

Newsletter

4 AUGUST 2017

“...you need to succeed where others have failed...”

Dear Calvin Community,

Semester Three has commenced with the right balance of gusto and peace.

From my vantage point at the Maranoa gate at the Primary School, I saw students arrive with smiles and the sense of eagerness that is often related to re-connecting with special friends after an absence. The sense of connection that students have is a positive affirmation of deep social connections at our school.

There were many parents with broad smiles on their faces as well.

It was an active break for members of staff. Of course, the grounds staff work through the holidays. They are delighted to advance major projects in this time when we are not in the way. I appreciate their work.

Teachers had a wonderful week of professional development. So much was achieved to advance our commitment to best practice. Of particular note was the two-day overview of John Hattie's Visible Learning framework. These sessions communicated to our teachers the best of research-driven practice.

Following this, the staff worked intensively on developing curriculum and mastering our new learning management system, SEQTA. Parents and guardians will hear a good deal more of this over the next two years. The SEQTA system will connect our community in very deliberate and informational ways to student learning.

My break was also an active learning one. I attended the course, *Leadership: An Evolving Vision* at Harvard University in Boston. The lecturers were amongst the best in the world in their fields. The modules addressed issues of strategy, culture, parent engagement, leadership, team building, effective instruction, school change, and supporting learning.

The richest learning was through the conversations that God had with me as I wandered around the Harvard grounds.

The Holy Spirit both affirmed our progress and challenged me to ensure that Calvin Christian School succeeded where Harvard University had failed.

Harvard was founded in the year 1636. It was founded by a Calvinist group. To quote from Wikipedia,

“Although never formally affiliated with any denomination, the early College primarily trained Congregational and Unitarian clergy. Its curriculum and student body were gradually secularized during the 18th century, and by the 19th century Harvard had emerged as the central cultural establishment among Boston elites”.



Mr Iain Belot
PRINCIPAL

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT *continued*

Partly as a response to the secularisation of Harvard University, the Calvinist community founded Yale University in 1701. This too was secularised. It took less than 60 years for the founding Christian intentions to be lost.

Calvin has been established for 55 years. However, whilst a similar number of years to the Harvard experience have passed, we are in substantially different circumstances.

The CST Board, and Calvin's leadership team and teaching staff are committed to intentionally growing the significance of Jesus as the centre of our identity. We are working deliberately to securing the Christian framework in our teaching, learning and experience.

For the last few years, and intensively for the last several months, we have been working to establish a deeper understanding of the vision, values and beliefs that drove those who founded our schools.

We are committed to succeeding where Harvard University failed.

Iain Belot
Principal



Pictured
Harvard's Chapel

Primary

Dear Parents,

It is great to have your lovely children back at Calvin for Term 3. I have really enjoyed listening to their holiday adventures as I have wandered around the school this week. A special welcome to new families, whose children have started at Calvin this term.

We welcome the following students;

Year 1 - Jedd Pettit

Year 2 - Max El-Tahche

Olivia El-Tahche

Year 3 - Amaya Emery

Gus Pettit

Year 4 - Toby Pettit

Year 5 - Samuel El-Tahche

Year 6 - Tahlia Emery



This week we have also welcomed a few new relief teachers who will be working for us over the next few weeks while our Kinder and Year 1 staff enjoy time on Long Service Leave. In Year 1, Mrs Kim Holmes is teaching for the first 3 weeks of this term. In Kinder, Mrs Christina Flinn and Mrs Tracey Tilbrook will be teaching for the first 2 weeks of term.

Last week, all our teachers worked together. We spent two days at the Christian Education National Conference here in Hobart at the Grand Chancellor. During this time, teachers and school leaders from other Christian Schools from around Tasmania explored how evidence can be used to create innovation in the learning environment. Time was then spent implementing our new Learning Management System into the school. I am very appreciative and thankful for our staff and their work during this time as we looked at ways of continually improving our teaching methods and school systems.

Earlier this week, we had 46 students sit the ICAS English Assessment in the Multi-Purpose Hall. They all did a great job and we now wait to receive their results. We have received results for the ICAS Spelling and Science Assessment and these awards will be handed out during next week's assembly.

More great learning will be occurring in classrooms this term, which I'm sure your children will be captivated by. Below I have provided a brief overview of events happening in this term and the term calendar for you to refer to.

BOOK WEEK

In week 4, we have an exciting week planned for our students.

We are writing a school story. Classes have selected one part of the narrative structure to write and illustrate. This book is currently going around the classes and will be completed for us all to read during Book Week. So far Prep have started and now Year 1 are continuing the story.



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.

