

Newsletter

31 AUGUST 2017

As a boy I was a junior lifesaver. We were called 'Nippers'. I trained to build the skills to save others from the surf.

In that capacity I received valuable advice.

"Swim with the current if you are caught in a rip."

My parents lived in Caloundra on Queensland's Sunshine Coast. It was the late 1960's and certainly another era. Our house was 150 metres from the main surf beach. Students in the upper grades were allowed to leave school at lunchtime and swim at the beach. It was a primary school.

My father had been a champion surf lifesaver. He understood the hidden dangers of what appeared on the surface to be calm water. What looked safe was often dangerous. The undertow often looked safe.

As a young man I trained to be a teacher.

In that capacity I received valuable advice.

"Don't just drift with the current of popular thinking."

If I hoped to influence the minds of young people it was imperative to know the facts. It was important to understand the ideas behind the assertions of others. Central to this was gaining an understanding of facts about issues.

I needed to make informed decisions if I valued success.

The advice I received as a junior lifesaver is dangerous to apply to life and the world of ideas. Drifting with popular thinking has always been easy. It requires no effort to believe what sounds credible. Perhaps, though, believable is a better word. If we encounter an idea that is similar to our beliefs then we might just too easily consider it correct.

Fake news is written and published with the intent to mislead in order to gain financially or politically, often with sensationalist, exaggerated, or patently false headlines that grab attention. (Wikipedia)

The new classification of 'fake news' bothers me for two main reasons. The term attempts to dignify and obscure what was better known as opinion and propaganda. Both of these terms have an appropriate negative stigma. Secondly, the term suggests that some people have the 'real' news and are not then trying to mislead you. Both are dangerous positions.

But almost every opinion or perspective can qualify as fake news without sufficient knowledge or wisdom to understand the issues behind the opinion. Fake news is not news. Fake news is just personal opinion or propaganda.

Our current society values personal opinion above investigation and analysis.



Mr Iain Belot
PRINCIPAL



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT *continued*

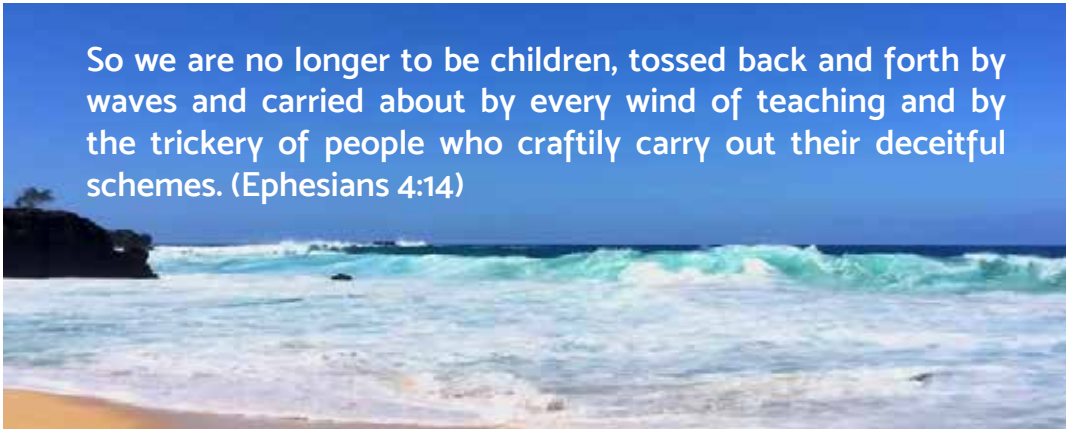
It is imperative in this information age that we, and our children, are able to manage and deal with information in sophisticated ways.

The 24/7 news cycle has become a torrent not a tide or a rip.

So, our school programs foster thinking. We want to think about issues. We want students to delve below the surface and notice the undertow. We want them to have the skills to interrogate the data. We want them to have the creativity to reimagine and develop a fresh perspective.

This is an imperative for any educator of substance. Dealing with words and ideas is the central element of our world. Not just academic words like 'Imperialism' or 'Communism' or 'Climate Change'. There are murky depths to words like 'fair', 'identity', 'individual', 'rights', etc.

