

# Newsletter

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Calvin is quite deliberately a K-12 school. This is the season where we see our Year 12 students flourish. This is time of deep friendships, connectedness and leadership. It is far more than just a time of examinations.

Our Year 12 students commenced their transition from Calvin this week. Transition is not simply one event at Calvin.

On Tuesday the Year 11/12 students hosted an assembly to honour the Year 12 students. It was moving to hear students speak of the number of ways in which the Year 12 students had motivated and inspired them. This cohort of Year 12 students has made a wonderful contribution to our school by demonstrating respect for the dignity of other people.

Today our Year 11 and 12 students completed their formal classes in order to prepare for their written examinations that commence on Monday, 13th November. Their morning was filled with celebratory fun. As ever, we delight in the absence of practical jokes and vandalism. It is impressive that our young people express the best of who they are at this time of year. They celebrate friendship and their journey without cynicism.

Our inaugural Year 12 Prayer Breakfast will be held next Monday from 7:45 a.m. Staff, parents and students will gather to bring the examinations before the Lord. This is a fitting way to commence study week.

It is right and proper that our celebrations occur in a number of forums, and over a number of weeks.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the teaching staff for their support and care of students throughout this year. They will continue to make every effort to guide and encourage students in the coming weeks.

The approach to examinations is at the very least a busy time. It is fraught with anxious moments and pressured situations. It is important that parents communicate any concerns about their child's progress or wellbeing to class teacher, Mrs Laning, Mrs Moroni, or Mr Riley.

## Staffing

Mrs Janet Vanderwal has announced that she will be retiring at the conclusion of this school year. She has been an exceptional servant of both the association and the school. Janet has worked on the staff at Calvin for 24 years. During that time she has made a substantial contribution to the lives of students as a classroom teacher and as a supportive colleague. In the last few years Janet has made a very significant influence on the learner support program. In addition, Janet has been a long-standing member of the Association for many years. She has certainly invested her working life in the cause of Christian Education.

We will be celebrating the contribution of Janet Vanderwal, Henry Nugteren, Rosemary Beswick and Carol Cane at the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 16th November at 7:30 pm. The venue is the Calvin Secondary School Library. I would encourage all members of the Association to attend and show their appreciation of these staff.

I am also delighted to announce that Mrs Julie Berg has been appointed to the position of Executive Assistant to the Principal. Julie is wonderfully qualified in that she is a specialist in records management, has previously been a teacher in the tertiary system, and is accustomed to the role of providing high level support in a school setting. I am sure that you will join me in welcoming her to the Calvin community.



Mr Iain Belot  
PRINCIPAL

# Primary

Dear Parents

I love working at Calvin Christian School. Every week is different from the next with many great interactions and events taking place. It is encouraging to see our students grow both academically and emotionally but also spiritually. We see each person as being made in the image of God (imago Dei) and for a purpose.

God's purposes, which are all-encompassing of the child, are to glorify God and to love Him with heart, soul, strength and mind. Without neglecting the head knowledge (academics), we also focus on the heart of each student with a hope and expectation that it will lead towards responsive discipleship (hands). Our faith in Christ permeates throughout our school with whole school prayer at line up, class devotions and Bible programs occurring throughout the year, opportunities for service (Others First) and investing in missions and so on.

This term as a staff we are looking into new ways where we can further promote our Christian distinctiveness and build greater community between home and school. It is our conviction that a greater emphasis on building and fostering community is both reflective of what Christ would want and an endeavour worth seeking. We welcome parent ideas as we start to embark on this journey.

It has been great to see all our pre-Kindergarten students participate in their introductory sessions at Kindergarten. We have six sessions where our 2018 students are familiarised with the school life as a Kindergarten student. We are blessed with strong numbers for 2018 and give praise to the Lord for His continual faithfulness to the school.

Students in Prep have completed their PIPs testing (Performance Indicators in Primary Schools). This assessment of literacy and numeracy is a valuable tool which assists us in assessing our younger students who have started school for the first time. Our Preps have made some significant progress this year under Ms Bylsma who has been very diligent in teaching them.

A BIG thank you to the School Council and all our parent helpers for organizing the Year 5/6 Dance Night. It was a fantastic evening for the students who enjoyed a fun night out. A special thank you to Gen Muenchhagen who was the lead organizer.