BOOK WEEK continued

On Monday 21st August, we will have a 'book swap' day. All students are encouraged to give a book to school that has been approved by their parents prior to Book Week. Then, all classes get to go to the library and look at the books handed in and they are able to select a book of their choice to keep and take home.

On Monday 21st August and Tuesday 22nd August, we have a local author, Jennifer Cossins providing writing workshops across the Grades. Jennifer is a 2017 CBCA shortlisted Tasmanian artist and writer with a passion for nature, the animal kingdom and all things bright and colourful. She also designs homewares, textiles and stationary, which she stocks in her store in Hobart, Red Parka.

On Friday, we have our bi-annual school parade starting at 9:30am in the MPH. Children are to dress up as a character from a book. All parents are welcome to attend this occasion.

Tennis

This term, we will continue to access additional funding through Sporting Schools Australia. In the last four weeks of term, students will participate in Tennis workshops run by Tennis Australia. In addition, we will receive new tennis equipment for the school.

Footy Colours Day

On the last day of term, we will be running our Footy Colours Day rather than the AFL breakfast. Students will be able to come dressed in their favourite footy colours team. We will have a BBQ lunch to fundraise for Missions. Students will need to bring a gold coin donation. Mr Isaac Smith will run footy activities across the school for Prep through to Year 6 students. Parents are welcome to join us for lunch and participate with their child during the footy fun activities.

12:15-1:00	Prep – Year 2 Footy Fun
1:00-1:50	Fundraiser BBQ
1:50-3:00	Year 3-6 Footy Fun

Have a wonderful weekend,

Caleb Cooper
Deputy Principal

TERM 3 PRIMARY CALENDAR

(Dates are subject to change)

Week 1

- 31/7 Term 3 Commences
- 01/8 ICAS English Competition – Yr3-6 students

Week 2

- 07/8 Primary Schools Got Talent
- 08/8 Primary Schools Got Talent
- 10/8 Census Day
- Primary Schools Got Talent - Final
- 11/8 Primary School Assembly – Year 6S

Week 3

- 15/8 ICAS Maths Competition – Yr2-6 students
- 16/8 Sharp Reading Professional Development
- 17/8 Sharp Reading Professional Development

Week 4

- 21/8 Book Week – Author Visit
- 22/8 Book Week – Author Visit
- 23/8 Book Week / K-1 Excursion
- 24/8 Book Week
- 25/8 Book Week – Parade

Week 5

- 01/8 Primary School Assembly – Year 3 & 4

Week 6

- 07/9 Sporting Schools - Tennis
- 08/9 Oliebollen setup by staff and students
- 09/9 Oliebollen Festival
- Soccer Final Game
- Tournament of Minds

Week 7

- 14/9 Sporting Schools - Tennis
- 15/9 Primary School Assembly - Music/Choir
- 16/9 Soccer BBQ at Calvin Primary
(Parents vs Kids; Medallions)

Week 8

- 21/9 Sporting Schools - Tennis
- 22/9 Primary School Assembly - Year 5
- State Athletics - St. Leonards

Week 9

- 27/9 Year 5 Arcade Day
- 28/9 Sporting Schools - Tennis
- 29/9 Footy colours day
- State Athletics

Term 3 concludes

Secondary

SCIENCE

On Tuesday three young research scientists from UTAS spoke to Year 7 as part of Science Week. Science Week is a program that encourages students to have a future career in science and/or research.

Scientist Bianca (right) talked about how she uses light to learn about different compounds (the boys in tutus were pretending to be wavelengths of blue and red light).

Scientist Alanna (pictured below), a medical researcher spoke on how our bodies have different senses. Year 7 student Toby (with mask) demonstrated proprioception.

Saranya was the third scientist and she shared her finding on memory.

Mr. Phil Banham
Teacher of Science



SECONDARY SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Friday
8:00 am - 4:30 pm
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Secondary

FROM THE CREATIVE ARTS DEPARTMENT

Calvin Vocal Ensemble

The Music department is pleased to announce it will be starting a vocal ensemble group next week, Wednesday 9 August. The ensemble will be under the direction of Madeleine Dyer (pictured).

Madeleine brings a great love of music and enthusiasm to her work with choirs. Her aim is to build confidence, musicality and community – all with a sense of fun.

Who: Students from year 7-12
When: Wednesdays 3:30pm - 4:30pm
Where: The Performing Arts Centre,
Calvin Secondary Campus.



Excitement is building as the **School Band** and **Student Theatre Company** look forward to their **tour of Tasmania** in August.

They will perform for four different Christian schools around the state, and preparations are well in hand for the trip.

CONCERT

There will be a preview concert at Calvin on **Thursday 10th August** in the PAC at 7pm and we invite the school community to put the date in their calendar!

Emily Di Pretoro
Head of Creative Arts
Artistic Director of S.T.C.

