



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Community Members,

We are excited and honoured to welcome Ms Hatley and Mr Bloemendal and the students from the Netherlands who are visiting us on exchange from Gomarus College. I am grateful that so many people in our community are investing time, resources and emotional conviction into fostering rich friendships between these students and staff. The visitors and hosts have a very full programme that includes time at Calvin and camping on Maria Island. Through the generosity of host parents, our visitors receive a valuable insight into the realities of family life in Australia. I am very grateful for this commitment by our parents. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Moroni for all her work in making this program so successful and enjoyable.

We officially welcomed our visitors during secondary assembly this week. In my remarks I reflected on the imperative of moving beyond our comfort zone in achieving both success and growth.

I used the Great Barrier Reef as my metaphor. On the beach side of the reef there are many lagoons that provide a safe environment. On ocean side of the reef there are dangerous currents, predators and sharp coral.

However, the vast majority of the vibrant life of the reef is on the ocean side. I encouraged our students to reflect on the virtue of leaving the 'lagoon' of our comfort zone and stepping into the more dangerous currents of life.

In my office I have a plaque that translates the Chinese symbols for the English word crisis as "opportunity riding on a dangerous wind". It is a powerful confluence of seeming contradictory forces.

In my early years as a Christian I was meaningfully told that one way to spell 'faith' was R-I-S-K.

In Genesis 12:1, God tells Abram that he is to "Go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father's house to the land which I will show you; and I will make you a great nation..."

The blessing was contingent upon action. New life is obtained because we let go of the old things. Crossing the river Jordan is the necessary pathway to the Promised Land.

I encouraged students to actively embrace new opportunities this year. I asked them to identify the areas of their lives that were potential lagoons. Lagoons are not unreasonable in and of themselves. We must have some areas in our lives

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that are stable. It is from these areas of security that our psyche gathers the strength to move into areas of risk.

It is my hope that we as an adult community can assist our children and young adults to identify areas of their lives in which to set goals that are challenging, perhaps even audacious. That we are committed to working together to build a culture that values dreams and celebrates the desire to reach to be better. Indeed, that we will have vision to be our best.

Importantly, that we will collectively nurture their ambition and commitment when opposition comes. Head winds and discouragement are natural in life. Our response to dust them off and urge them back into the dangerous ocean currents of life should be just as natural.

There is, in my mind, a direct link between the rise in levels of anxiety in children and modern cultural mores that are indulgent, over protective, and permissive. Students need the reality of a morality to frame their lives and give them purposeful boundaries. It is a rite of passage for adolescents to challenge these morals. It is our role as parents and teachers to affirm these standards.

Such is our school. We are that happy mix of lagoon and ocean currents. The place to risk in relative safety.

Iain Belot
Principal

INTRODUCING OUR NEW SECONDARY TEACHING STAFF



Mrs Sue Newitt

- English (Yr 9 & 10)
- History (Yr 9 & 10)
- Modern World History (TASC 3)



Dr Margaret Lindsay

- Maths (Yr 8))
- English (Yr 7)
- Science (Yr 8)
- History and the Enviroment (TASC 2)



Mr Phillip Knowles

- Essential Skills Maths
- Business Studies (TASC 2)
- Business studies (TASC 3)



Mrs Monika Ridge

- German (Yr 7)
- German (Yr 8)

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We're now two weeks into the year and things are going well. Our teachers have worked hard to set up their classrooms and get everything ready. Their hard work paying off, with students settling in to great work habits and routines. Every class that I have been into is full of engaged, learning and happy students, even during times when they have been doing their regular testing for the start of the year!

This week in assembly we watched a film clip for a Matthew West song called 'Do Something'. This was aimed at challenging the students to take an active step in the application of our school theme of Representing God, and DO things that reflect His love in our school community. The clip can be viewed at https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=b_RjndG0IX8. We are planning on brainstorming ideas in our classrooms of different ways we can Represent God in our words and actions and then create our own film clip to go with the song!

Mrs Dixon gave us an update on our Compassion Sponsor children. We have the privilege of sponsoring four children through our school and many of our fundraising events help to cover this important mission. Students and families are welcome to sow into this outside these fundraising events and two students actually donated money to Mrs Dixon during the assembly! Each class will be getting a donation jar in the coming days for those who are interested. For more information on our sponsor children make sure you check out the forthcoming display window in the quadrangle.