There is an imperative as Christian educators as well;



So we are no longer to be children, tossed back and forth by waves and carried about by every wind of teaching and by the trickery of people who craftily carry out their deceitful schemes. (Ephesians 4:14)

We are not to be influenced by the wind and the waves. We need to be prepared to swim upstream and push against the prevailing wind when required.

Scripture gives us valuable advice.

Also, I wish to draw to your attention an error in the last newsletter. Mrs Rosemary Beswick is resigning after 27 years of service to Calvin. This was incorrectly listed as 17 years.

Iain Belot
Principal

Primary

Dear Parents

School Attendance

For the first time in more than 20 years, Tasmania has updated the Education Act which promises to improve the education outcomes for all Tasmanians. The Act provides schools with an up-to-date legal framework that better supports high quality teaching and learning. This means that some existing policies and procedures in our school will begin to be updated. As appropriate, all Parents will be notified of any changes that will impact you and your family in the near future.

School attendance is one area of focus because it is believed that unauthorised and unexplained absences have the strongest correlations with lower student outcomes. It is no secret that school attendance is compulsory for all enrolled students who attend a school in Australia. A reputable colleague of mine provided me with the following information on student attendance.

If your child has missed the following days in a semester (two terms) these are the likely outcomes.

0 to 6 days	<i>This is the normal range of school absence per year. The student has a very good attendance rate and takes advantage of their learning environment.</i>
7 to 10 days	<i>This attendance is below average for the year. This student could miss up to one year of school from Prep to Year Ten.</i>
11 to 20 days	<i>This attendance rate is poor. The student could miss up to two years of school from Prep to Year Ten.</i>
20+ days	<i>This attendance rate is very poor. This student could miss over two and a half years of school from Prep to Year Ten.</i>

Teachers provide many opportunities to further a child's cognitive, physical, social and emotional development. I am confident that our curriculum is able to provide students with developmentally appropriate experiences that will engage their individual needs and meet the academic requirements. When students miss consecutive days over a period of time a child's performance and achievement is greatly compromised.

We encourage all families to ensure their child is at school on time and prepared for a day of learning and enjoyment. Our school day starts at 8:50am each morning in the Quadrangle with Line Up. If you are a parent or caregiver, you are welcome to join us during this time in the morning.

We will be releasing our updated Attendance policy in the near future.

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

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

NAPLAN

We have received our NAPLAN results for all children in Years 3 and 5 and have sent the results home via your child. If you did not receive your child's copy, please notify the primary school office and we will provide you with another copy.

Sporting Schools Australia

We have secured funding from Sporting Schools Australia to provide our students with a series of tennis workshops. In addition the school will receive new tennis equipment to further promote this sport. This will start next week on Thursday. Students will be able to attend school wearing their sports uniform.

Have a great weekend.

Caleb Cooper
Deputy Principal

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Calvin Soccer BBQ Day Saturday 16th September

11am - 2pm
Parents Vs Children
soccer games.
Medal presentations.
Food and drinks
available.



If you're able to help on the day,
please contact Lyndon Webb
0417 107 971

LOST JACKET

Lucas in Year 4 has lost his jacket (size 10). It has "deKievit" written on the tag. Please check your child's jacket to make sure it hasn't accidentally been taken home. Thanks.

PREP - TERM 3

Term 3 has been an exciting one for the Prep class!

We have begun our Home Reading program and fostered our love for stories with a focus on Fairytales and Nursery Rhymes.

We have been on an excursion with the Kinder and Year One classes to see the book 'Diary of a Wombat' come to life at the Theatre Royal, and then went for a play at the Sandy Bay Boat Park.



We enjoyed a visit from a Tasmanian author, Jennifer Cossins and have even been authors ourselves creating 3 version of the Nursery Rhyme 'Baa Baa White Sheep' (a take on 'Baa Baa Black Sheep').