Secondary

DRAMA

Year 9 Drama class presented their devised work for the year, The 7 Deadly Sins. They worked creatively in researching, discussing and developing their production and it was extremely well presented and thought-provoking. The students worked with focus and confidence and the audience really enjoyed their exploration of the sins and the 7 Heavenly Virtues from a Christian World View. Congratulations to all concerned!

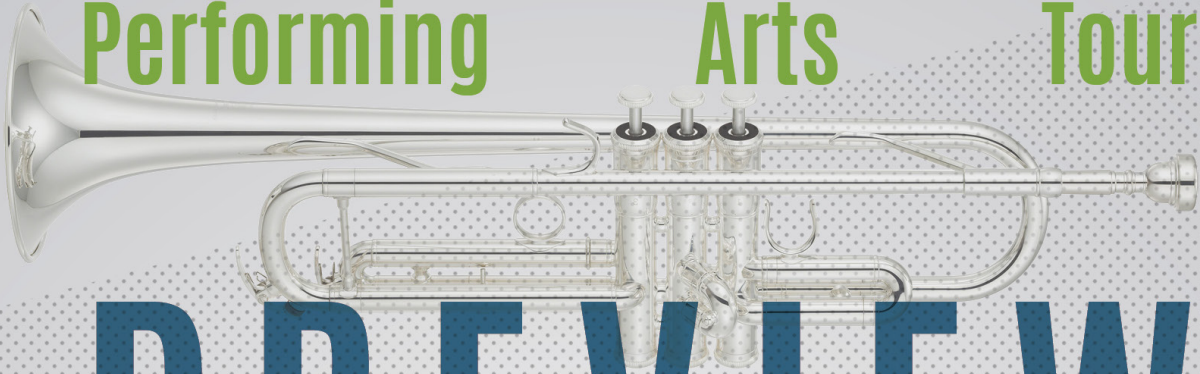
Emily Di Pretoro
Head of Creative Arts
Teacher of Drama



Calvin
Performing

Christian
Arts

School
Tour



PREVIEW CONCERT



Featuring the Senior Concert Band
Directed by Mark Brothers
&
the Student Theatre Company
Directed by Emily Di Pretoro

Thursday 10th August
7pm | Performing Arts Centre
gold coin entry

from the School Counsellor

Dear Parents and Care givers,

I thought you might find this article by Michael Grose food for thought.

Julia Willoughby



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

Risk and unpredictability develops new skill sets in kids

BY MICHAEL GROSE

Traditional thinking has always been that consistent routine and order is good for kids' development.

An Australian Story segment about an Australian father who took his son on six month African adventure that aired on ABC TV recently (24th July, 2017) challenged this thinking.

Sydney GP James Best believed that offering his 14 year old autistic son Sam more of the same, which was order and routine, was never going to develop the self-sufficiency and communication skills that he needed for a successful transition to independence.

This dad turned conventional thinking on it's head and backpacked with his son through Africa for six months. He maintained that adolescence, like infancy, is a time of great learning, which is best precipitated by chaos and unpredictability.

On their African odyssey his son was exposed to new and potentially challenging situations that required him to find new ways of coping and communicating. By making Sam feel uncomfortable rather than protecting him from hardships James enabled his son to rapidly improve his communication skills to the point where he could hold lengthy conversations with strangers. He also developed self-sufficiency to the point where he could pack his bags, organise his own schedules and prepare his own meal. All activities that were foreign to him in Sydney.

These huge developmental leaps didn't occur in adult-controlled environments, but in the dusty, shambolic back-blocks of East Africa where he was exposed to people from different backgrounds and enjoyed outdoor adventures such as white-water rafting that he wouldn't experience in the relative safety of suburban Sydney.

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from the School Counsellor

Risk brings out new skill sets

The lessons of this television program have relevance for all parents, not just parents of autistic children. In Australia, we've removed most of the risks from childhood. Playgrounds are so safe they're bland. If something is a little edgy at school we'll ban it. In the last few years there have been school bans on hugging, swap cards and fidget-spinners to name a few. The distance children are allowed to play away from home has shrunk by 90% since from the 1970's. Kids now spend more time in adult-initiated and adult-controlled activities in their leisure-time than playing, chilling out and just mucking around. The average Australian childhood is now mostly spent indoors.

As I wrote in my book *Spoonfed Generation*, kids need risk if they are going to extend themselves and become truly independent. Outdoor environments whether in the bush or in the burbs offer the kids the type of experiences that really build their confidence and they competencies they need to survive and thrive on their own.

