



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Care Givers,

In the first newsletter of this year I made the following observation,

“...that encouragement is both the antidote to bullying and is also the behaviour that prompts people to flourish.”

Bullying is nothing more than the rank behaviour akin to a pack mentality. It is securing dominance for personal security and gain. It is about expressing power over someone.

Encouragement is about taking active responsibility for building someone into their best future. It is always about making another person better.

Interestingly, both bullying and encouragement generally express themselves in a similar pattern.

Bullying is a consistent series of unwanted actions seeking to diminish someone. The legal definition of bullying and harassment always focuses on the repetition of unwanted behaviour.

Encouragement may be a consistent series of prompts for someone to live their dream. It is any action that seeks to build momentum for moving past perceived limitations. The words and gestures of encouragement accumulate to create a current of belief. The current might eventually become a tide strong enough to float a new venture beyond reservations and fear. Encouragement builds a better tomorrow for someone.

We do not have a different word for a singular act of encouragement. Anne Herbert's phrase from 1982 to, “...practice random kindness and senseless acts of beauty” makes complete sense as either a singular or repeated actions.

Rudeness is one word for individual acts of bullying behaviour. Rudeness results from believing that you have the right to express your feelings of superiority. It is without doubt an action to diminish another.

A community that rejects acts of rudeness builds a bulwark against bullying. To reject a single act of dominance over another is a valuable step in preventing the repetition of any unwanted behaviour. We rightly define bullying as repeated expressions of power. We must define rudeness as single acts of inappropriate power over someone.

But just being civil as an act of restraint may not express a heart position to

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benefit another. As we regularly say to students, “...choosing not to be bad, does not amount to being good.”

Scripture tells us that, “Love has good manners and does not pursue selfish advantage. It is not touchy.” (1 Corinthians 13:6.)

So, put very directly, someone who is rude most likely reveals a lack of love for others.

Regular encouragement creates a powerful culture. It is the spoken word that reveals a heart that is focusing on another person. A collective attitude of this focus transforms insecurity. It fosters love. In this culture, rudeness is so obviously out of place.

Moreover, the insecure person receives the affirmation that they too can change.

Let us diminish bullying by opposing rudeness.

Let us foster and reveal love by encouraging at every opportunity.

Iain Belot
Principal

WELCOME BBQ - SECONDARY



Dear Parents and Families,

We're three weeks in to the year and things are really kicking into gear at Calvin Primary School. As mentioned last week, we had Small Wonders, Library specialist classes and Code Club all start this week. All were well attended and another great example of activities that students get the opportunity to undertake at Calvin. One area where there has been some confusion is co-curricular. Grade 5/6 classes are currently not part of the High School Program and will continue to join together in Choir on Friday afternoon with Brett Budgeon. After seeing the performances of the Year 5/6 classes at last year's final assembly this program was too good not to continue.

On Friday last week, we had our Welcome BBQ and Class Meetings. It was great to see so many families attend to find out what is happening in their classrooms in 2018. Teachers put in a great amount of work to get their overview of the year ready and I've had good feedback from all the parents I've spoken to. A big round of applause goes out to our dedicated teaching staff. I would also like to extend a special thank you to a group of parents that did a huge amount of work getting the BBQ set up and kept it running smoothly throughout the night. These parents include Nick and Sharon Verdouw, Jason and Zoe Overeem and Anthony and Kasey Kuilenburg. Thanks to all other parents and staff that helped out in any capacity with this great event.

Mrs Dixon has been running line up this week and the response to the sponsorship of our Compassion children has been overwhelming. Students have been coming up to give Mrs Dixon sponsor money during line up as well as donations throughout the week. The current tally of sponsorship for this year has already reached \$140! This is a great outworking of our school values of Generosity and Compassion.

On Wednesday this week we had our first Emergency Evacuation Practice (Fire Drill) for the year. Students and teachers moved promptly and safely to our safe area down on the oval. It might be worth talking to your children about the need to practice being safe and the likelihood of an emergency actually occurring being very unlikely.

On Friday 2nd March, the school is participating in Clean Up Australia Day. Classes will be allocated an area to clean and it's a great opportunity for students to be involved in the process of keeping our school clean and tidy. Gloves and bags will be provided by the school but students are welcome to bring their own gloves on the day if they wish to.