## 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.

We are looking forward to the Primary Athletics Carnival which will be held next Wednesday at the Hobart Domain. Early next week, the schedule will be released to all parents. If you are able and available we welcome your support and hope to see as many families as possible enjoy the day with us.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Lucas Thornton who was awarded first place in ICAS Science for Tasmania. We are so proud of your achievement. Well done.



We are currently finalising our Staffing for 2018 and look forward to releasing this information over the next few weeks.

I trust you all have a blessed weekend,

Warm regards  
Caleb Cooper

It's **WORKING BEE** time



at Calvin Primary School!

Join us on

**Saturday 18 November**

**1pm - 4pm**

(mostly gardening jobs)

**Refreshments will be provided**

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

## YEAR 2

So far, term 4 has been busy. Students have really enjoyed going to the pool and learning new swimming skills. After a fortnight of lessons, students have gained confidence around water, tried out new swimming strokes and practised rescuing people. Thank you to all our wonderful parents for your support. It was great to see you there.



In science, students have been looking at water and the different ways that they can use it. Last term we walked around the school to see the different ways people use water. As a class we discussed, and tried to see, where water goes when it rains by making sandcastles and dripping water on them. We then headed back to the classroom to explore and present our ideas about how water gets from the clouds to our taps. It was great to see the students inquire and articulate their thinking to others.

We have started reading a book called *Kid Normal*. It uses some very interesting comparisons, and we have used this as our introduction to poetry. In the following weeks, we will be looking at different types of poetry and writing our own.

Mr Chris Banham.  
Teacher - Year 2



## TERM 4 CALENDAR

### Week 1

16/10	Learn to Swim
17/10	Learn to Swim
18/10	Learn to Swim
19/10	Learn to Swim
20/10	Learn to Swim

### Week 2

23/10	Learn to Swim Mole day visit – UTAS – Yr6
24/10	Learn to Swim Pre-Kinder Introductory Session
25/10	Learn to Swim
26/10	Public Holiday – Hobart Show Day
27/10	Non-student Day

### Week 3

30/10	PIPS testing – Prep PAT Testing Commences
31/10	PIPS EOY testing – Prep Pre-Kinder Introductory Session
02/11	Yr5/6 Fun Night
03/11	Primary School Assembly – Year 2

### Week 4

07/11	Pre-Kinder Introductory Session
08/11	Athletics Carnival
10/11	PAT Testing Concludes

### Week 5

14/11	Pre-Kinder Introductory Session
15/11	Primary HCSSA Athletics
17/11	Primary School Assembly – Year 1

### Week 6

20/11	Year 7 Head of Year meets Year 6 student's (2pm) Year 7 Head of Year meets Year 6 Calvin parent's (3pm)
21/11	Pre-Kinder Introductory Session
22/11	Year 7 Parent Welcome/Information Night (2018 intake, Secondary School)

### Week 7

28/11	Pre-Kinder FINAL Introductory Session
01/12	Primary School Assembly - Prep Pink Stumps Day

### Week 8

06/12	Masterpiece Exhibition K-12 student art Volunteer Thank You Morning Tea
08/12	Primary School Assembly Primary Schools Triathlon

### Week 9

11/12	P-6 Orientation Morning for 2018
13/12	Kindergarten Christmas Play
14/12	Year 6 Graduation Service / After Party
15/12	Year 6 Activity Day

### Week 10

18/12	PS Picnic Day
19/12	PS Final Assembly

Reports sent home

**Term 4 concludes**

# Secondary

## We want you! ..

To support our Year Ten community fundraising projects!

November 10 at 7pm there will be a **TRIVIA NIGHT** at the Multi Purpose Hall hosted by the Year Ten students. If you love a good night out with friends and family, you have a competitive spirit or you are a quiz night tragic, this evening is for you! We will be having a silent auction, a dessert auction and bucket loads of fun which will be appropriate for any age.

Tickets are \$10 each (to be paid for on the night). Tickets can be booked by contacting the Secondary School Office on 6229 4829 or by emailing Mrs Whiteley at [awhiteley@calvin.tas.edu.au](mailto:awhiteley@calvin.tas.edu.au). We have quiz questions from **CanTeen** as well as from the Year 10 cohort. A representative from CanTeen will be speaking about the work of CanTeen on the night.