Removal of risk leads to anxiousness

The result of raising kids in the most orderly way in this most orderly of countries is that we may have just raised the most nervous, risk-adverse group of kids that we've ever seen. The worst of it is that most of adults recognise that the freedoms we enjoyed as kids away from the constant monitoring and supervision of adults provided fantastic opportunities for growth and development. Yet we don't seem to be granting our kids the same opportunities for freedom and autonomy.

So let's all take a leaf out James Best's book and look for ways to challenge our kids by taking them out of their comfort zones and adding some risk and spice to their lives. Give them greater freedom to navigate their neighbourhoods and let them wander further than parents feel comfortable with. Let them experience a break from routine every now and then, and don't be afraid to throw away the clock and add a little chaos to their lives. Let them mess up and then get themselves out of the problems they made rather than rescue them from dumb decisions.

Above all love them in ways that increase their confidence levels rather than feed their helplessness, as that is what raising them in an environment of order, safety and predictability tends to do.



Whole School



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.

CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

New Style Track pants in size SMALL.

This size is a bit bigger than a size 16.
\$55 each



Soft Shell Jackets in ALL sizes now in stock.
\$65 each

Uniform Shop is **CLOSED on Thursday 10 August**
for our annual Midford Conference.
Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

03 6240 1883

Email: ccs.kingston@midford.com.au

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.



The KidCity Fridays After-School Program is loads of fun! We will kick off Term 3 with the movie 'Finding Nemo' on 11th August, 3:30-5pm @ CityLight Church, 150 Redwood Road Kingston. It's open to all students in Years 3-6 for \$2. Permission forms can be filled out by adults at the door, or can be found attached to the KidCity Fridays A5 calendars in the school foyer.

A colorful poster for KidCity Fridays. The background is a collage of overlapping circles in shades of orange, pink, purple, and red. In the top left corner is the KidCity logo. The word "Fridays" is written in a large, black, cursive font across the center. Below this, a white rectangular box contains the event schedule: "11th Aug - Movie: Nemo", "25th Aug - Inflate Your World!", and "8th Sept - Pizza Party!". To the left of this box, the text "Grade 3-6", "Cost: \$2", and "Time: 3:30-5pm" is listed. To the right of the box is a blue circle with the text "Bring A Friend!". At the bottom left, contact information is provided: "150 Redwood Rd", "Contact Jono: kidcity@citylightchurch.org.au - 62291944", and "Complete permission forms required - available at door".

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WHERE: C3 CONVENTION CENTRE | 64 ANGLESEA ST SOUTH HOBART


DATE: 18-8-17

TIME: 6:30PM - 9PM

COST: \$FREE

EPIC FESTIVAL | 3D PARTY | RUDY NIKKERUD FROM PLANETSHAKERS

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Contact Saver Plus Coordinator:
Nicole Hacker 03 6223 7264 / 0448 428 043
or nicole.hacker@thesmithfamily.com.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence.
The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.



youthservices

yspace

Youth Activity Program

Kingborough Council's Youth Services are offering workshops and activities to young people aged between 12 and 19. **Most yspace workshops are FREE of charge, bookings essential.**

Dates	Activity	Location
9, 16, 23 August (Wednesdays) 4pm – 5.30pm	Art From Trash Create a 3D masterpiece from items you'd normally throw away! Then enter Kingborough Council's 'Salvaged Art' competition with a chance to win \$700	yspace 98 Beach Road, Kingston
10, 17, 24, 31 August (Thursdays) 4pm – 5.30pm	Construction Classes Use power and hand tools to create your own stylish keepsake box	yspace 98 Beach Road, Kingston
8, 15, 22 September (Fridays) 4pm – 5.30pm	Barista Create heavenly cappuccinos, lattes and espressos that would impress the most discerning coffee connoisseur	yspace 98 Beach Road, Kingston
12, 19, 26 September (Tuesdays) 4pm – 5.30pm	Cooking Masterclasses Learn the art of fine dining with Huon chef, Roy Leurs. Cook in a commercial kitchen and cater for our intergenerational seniors' event	yspace 98 Beach Road, Kingston
10, 17 November (Fridays) 4pm – 5.30pm	Balloon Twisting Learn to make animals and other structures with special modelling balloons and then work at local festivals and events	yspace 98 Beach Road, Kingston
23, 30 November (Thursdays) 4pm – 5.30pm	Henna Tattooing and Face Painting Enhance your artistic skills in these hands-on workshops then work at local festivals and events	yspace 98 Beach Road, Kingston
4, 11 December (Mondays) 4pm – 5.30pm	Christmas Gingerbread Create your very own festive gingerbread house with advice from 'The Gingerbread Shop' **Please note there is a charge of \$30 for this set of workshops	yspace 98 Beach Road, Kingston

For further information contact Council's Youth Development Officer on (03) 6211 8137
or email: kc@kingborough.tas.gov.au