Please remember our Parent Teacher Talks are on next week. This will be happening Monday and Tuesday in your child's classroom. It's a great opportunity to have a chat with your child's teacher and let them know any important information and discuss ways to get the best learning opportunities for all in 2018. Please remember to bring your survey if you haven't already sent it back. If you haven't signed up yet contact Karen in the office or book an interview online.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Nash
Deputy Principal – Head of Primary

PRIMARY CAMPUS



YEAR 4

Year 4 have had a fantastic start to the year. We are pleased to welcome two new classmates, Angelica Sithole and Owen Grey. Friendships are developing and it is lovely to see the way the children have welcomed them into the class. We have been busy with Xtra Math, learning to type with Typing Tournament and continuing with A.R. (Accelerated Readers) Our focus for HASS this term is 'Australia's First People' which will also incorporate our Art unit. We have begun our 'Me' projects, always a big focus for Term 1.

We are looking forward to Mr Laning's return next week and would like to thank Mrs Holmes for so capably filling in.

Mrs Chris McMinn
Year 4 Teacher



Congratulations!

Welcome to Micah Timothy Laning, second baby for our Year 4 Teacher, Mr. Laning and his wife Clare. A brother to Elijah. Born on Friday 2nd February and weighing a healthy 4010g (8 pounds 13 ounces) and 54cm.



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

WELCOME BBQ - PRIMARY

Photos of last Friday's annual Welcome BBQ.

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FROM THE SCHOOL COUNSELLOR



Welcome back to parents and carers for the 2018 school year. We would like to remind you of the availability of counselling, consultation and referral for students. The service is available to parents and students from Kindergarten through to Year 12.

Mrs Julia Willoughby can be contacted via the secondary office on 6229 4829 or email: jwilloughby@calvin.tas.edu.au.

A reminder that Julia has some very useful parenting resources available, on topics such as, anxiety, depression, managing social media, friendships, relationships, sleep, managing conflict and general wellbeing.

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.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

The Outdoor Education classes have begun the 2018 practical program with Kayaking. We started by learning how to correctly exit a capsized kayak and then learning paddle strokes. We use the beach as a flat water venue to build some skills before venturing inland to do some white water kayaking.

Mr Pat Stam
Head of Outdoor Education



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PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

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

Online booking instructions have been sent out this week via email.

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.

In order to book a time with your child's Home Room Teacher please go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code **rmtyr**. You will then be required to select your your child's Home Room year, then your child's Home Room teacher from the drop down lists. To book an interview time click on the box below the time you require and click on the 'Go' button.

IMPORTANT IMMUNISATIONS UPDATE

Although many eligible students received a vaccine last year, some students missed out. Only a single dose is required, so if students received a meningococcal ACWY vaccine last year they do not need a repeat dose. In 2018 the vaccine is being offered through the School-based Immunisation Program for all grade 10 students and to those Year 11 and 12 students that did not receive a vaccine last year. The vaccine is only available in Term 1 in schools/colleges and until 30 April 2018 at GPs.

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.

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GOMARUS COLLEGE - VISIT WEEK 2

SECONDARY CAMPUS

The Gomarus students have enjoyed another full week of activities with their Calvin host families and Year 9 classes. Last Friday the Gomarus students interviewed some Dutch immigrants (including some founding members of Calvin) to hear their stories of immigration and assimilation in the 1950's.

This weekend was filled with activities including fishing from Mr Kent's fishing boat, snorkeling, site-seeing on Bruny Island and wildlife encounters at Bonorong Park.

On Monday morning, the Calvin and Gomarus students and teachers commenced a three day program on Maria Island. Highlights included the walks to Fossil Cliffs and Painted Cliffs, orienteering activities, beach swimming, jetty jumping, late night wildlife spotting and the inaugural "Maria's got talent" event. The tranquility of the island was interrupted on the second evening by screams and squeals when the boys discovered a possum and Tasmanian Devil in their room! We are grateful to God for the good weather and safe travels enjoyed on the camp and to the host families for the provision of food and camping gear.

Upon returning to regular classes this week the students participated in an art activity led by Mrs Grice

On behalf of the staff and students at Calvin Christian School, I would like to thank the Gomarus team for making the long journey to Tasmania and wish them all the best with their return travel next week.