Karalyn Bylsma
Prep Teacher

**Baa Baa White Sheep
Have you any wool?
Yes ma'am, yes ma'am
Nine bags full
4 for Ruby
4 for the dragon
And 1 for the queen
Who drives in a wagon**



**Baa Baa White Sheep
Have you any wool?
Yes ma'am, yes ma'am
Nine bags full
5 for the flamingo
3 for the pig
And 1 for the little boy
Who likes to wear a wig**



**Baa Baa White Sheep
Have you any wool?
Yes ma'am, yes ma'am
Nine bags full
3 for the squirrel
3 for the frog
And 3 for the wolf
Who sat on a log**



BOOK WEEK 2017

BOOKWEEK PARADE WINNERS

- Prep Piper Carson - Adventure Woman
- Year 1 Remy Burke - Bubble Gum Machine from "Spot What"
- Year 2 Hans Pash - Pete the Cat
- Year 3 Mikayla Forsyth - Harlequin from "Team Batman"
- Year 4 Grace Hogermeer - Cheshire Cat - Alice in wonderland
- Year 5 Oliver Laning and Sam Pash - The Ugly Stepsisters from Cinderella
- Year 6 Matilda Hartog - Queen of Hearts - Alice in wonderland
- Year 6 Jackson Rutledge and Luke Mason - Newt Scamander - Fantastic beasts



Primary



AFTER SCHOOL CARE - 3:00PM - 6:15PM



REGISTER AND BOOK

1. Visit www.campaustralia.com.au
2. Search for your school on our homepage
3. Enter your details on the school page to start the registration process



www.campaustralia.com.au | 1300 105 343



Oliebollen
festival

Saturday
9th of
September
10am-2pm

food stalls
auction
sweets
craft
live music
ice cream
satay
rides
plants
show bags
farmers market
displays
and much more

 **CALVIN**
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Secondary

PERFORMING ARTS TOUR

The first Calvin Performing Arts Tour was a wonderful success, not only as a real experience of 'life on the road' for our performers, but as an opportunity for mixing with other welcoming Christian schools and building relationships within our group of 31 students and staff. The students were fabulous ambassadors for the school and supported one another through weariness, excitement, illness, performance pressure and all the fun of time away.



The Senior Band performed five concerts in three days whilst on tour. One at Emmanuel Christian School and two each at Launceston and Leighland Christian Schools. At Launceston and Leighland schools the bands combined



for a rehearsal and then performed together for the concert. It was great to work with this group of over 30 students. The sound that they produced was 'huge'.

The Student Theatre Company members had prepared some twisted fairy stories for our younger audiences and it was thrilling for them to have children responding loudly (!) and with enthusiasm to their characters' interactions. The major work, A Perfect Ending, hit the spot with satirical comedy. The cast was polished, professional and gave their very best in each performance.



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Secondary

PERFORMING ARTS TOUR 2017



In any rare down time, students swam, played cards, games, talked (a lot), and some squeezed in a quick visit to Launceston town for some shopping.

Many thanks must go to old scholars Marcel Swanepoel and Caleb Amos, our roadies and ex-S.T.C. members who were so disappointed to miss out on the tour that they came as staff! They worked tirelessly to ensure all went smoothly. Thanks to parent Miranda Vonk, who came along and was a tremendous help in many ways.



We are so proud of those who toured, well done to all!

I'm sure that our S.T.C. and Senior Band members will



remember this tour for some time and would agree that it was great performing before audiences outside our Calvin community. We look forward to the next opportunity we have to "hit the road" and hope they do too.

Come and hear the Senior and Junior Bands play at Oliebollen on Saturday 9th September.

Mark Brothers
Music Teacher
Director of Bands

Emily Di Pretoro
Head of Creative Arts
Teacher of Drama
Artistic Director of Student Theatre Company

from the School Counsellor

Dear Parents and Carer-givers,

I thought you might find this article by Michael Grose interesting, his strategies would certainly apply for girls too. If you are concerned about your child's worrying, please utilise the services of the school counsellor.

