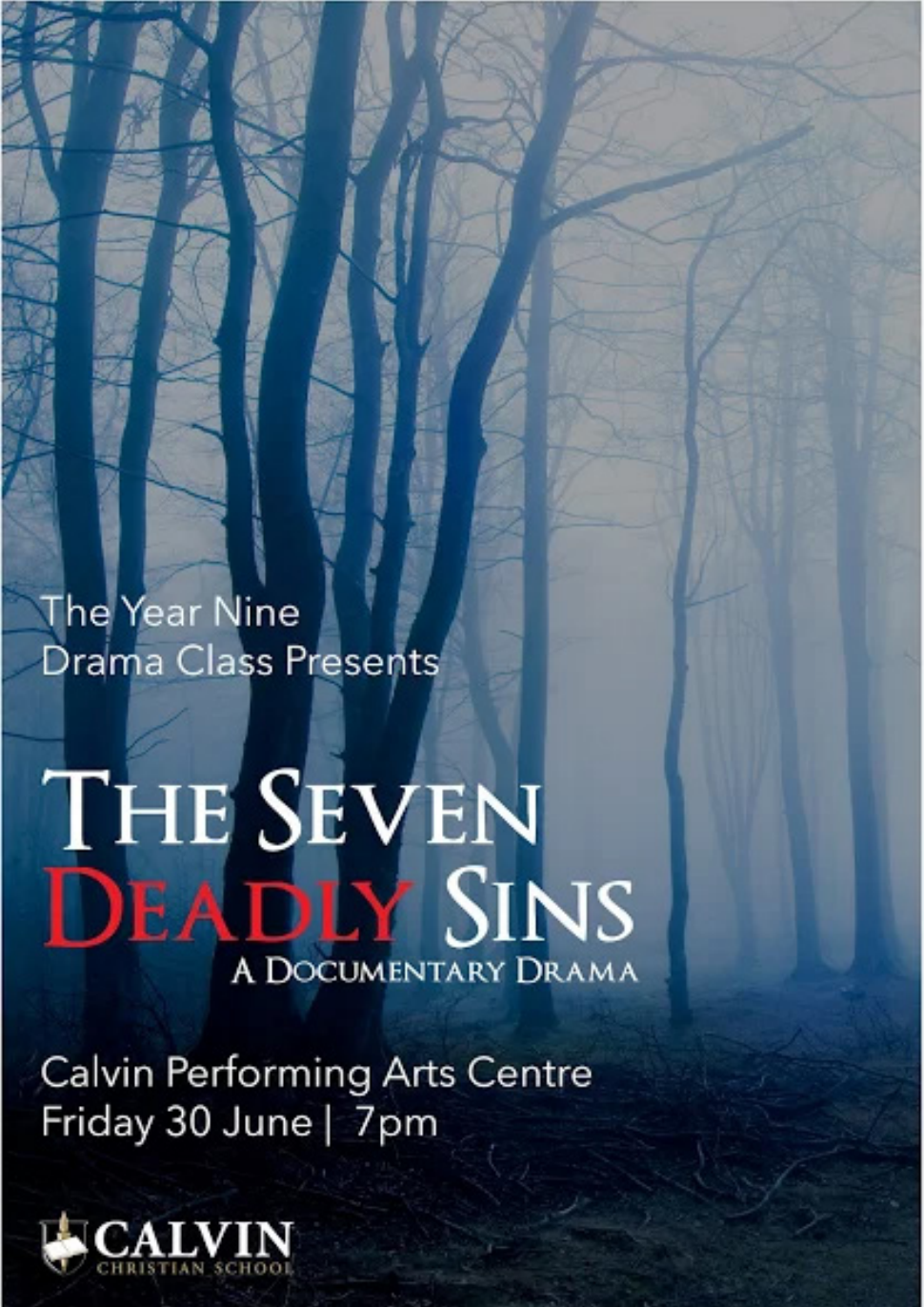
YEAR 9 DRAMA

For the last few months the Year 9 Drama class has been exploring their chosen topic for the devising of a documentary drama. Documentary Drama is a theatrical style which aims to make its audience question and think. We, as spectators, are not allowed to suspend disbelief and become too involved in the emotions of a story. Instead, we are constantly reminded by the use of an assortment of dramatic techniques that what we are seeing is not real and that we should be learning from the experience.

