



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Community Members,

My stroll through the school on Thursday afternoon was richly rewarding.

The co-curricular lesson was well underway.

Folk were in all sorts of places. Some were out of the school learning to swim, or playing basketball, or another athletic pursuit.

I visited the activities where people were playing chess, binding books, playing board games, writing creatively, building a mini-golf course, and practicing debating.

I thoroughly enjoyed watching 30 students playing chess in the library. I was not captured by the technical mastery or the audacious sweeps of rooks and bishops across the board. I am sure that this element was there, but it didn't catch my eye. There was such a peaceful, serenity over the room. The dominant features were the concentration and the smiles. Our students were thinking, strategising and problem solving in the game that was used for hundreds of years to teach future kings to rule.



The 30 students in book binding were all occupied in their individual task. Again there was the considerable focus, and an easygoing connection in conversation and mutual planning.

The construction of the mini-golf course had me really intrigued. There was some engaging creativity on show as cryptic and challenging holes were designed and built from wood and PVC pipe. The focus and engagement was there again. So was the connection of student coaching and sharing.

The board games produced that sense of fun and connection that we are all accustomed to within our families. Relationships were being created and deepened with each role of the dice. Again, well over 25 students were just having a great time of connection and thinking.

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The creative writers moved immediately from a period of instruction to working on their tasks. They seemed to instantly be transported to some other deeply internal world. They were all moving some internally created world onto a page.

I most enjoyed dropping into the debating meeting. The students were not only engaged, they were excited. On Wednesday evening the novice teams had won their first debates! They defeated teams from Rose Bay High School and Hutchins. Somehow it seemed to me that these young men and women glowed from the inside. I wondered how much confidence and personal affirmation they had derived from the experience, let alone the victory. The smiles beamed even more when I congratulated them on their effort and achievement. The staff had organised a calorie intense celebration. More affirmation.

Several things occurred to me on reflection. Yes, there were high levels of engagement. That is pleasing.

What struck me most, was how evident it was that these activities were a safe place for those who had a reserved and introverted nature. The creation of such spaces and places within the school has been a constant goal for some years.

Susan Cain, wrote a most interesting book entitled, *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World that Can't Stop Talking*. In it there are wonderful insights about both introverts and extroverts.

School is an intensely social experience. Moreover, it is usually a group social experience. It is not always an easy world for those folk who are more reserved. Cain quotes Albert Einstein's observation of himself, "I am a horse for a single harness, not cut out for tandem or teamwork...for well I know that in order to attain any definite goal, it is imperative that one person do the thinking and the commanding."

It was a rewarding experience to see those students gaining confidence and having fun through these activities.

Iain Belot



Dear Parents and Families,

Sharp Reading

This week we have had Brian Parker from Sharp Reading with us working with teachers and students to better understand the processes involved in unpacking meaning from text. He has been working with staff after school and modelling great guided reading practice to our teachers and students in the classroom. Since implementing Sharp Reading and THRASS as whole school learning programs our results in reading have been well above average. Many students made over 12 months reading gain last year and our NAPLAN student gain from year 3 to 5 was well above those from a similar starting point. This is something to be proud of at Calvin!

Huon and Channel Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday, I had the privilege of escorting the Calvin Representative team to the Huon and Channel Swimming Carnival. It was held at the outdoor Huonville Swimming Pool and we took 32 students to swim against five other schools. In true Tasmanian style we experienced four seasons in one day which ranged from glimpses of sunshine to horizontal rain! All students braved the cold and went in as many races as possible. I was very proud of our student's determination and effort. We also had many students receiving ribbons for the races they went in. Thanks to the parents that came to support and help out on the day.

Easter

Next week is Good Friday and although this means we have a short week there are still some exciting events to look forward to. On Wednesday, we have Sean W Smith coming to perform for our students. This is sure to be a fantastic experience as Sean looks to bring an extremely interactive incursion looking to Engage, Equip and Empower our students. On Thursday, we will be running a Primary Assembly with the Year 4 class presenting. Our 2018 Swimming Champions will be announced. Also, on Thursday, we are having an Easter Activity Day. Students will be placed in vertical groups including students from Prep to Year Six and have the opportunity to rotate through 7 'eggciting' activities throughout the day!

Working Bee

This Saturday, the School Council will be running a Working Bee from 1:00-4:00pm. There are great plans to do some significant weeding and create a new sustainable play area for Prep students near their classroom. There has been a lot of planning go into this event so it would be great to see a good turn out on the day. Refreshments will be provided.

Thank you Parents

Thank you for your continued support and response to keeping the playgrounds clear at the end of the school day. It's great to see families stay around and chat in the quadrangle, helping build a positive community within the school. We look forward to continuing our partnership with you in raising the next generations within our community. Proverbs 22:6 states, "Direct your children on the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it." (NLT)

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Nash

Deputy Principal – Head of Primary

PRIMARY CAMPUS

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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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



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!