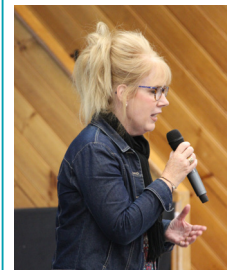
Now that the year is up and running we have some of our regular events and sessions starting again next week:

- Class library lessons will commence in week 3. Students will need a named library bag so they can borrow books during their class session.
- Mrs Lynda Davey will be starting Primary Code Club. This has been very popular in the past and will run on Thursday during lunchtime for students in grade 4-6.
- Small Wonders, our pre-kinder group, will begin again on Thursday next week. If you know anyone who is keen to attend but wouldn't get the newsletter please help out by passing this information on.

There are many opportunities for students to be involved in activities outside the classroom, including through music and sport. Soccer and basketball teams are being organised and piano lessons have started again for the term. If you want any information about any of these activities, or have any other questions or concerns, please feel free to come in and see me.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Nash
Deputy Principal – Head of Primary



YEAR 6

It has been a magnificent start for Year 6. We have been blessed with 3 new students this year and it has been great to see friendships blossom over the two week period.

With routines established in the first week we are now underway with 'normal' programming, starting our Art, HASS and Science units. Our focus for HASS this term is "Australia's System of Government" which addresses the concepts of democratic systems, roles and responsibilities of government and the process of making laws. The pictures below show the class completing a STEM challenge. Two groups were given different materials and times to complete a challenge which led us into conversations about creating the rules and laws of a country and ensuring that those laws and rules are followed.

Mr Isaac Smith
Year 6 Teacher



PRIMARY CAMPUS

Primary Office

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
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.
Time: 9:00-10:30 am
Where: Kindergarten room

TONIGHT we are hosting our annual Welcome BBQ for primary school families. This is an occasion for the school community to come together and continue to build and foster the partnership between home and school. During this time teachers will be scheduled to hold a meeting in their classrooms to discuss the upcoming year and provide you with an overview of their educational plan, confirmed excursions, camp dates, class routines, etc.

Class Meeting Times

- 5:00 - 5:15 Year 6 & 1
- 5:15 - 5:30 Year 4
- 5:30-5:45 Kinder
- 5:45 -6:00 Prep
- 6:00- 6:15 Year 2 & 3
- 6:15- 6:30 Year 5

PRIMARY MUSIC

The Junior Band is starting up again for 2018. Junior Band commences this coming week 3:30pm - 4:30pm. We're always looking for new members to join us. Please contact Mr Brothers for further information about the Bands Program by email: mbrothers@calvin.tas.edu.au

GUITAR AND VIOLIN LESSONS

Guitar and violin lessons are available in the Primary school. Lessons are \$25 per half hour lesson from experienced teacher, Merran Dieckfoss. She loves teaching music and has passion for teaching beginners. For more information please phone Merran on 0469839728 or by email: merranmd@gmail.com



Support Calvin's sports program by collecting vouchers at your next Coles shop. Vouchers can be dropped in at the Primary office.

We would love your help collecting Coles Sports for Schools for our school. Tell your friends and family to get involved as well, because the more vouchers we collect, the more sports gear our school will receive.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Year 7-12 Parent/Teacher Interviews are coming up!

Online booking instructions will be sent out early next week.

Interview slots will be 10 minute meetings at the following times:

Tuesday 27th Feb 3.30-5.30pm and 6-8pm

Wed 28th Feb 3.30-5.30pm

These interviews are with homeroom teachers to touch base with how your child is going and provide the opportunity to communicate information pertinent to their progress for the academic year. Interviews with subject teachers will occur later in the year.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The Secondary Swimming Carnival will be held at the Aquatic Centre Hobart on **Friday 23 February 2018**. Parents are welcome to come along and enjoy this school sports event.

Students are required to wear their PE uniforms on the day. The wearing of coloured accessories in House colours is encouraged.

- **Geneva - Blue,**
- **Wittenberg - Red,**
- **Westminster - Yellow**

YEAR 7 & 10 IMMUNISATIONS

The Kingborough Council's immunisation team will be providing vaccinations to Calvin Year 7 & Year 10 students in the Secondary Campus.

The following vaccines will be provided to Year 10's on MARCH 6

- Meningococcal W (Meningococcal ACWY – Menactra) – one dose

The following vaccines will be provided to Year 7's on MAY 1

- Human papillomavirus (HPV) – three doses given a few months apart
- Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) dTpa – one dose

Please complete and return all the consent forms (even if your child will not be receiving the vaccines) by the 21 February 2018.

