

Newsletter

3 MARCH 2017

One of the real and definite privileges of my role is working with parents.

From my vantage point, I regularly encounter great parenting. Whether you are a birth parent, a guardian, a grandparent on the second round due to circumstances, or a foster parent I salute you.

I am prompted to celebrate this today because I have recently been inspired by some wonderful parents.

If parenting was easy there would be one definitive book and perhaps one video series. Instead there is an vast publishing output. Advice on parenting is an enormous industry. I am not adding another book, nor dispensing advice today. I am just describing what I see.

A father sat in front of me, in equal parts tears of tenderness and fists clenched in outrage. Someone had reached past the boundaries he had established to protect his family. The world had bruised his children and threatened to damage their shared trust. I observed his authentic pain and frustration. I admire the manner in which the core elements of his faith counselled his response: self-control, forgiveness, love, compassion, a sense of care and justice. I can only imagine what it must be like to be in his family and know the security of protection expressed in such decency, to see his faith govern his response in a real and humble manner. He was just a recent, visible representation of many parents whom I have met in the last few years at Calvin.

Recently, a lady came to me who had determined that an education at an independent school was necessary for the emotional health of her child. She would stretch beyond convention and bureaucracy to secure that health and safety. She is living sacrificially. She is like so many others.

The parents I describe here acted in the best interests of their child. They did act with transparency and character, but not necessarily with their child's full agreement. I admired that they parented. They resisted partnering with their children. For the health and long-term success of their children it was essential to stand for them.

I could fill several pages of this newsletter with stories of inspiration. Moments of parenting that inspire me to get up in the morning. Men and women of character and conviction who are strong and humble in the complexities of life's currents. It is a pleasure and an inspiration to work with parents in this complex journey of raising children. In these and other instances I value the opportunity to work through the challenges that life presents.

The verses of Isaiah that announce the Lord have some real application to parenting:

For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace... (Isaiah 9:6-7).

In these verses, 'government' precedes 'peace'.

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Mr Iain Belot
PRINCIPAL



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This 'government' is not about power. It is about a calm and righteous authority. In John 17 Jesus acknowledges to the Father that he kept the disciples safe. Jesus was fully aware of the dangers and evil in the world. He led the disciples.

These are the qualities I see in those parents I mentioned. It is these qualities that I see in the vast number of parents like them.

I want to encourage parents. I want to 'shout out' to you not to lose faith and heart, not to let your ardour be dampened by the cries of "...but everyone else is allowed to!". It might feel like you are fighting a rear-guard action in a cultural war, but I am encouraging you to fight on.

Your children are watching. They identify what you actually believe by watching what you are prepared to fight for. There is something instinctive in a child that seemingly already knows the scripture from Isaiah. When you bring the 'government' that matches the character and spirit of Jesus, then peace follows.

Keep parenting. You inspire people. You have inspired me

Iain Belot



Primary

FROM THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

Thank you for spending time with our teachers at the Parent Talk meetings. This was a valuable time for our teachers as they endeavour to serve and support your child this year.

Clean Up Australia took place today. Our Prep to Year 4 students were all involved in cleaning the grounds and perimeter of the school. Our focus was on being good stewards of the environment which has been entrusted into our care. It was great to see our students get stuck in and work with one another in cleaning up the school.

School photos are happening this Monday in the Multi-Purpose Hall. Please ensure that your child/children are wearing the full correct uniform to a high standard. Heritage Day takes place this coming Tuesday. This is a time when the primary and secondary schools join together and celebrate the founding members of the school and the principles on which the school was founded upon. This is a time when we recognise and honour the past as we embrace the future.

On Thursday, we have a group of twelve Year 6 students participating in a student leadership day in Launceston. They will join other student leaders from Independent Primary Schools to learn about the role and importance of being a leader.

This Friday, Year 3 are leading the Primary School Assembly. You are all welcome to come and join us as we celebrate their presentation of their learning.