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wonders

Thursdays

9:00-10:30 am

Kindergarten Room



CALVIN CANBERRA TRIP - APRIL 2018

Students from our school (and Channel Christian School) will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$150 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.



YEAR 3 CAMP - BLUE LAGOON

PRIMARY CAMPUS

On March 13 and 14, Year 3 went on school camp to Blue Lagoon in Dodges Ferry. We were blessed with good weather and terrific parent help. Here are some of our reflections on the highlights of our first ever school camping experience!

“My favourite thing would have to be the games room. It was really fun playing 8 ball and air hockey. I wish we stayed longer.” **Josh P.**



“I think that camp went too quickly and it was too good! Anyway, my favourite thing were the slides. They were so fast – faster than anything!” **Jasmine**

“On the first day I had a fun time. I got good food, fun activities and games. I loved playing air hockey with Griffin, Micah and Josh P. and going down the slide was so FUN!. My favourite part was touching the top of the rock climbing wall – that was AWESOME!!” **Jack**

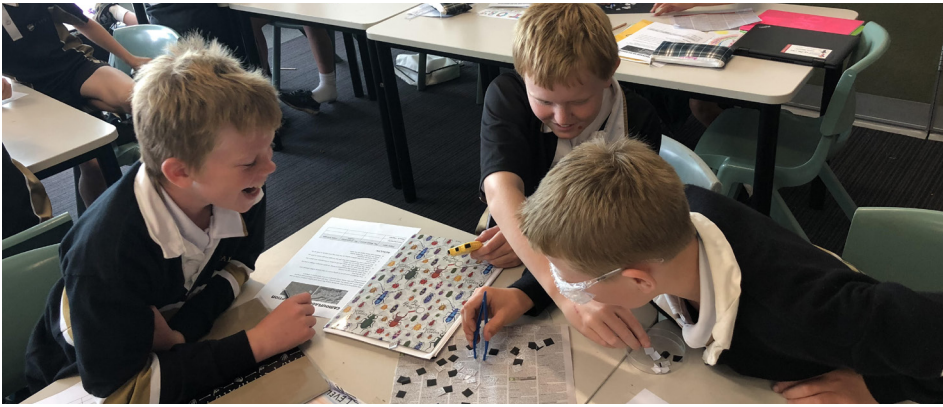


“I think that camp went way too quickly. My favourite part was the crate climbing. It was huge fun and I was the Year 3 champion, stacking 13 crates before falling!” **Abe**

“My favourite part of camp was the beach. I wish we could have stayed there longer as I love swimming in the ocean and I was in the water longer than anyone! I really enjoyed the sand castle competition, the lolly treasure hunt and just meeting all of the parents.” **Lillian**



“I really loved going to the beach. Mrs Dixon held me in the water and it was really fun with her. I also loved the rock climbing and making it to the top of the wall!” **Aliera**

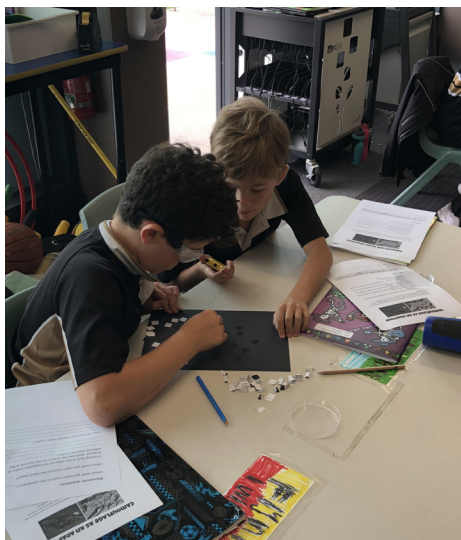
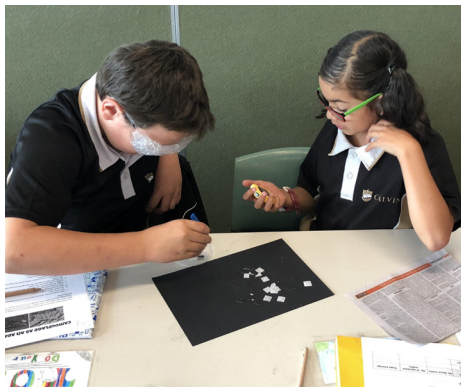
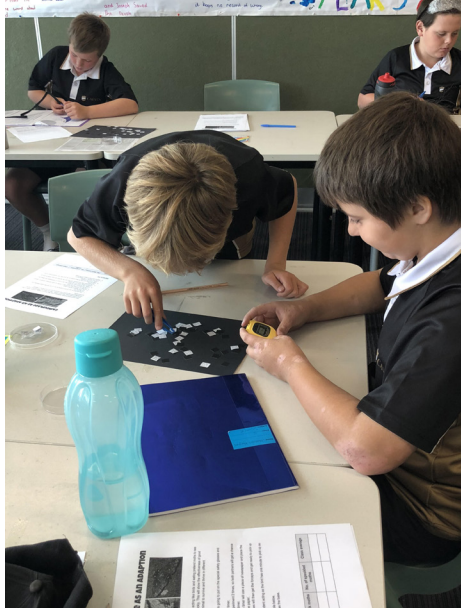


It has been a busy, but very successful start to the year. As a class and individuals, we have strived to do our best in everything we do. Over the first couple of weeks a high standard was set as well as individual and class goals. Grade 5 are now well immersed with routines and units. We have also been blessed with the inclusion of two new students, who have easily settled into our class.