If there are any families who require assistance filling out the consent forms, please research 26TEN (LINC) who provide translators and help to fill in forms. Their website address is <http://26ten.tas.gov.au/about-26ten/Pages/default.aspx>.

If you have any questions please contact the Council on 6211 8255, or your family doctor.

SECONDARY CAMPUS

Secondary Office

Monday- Friday

8:00am - 4:30pm

Phone: 6229 4829

School Absentees

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YEAR 7 CAMP



SECONDARY CAMPUS

After only two days of school, Year 7 students and teachers went on their first camp. They spent three days at the Lea Scouts Camp where they embarked on a wide range of bushcraft and team building activities. The aim of the week was for every individual student to connect with many other students, get to know new people and develop friendships right from the onset of high school.

In different groups of varying sizes students built shelters, cooked damper over a fire, learnt new knots, challenged each other's paper plane folding skills, competed in lip sync battles, worked together to complete the low ropes course, proved their map reading skills on the orienteering course and fought each other in a very competitive round of Laser Skirmish.

All of these activities, mixed with lack of sleep, and some beach time resulted in everyone coming back to school exhausted but very happy on Friday afternoon. Of course the amazing catering, organised and delivered entirely by parents, also made a huge contribution to the success of this camp.

In spite of many scratches, splinters, mosquito bites and tiredness, everyone had a great time and the educational rationale for the camp was more than fulfilled.

Mr Martin Huber
Head of Year 7



GOMARUS COLLEGE VISIT - EUROPEAN EXCHANGE

Last Sunday a group of students and teachers from Gomarus College in Groningen, the Netherlands, arrived in Tasmania as part of the Calvin/Gomarus European Exchange program. The students are being hosted by our Year 9 students for two weeks in a home-stay arrangement. So far the Gomarus team members have walked to Snug Falls, played soccer against their Tasmanian hosts and attended regular classes at Calvin.



They were formally welcomed to Kingborough by Mayor Steve Wass on Wednesday afternoon in a reception in the council chambers.



The students have also had a surfing lesson at Clifton Beach and witnessed the view of Hobart from the top of Mount Wellington.



Next month a group of Calvin students and teachers will be travelling to the Netherlands to participate in a reciprocal program organised by the teachers of Gomarus College.

Mrs Bonny Moroni
European Exchange Co-ordinator



SECONDARY
CAMPUS

The Senior Band has started up again for 2018. We're always looking for new members to join us. The band rehearses on Wednesday afternoons 3.30pm - 4.30pm. If you would like to join please contact Mr Brothers.



The Vocal Group,

Under the direction of Madeleine Dyer, the vocal group will commence in the very near future and is open to all Yr 7 - 12 students. We are unable to commit to a day and start date at this stage, as we are awaiting Ms Dyer's university timetables to be finalised.



Please contact Mr Brothers at the Secondary Campus for further information about the Bands Program or the Vocal Group. Email: mbrothers@calvin.tas.edu.au

AMEB Student Achievements Announced

The AMEB (Australian Music Examinations Board) which is administered in Tasmania by the University of Tasmania on behalf of the Minister for Education and Training has recently announced the results of its 2017 series of practical examinations.

Please note: students begin learning music at different ages. To be ready to sit a grade one exam usually equates to 2 – 3 years of previous lessons and groundwork. The exams were sat at different times during 2017. Congratulations to the following Calvin students who put in hours of practice per week to obtain these results.

Successful candidates 2017

Prize Winner

Geoff Long Music Awards for Piano for Leisure:

Second Grade: Zachariah Vonk

Trombone

Third Grade: William Mumford

Violin Recital

Sixth Grade: Leah Hochman

Piano

Sixth Grade: Chloe Winkler

Eighth Grade: David Vonk

Piano for Leisure

First Grade: Nadene Adler, Amelia Smith

Second Grade: Caitlin Adler, Anna Hartman, Molly Hartog, Otto Mumford, Zachariah Vonk

Fourth Grade: Olivia Bittner, Luke Hartog, Hamish Powell, Jacob Ridge

Fifth Grade: Sarah Ollington

FROM THE CAREERS COUNSELLOR

SECONDARY CAMPUS

The University of Melbourne will be visiting Hobart on Tuesday April 10. The event gives students, teachers and parents the chance to talk to their friendly staff and find out more about:

- Courses and career outcomes
- Making your new home in Melbourne
- Study opportunities
- Access Melbourne, our special entry and access scheme

See below for times and location.

