

Newsletter

31 MARCH 2017

School Values

In the next two weeks, all parents will receive a brief online survey on Values.

We are seeking to clarify the values parents identify as important and those that they observe currently being implemented for their children. This survey will assist us in clarifying parent expectation. It will also comment on a vital aspect of our culture.

Our faith in Christ is the most important element of school life. This faith anchors our culture.

This faith dictates and informs our values.

In fact, values can become so prominent that our society now risks focusing on values without seeing Christ as their cause. Respect, forgiveness, loyalty, gratitude, compassion, and charity are amongst the dominant values within Australian culture. These 'traditional values' are behaviours founded upon Christ.

The school leaders and I desire to build a greater clarity regarding the values that we perceive as central.

What are the core values of Calvin Christian School?

On Heritage Day this year, we celebrated the only two values written into the school documentation. We celebrated service to the next generation and the courage to stand up for what is right.

We have a powerful value-driven history and community. I believe that it is vital to establish more clearly and prominently the list of these drivers of culture.

I encourage all parents to complete this survey when it comes to you by email. It is only short, yet it will make a powerful and important contribution to community.

Iain Belot

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs Bester's Farewell

This week we gathered to farewell a dear friend and colleague, Mrs Margaret Bester.

Mrs Bester arrived a fresh graduate teacher in 2002.

Mrs Bester came to us highly recommended.

The comments on her references made her capacity abundantly clear. She was described as:

"...an extremely capable and responsible person. She handles a class with professionalism and care."

As having a "...high level of commitment to students with special needs."

"Her performance as a trainee teacher was outstanding and way beyond that which would normally be expected for this stage of her career."

Mrs Bester is a gifted teacher and has been a much-valued member of staff.

No-one has ever been in any doubt that Mrs Bester cares. Her students have always known she could be tough. She has a wonderful manner of communicating both at the same time. This has been an essential element of being in Mrs B's care; you can't get away with much, and you really don't mind.

She has persisted in believing in each student. She has persisted even through complaints and opposition from other students. She has always been relentlessly positive. She believes that she can make a difference in the learning and life experience of any student. Even when she has been rebuffed directly and decisively, she will just wait, and develop a new strategy. No-one can deny how serious Mrs Bester is about her belief in an individual's good qualities.

Teaching History is a great skill of Mrs Bester's, and her interest. People's welfare has always been her passion. We are richer for Mrs Bester's contribution to our school.

On behalf of the whole Calvin community, I wish her well in her work in the Army.

Iain Belot



Dear Parents,

Camps

This week Year 4 enjoyed and endured their camp at Woodfield Lodge. This is a great camp where students enjoy three days of action where they go bush walking, construct shelters, study ponds, enjoy the billy car, archery, flying fox, trampolines, low ropes course, water slide, and after all that a camp fire and damper making. This year, they were even fortunate to experience Archery Attack which just added to the experience.

This year, all our students from Year 3-6 have had the experience of a camp. I want to thank the teachers for leading such great camps. From our end, they were a great success and have added to building greater community amongst our students, the parents who attended and our staff. A big thank you to all who led and supported these significant events.

Flames by Fear

Earlier this week, our School Captains represented the school when they attended the Flames by Fear book launch which was held at the Kingborough Council Civic Centre. This was of particular importance due to the nature of content because it captured important historical information about the Tasmanian bushfires. The author was local historian Roger McNeice an extended member of our school community. The book has travelled through the classes to look at and it will be accessible to our students in both the primary and secondary libraries.



Lateness to School

The school day starts at 8:50am with line-up. Classes then start at 9am. An increasing number of children are arriving after this time. This is disruptive for classes as late children enter, and also means that the late children are missing the important set-up for their day.

Children are welcome at school from 8:20am. Arriving at this time or shortly afterwards allows time for socialising with friends, talking to their teachers and getting organised for the day ahead. Please try to have your children arrive at school on time.

Additional to this, parents are holding up teachers from attending their class with additional conversations after line up. If important information must reach the teacher please keep it brief and to the point. Alternatively, send your child with a note or email the office or teacher. While we welcome conversations, we have a professional responsibility to start on time.

PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Friday
8:30am - 12:30pm
1:30pm - 3:30pm
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 - 10:30am in the Kindergarten room.

Maths

I am a big fan of Jo Boaler from Stanford University and her website 'you cubed' (www.youcubed.org). In her latest Tedx talk, Ms Boaler explains why mathematics is so traumatic for many people and shows a different way that people can relate to mathematics. She also shares the latest brain science to show the ways our brains process mathematics, the importance of visual learning and the importance of self-belief to our learning and our experiences. You might be interested in visiting <https://www.youcubed.org/oxford-tedx-talk>



Our Aussie of the Month

for March is Ethan Forsyth in Year 6

Our Aussie of the Month for March is Ethan Forsyth, Year 6. Ethan receives this award for being caring, a team player, aware of others needs and for being a wonderful example for others to model as a supportive leader and servant to our school. Well done Ethan!!!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Caleb Cooper
Deputy Principal

Calvin Primary School is having an

Easter Hot Cross Bun
& Milkshake Morning Tea
on Thursday 13 April

which will coincide with the Easter Activity Day.

All money raised will be used for mission to support
our Compassion children.

Order forms will be sent home this week and it would be appreciated
if order forms and payment could be **returned by next Friday 7 April.**

If you are able to assist, please let Karen in the office know
or contact Judi Tyers on 0458 622 900.





PREP

In Prep we 'help each other to learn about God's World'.

We started our Prep year by learning about Creation, how God made the world. We are now delving into the animals that God made and, in particular, Australian Animals.

Our first focus has been the Possum! We have looked at fiction texts 'Possum Magic' by Mem Fox and 'Possum's Big Surprise' written by Colin Buchanan, along with non-fiction texts and videos that have told us what a possum needs to survive.

The children have had a lot of fun making their own possums out of salt dough and then constructing a habitat for their possum to live in. We also sorted food into what would be good for a possum to eat, and what not to. We made lamingtons - not good food for real possums but essential for Hush in 'Possum Magic', to survive!

We love learning about God's amazing world and look forward to discovering more of His animals next term.

Miss Karalyn Bylsma
Prep teacher



Secondary



FINAL HOUSE PLACING

Well done to Westminster who took out first place!
Pictured are Westminster House Captains, Ryan Lottering and Layah Conry with the winner's trophy.

WESTMINSTER
991

WITTENBURG
715

GENEVA
704

SWIMMING CHAMPIONS 2017

Swimming Champions and Runners-up were announced at this week's assembly. Champions received their medals and Runners-Up their certificate. Well done to all students who participated in the Swimming Carnival.

Yr 7 (F) Champion	Molly Hartog
Yr 7 (F) Runner up	Rebecca Rumley
Yr 7 (M) Champion	James McEwan
Yr 7 (M) Runner up	Riley Haas
Yr 8 (F) Champion	Zoe Levett
Yr 8 (F) Runner up	Caitlyn Adler
Yr 8 (M) Champion	Joel Verdouw
Yr 8 (M) Runner up	Luke Hartog



Yr 9 (F) Dual Champions	Kate Jones
	Zahara Kuilenburg
Yr 9 (F) Runner up	Madeleine Courtier Lewis
Yr 9 (M) Champion	James Tyers
Yr 9 (M) Runner up	Tristan Webb
Yr 10 (F) Champion	Eliana Laning
Yr 10 (F) Runner up	Jessica Thomas
Yr 10 (M) Champion	Tobias Herweynen
Yr 10 (M) Runner up	Caleb Boonstra
Yr 11/12 Champion	Ebony Webb
Yr 11/12 Runner up	Bonnie Davies
Yr 11/12 Champion	Corey Eduljee
Yr 11/12 Runner up	Finlay Cooper



Secondary

SATIS SWIMMING – 30TH MARCH 2017

A very enthusiastic team of 9 dedicated swimmers competed in the SATIS Swimming Carnival this week. Independent schools from around the state converged on the Hobart Aquatic Centre to compete in this annual event. Our Calvin swimmers are to be congratulated for their dedication and determination in representing our school. Some swimmers broke their PB, and all were content with the effort they exerted in their events. Our swimmers exhibited a spirit of joy throughout the day. Well done to our athletes who represented our school with superb sportsmanship:

Jessica Thomas (yr10)
Daniel Hartog (yr9)
Caitlin Adler (yr8)
Riley Haas (yr7)
James McEwan (yr7)
Molly Hartog (yr7)
Arielle Reader (yr7)
Rebecca Rumley (yr7)
Lilli Steel (yr 7).



