



From the Principal

NEWSLETTER

9 MARCH 2018

Heritage Day and Student Leaders

This week we conducted our Heritage Day assembly during which we announced the members Secondary School Student Council (pictured above). This group is the senior student leadership team in the secondary school.

Heritage Day recognises the rich traditions that we live in as a Calvin community. One of our richest traditions is courageous leadership.

This essence of who we are was transferred directly to us from the faith and life experience of our founders. Two years ago we created Heritage Day, and selected that it would occur on the first Tuesday in March. Importantly, over the two preceding years we chose to have the men and women who framed, shaped and built the school to visit and share their stories from this time. The vast majority of our students have heard those stories. It is important to know the stories of these founders. To listen is an act of respect. It communicated honour. It reminded us of the commitment of these people, and it refreshes our realisation that we only sit here because others went before us. In fact, it also calls us into participation in this very commitment.

This connection to both the people and ideas of the past should give us pride in our traditions and heritage. We are part of something much bigger than ourselves. Something that will exist well past our lifetime. It should also make us aware that people will follow us. We make a contribution to the heritage through our participation and actions.

Before there was a physical school there was the idea of a school. On the evening of July 23, 1954 a group of people gathered and formed the Christian Parent Schools Association. Mr E. J. Van der Laan was appointed the first chairman. Land was purchased in July 1956 for £675. The school was built by holding a number of working bees. The first was August 20, 1960. In all 16 working bees were held to assist the two full time labourers who were employed through a building grant. Sixteen working bees were held. Families committed to this volunteer labour program.

This desire for a school was centered around two core ideas.

Firstly, the notion that parents are the most responsible person for raising children. It is not the leader of the government, nor the Pastor of the church that is responsible to Christ for raising children. This idea existed in theories. It is just that no-one put it into practice. The founders of this school did. They had lived through the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands. It was a time when an evil

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government covered many into inaction. They lived in a world where individual courage was the difference. Some people just chose to act with integrity, love and sacrifice. More often than not, it was a family who was affected by acts of courage. The whole family was placed in danger when parents chose to hide Jewish men, women and children in a house. The courage was shared in the same manner that the risk was.

When asked why they acted so bravely and sacrificially, they answered, "Because our faith demands it!" This is the faith that speaks of Love. Of laying down a life for a friend. "Greater love has no man than to lay down his life for a friend." But what about for a complete stranger?

The second idea was that it was imperative that education be centered around Christ and the Bible. This is natural for Christians to believe. This conviction was accentuated, I am sure, by living in a world where values and faith had been the difference between virtue and evil. In our contemporary world we chat politely over coffee tables about the notion of a worldview in the absence of fear. Faith meant something very different when you were forced to wear a star on your chest to denote your religion, and others wore a swastica to denote theirs.



(Left) Calvin Building site 1960
(Right) Official school opening 1962

A Very Visible Legacy - CEN Conference, Hobart

During this week I attended the Christian Education National Executives Conference in Hobart.

Christian Education National has a membership of 82 Christian Schools. Calvin Christian School was the first school in this member organisation.

The founders of this school have a remarkable legacy: from the humble beginning of a gathering of parents on 23 July 1954, which then saw the school open in January 1962 with an enrolment of 77 primary students, to over 50 years later, filling a conference venue with over 100 Principals and Business Managers (pictured right).

This is an extraordinary contribution to the force of Christian Education in Australia.

Each one of these 82 schools duplicates the philosophical foundation of believing that parents are in partnership with teachers.



1962

Calvin Christian School establishes the first CEN school.

2018

CEN schools have grown to 82 Nationwide.

Staffing

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Mrs Karen Hurd has accepted the position of Co-Curricular Officer at Calvin Christian School. This new position will provide the administration for our extensive K-12 program of sport, camps, excursions, mission trips and activities. In addition, Mrs Hurd will provide additional administrative support to the Deputy Principals as required.

I am delighted to have Mrs Hurd bring her experience and commitment to Calvin Christian School to this new position.

I am also delighted to announce the appointment of two new staff to the Learner Support department.