*So book a seat or a table of ten, and enjoy a great night out!*

### SECONDARY SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

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### SCHOOL ABSENTEES Secondary School Absentees

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### STUDENT HEALTH

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or allergies changed?  
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know as soon as possible.

HOSTED BY YEAR 10 STUDENTS AND STAFF

# TRIVIA NIGHT



FRIDAY 10 NOV AT 7PM

**\$10**  
ENTRY

- ~ SILENT AUCTION
- ~ GAMES
- ~ ENTERTAINMENT
- ~ DESSERT
- ~ GREAT FUN

MULTI-PURPOSE HALL \* MARANOVA ROAD



# Secondary

## THE TRADITIONAL YEAR 12 'MUCK UP DAY'



## FREYCINET BUSHWALK CAMP



**Freycient Bushwalk camp**  
26-28 October 2017.

The camp was planned and run by Outdoor Leadership student Rhiannon Hennessy for the Outdoor Education class. We completed a 3 day bushwalk on the Freycinet Peninsula and camped at Cooks Beach and Wineglass Bay.

Mr Pat Stam  
Outdoor Ed and Sports Science

*“Freycinet is a perfect back-drop for anything; how blessed we were to experience it over 3 days of bushwalking with such a beautiful group and gorgeous weather. Fantastic idea and great leading Rhi!” - Layah Conry*





## ABSEILING - THE BLOWBOLE

**Outdoor Education - Abseiling**  
24 October 2017

*Abseiling was very challenging and it makes you test your faith – Leah Hochman*

*Abseiling at the Blowhole was an awesome experience that really pushed me in my comfort zone, but gave me a great sense of accomplishment when I successfully finished it! – Beth Hochman*

Mr Pat Stam  
Teacher of Outdoor Education and Sport Science.



## THEATRE SPORTS

Next Monday 6th Nov. at 7 pm the **Student Theatre Company** will be taking part in the fourth Annual Inter-School Theatresports Tournament. This is an evening of friendly competition held between 4 schools (Calvin, Emmanuel, SCC & St Aloysius) and is a really entertaining night. This year it's being hosted by Southern Christian College. Come along and support your Calvin teams and enjoy some great laughs!



**THEATRE  
SPORTS**



# Secondary

## JOIN US FOR TWO GREAT SHOWS IN ONE EVENING!

The Years 9 & Senior Drama classes are presenting a 'double bill' for the end of year Drama night. Two great shows in one evening.  
17 November at 7pm in the Performing Arts Centre.



**CALVIN**  
CALVIN'S SENIOR DRAMA  
CLASS PRESENTS

# A B O U T L O V E

... A D E V I S E D P I E C E

FRIDAY THE 17TH OF NOVEMBER, 7PM  
IN THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

## A GLIMPSE OF AUSTRALIAN THEATRE HISTORY

Friday 17th November, 7pm  
In the Performing Arts Centre

Through scenes from some of  
our best-loved plays



**CALVIN**  
CALVIN'S SENIOR DRAMA CLASS

Directed by Emily Di Pretoro

# Secondary



As you may have heard, Year eight students, Fletcher de Kievit, Joel Verdouw, Osker Leighton, Cameron Burridge, Josh Bosveld, Rory Kent and Nick Moore are taking part in the World's Greatest Shave for the Leukaemia Foundation!

Did you know that blood cancer claims more lives than breast cancer or melanoma? When we heard that one of our classmate's Opa was diagnosed with blood cancer, we just wanted to help out. That's why the seven of us are raising funds for the Leukemia Foundation. On Thursday (9/11/17) we will be shaving our heads completely bald. We figure that our hair isn't as important as other people's lives! If anything shaving isn't enough, compared to what's at risk it seems a bit weak doesn't it? But it's a great start to better the lives of people fighting the bitter war against cancer.

Mates helping out mates!

The Leukemia Foundation gives Aussie families facing blood cancer the emotional and practical support they need. Today another 35 people will be given the devastating news they have leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma or another blood disorder.