Finally, we are setting up an Enrichment Program to facilitate and provide extension opportunities to high achieving students within the primary school. Such an initiative aims to enhance our ability to grow agile thinkers who are challenged to stretch their minds and imagination, critique, think collaboratively, analyse and communicate their knowledge and understandings and open additional pathways for future learning and opportunities. Mel de Kievit (Learning Support Coordinator) will lead this. We believe this to be an important and necessary approach and initiative to ensure we support the learning of all students in the school. If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mel de Kievit via the school office or email: ccooper@calvin.tas.edu.au and mdekievit@calvin.tas.edu.au.

Thank you for another great week,

Caleb Cooper



PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

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

SCHOOL ABSENTEES
Primary School Absentees
Phone: 6229 3814
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
programme for children
and their parents/carers.
Thursday mornings during
school term 9:00 - 10:30am
in the Kindergarten room.

Term One Primary School dates

Monday 27th February	Parent Talks
Tuesday 28th February	Parent Talks
Wednesday 1st March	Year 5/6 Camp
Thursday 2nd March	Year 5/6 Camp
Friday 3rd March	Year 5/6 Camp Clean Up Australia Day
Monday 6th March	Primary School Photo's
Tuesday 7th March	Heritage Day
Thursday 9th March	IPSHA Student Leadership Day, Launceston
Friday 10th March	Primary School Assembly – Year 3
Monday 13th March	Public Holiday
Wednesday 15th March	Swimming Carnival
Thursday 16th March	Year 3 Camp
Friday 17th March	Year 3 Camp
Tuesday 21st March	Huon/Channel Swimming Carnival
Friday 24th March	Primary School Assembly – Year 5
Monday 27th March	Year 4 Camp
Tuesday 28th March	Year 4 Camp
Wednesday 28th March	Year 4 Camp
Thursday 6th April	New Student Lunch
Thursday 13th April	Primary School Assembly – Year 4 Easter Activity Day
End of Term	

REMINDER

Primary School Photos

MONDAY

6th March

YEAR 4

Understanding God's Word in Year 4

Along with all the regular learning that goes on in the classroom, from Place Value in maths, to our extremely descriptive writing, collaborative reading, learning about Australia's First Peoples in History and energetic Physical Education, Year 4 have been enjoying developing their understanding of the structure of the 66 books of the Bible, and the overall historical story of God's plan for his people.

We've loved the tactile way the 'Arc of Bible History' helps us memorise the key eras, figures and locations of the events told throughout the Old and New Testaments. We understand the importance of knowing 'how Scripture works' so we can navigate and use it effectively to relate to situations in our own lives, and the lives of those around us.

Mr Jonathan Laning
Year 4



Secondary

UNITINGCARE PANCAKE DAY

The delicious smell of pancakes wafted through the secondary campus on Tuesday, as pancakes were flipped for UnitingCare's Pancake Day. Organised by our school Chaplain, Marty Prins, and with the help of year 10 students, over a hundred pancakes were consumed by hungry students.

Pancakes were sold for \$3.00 and raised much need funds for Australians living in crisis including those suffering homelessness, domestic violence, addictions and financial hardship. Well done to all students who helped out and students who supported the day by buying pancakes.



REMINDER

Secondary School Photos

FRIDAY

10th March

Secondary

GOMARUS AND CALVIN EXCHANGE

Eleven people from Gomarus College in the Netherlands (9 students and 2 teachers) arrived last Saturday for a 2 week exchange program.

On Tuesday they were welcomed at Calvin assembly in the morning and were also honoured with a welcome reception at the Kingborough Council in the afternoon. Mayor Steve Wass spoke of the connection between Kingston and its sister council, Gootevast in the Netherlands.

Later in the week students and host families travelled up to Mount Wellington to watch the sunset, went on an excursion around Kingston and Margate to visit sites of historical interest as well as interview some of the early Dutch immigrants. Yesterday they enjoyed the sunshine with a surfing lesson at Clifton Beach. Next week they will go to Maria Island for 3 days before preparing to go back to Groningen.



Principal Mr Iain Belot, Cr Flora Fox, Dutch Exchange co-ordinator, Mrs Bonnie Moroni, Gomarus teacher, Mrs Petra Hatley, Kingborough Mayor Steve Wass and Cr Mike Pence.