- Mrs Klasina Abetz-Visser will join us as the Learner Support teacher in the Secondary School. Mrs Abetz-Visser has a Bachelor of Education, a Diploma of Teaching, a Master of Education (Counselling and Development), and a number of Certificate III courses. She has extensive experience in working with students with trauma, and families through a variety of roles with Community Support Centres. Mrs Abetz-Visser has lectured at Tabor College and the University of Tasmania Summer School in Counselling. She was President of the Family Support Service Association from 2006-2009.
- I am also delighted to welcome Ms Noeline Wilson to our staff. Ms Wilson has a Bachelor of Arts, and a Bachelor of Teaching, and a Graduate Diploma in Special Education from Flinders University in South Australia. She is an experienced Primary teacher who has worked extensively with students in her own tutorial business. She was most recently the Head of Learner Support at Southern Christian College until 2016. Ms Wilson will join us to develop personalised programs for students in the Secondary school.
- Mrs Melanie de Kievit will now be responsible for the continuity of learning for all students from Kindergarten to Year 9. The key emphasis of this position is to oversee the progress of individual students to ensure that they are achieving to their optimum. I congratulate Mrs de Kievit on her new role.

Iain Belot
Principal



Promotional photo shoot on the Secondary Campus.

On Wednesday 21 March a professional photographer will be taking photos of students on the Secondary Campus. These photos will be used for promotional purposes. They may appear on the Calvin website, Calvin Facebook page, in various print media and for internal and external publications.

If you **do not wish** for your child to be in these photos please let the school know by Monday 19 March, by emailing our Publications Officer, Carina Van Der Kley, email: cvanderkley@calvin.tas.edu.au

Dear Parents and Families,

This week I've been at the CEN National Conference for 2018. It was titled "The Elephant in the Room" and was aimed at giving skill, wisdom and courage to take on the tough topics and ask the tough questions, often known as The Elephant in the Room. I encourage you to partner with the school in talking with your children about those tough topics, especially those where our beliefs as Christians are being distorted by the changing values of the world. At the conference we were encouraged with daily devotions from Pastor John Hoogenhout and the verse that was underlying throughout his messages was Joshua 25:15(b) – *As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.* If we bring our discussion back to biblical principles and the desire to serve God, answers to many of these topics become clear and often even simple.

On Friday, our Year 6 Leadership Team had the opportunity to attend a leadership day at St Mary's College. The team travelled to the venue with Mrs de Kievit and had opportunities to hear from guest speakers as well as undertaking group leadership challenges and network with other young leaders across Tasmania. This was another great example of the way Calvin is looking to promote learning outside the classroom environment.

Although next week is shortened with the Eight Hours Day Public Holiday on Monday we still have many exciting things to pack into the week. On Tuesday and Wednesday, the Year 3 Students are heading off on their first camp at Blue Lagoon. Mrs Dixon has visited the campsite this week and was very impressed with some new upgrades to facilities that the students can look forward to using that weren't available in past years! I am looking forward to dropping in to camp and seeing the students experience this time interacting with their peers and learning in yet another non-classroom setting.

On Thursday we will be conducting our annual Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival. There are lots of exciting events for swimmers of all abilities and it's our first chance to get our friendly rivalry between Jordan and Jericho up and running in 2018! Team coloured t-shirts are available at the office for \$8 and there are also swimming caps available.

Our teachers continue to work hard and provide outstanding learning opportunities and Christian mentoring for our students. I wish to thank them on your behalf for all the extra little things they do to make sure each student at Calvin gets the best opportunity to reach their full potential in learning as well as growing in their personal faith journey.

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
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School Absentees

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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



The Primary School Swimming Carnival for all students in Years 3-6 will be held next

**Thursday, 15 March
at the Hobart Aquatic Centre
from 10:00am – 2:15pm.**

House coloured t-shirts and swimming caps are compulsory for all students. House coloured tops can be purchased from the office for \$8.00. We also have a limited stock of swimming caps for \$2.00.



We value parental support during these such events. Families are encouraged to come along as spectators, however, for the day to run smoothly we require parent helpers. If you are able to assist on the day please let us know via email primaryschool@calvin.tas.edu.au or phone the Primary office on 6229 3814.

Historically this has been a fabulous event, and this year will be no exception. We look forward to a day of encouragement, sportsmanship and friendly competition as Jericho and Jordan give their best.

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 to come and give an hour or two instead. Every bit helps!

