



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Calvin burst into life this week. Thank you for playing your role in the commencement of this school year.

On Monday, we held our school Chapel in which we committed our year to the Lord. All students from Years 3 to 12 attended. There are only a few occasions each year when we gather as a whole student cohort. It is important for students to connect in this way both physically and symbolically in order to actually be a community. What more appropriate way to do this than in worship and prayer. Students had a variety of activities and pursuits depending on their year level.

Year 7 students arrived on Monday with high expectations and a small measure of unease around finding friends. By the time I saw them on Thursday night at camp, it was evident that all anxiety was banished to be nothing more than a distant memory. New friends were discovered and enthusiasm was so palpable that it was being registered in decibels. Laser Tag was a huge hit with everyone. It was delightful to see students collecting to play in large groups that were cohesive. Thanks to the parents who catered for the camp, notably Judy Tyers, Maja Conry, and Angela Mason. I am grateful to Mr Huber and his team for preparing such an excellent orientation program.

Year 11 and 12 camp was held over the first three days at Orford. Our emphasis this year was leadership and community building. My visit on Tuesday revealed that new students were well advanced in embedding into genuine friendships. Students told me that they were very impacted by a speech from Mr Pat Stam about the importance of leadership as influence. The program was filled with a great array of adventure activities where students could build teamwork, face challenges, and learn about each other in an active setting. Thanks also to a legion of staff for their efforts in planning and delivering the camp, especially Mr Riley, Mrs Moroni, and Mrs Carmichael. We were all most grateful to the parents of the European Exchange Tour for their wonderful work catering for almost 100 people for every meal for three days.



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From the Principal continued

The smallest and most adorable members of our community, the Kindergarten students, also commenced this week. I heard many endearing stories at the Kindergarten parent's morning tea. They included students stating that they will not be returning because it was too long, asking if they might return next week, or most delightfully, "I've been waiting my whole life for this day!"



During this week I have personally addressed each year level in the Secondary School regarding our expectations around interpersonal behaviours. The core message was that encouragement is both the antidote to bullying and also is the behaviour that prompts people to flourish. I used two videos to assist me in this regard. Both are from the film *The Greatest Showman*.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CjxugyZCfuw>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XLFEvHWD_NE

It might be a lovely and appropriate connection with your child or children to watch the video together and have them share their version of what I communicated. Lastly, as this is the first newsletter of the year, I wanted to inform you that the purpose of this newsletter is to communicate to both our current families, prospective families, and the other community and association members with whom we fellowship. Calvin values every family's privacy. We have established systems to identify the various wishes of families. We ask parental permission to publish photographs of children. Please feel free to advise us at any stage if your permissions change by emailing admin@calvin.tas.edu.au

Iain Belot
Principal



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is my privilege to welcome you back to Calvin Christian School in 2018. I would like to extend a special welcome to our new families and students. We have at least one new student in each of our classes from Prep to Year 6 which to me is a sign of a healthy and growing school community.

This year in the Primary School our theme is Representing God. We will be unpacking this theme in classrooms through discussion and devotions throughout the year. Our inspiration comes from the Bible verse 2 Corinthians 5:20 which talks about us being ambassadors for Christ. If you walk through the entry of the school you will see a display on the main notice board outlining some key ideas. Thank you to Miss Karalyn Bylsma for her talents in getting this display ready! We want students to understand that they can represent God through praying for someone or sharing their faith, but also through displaying traits from our school values of love, compassion, courage, generosity and diligence. Acts like staying back to help someone clean up a mess, playing with someone who is lonely or standing up for someone in need, are characteristics that represent God in our school community.

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome new staff members and outline new opportunities that we have at Calvin Primary School in 2018.



Mrs Heather McCallum and Mr Francis Pascal have joined us to teach Year 2 and Year 5 respectively. I have been very impressed by their enthusiasm and professional manner in getting set up for the school year and I'm sure they will be a great asset to our school community.



Mrs Kathryn Jaeger is our new Teacher Librarian and will be running Library classes from Kindergarten to Year 6. She is very experienced in this field and will bring a renewed passion for reading to our students.

Mrs Estelle Levy will be teaching Music for Kindergarten to Year 4 and brings the valuable experience of teaching music in other CST schools.



Finally, Mrs Monika Ridge will be teaching German for our Year 3-6 students. Having the opportunity to learn a second language will be a great experience for our students at Calvin Primary School.