Ryan with Gomarus students, Friso and Bas.



Gomarus students Esther and Irina with Darcy and Yasmine.



Whole School

CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

New style
TRACK PANTS
are now in stock

Price: **\$55**



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

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!

CALVIN FACEBOOK PAGE

For school life, information, photos and events, visit our Facebook page.

Whole School

GUITAR TUITION

Private guitar tutor, Simon Patterson, is available for lessons at Calvin.

Simon Patterson has worked in all areas of Contemporary Music Television, Recording, Clinics, Touring, Teaching, Festivals and Musicals. From backing artists such as B.B King, Bonnie Raitt and Joe Cocker, over nine years in the House Band on 'Hey Hey It's Saturday', to supporting Guitarists Robben Ford and Michael Landau. Other Credits include Television shows 'Australia's Got Talent', 'The Logies', 'Carols By Candle Light' and 'Dancing With the Stars' and touring with Daryl Braithwaite and The Bushwackers.

- Lessons will be during the school day, unless other arrangements are made.
- Simon has limited spots available, at school lessons are not guaranteed.
- He has a current *Working with Vulnerable People's card*
- Parents/students should contact Simon directly (see below)



SIMON PATTERSON

Guitar Tuition

206 Elizabeth St
Hobart

Ex Melbourne session guitarist Simon Patterson is now available for private guitar tuition in the Hobart CBD. Specialising in Contemporary styles : Rock, Pop, Jazz, Blues,

and Fusion. All levels welcome. A graduate of the Sydney Conservatorium, NSW, Simon has tutored at UTAS, VCA, AIM, EC, Hobart College etc.

Credits include extensive work in Television, Music Theatre, Recordings, Festivals, Clinics and Teaching.
Ph : 0419 000 823
E: simonpatterson@bigpond.com

Community Notices

**ENDEAVOUR AVE
MARGATE**



**Channel
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

4:30 PM ~ 7:30 PM
Friday
**MARCH
17th**

**TWILIGHT
FAIR** ★

Oliebollen | **LIVE MUSIC** | **THE SWEET SHOPPE**
Croquettes

Woodfired PIZZA | Toffee Apples

Baked Goods CAFE | **Ice cream** | **Coffee Van** | **Cakes & Preserves**
CAKE Competition

LUCKY DIP | **Handmade Craft Stall** | **PHOTO BOOTH**

BBQ | **SHOW BAGS** | ***PLANTS*** | **SILENT AUCTION**

Pre-loved Toys, Books & Clothes
KIDS RIDES

Call for Entries!



**Channel
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

**TWILIGHT
FAIR** ★

4:30 PM ~ 7:30 PM
Friday
MARCH 17th

CAKE DECORATING COMPETITION
All cakes must be from either of the Women's Weekly Birthday Cakes books (original edition or more recent 'Kid's Birthday Cakes' version).
Judged by a Peoples' Vote on appearance only.
The cake with the highest bid wins the prize!

RECYCLED SCULPTURE COMPETITION
Wow our community with a sculpture made from what you can find in the back of the shed, garden or recycling bin.
Mr Roberts (school principal) will judge on creativity and the best use of recycled materials.

CATEGORIES: 5-8's / 9-12's / Adults
Register submissions: clancyhartman79@gmail.com

Community Notices

The KidCity logo features the word "KIDCITY" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The letter "I" is replaced by a stylized white building icon with a yellow sunburst above it. The logo is set against a background that is blue on the left and green on the right.

After-School Fridays

The KidCity After-School Program is on again this year! Beginning with Ants and Ostriches on Friday the 10th March, 3:30-5pm @ CityLight Church, 150 Redwood Road Kingston. It's open for \$2 to all students in Years 3-6. Permission forms can be filled out by adults at the door, or can be collected from your school foyer, attached to a KidCity Friday's calendar.