HELP YOUR SON GET THE WORRYBUG UNDER CONTROL



Many boys worry about seemingly little things that they have no control over. Whether it's worrying about the house catching on fire; monsters or spiders lurking under their beds; or even worrying that their parents will go work in the morning and won't return home can seem irrational to all-knowing adults but make perfect sense to them.

If you are a type A worrier yourself then you probably fully comprehend your child's anxieties and worries. You know that being told not to overthink things or to stop worrying just won't cut it. If you are the 'It'll be right. Don't overthink it' type then you may be scratching your head wondering what all the fuss is about. There's no doubt that worriers need careful, sensitive handling by families and teachers alike. Your concern and understanding is one thing but they also need some practical tools and ideas to help them cope now, and build strength so they can minimise the impact of worries in the future.

Here's a collection of great ideas that may help you transition a young worrier to being a social and learning warrior, or at least get the worry bug under control.

Take worries seriously: Get over it won't cut it.

Give the worry a name: Somehow giving a worry a name makes it feel less scary and more manageable. My favourite picture storybook for toddlers 'There's a Hippopotamus on our Roof' by Hazel Edwards personifies fear of the dark as a friendly hippo. Much more friendly and easier to boss around if you're a child.

Put your worries in a jar: Wouldn't it be great to put all your worries into a safe and throw away the key? As an adult you may do this when you take time out to watch your favourite TV show; or lose yourself wandering for hours online. Children need



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

from the School Counsellor

something a little more practical. They can write their worries on some paper and lock them away in a jar by the side of the bed at the end of the day. It's good to know that their worries can't get out because they are locked up tight.



Limit talking time: It's good if boys can talk about what's on their mind but talking needs to be contained to prevent their worries from dominating their lives. Set aside ten minutes a day to talk about their worries and then put worry time aside until tomorrow.

Normalise rather than lionise their anxiety: Anxious kids are very sensitive to their parents' concerns and worries. One way we actually build their concerns is by continually reassuring them that things will be fine. One reassurance should be sufficient most of the time followed by "I've already talked to you about that." Continually going over old ground can allow worries to linger longer than necessary.

Worry about the things worth worrying about: Worrying is energy-sapping and can take up too much of anyone's time. As your son gets older it help him to distinguish between what's worth worrying about and what's not. Helping him prioritise his worries helps him feel like he's in control.

Give him the tools to relax: My wife relaxes in front of the TV, which is sufficient for her to take her mind off her worries. Some people need a bigger set of tools including mindfulness and exercise to help us neutralise our worries.

It's not that worriers can't function well. They generally over-function as they come to grips with their anxieties. Not only can worry-wart boys be hard for parents to live with, but they can become difficult partners and friends as adults. This makes childhood the perfect time for parents, not so much to nip worries in the bud but to give natural born worriers some tools and strategies to make life more tolerable now and, importantly, in the future.

School Fair

Saturday
9 September
10am-2pm

1
WEEK
TO GO

Oliebollen festival



tombola



The Tombola Stall needs lots of goodies to go into jars. Please help by bringing in items to the school office for this very popular children's stall!

Ideas include:

- Stickers,
- swap cards,
- rubber finger puppets,
- hair ties,
- whistles,
- packaged lollies,
- erasers,
- candy,
- stampers,
- hair clips,
- mini pencils,
- pencils,
- mini toys,
- match box cars,
- balloons,
- lip gloss,
- bracelets,
- ribbons,
- mini note pads,
- beads etc.

ANYTHING KIDS ENJOY

books



Please **donate books** in good condition only. Recent titles and popular authors are highly desired. Please do not donate encyclopaedias.

second hand clothing



Please **donate clothing** in good condition, preferably washed. No underwear or dirty shoes.

*All donated items may be dropped off at the Secondary school office.
Thank you.*

volunteering

HELPERS NEEDED

Have you put your name on the roster to volunteer on a stall yet?



farmers' market



Farmers' market is in **NEED OF DONATIONS** of your home made, home grown fresh produce.

- jams
- marmalade
- chutney
- eggs
- vegies
- flowers
- seeds

Contact Kirrilli 0428136072

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Oliebollen

festival

Saturday
9 September
10am-2pm

white elephant



Time to clean out those cupboards!
Please do not donate items that are
trash or broken. We **cannot** accept
any electrical items.

craft stall



The **CRAFT STALL** needs your help!!

