

Newsletter

To the Calvin Community

I want to extend my welcome to all of our community to this second term.

Term One often is carried forward under its own momentum. Enthusiasm, reconnecting with friends, and the freshness after a great vacation create a tide of interest. Second term is very much a challenging term. The right application during Term Two, however, makes a great foundation for ongoing success and a re-kindling of attitude and enthusiasm.

Each year prior to Parent Teacher night I choose to remind everyone about our intention for the conversations. In doing so this year, I want to make reference to some ideas expressed in previous newsletters.

As Principal, I believe it is valuable for every parent to attend Parent/Teacher night interviews. We regularly talk of the school-home partnership amplifying and reinforcing values. There is no doubt that this is correct.

However, we must not ignore the role of attitude. At the heart of our children's approach to learning is their attitude. Central to this is their personal perspective on whether innate ability is a more important element in success than effort. The school and the home need to be sending congruent messages about both the importance of school and attitude that is brought to studies.

Two core principles in our learning culture at Calvin are high expectations and the belief that a change of attitude produces a change in application, which results in a change in results. Success in a subject is less defined by intelligence and more influenced by steady consistent application. In the spirit of 'Be your best' we emphasise achieving all that you can.

Interestingly, Western and Eastern cultures have significantly different views on intelligence. Western culture promotes the view that individuals are endowed with greater abilities in some domains than others. From this perspective, intelligence is limited by one's capacity, and effort can only go so far in assisting the student to redressing any perceived 'deficit'.

Eastern culture emphasises a view that individual efforts and strength of character are ultimately responsible for the later differences in educational and career successes. From this perspective ability can be seen as mastery through effort. In Japan and China the effort is closely linked to character development. Many westerners consider the Asian propensity to succeed in mathematics as a national ability. Too few consider the work ethic. No-one notices the long midnight hours spent with work spread out on the kitchen table.

"For example, Japanese parents believe that character is moulded by 'ki'- the will to live; 'tamashi'- the determination to overcome obstacles; and 'seishin'- the mental attitude that helps a person embark on a task." In Australia we might refer to persistence, determination and initiative. There seems little cultural difference from this semantic perspective.

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Mr Iain Belot
PRINCIPAL

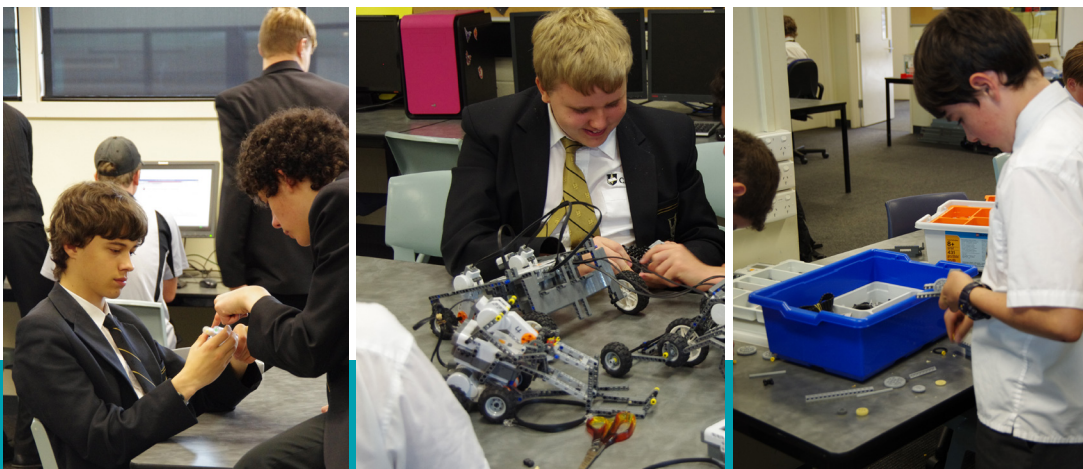
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT *continued*

Our Christian worldview does support the God-given variations of gifts in people. It also endorses work as a holy calling and the equivalent of worship. We believe in both gifting and work. But talent is only latent potential without the work to enliven and develop it.

We must constantly monitor what our students believe regarding this equation of effort versus innate ability. The staff need your help as parents to support our learning culture and to highlight the importance of attitude in your children's lives. The 'Law of Effort and Reward' is alive and well in the market place. It is an important conversation for all parents to have had with their children.

This is the topic around which many conversations will turn next week.

Iain Belot



Primary

Dear Parents,

Term 2 has started well and it has been a great delight seeing and hearing all the smiles, stories and laughter of the students once again. We have another full term and therefore I have provided you with a brief overview of events happening in the first half of this term in the primary school.