Will you help by sponsoring us? \$53 will ensure someone being treated in hospital gets a personal visit from a highly-trained health professional so they get the extra support they need. If you want to make a tax returnable donation to the foundation online, go to this link

<http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/baldilocks>

Or if you see us, don't be afraid to approach us with your donation in person!

Don't Delay, Donate Today, Help save a life!

Thank you  
TEAM BALDILOCKS

# from the School Counsellor

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As Year 11 and 12's enter into a time of exams, we are encouraging them to put in structures that will provide them with helpful study patterns. Teachers have been helping students design helpful patterns that will ultimately help them reach their goals. For Primary school parents it might feel that Year 11 and 12 exams seem a long way away, but as Michael points out in the article below, habits and patterns start early.

Blessings

Julia



**SCHOOL COUNSELLOR**

Our School Counsellor, Mrs Julia Willoughby, is available by appointment in both the Primary and Secondary schools.

Please email Julia at [jwilloughby@calvin.tas.edu.au](mailto:jwilloughby@calvin.tas.edu.au)

## When does a habit become a pattern that stays for life?

**Ever wished you had your time over again?**

BY MICHAEL GROSE

Recently, I was speaking to Jeremy, a colleague, who wished he had his time as a parent over again.

He told me how his twenty-two year old son was drifting from job to job and course to course. This father told me that since leaving school at sixteen his son had changed jobs or courses at least twenty times.

This dad lamented that his son hadn't even finished one course he'd started or stayed at a job long enough to receive a qualification or complete an apprenticeship.

As soon as a course or job got tough or a boss put some pressure on him to lift his game, his son would leave rather than put in the required effort.

**Poor patterns start with poor habits**

Jeremy believed that the seeds of his son's inability to see things through were sown at a very young age. He blamed himself for letting his son give in too easily when things got tough.

In primary school when subjects became too hard, his son would make excuses and give in. His parents would often be at school pleading their son's case for teachers to ease up. "He's only a boy. Don't push him too hard!" was the approach they'd take.

Jeremy's son also chopped and changed at leisure and sporting



# from the School Counsellor

activities, never seeing any activity through to completion. As soon as he met with difficult people, didn't get his own way or the learning/competition became too hard he gave in and went on to try something else.

His dad allowed him to keep changing activities in the hope that he would find something he was good at. In doing so, he allowed his son to **develop the habit of avoidance**. Eventually, this habit after so many repetitions **became a life pattern**, which is difficult to break.

Now as an adult as soon as he meets with resistance or difficulty of any kind at work and in relationships his immediate response is to look for new opportunities, rather than work through the difficulties to achieve mastery. The pattern of avoidance has become so ingrained that his son simply cannot see anything difficult through. The tragedy of course, is that a worthwhile achievement of any kind, whether it's getting a qualification, mastering a musical instrument or learning a new language, will always present significant challenges that need to be worked through. By continually giving in, this young man will never achieve anything of significance, unless he adopts a new pattern, which takes considerable commitment and work.

## Help your kids develop positive life patterns

The habits that parents encourage in their kids will eventually become entrenched life patterns so it makes sense to encourage positive habits from the earliest possible age. Here are five positive habits to develop in kids that with **practice, repetition and parental encouragement** will become positive patterns or ways of behaving that generally stay for life:

**1. Pattern of contribution:** This pattern starts by parents developing the helping habit in their children. Expect your kids to help you and others without being paid. It's the pattern that leaders in every field display.

**2. Pattern of self-sufficiency:** This pattern starts by parents encouraging kids to look after themselves; do simple life tasks and take increasing personal responsibility for their behaviour as they become older. Doing too much for kids puts the breaks on the self-sufficiency pattern.

**3. Pattern of problem-solving:** This wonderful pattern starts when parents give children ownership of their mistakes and challenges, allowing them to find their own solutions to problems. Rescuing and

# from the School Counsellor

micro-managing children develops the pattern of dependence, which is an endemic among today's twenty-somethings.

**4. Pattern of help-seeking:** Past generations are renowned for keeping adversity close to their chests rather than reaching out and seeking help and assistance from friends and family, or professional help, when needed. Encourage help-seeking behaviours in children and young people so that help-seeking becomes a normalised, accepted pattern when life gets tough.