Year 1 – The Elastic Brain

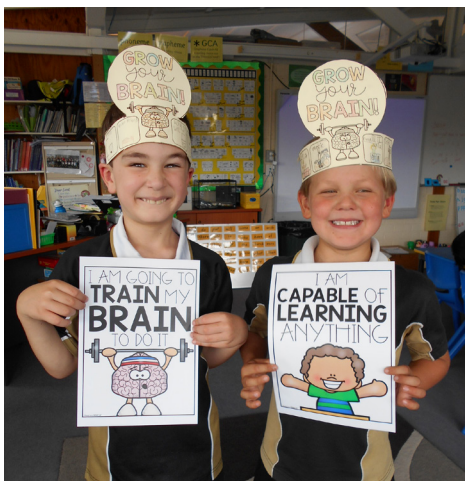
In Year 1 students have been learning about the difference between ‘fixed’ and ‘growth’ mindsets. We began our unit on ‘The Elastic Brain’; how it can stretch, grow and become stronger. Students are realising that when our thinking is fixed, our brains become ‘locked’ and we are reluctant to try new things or move forward. When our thinking is about facing challenges, trying something that is different or new, or even facing something that we fear, we know we are growing our brains and making them stronger. Last week we looked at what we can do with a problem and how mistakes help us to learn. This week, effort and perseverance has been our focus. We have read and viewed some interesting stories and videos. Here are some links we’d like to share.

[What Do You Do with a Problem?](#) by Kobi Yomada

[The Girl who Never Made Mistakes.](#) by Mark Pett and Gary Rubinstein

[Class Dojo – Mistakes are good for you](#)

Kim Denholm
Year 1 Teacher



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY



PRIMARY CAMPUS

Our theme this year in the Primary school is “Representing God”. A tangible expression of our theme was our involvement on Friday 2nd March in the national Clean Up Australia Day initiative. By way of background, in 1989 Ian Kiernan, an average Australian bloke, had a simple idea to make a difference in his own backyard – Sydney Harbour. As a keen sailor, Ian decided back then to get some mates together and clean up the harbour which was polluted with rubbish. The public response to this was so overwhelming that the following year in 1990, almost 300,000 volunteers turned up to the first ever Clean Up Australia Day. In the 28 years since this initiative began, more than 344 thousand tonnes of rubbish have been collected around our great country.



Schools have been participating in Clean up Australia since 1992. Calvin Primary was one of more than 2100 school sites that registered this year. Schools Clean Up Day is a great way for Calvin Primary students to be keen stewards of a small part of God’s creation. We are blessed to have such spacious and attractive school grounds. As representatives of God, we are called to keep our school grounds and surrounding land clean and tidy.



Last Friday afternoon, students from Prep to Year 6 undertook a thorough clean up of a class designated area including the oval, playground spaces, quadrangle, staff carpark and the external boundaries surrounding our school grounds. Multiple bags of rubbish were collected, with some unusual items including a roll of carpet, metal piping and a horn blaster! Sporting hats, gloves and smiles, we finished our school week satisfied that we had made a big difference caring for a small part of God’s creation. Now, we just need to keep up the good work!

Jo Dixon
Clean Up Australia Day Co-ordinator



STUDENT FREE DAY REMINDER

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

SECONDARY CAMPUS

OUTDOOR EDUCATION - MARCH 6 & 7



The TASC2 Outdoor Education classes which are comprised of Year 10 and Year 11 students have started the white water unit by learning about rescues. Two Outdoor Leadership students joined the lesson to broaden their practical leading experiences. We were blessed with wonderful weather on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

The class spent a lot of time in the water, swimming in rapids, rescuing each other with ropes and wading. Despite initial nerves, everyone really enjoyed this different experience of water and grew in appreciation for the power of moving water.

Mr Pat Stam
Head of Outdoor Education

Secondary Office

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Last week a debate surfaced in Victoria about when was too soon to talk with students and young people about careers. This was generated by the Victorian Parliamentary Inquiring into Careers Education in Schools. Young people need to be encouraged to think about and explore their passions and career dreams from an early age so that they are able to discover their passions and God given talents. In doing so, they are better placed to make decisions in their later school years about subject pathways.

Here are a few tips for having careers conversations with your child.

- Choose your timing wisely. Sometimes the best conversations happen organically for example, in the car or when you are doing something together.
- If your child expresses a desire from an early age for a particular occupation, be encouraging; allow them to dream. It is important for a young child to have hope for their future, so conversations that help children solve problems around how they might achieve their dream are helpful.
- As children grow and develop in self-awareness, expect them to change their mind about occupations. This is fine. It is always best to note that they have changed their mind. You might wish to encourage them by acknowledging that this is a natural part of growing and learning about themselves.
- Avoid forcing them to believe that they must stick with their original notions. It is quite likely that they may change their occupations a number of times throughout their career to accommodate a changing world. It is predicted that in 30 years' time, a robot will do most things we now do by hand. This will have a significant impact on the type of employment we will see then. Therefore, flexibility and adaptability are important skills for your child to learn.
- Encourage your child to see compromise as a positive thing. If they become so set and determined on one course of study or one occupation, they will have to compromise to achieve that. For example, they may truly desire staying in Tasmania to live, yet wish to study to become a dentist. This will mean compromising by moving interstate whilst they study.
- Avoid referring too much to the decisions you made, or your compromises. Times have changed so rapidly that the world of work is completely different.