ANZAC Dawn Service

I want to congratulate our School Captains, Reuben Conry and Lauren Shelton who attended the Kingston Dawn Service, and Joshua Wilson and Kate Page from the senior school. Together they represented the school and were called upon to lay a wreath during the service. I want to commend them for the manner in which they represented the school. Well done.



Start Smart

This week we held the Commonwealth Start Smart programme for students in Years 1-6. This is an interactive money management program for students. We agree with the research, which indicates that it is crucial to develop financial literacy skills from an early age. This program teaches these skills in a way that students can understand and enjoy. The Start Smart teacher was very enthusiastic about how much retention there was amongst our students from last year. Teachers are now able to do follow up sessions back in class. As parents you may want to ask your child what they learnt from their lesson. For further information on this programme you can go to www.startsmart.com.au.

NAPLAN

Next week, NAPLAN will take place right across schools in Australia for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9. The tests cover skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy. While these are important tests we also believe that the results only represent part of a child's growth. We encourage our students to do their best but not to stress because they are just tests.

You can find out more information by going to the NAPLAN website, <http://nap.edu.au>.

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 programme for children and their parents/carers.
Thursday mornings during school term 9:00 - 10:30 am in the Kindergarten room.

Cross Country

The Year 3-6 Cross country takes place at Channel Christian School on Friday 12th May. We will be joined by the other CST schools on what promises to be a memorable day. As a school, we will transport our student by bus. Races start at 11:30 am and will conclude by 1:30 pm. Students will then return to school for the continuation of the school day. All parents and family members are welcome to attend and support our students.

If you are available to help out as a marshal, please let the school office know as this would be a great help to ensure this event runs well.

The K-2 Cross Country is held at Calvin Primary School and will take place on Monday 15th May. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Staff PD

This term we are continuing our professional development focus with developing literacy practice amongst our staff. We have committed to consolidating our learning with THRASS by bringing out a THRASS consultant to work one on one with our teachers and support staff over a three day period.

We are also excited to introduce Sharp Reading into our teaching programmes. This is a specific reading approach that focuses on developing the comprehension strategies of our students and enabling them to construct meaning with what they read so that they can then grow in their ability to be critical thinkers. Later in the term, a consultant from Sharp Reading will be spending three days in-class with our teachers.

Uniform – Soft Shell Jackets

A reminder that students are encouraged to wear the Calvin Soft Shell Jackets or Spray Jackets if they are cold or it is raining. Puffer jackets are not part of the school uniform and not accepted as an item to be worn at school.

Assembly

As is our custom, parents and family members are always welcome to our assemblies. Our assemblies this term will be on the following dates.

Year 6 – 19 May

Year 2 – 26 May

Year 1 – 9 June

Prep – 7 July – Last day of term.

Warm regards

Caleb Cooper

Deputy Principal: Primary



SCHOOL COUNCIL



At our last Working Bee, parent volunteers painted the primary school retaining walls near the turning circle.

Working Together

council@calvin.tas.edu.au

CALVIN'S SMALL WONDERS PLAYGROUP

Teddy Bear Picnic @ the Botanical Gardens

Thursday 18th May
9 am - 11 am

BYO morning tea,
picnic rug and teddy bears.

Bus is provided, but seats are
limited, so book in early.



Small
Wonders  CALVIN 

Secondary

FJI MISSION FUNDRAISER

Hungry bodies needed feeding during the Secondary Cross Country today! Students from the Fiji Mission team were on hand selling sausages in bread. All money raised today will go towards school supplies for students in the village that the mission is supporting.

Well done students for your act of service to others.



SECONDARY SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Friday
8:00 am - 4:30 pm
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CALVIN SECONDARY PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Wednesday 10th May
and Thursday 11th May

Bookings are now open

Bookings must be finalised by 4 pm on Tuesday 9th
May.

Whole School



NDIS Meeting Monday May 8 at 5pm

in Calvin's Conference Room, Secondary Campus

Who should attend?

All teachers, parents and carers of students with disabilities that may be covered by the NDIS.

A NDIS representative will deliver information about the next stage of the rollout process.

ndis National Disability Insurance Scheme

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

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

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

Please support Calvin Christian School by purchasing an Entertainment Book. Funds raised will go to various projects and the purchasing of resources for both the Primary and Secondary campuses.

The *entertainment* fundraiser is here!
Pre-order yours for Early Bird offers.



ORDER NOW

Whole School

CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

The Calvin Christian Uniform Shop is open every
Tuesday & Thursday 8.30 am to 4.00 pm

NEW PHONE NUMBER

03 6240 1883

Email: ccs.kingston@midford.com.au

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CALVIN FACEBOOK PAGE

For school life, informa-
tion, photos and events,
visit our Facebook page.