A special “thank you” to Mr. Adrian Reader who supported us all day and to Mrs. Celia Reader who joined us for the afternoon.

Ms Aitchison-Gill
Head of Health and Physical Education

SECONDARY SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

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Secondary Athletics Carnival

Domain Athletics Centre



TUESDAY 11TH APRIL 2017

For an athletics carnival to be successful, many hands are required to ensure each of the events are quickly and efficiently progressed.

PARENT HELPERS NEEDED

If you are able to come along and help with an event or position for the whole day, morning, or afternoon, please let the H&PE Department staff know. My email is raitchisongill@calvin.tas.edu.au

Thank you for your support.

Ms Rebecca Aitchison-Gill
Head of Department Health and Physical Education

YEAR 10 SOSE

Year 10 Geography have been looking at Sustainability and the environment, in particular fish farming. Last Friday Year 10 Geography welcomed Mr Steve Lichtendonk, (father of Emma Yr10 and Joshua Yr7) who spoke about sustainable fishing practices including the positives and negatives of salmon fish farms. Steve helped shed some light on this important industry.

Mrs Penny Leder
Humanities teacher



OUTDOOR EDUCATION - RAFTING AND KAYAKING

On Tuesday, year 10 and 11 TASC 2 students and Outdoor leadership student Finlay Cooper went to Gretna for their first white water experience. All students did rafting as well as kayaking. Every student managed to paddle through the rapids successfully.

Mr Pat Stam
Head of Outdoor Education



Whole School

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

DATE	ACTIVITY	COST
Thursday 20 April	CINEMA Join us to watch one of the new releases at Village Cinemas.	\$25 Please bring lunch. Ages 10-17
	LASER SKIRMISH Test your aim and have some fun with Laser Skirmish.	
Friday 21 April	COOKING WORKSHOP @ YSPACE Make and bake homemade bread and delicious homemade berry jam with professional chef Kirsten Bacon.	\$10 Please bring lunch. Ages 10-17
Thursday 27 April	COOKING WORKSHOP @ YSPACE Make beautiful biscuits, cakes and sweets with professional chef Kirsten Bacon.	\$10 Please bring lunch Ages 10-17
Friday 28 April	ART WORKSHOP AND SCULPTURE TRAIL @ ART FARM BIRCHS BAY Create unique art pieces in the studio at Birchs Bay with artist Abi Byrne and be inspired by the sculpture trail.	\$20 Please bring lunch. Ages 10-17

PLEASE NOTE:

Bookings must be made for the whole day. Payment and transport bookings must be made by Wednesday 19 April. Payments can be made over the phone on 6211 8200 or in person at the Civic Centre, 15 Channel Highway, Kingston. Priority will be given to young people who reside in the Kingborough municipality.

The program and booking forms are available on Council's website www.kingborough.tas.gov.au/youth. For more information please contact Council's Youth Officer on 6211 8200 or email kc@kingborough.tas.gov.au.

Should a scheduled activity be cancelled due to bad weather, participants will be offered an alternative activity for the day.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

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

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SCHOOL COUNCIL



Working Together
council@calvin.tas.edu.au



Whole School

Let's Talk About Sex!

An event designed for every parent

with
Dr. Patricia
Weerakoon

Patricia Weerakoon is a trusted and highly respected Christian sexologist



Tuesday 4th April 7:00 - 8:30pm
SCC Auditorium

"Today's youth are the most digitally connected, socially informed, advertised and sexualised generation that ever walked this earth."

How can we be better informed and connected with our children so that they grow as sexually healthy and whole human beings?

Patricia will explore the challenges of parenting children in a super-sexualised cyber world.



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CALVIN FACEBOOK PAGE

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