



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Care Givers,

Education is a hot topic in Tasmania at the moment.

The election campaign has elicited a multitude of policy positions, comments, and conversations. Opinions abound. However, the statistical reality remains; that the quality of Tasmanian education is still only narrowly ahead of the levels for indigenous people in the Northern Territory. It is beyond comprehension to me that the facts about educational achievement in Tasmania do not cause revolution in the streets and regular front page news. The percentage of students completing their Year 12 qualifications is a disgrace by national standards. The data makes tough reading. However, it is improving, and we must commit to improving it further. We owe both the current and future generations that as our minimum responsibility.

The Prime Minister has this week written to every school Principal urging that more be done to combat bullying. This coincided with the release of a report into bullying at some university colleges that paints a sad picture of student behaviour. As a community and as a school, we must fight for our student's wellbeing.

Education was also topical at Calvin this week. From Monday to Wednesday parents and teachers spent time together discussing children's lives, their capability, interests and hopes for the future. Importantly, we undertake these conversations with the goal of better understanding the children, your aspirations for them, and seeking revelation from God about them.

In the coming weeks, the NAPLAN results for 2015-2017 are scheduled to be made public. This will add another gaggle of perspectives to the airwaves and television screens. For at least a week there will be the usual exchange of validations and criticisms regarding the value of this assessment data and the morality of publishing test scores. Some commentators will observe that schools are about more than producing test scores. Others will argue that published scores are important to foster accountability and improvement.

As ever, any simple answer to a complex question is probably wrong.

The NAPLAN tests are a valid measure of the learning that they assess. They do not assess everything. As such, they are just the same as every other test in a school. They assess only some part of the school experience. In this instance, they measure aspects of literacy and numeracy.

We consider the NAPLAN results a valuable insight into both individual student progress and the effectiveness of our programs. Most importantly at Calvin, these

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tests are a measure of student progress since the previous test. In the jargon of education this is referred to as 'Student Gain'. This is the measure upon which we place the most emphasis.

Whilst we achieve academically at equivalent levels to other independent schools like Hutchins, St Michael's Collegiate, Friends, and The Fahan School, that is not the measure by which we measure our success.

We are committed to measuring student progress by the growth they achieve in any 12 month period.

So amongst all the commentary in the coming weeks, I offer one definition of a successful school.

It fosters in students a faith and value driven life.

It creates the contexts where character can be forged, tempered, and polished.

It teaches students how to chase their dreams.

It teaches students how to think,
...and it should deliver excellence in literacy and numeracy.

Iain Belot
Principal

Dear Parents and Families,

We've had a busy start to the year but we still have so many things to pack into Term 1. Here is a quick list of some of the things we have to look forward to:

March

- Clean Up Australia Day (2/3)
- Student Leadership Day (9/3)
- 3-6 Swimming Carnival (15/3)
- 3-6 Huon and Channel Swimming (20/3)
- Easter Assembly and Activity Day (29/3)
- Year 1 Excursion
- Sean W Smith Performance

April

- Year 3 Camp to Blue Lagoon (13/3-14/3)
- Year 4 Camp to Woodfield Lodge (9/4-11/4)
- Year 5/6 Canberra Trip (9/4-13/4)
- Easter Break

Along with these activities we have so much to be grateful for in our school and in our lives. In assembly, Elsa and Jonathan read scripture and prayed about us being grateful for how God has created us all wonderfully and uniquely. That's worth being grateful for in itself. A favourite passage of mine is from Psalm 118 verses 28-29. It says "You are my God and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you (praise enthusiastically). This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it!"

In our classes we are going to start a Thankful Diary where students have the opportunity to thank God and write down or draw things or events they are grateful for. Research shows that listing 3 or more things per day that you are grateful for lowers stress levels and gives you a greater sense of calm at night. It also helps you focus on what really matters, has a positive influence on your attitude and outlook on life and gives you a list of positive things to look back on when you are feeling down. This can only have a positive outcome!

I'd now like to take the opportunity to introduce our Year 6 Leadership Group for 2018. Last year we elected our School Captains and Vice Captains. They have already represented Calvin and themselves very well by running assemblies, modelling excellent behaviour and taking opportunities to talk and pray in Line Up. Our leaders are as follows.

School Captains

Jonathan Okongo (centre)
Abigail Veryard (insert)

School Vice Captains

Oliver Laning (left)
Elsa de Vries (right)



Primary Office

Monday- Friday
8:30 am - 12:30 pm
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Phone: 6229 3814

School Absentees

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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 (0-5years) and their parents/carers.
Thursday mornings during school term.
Time: 9:00-10:30 am
Where: Kindergarten room

On Wednesday we had our House Captain elections. I was very impressed with the amount of Year 6 students who were willing and able to get up and speak in front of their house group. Our 2018 house captains are:

Jericho Captains

Samuel El-Tahche &
Victoria Sritawat-Dowling

Jericho Vice Captains

Sarah Carr & Zachariah Vonk

Jordan Captains

Ebony Young & Rueben Moroni

Vice Captains

Jacob Lanting & Maggie Chaitika



Back row: Rueben, Jacob, Samuel, Zachariah
Front row: Ebony, Maggie, Victoria, Sarah.