The class elected to explore The Seven Deadly Sins. This is a topic rich for thought and discussion, and they tackled the issue with great maturity, demonstrating the ability to choose what appropriate aspects of the concept they would tackle. From a Christian World View, we were able to look at the sins and their consequences, leading us to the alternative Seven Heavenly Virtues, which are offered as the ideals which we should strive to achieve in our lives.

We hope that you will come along to the show to be challenged and encouraged, and to enjoy the product of a lot of hard work on the part of the students, as they share what they have learned. The show will run under one hour.


Emily Di Pretoro
Head of Creative Arts
Teacher of Drama



The Year Nine
Drama Class Presents

**THE SEVEN
DEADLY SINS**
A DOCUMENTARY DRAMA

Calvin Performing Arts Centre
Friday 30 June | 7pm

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ICT YEAR 9

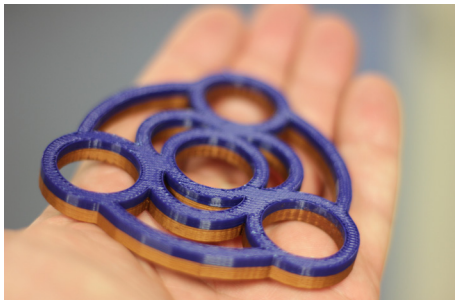
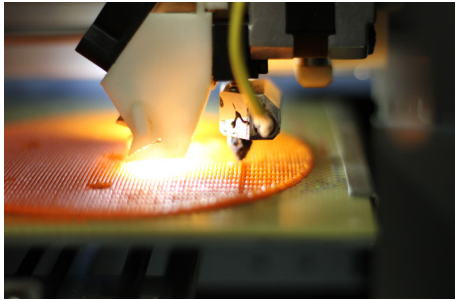
FIDGET SPINNER CRAZE

You might have been around long enough to remember the YoYo, hypercolour t-shirt or nerf gun fads. This year it's all about the Fidget Spinner. While some schools have been banning them, we've been making them!

Through this term the Year 9 ICT class has been busy designing, 3D printing, marketing and selling their own spinners to better understand the design and manufacture process. They have had to consider weight, size, bearing type, printing capabilities, manufacture cost and marketability.

They produced some impressive designs including spirals, game themed, coins, and chess pieces.

Mr Wayne Amos
ICT Teacher



PRAISE & WORSHIP

On Thursdays from 8:00 - 8:30am, a group of us meet in the Conference Room on the Secondary campus to Praise and Worship our faithful God. We would like to invite parents, friends and students to join us whenever possible. We believe God is calling us to lift His name high and to bless Him in this way. King David's exhortation to worship is relevant today!
I Chronicles 16:8-36.

Ineke Laning - Acting Deputy Principal

Secondary

INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY AND PSYCHOLOGY

Blurb: The Introduction to Sociology and Psychology class has been interviewing people from various age groups as part of their Youth Culture module. The students are investigating social change since the 1950's by finding statistics, researching trends, and interviewing individuals who grew up in different decades. Lorna Wolfe, the grandmother of Jessica Thomas (Year 10) was interviewed in class today and shared her stories of adolescence and young adulthood in the 1960's and 70's. Topics ranged from family size to marriage age to dental health!



Bonny Moroni

Teacher of Psychology and Introduction
to Psychology/Sociology

CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

New style track pants in SIZE 2 have arrived in store.
Limited quantities. Cost \$55 a pair.

Older style track pants in all sizes reduced to \$21.

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

Basketball Holiday Camps

"Fun and Fundamentals" Camp

Kingborough School Holiday Camp

Thursday 20 and Friday 21 July
9am-3pm both days

\$50 for one day or \$80 both days

Players will be split into ages 6 to 9 and age 10 and above. Children are to bring their own food, drink bottle and basketball.

Kingborough Sports Centre
10 Kingston View Dr, Kingston

Huon School Holiday Camp

Monday 10 July 2017
9am-3pm

\$20 for the full day or \$10 for a half day.

Players will be split into ages 6 to 9 and age 10 and above. Children are to bring their own food, drink bottle and basketball.

Huon Valley PCYC
40-72 Wilmot Rd, Huonville



For more information please email generalmanager@khba.com.au

Register online via our website khba.sportingpulse.net or phone 0400 066 942

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JULY 2017

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