Future Events:

Ants and Ostriches – March 10th

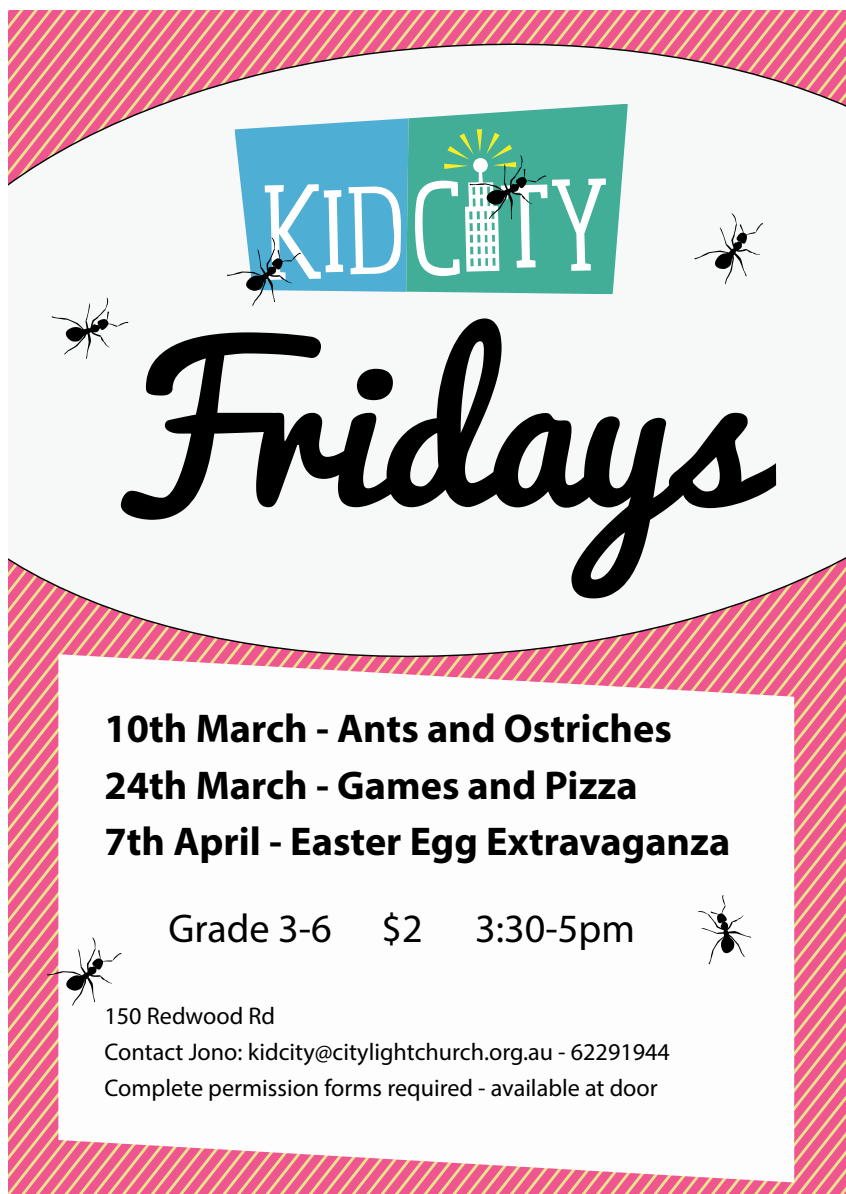
Games and Pizza – March 24th

Easter Egg Extravaganza – April 7th



Contact:

Jono Laning, kidcity@citylightchurch.org.au, 6229 1944, or 0437 990 584

A poster for "Ants and Ostriches Fridays". The top half has a white background with a pink and white striped border. It features the KidCity logo with three ants flying around it. Below the logo, the word "Fridays" is written in a large, black, cursive font. The bottom half of the poster has a white background with a pink and white striped border. It contains the following text: "10th March - Ants and Ostriches", "24th March - Games and Pizza", "7th April - Easter Egg Extravaganza", "Grade 3-6 \$2 3:30-5pm", and "150 Redwood Rd". There is also an ant icon next to the time and a contact line: "Contact Jono: kidcity@citylightchurch.org.au - 62291944" and "Complete permission forms required - available at door".

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