**5. Pattern of expressing gratitude:** Ever noticed how some people seem to have so much in terms of wealth, possessions and talent yet they never seem happy with what they have, while others who may have very little in terms of material possessions are thankful for the little things that happen in life? This pattern of gratitude was more than likely established in childhood. It's a wonderful resilience attribute that contributes so much to a person's happiness and well-being.

It's empowering as a parent to know that the habits we encourage in our kids usually become ingrained as patterns of behaviour that stay for life. It's in this patterning that the true impact of parents and family-life can be found.

For more positive patterns to develop in kids book check out my latest ***Spoonfed Generation: How to Raise Independent Kids***. There are many positive habits outlined that with practice and repetition will become successful life patterns



# Whole School



**CALVIN**  
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

*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.

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

## Business Studies

TASC Level 2 & 3  
Part-time (0.46 FTE)

## Food Technology

Part-time (up to 0.35FTE)

## German

Part-time (0.35 FTE)

## Librarian

Permanent / Full-time  
K-12, based in the Primary Campus.

## Science/Maths

Part-time (approx 0.6 FTE)

## Head of Year 10

Permanent / Full-time

This position is the primary pastoral care role and remains with the year level until Year 12. The Head of Year will be expected to teach in their chosen discipline.

## English/History

Permanent / Full-time

## Learning Support

Permanent / Full-time

These positions may operate separately or be combined depending on the strengths of the applicants. The positions will commence in 2018.

For enquiries, a confidential conversation, or to request an application package, please contact Jane by email at [admin@calvin.tas.edu.au](mailto:admin@calvin.tas.edu.au) or by telephone, (03) 6229 4829. Applications close: 4pm Monday 13 November 2017.  
[www.calvin.tas.edu.au](http://www.calvin.tas.edu.au)

CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IS PART OF CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS TASMANIA

## 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, photos and events, visit our Facebook page.

# Whole School



SUMMER'S HERE,  
THE SUN'S OUT,  
TIME TO BUY A  
SCHOOL CAP

**\$12 EACH**

## 2017 TRADING DAYS AND TIMES

### Extended Trading Hours

*All new parents are advised to make an appointment.*

### Term 4 Trading days in December 2017

Tuesday 5 Dec and Thursday 7 Dec 8.30 am to 4.00 pm

Tuesday 12 Dec and Thursday 14 Dec 8.30 am to 4.00 pm

Tuesday 19 Dec 8.30 am to 4.00 pm

### The Calvin Christian Uniform Shop CLOSSES

Tuesday 19 December 2017 at 4.00pm

## 2018 TRADING DAYS AND TIMES

**RE-OPENS** for **Back to School** on Monday 22 January 2018 at 10am

<b>JANUARY</b>	Monday	22 Jan 10.00 am to 3.00 pm
	Tuesday	23 Jan 10.00 am to 3.00 pm
	Wednesday	24 Jan 10.00 am to 3.00 pm
	Monday	29 Jan 10.00 am to 4.00 pm
	Tuesday	30 Jan 12.00 pm to 7.00 pm
	Wednesday	31 Jan 10.00 pm to 4.00 pm

<b>FEBRUARY</b>	Thursday	1 Feb 10.00 am to 4.00 pm
	Friday	2 Feb 10.00 am to 4.00 pm
	Monday	5 Feb 8.30 am to 4.00 pm
	Tuesday	6 Feb 8.30 am to 4.00 pm
	Thursday	8 Feb 8.30 am to 4.00 pm

Normal Trading hours: Tuesday and Thursdays 8:30 am – 4:00pm  
Resume on 6 February 2018.

Please contact Joanne to make an appointment time.

Phone: 03 6240 1883

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





We would like to invite you to join us at the

2017

## Hobart One Walk

*Come along and walk with your local community  
for a world without type 1 diabetes.*

### Date

Sunday 12th November 2017

### Location

Montagu Bay Reserve

### Details

Check in time 9:30 am Start time 10:30 am  
Please contact Simone on 0481 183 874 for more  
information



To find out more information and to register for the event please visit

[walk.jdrf.org.au](http://walk.jdrf.org.au)

*We hope to see you there!*