Over the first 7 weeks, we have engrossed ourselves in a Colonial Australian HASS unit, narrative writing, animal adaptations and growing our knowledge in maths and literacy abroad.

Throughout the science unit, Year 5 are learning how animals have many physical and behavioural adaptations to the environment around them. Below are some pictures of students eating in the 'eyes' of a bat. Students are wearing glasses covered in bubble wrap to replicate a bat's sight, and using tweezers to represent their mouths. They also discovered how peppered and black moths are vulnerable to bats in certain environments.

Francis Pascal
Year 5 Teacher



DEBATING

“Should Young Tasmanians Be allowed to Vote?”

That was the hot topic on Wednesday night at St Michaels Collegiate School as our two novice debating teams took to the podium in heated debate. Arguing that teenagers were emotionally unstable, mentally underdeveloped and generally not interested in politics, our talented debaters shone in their manner, method and matter. Impressing both audience and adjudicator alike, both Calvin 1 and Calvin 2 rose triumphantly against Rose Bay High and Hutchins.

Debating is offered as part of the Calvin co-curricular program and is currently being undertaken by 10 keen year 7 and 8 students. To kick off the season, students were invited to a showcase debate at UTAS to watch expert debaters discuss the merits and cons of allowing prisoners the vote. Students were then visited by one of the members from the Tasmanian Debating Union, Catherine, who provided some valuable coaching tips and strategies. Obviously these hints paid off, as all our students walked away victoriously against their equally formidable opposing teams.

Calvin takes their persuasive stance again in two weeks against two more Hobart Schools. We wish them well!

Mrs Carly Brouwer
Debating Coordinator



SECONDARY CAMPUS

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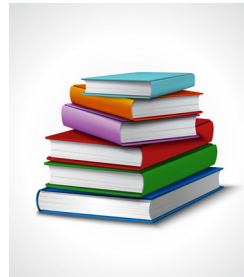
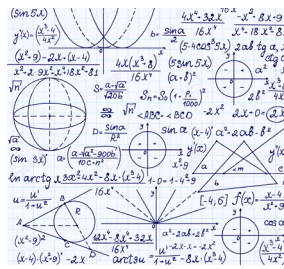
at lunchtime on Wednesdays.

The emphasis would be on praying for our school and the wider community. Students will be taught some principles of prayer based on Jesus' modelling through 'The Lord's Prayer'. If you would like to come along please see Mrs Ineke Laning or email: ilaning@calvin.tas.edu.au

If you have a ClassPad 330 or 400 which you would like to sell please email Mrs von Savageri as some of her Maths Methods Foundation students are interested in getting one.

Many thanks.
 Virginie von Savageri
 Teacher of Mathematics
 email: vvonsavageri@calvin.tas.edu.au

MATHEMATICS



LIBRARY HELPERS NEEDED

Calling all parents, grandparents or other volunteers who would like to help our Primary and Secondary School Libraries by covering and shelving wonderful new books. Training provided. All materials supplied. Contact Mrs Jaeger or Mr Murray in either library or on 6229 4829 for details.

Hobart Including highlights from around Tasmania

Once again we are selling the **Entertainment Book** as a whole school fundraiser. Flyers will be sent home next week with the youngest child in each family which will enable you to pre-order a book or digital membership. All pre-orders will receive bonus offers. Entertainment books will be sent home with the youngest child in April.

If you DO NOT wish to have an Entertainment Book sent home, please contact the Primary school office on 6229 3814 or primarieschool@calvin.tas.edu.au

Support OUR SCHOOL AND GET COLLECTING

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.

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

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.

Uniform Shop is CLOSED
Easter Tuesday 3 April

SALE ITEMS

White sports socks have been reduced to **\$6** a pair
(until sold out)

Black Kolotex opaque tights **\$5** a pair
in girl's and women's sizes
(until sold out).

Long Sleeve PE tops **30% off** retail price
(available in sizes 4/6/8/10 - *great for winter!*)

Older style Track pants **50% off** retail price until sold out.
(parachute material) in most sizes.

If you cannot make it into the shop you can pay over the phone
and items will be delivered to the Junior School.

Middle and Senior students are able to come to the shop
before/after school or at recess/lunch.

Phone: 6240 1883