If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year please don't hesitate to drop in and see me before or after school or book an appointment during the day through Karen Hurd in the School Office. Please find below an outline of the key dates for Term 1.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Nash
Deputy Principal – Head of Primary



Primary Campus KEY DATES FOR TERM I, 2018

February

12/2	Public Holiday – Regatta Day
13/2	Welcome Morning Tea for new families
15/2	First Primary Assembly (9:00-am -9:30am)
16/2	Welcome BBQ & Class Meetings
26-27/2	Parent Teacher Talks

March

1/3	Primary Assembly – Year 6
2/3	Clean Up Australia Day
5/3	School Photos (Primary Campus)
8/3	Primary Assembly – Year 5
9/3	Student Leadership Day
12/3	Public Holiday – 8 Hour Day
13-14/3	Year 3 Camp – Blue Lagoon
15/3	Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival
20/3	Huon & Channel Swimming Carnival (Years 3-6)
28/3	Sean W Smith performance
29/3	Easter Assembly – Year 4
30/3	Public Holiday – Good Friday

April

2-3/4	Public Holiday – Easter
9-11/4	Year 4 Camp – Woodfield Lodge
9-13/4	Year 5/6 Canberra Trip
13/4	Term I Concludes

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

New Primary Parents Morning Tea

- WELCOME -

Tuesday 13 February

straight after line up in the Seminar Room (next to the Library)

We encourage 'old' parents to join us in welcoming new parents to our school by joining us for morning tea.

Welcome BBQ

On Friday, 16 February 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.

The meetings are scheduled to go for 15 minutes as outlined below. You are welcome to engage and ask questions during these sessions.

Class Meeting Times

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



CALVIN
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Primary School

WELCOME

BBQ

and meet the teacher

Friday 16 February

5PM START



Secondary Swimming Carnival

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.

We are grateful for any parents who are able to assist staff on the day. If you are able to help please contact the Head of Physical Education, Mrs Belinda Straatsma on 0423 003 495 or by email: bstraatsma@calvin.tas.edu.au



CALVIN
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Secondary School

WELCOME

BBQ

MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

6PM START

burgers, snags, drinks

SECONDARY
CAMPUS

Secondary Office

Monday- Friday

8:00am - 4:30pm

Phone: 6229 4829

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YEAR 11 & 12 CAMP

SECONDARY CAMPUS

On a bright and sunny Monday morning, our Calvin 11/12 students set off for three days at the Orford Youth Convention Centre. The theme of this year's camp was "Leadership, belonging and character". Our focus was on encouraging, challenging and equipping the senior students to consider the ways that they could lead the school community.

Senior school teachers Ian Riley, Pat Stam and Stelle Carmichael all shared their perspective on godly leadership. Students were challenged to consider their definition of leadership beyond the "up-the-front" extrovert and instead consider the many ways that we can influence and lead others by our attitude and willingness to serve. As the students considered the different types of leadership that can exist, they worked to transform theory into practice through a number of team challenge activities, including kayaking, rafting, ropes course and beach survivor.

Our senior students are an amazing group of caring, encouraging and gifted people. After a fantastic start to the year, we look forward to seeing the many ways that they grow and flourish in their leadership at Calvin.





youthservices

yspace - Youth Activity Program

Kingborough Council's Youth Services are offering workshops and activities to young people aged between 12 and 19. **Most yspace workshops are FREE of charge, bookings essential.**

Dates	Activity	Location
4pm – 5.30pm Tuesdays 13, 20, 27 February	Barista Create heavenly cappuccinos, lattes and espressos that would impress the most discerning coffee connoisseur.	yspace 98 Beach Road, Kingston
4pm – 6pm Tuesdays 6, 13 March	RSA Training for a Responsible Serving of Alcohol certificate. A great addition to your CV. * participants must be aged 15 and over **A charge of \$40 applies – to be paid to the trainer	yspace 98 Beach Road, Kingston
4pm – 5.30pm Thursdays 8, 15, 22 March	Construction Classes Use power and hand tools to create your own beautiful keepsake box	yspace 98 Beach Road, Kingston
9am – 4pm Thursday 19 and Friday 20 April	Become a Senior First Aider Nationally recognised training with the Red Cross. A great addition to your CV. **Please note that there is a charge of \$70 for this set of workshops – to be paid to the trainer	yspace 98 Beach Road, Kingston
4pm – 5.30pm Monday 7 May	Food Handling Training Certified training with Kingborough Council's Environmental Health team. A must for anyone who wants to work in the food industry.	yspace 98 Beach Road, Kingston
4pm – 5.30pm Fridays 11, 18, 25 May	Introduction to needlecraft Learn a variety of needlework skills: knit your own beanie, learn a range of stitching techniques and make a 3D felt gift.	yspace 98 Beach Road, Kingston
4pm – 5.30pm Thursdays 7, 14, 21, 28 June	Cooking Masterclasses Learn the art of fine dining with Huon chef, Roy Leurs. Cook in a commercial kitchen and cater for our intergenerational 'Ozmas' event.	yspace 98 Beach Road, Kingston
4pm – 5.30pm Every Wednesday in the school term NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED	*NEW* Wednesdays@yspace Cooking, Craft, Construction Come along to take part in a fun activity each week	yspace 98 Beach Road, Kingston

For further information contact Council's Youth Development Officer on (03) 6211 8137
or email: kc@kingborough.tas.gov.au

KINGBOROUGH COUNCIL
www.kingborough.tas.gov.au/youth

School Uniform Shop

Secondary Campus

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.