Mrs Alison Whiteley
Careers Counsellor



Meet Melbourne in Hobart

Tuesday, 10 April 2018

Who should come?

Prospective undergraduate students, their families and teachers

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Contact

meet-melb@unimelb.edu.au

The University of Melbourne will be visiting Hobart to talk about:

- **Courses and career outcomes**, including the Melbourne Model with its many breadth opportunities and unique graduate pathways
- **Making your new home in Melbourne**, including housing options, connecting with others, and student services
- **Opportunities** such as studying a concurrent diploma, taking on an internship, going on exchange and scholarships
- **Access Melbourne**, our special entry and access scheme, which offers guaranteed entry to eligible students from rural and regional areas, and those with a disadvantaged financial background.

Register

futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/meetmelbourne

Event Schedule

6.00pm–6.30pm:
Arrival and Registration

6.30pm–8.00pm:
Presentation

8.00pm–8.30pm:
Q & A session

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Location

The Old Wool Store
The Theatrette
1 Macquarie St
Hobart, Tasmania

SECONDARY
CAMPUS

The Calvin School Council invites you to the Annual Secondary Welcome BBQ on Monday night at the Secondary campus.

This is a relaxed occasion and a wonderful opportunity to meet staff, school council members, other parents and new families. Everything is provided so just bring yourselves and enjoy the evening.



CALVIN
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Secondary School

WELCOME

BBQ

MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

6PM START

burgers, snags, drinks

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP



Calvin School Cap (Middle/Senior) \$12
Now in stock.

Calvin Soft Shell Jacket \$65
ORDERS WELCOME NOW for delivery March/April.

Please contact Jo at the Uniform Shop if you would like a jacket for the colder months.
Phone: 6240 1883

School Uniform Shop

Secondary Campus

Phone: 6240 1883

Email: ccs.kingston@midford.com.au

Opening Hours

Tuesday and Thursday

8:30am - 4:00pm

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.



Channel CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Expressions of interest are invited from suitably qualified practising Christians for the following position at Channel Christian School, Margate:

School Administration Officer

Part-time, 3 days/21 hours per week
in school weeks

For an application package or enquiries please contact
Mr Keith Roberts, Principal: kroberts@channel.tas.edu.au
or phone 6267 2775

Applications close: Friday 2 March 2018

www.channel.tas.edu.au

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CHANNEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IS A PART OF CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS TASMANIA

Save the Date!

4³⁰ PM ~ 7³⁰ PM

Friday

MARCH

16th

TWILIGHT FAIR



Channel
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

WANTED: PERFORMERS

ON STAGE



27th April 2018

Information: 0427 186 593

Email: huonvalleytheatre@gmail.com



Huon Valley Theatre Inc.

The Talents

Huon Valley Theatre Inc. wants to see you on stage in a celebration of Huon talent at a Gala Performance on 27 April 2018.

The Talents is open to all ages and all types of performance art. For entry in to Talents Gala, participation in Step 1 and 2 is recommended but not essential.

Audience Tickets for Selection Rounds and Gala
\$12 PERSON
\$35 FAMILY GROUP

Huon Valley Theatre Inc. is seeking to unearth, develop, promote and celebrate your talent. Here is how you can take part.

Step 1: Develop your Stagecraft - February 17th

To get you ready for selection for the Gala Performance, Huon Valley Theatre Inc. is offering four workshops on presentation, projection, taking command of stage and audience, and performance tricks and techniques. Join in and develop your on-stage style. **Cost: \$15 per person**

Step 2: Rehearsal Time! Refining your Act - 2nd & 8th April

Polish your performance on stage in front of judges before the Selection Rounds start. The Judges will provide a professional review and advice on your act: what's good, what needs improvement and how you can polish your performance. **Free entry**

Step 3: Getting a Gig at the Talents Gala - 13th & 20th April

Enter your act in the Selection Rounds. Up to 15 acts will be selected for The Talents Gala. Each act will be judged and given feedback by skilled arts workers and the audience. **Cost: \$10 per act**

Step 4: Gala Performance 27th April

The selected acts will perform at the Gala. Prizes will be awarded.