The careers office at Calvin is fully equipped to help you with all of your questions and needs. Students are able to drop in and ask questions or book an appointment for professional one-on-one careers counselling sessions where I can assist them to be able to make career pathway plans and learn about future options for education and training.

In the next three weeks, I will be focussing careers interviews on Year 12 Students. All Year 12 students will be having an appointment with me to set a Careers Action Plan for this year.



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3 Words That Reframe, “How Was Your Day?”

By Deborah Farmer Kris

Raising Kids, Social & Emotional Learning

“Did anyone have an oops today?” asked my four-year-old son at the dinner table last night.

“Oh, I did!” replied his six-year-old sister. “I left my Patriots hat on the bus in the morning. But my oops is also my yay because the bus driver found it and gave it to me in the afternoon!”

“I had a blah today, Mommy,” my son told me later. “I had an accident at school. I just didn’t want to stop playing and use the potty! Did you have a blah, too?”

Yay!

Oops...

Blah.

These three words have changed the after-school conversation in our house.

It began with sharing a daily oops. One day last spring, my daughter burst into tears when she got in the car. She had misunderstood the directions on an art project. “I ruined it!” she wailed. It wasn’t the first time she had come home upset about a mistake or misunderstanding. Her amazing teachers and I both talked to her about how mistakes are part of how we learn and grow!

She wasn’t buying it.

So I made her a deal. Every afternoon, we would each share one mistake we had made that day. And then we would give each other a high-five! That caught her attention — it seemed silly to cheer mistakes, but it also sounded like fun.

The daily oops became a new routine. Then one day she mentioned something that “wasn’t really an oops.” It was a situation on the playground that made her feel sad inside. We decided to call it a blah — an event that felt sad, discouraging, scary, or boring. That’s how we added blahs to our daily sharing.

And then — to round out our recaps — we decided to share a yay too: something that made us feel happy inside.

At some point, her little brother started adopting this language. “Can I share my oops, too? Can I share my blah? I have a yay!”

This simple conversation model has helped our family in at least two ways:

1. It reminds us that days aren’t all good or all bad.

When I ask my kids, “How was your day?” they tend to respond with one word: good. That doesn’t open up much space for conversation — and it also leaves out the parts of the day that didn’t feel so good.



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Every day has ups and downs. Every day we experience a rainbow of feelings. By sharing our yay, oops, and blah moments, we normalize the fact that nearly every day contains all three feelings. Happy moments, mistakes or missteps, and challenges or upsets. Some days have more yays than blahs. And some have a more blahs than yays. And that's okay.

As psychologist Susan David shared in her recent TED talk on emotional agility, "Research now shows that the radical acceptance of all of our emotions — even the messy, difficult ones — is the cornerstone to resilience, thriving, and true, authentic happiness." When we push aside what we perceive as "bad feelings," she says, "we may inadvertently shame [children] out of emotions seen as negative, jump to a solution, and fail to help them to see these emotions as inherently valuable." And as Daniel Tiger's song reminds us: "It's okay to feel sad sometimes. Little by little, you'll feel better again."

2. It makes room for meaningful sharing.

Both as a kid and as an adult, I have sometimes felt unsure about how and when to share difficult emotions. As a parent, I usually focus on sharing my "positive" feelings with my kids. They need their mom to be happy, right? Actually, they need adults who can model sharing and working through challenges in healthy ways. So I let them know that I got frustrated when I lost a file at work and how I responded to that situation. I tell them, "Here was my blah today: I felt sad when I broke an ornament your grandpa gave me. It was really special to me." They are fascinated to hear how I work through my problems and disappointments.

Recently, when I became too frustrated during the morning rush of breakfast-backpacks-bus, one of my kids said, "I think you are having your oops right now, Mom." That made me pause: "Does all this rushing make you feel blah?" I asked. Two little heads nodded up and down. That was important feedback for all of us, and we have worked together (slowly!) to modify our morning routine.

Emotions are not good or bad. All emotions are part of the human experience. Even our best days have blah moments. And we can find daily yays in unexpected places — such as the comfort of taking a few moments each day to share our feelings with the people we love.



WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS



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 Karen Hurd in the Primary school office on 6229 3814 or primaryschool@calvin.tas.edu.au

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 Vunerable 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.

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Middle and Senior students are able to come to the shop
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Phone: 6240 1883



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Friday
**MARCH
16th**



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