Congratulations to these students and to all who tried out for the positions. Our first Athletic event will be the 3-6 Swimming Carnival on Thursday 15 March.

Finally, a reminder that we will have our **school photos on Monday 5th March**. Please make sure your children are wearing their Formal Uniform for this special event.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Nash
Deputy Principal – Head of Primary

It's **WORKING BEE** time

at Calvin Primary School!

Join us on

Saturday 24 March

1pm - 4pm



Refreshments will be provided

All are welcome. If you cannot commit to the entire time, feel free to come and give an hour or two instead. Every bit helps!

Year 3 Buddies

This year, our Year 3 class have the honour of being class buddies with Kinder. We were thrilled to have a visit from our Kinder buddies earlier in the week. Our Kinders came to our class with their “listening ears” on. They really concentrated during their visit so they could hear the different noises in the Year 3 classroom. When the classroom was really quiet, everyone could even hear the filter in the Year 3 fish tank. A highlight of this buddy visit was watching younger brothers run up to their older sibling for an enthusiastic hug! Micah enjoyed a hug from his younger brother Tommy whilst Josie was spoilt with a hug from Oli.

Everyone agreed that it was a lovely first meeting between Year 3 and Kinder and we look forward to many more over the coming year!

Mrs Jo Dixon
Year 3 Teacher





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At last week's assembly it was my pleasure to announce the House Captains for 2018. The students who are selected as House Captains aren't necessarily the fastest or the best performers on the day, they are however servant leaders – serving the Houses with administration skills, encouraging others to join and supporting one another. All these things the House captains ask of their Houses they are willing to do themselves and for this we commend each of them.

Senior House Captains for

WITTENBERG

Matthew Nyhouse and Ebony Webb

Deputy House Captains for

WITTENBERG

Luke Hartog and Lili Muenchhagen

Senior House Captains for are

GENEVA

Zoran Duffy and Bethany Birch

Deputy House Captains for

GENEVA

Olivia Bittner and Rory Kent

Senior House Captains

WESTMINSTER

Sophie Mundy and Vincent Mukundu

Deputy House Captains for

WESTMINSTER

Lauren Boonstra and Joel Verdouw

Congratulations to each and everyone of you.

Mrs Belinda Straatsma
Head of PE

SECONDARY SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Photos of last Friday's Secondary Swimming Carnival



SECONDARY CAMPUS



(pictured above) Westminster Captains Sophie Mundy and Vincent Mukundu with the House winner's trophy.

Well done Westminster!

STUDENT FREE DAY REMINDER

SECONDARY
CAMPUS

Secondary students have a Student Free Day on
Tuesday 13 March.

SECONDARY SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on **Friday 9 March**. Photo packs were sent out this week. Please return your filled out pack with payment by **Wednesday 7 March**.

ALL students are expected to wear their full formal uniform. The uniform is to be correct, clean and tidy. Students who have PE classes on the day must arrive at school in their formal uniform and change into PE uniform after the photos are taken. Home study for Year 11/12 students will be cancelled for the morning. All senior students must come to school for Homeroom.

WELL DONE!

Year 8 student, James Mc Ewan, achieved outstanding results at the Tasmanian State Age Championships held last weekend. Congratulations to James who won 4 gold medals in the under 15's. Gold in; javelin, shotput, discus and the hammer throw.

James also received a bronze medal in the 800m.
Well done!



CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

Calvin School Soccer Tops
available at the uniform shop \$55ea

Calvin Soft Shell Jacket \$65
ORDERS now being taken.

Please contact Jo at the Uniform Shop if you would like a jacket or soccer top.

Phone: 6240 1883

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

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.

Save the Date!

4³⁰ PM ~ 7³⁰ PM

Friday

MARCH

16th

TWILIGHT FAIR



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SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AND GET COLLECTING

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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.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Kingborough Lions United F.C. Junior Registrations are now open for 2018



Boys and Girls from Under 5 (born 2013) to Under 12's (born 2006) can register online now via the club's online store Membership Packages section.

Registration will close late March (27) so spread the word and make sure team mates and friends who haven't played before, get signed up in plenty of time as teams will fill up fast.

Enquiries can be made to the Club Junior Co-ordinator, Ruth Iles; junior@klufc.org.au; 0409 140 088

Junior Football - making friends for life

If you're not sure about coming to "The Den" in 2018 come along to our Junior "Come & Try Day".

For all boys & girls aged 5-12 years of age.

Where: Lightwood Park

When: March 18

Time: 10.30am - 11.45am

Roar with the Pride!

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF HACHIHO: A DOG'S STORY



✝️ SNUG
CRISTIAN
GURCH

You are invited to a free

Outdoor Family Movie Night

6.30 pm SATURDAY 3RD MARCH

Snug Christian Church is bringing the big screen to Snug Primary School's oval.



KIDS NIGHT OUT

Friday 16 March 2018

6.30—10.30pm

Dinner, drinks, ice-cream
will be supplied for all children.

Disco, games and much more

\$10.00 members

\$15.00 non members

Huon Valley PCYC

72 Wilmot Road Huonville

Enquiries: Veenie 0427 642 669

Next Kids Night Out 20 April 2018