We are interested in anything that
is handmade,
knitting, crochet, woodwork,
jewellery, pottery, paper craft,
sculpting, painting or any
other type of handmade goods.

Please bring to the school by
Friday the 8th of September,
clearly marked for the craft stall.

If you have any questions please
contact Clancy on 0418571802

sweets



Donations of lollies:

Marshmallows, Bananas, Jelly Beans, Snakes, Party Mix, Chocolates, Lolly Pops, Raspberries, Chocolate Frogs, Jaffas, Licorice All Sorts, Jersey Caramels, Smarties etc.

Please donate sweets in the **ORIGINAL SEALED** packaging they were purchased in. Due to health reasons we cannot accept jars, cups etc that have already been prefilled with sweets.

Donations of ingredients could include

- sugar, coconut,
- icing sugar,
- Rice Bubbles,
- cornflakes,
- plain sweet biscuits,
- chocolate melts,
- condensed milk,
- paper cupcake holders,
- ribbon, and cellophane bags.

If you would like to be a volunteer cook, some ideas for sweets are:

- coconut ice,
- fudge,
- truffles,
- chocolate crackles,
- honey joys,
- peanut brittle,
- rocky road,
- popcorn

(please attach a label listing ingredients)

If you are able to help, please send your donations to Kinder, Prep and Year 1 classes. For further information please call Catherine Ratcliffe on 0412 501 892 or email her at crat@live.com.au
With thanks, Mrs. Denholm, Miss. Bylsma, Mrs. Smith

**1
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Oliebollen *festival*

Saturday
9 September
10am-2pm



SIGN UP NOW

for the Oliebollen Festival Flash Mob and we will send you the video link to practise at home.

<https://signup.zone/calvin-flashmob>

More details to come!



So much fun!



Auction

ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS

**SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AND
GET FREE ADVERTISING
FOR YOUR BUSINESS**

Do you have a business that provides goods or services to the community? Would you consider donating an item or voucher for services to the school to be sold during the 2017 Calvin Oliebollen Auction?

If so, please email Bonny at bmoroni@calvin.tas.edu.au so that your item can be collected and added to our Auction List.

**1
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Oliebollen

festival

Saturday
9 September
10am-2pm

cake stall



It's time to

BAKE

Baked goods can be dropped off at the stall on the morning of the festival or the day before, to the Secondary or Primary office.

INGREDIENTS LABELS



Please print out the labels provided. Fill in the required details, and stick onto your baked goods.

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Date baked: / / 2017
Frozen YES NO
Packet Cake YES NO

INGREDIENTS (please tick)

Flour Milk
 Sugar Vanilla Essence
 Butter Cocoa powder
 Margarine Bicarb soda
 Oil Baking powder
 Eggs Salt

Other:.....
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tick if item is GLUTEN FREE

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Packet Cake YES NO

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Whole School



CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Be your best

Calvin Christian School is a co-educational K-12 school of 500 students in Kingston, 10 kms south of Hobart. It has a strong tradition of academic success and has an enviable reputation in the Hobart community.

Expressions of interest are invited from suitably qualified practising Christians for the position of:

Primary Teacher

Full time, permanent, commencing January 2018

For an application package or enquiries please contact:
Mrs Melita Eagling, admin@calvin.tas.edu.au

Applications close: Friday 8 September 2017
www.calvin.tas.edu.au

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SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

Secondary Campus
Opening Hours
Tuesday and Thursday
8:30am - 4pm

WORKING WITH VUNERABLE 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.

Community

BLUE LAGOON
Christian Camp & Conference Centre

and



YoungLife Australia present...

SPRING TEEN CAMP

October 6th - 9th, 2017

\$120

Grade 6 - 10

**Blue Lagoon Christian Camp
Dodges Ferry**

**For information and
registration forms**

**Contact admin@bluelagoon.org.au
or visit www.bluelagoon.org.au**