Mrs Bonny Moroni
European Exchange Co-ordinator



MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Calvin Christian School has private music tutors come into the school to teach musical instruments and/or vocal classes. Below is a list of tutors that parents can contact if they would like their child to receive private lessons at Calvin.

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Mr Mark Brothers
Head of Music



Primary & Secondary Instrumental Tutors - 2018

The following tutors are currently available to teach at Calvin Christian School.
Please contact them directly to organise lessons for your child:

Instrument	Name	Teaching venue	Phone	Email
Brass (Trumpet & Trombone)	Taylor Randall	Secondary	0472 626753	taylor.m.randall7@gmail.com
Flute	Hilary Baxter	Secondary	0413 914134	hilary.baxter@gmail.com
Bass	Owen Brothers	Primary & Secondary	0432 830580	owen.brothers@hotmail.com
Drums	Jonathan Dieckfoss	Primary & Secondary	0498 256477	Dieckfoss.jonathan@gmail.com
Voice	Brett Budgeon	Primary & Secondary	0409 423003	brett.budgeon@icloud.com
Voice	Madeleine Dyer	Primary & Secondary	0477 972760	madeleine.f.dyer@gmail.com
Piano	Amelia Robinson	Primary & Secondary	0400 543724	amelia_short@hotmail.com
Piano	Alex Chittick	Primary & Secondary	0429 939685	aschittick@hotmail.com
Piano	Miranda Vonk	Primary & Secondary	0428 586373 h: 6229 8272	miranda.j.vonk@gmail.com
Guitar (and beginner Violin)	Merran Dieckfoss	Primary	0469 839728	merranmd@gmail.com

CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

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



Calvin Soft Shell Jacket \$65
PARENTS 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

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.



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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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.

The logo for KidCity, featuring the word "KIDCITY" in white capital letters on a blue and green background. The letter "I" is replaced by a stylized city skyline with a sunburst above it.

After-School Fridays

COMMUNITY
NEWS

The fun-filled and energetic KidCity After-School Program is on again this year! Beginning with the KidCity Kickoff on Friday the 2nd March, 3:30-5pm @ CityLight Church, 150 Redwood Road Kingston. It's open for \$2 to all students in Years 3-6. Permission forms can be filled out by adults at the door, or can be collected from the primary school foyer, attached to a KidCity Friday's calendar. Some students catch the bus up direct from Calvin, please see Mr Laning if you have any questions.

Future Events:

KidCity Kickoff 2018 – March 2nd

Easter Egg Extravaganza – March 23rd



Contact:

Jono Laning, kidcity@citylightchurch.org.au, 6229 1944, or 0437 990 584

The KidCity logo, featuring the word "KIDCITY" in white capital letters on a blue and green background. The letter "I" is replaced by a stylized city skyline with a sunburst above it.

Friday's

2nd Mar - KidCity Kickoff 2018
23rd Mar - Easter Extravaganza

Grade 3-6
Cost: \$2
Time: 3:30-5pm

Bring
A
Friend!

150 Redwood Rd

Contact Jono: kidcity@citylightchurch.org.au - 62291944

Complete permission forms required - available at door

2018 BIKE WEEK KINGBOROUGH BICYCLE TREASURE HUNT

The "Kingborough Bicycle Treasure Hunt" is coming up soon. This fun family friendly event is on

**Sunday 4th of March
in the Peter Murrell Reserve near Kingston.
Entry to this event is free!**

Come along with family and friends and have fun on your bike exploring bush tracks looking for the clues and you may even win a prize!

This event is suitable for all ages (anyone who can ride a bike). It can be as challenging as you want to make it.

Hosted by Bicycle Network and Kingborough Council, it involves using a map, planning a route and riding your bike along bush tracks to collect as many clues as possible.

It's a great excuse for families to get out on their bikes and have a bit of fun together says Richard Langman of KBAC (Kingborough Bicycle Advisory Committee), who has been organising the treasure hunt for a number of years.

Treadlie Cycles is supplying some prizes and Kingborough Council is providing light refreshments after the ride.

Where: Meet at Peter Murrell Reserve car park, Huntingfield Ave (look for signs)

When: Sunday 4thth March from 2pm (briefing at 1.45pm - best to be there early)

This is FREE community event

