



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are approaching examination time in the Secondary School, and examinations always make me think of how old I am. I have had an examination on my birthday for all of my schooling.

I am so old I remember when:

- Presidents gave policy speeches and birds tweeted;
- There were no electronic platforms to announce, "Off to go shopping!", and where people were aware that others didn't care about that; where,
- People read the book and then watched the movie;
- People preferred paragraphs to headlines.

I am so old, that I remember when most students read books.

I teach English in a modern society where too few young people enjoy reading and read regularly. Too many children calmly admit that they do not read.

I am, as you would expect, a passionate advocate and defender of the importance of reading. Reading is central to our school and to life itself. Motivational speakers rightly announce that access to your future dreams is determined by the number of books that you read.

Schools are places of scholarship. Scholarship is not a skill. Neither is it an identity. It is but one element of our persona. It is a choice not an ability. It is an attitude. It is the belief that you are capable of making a positive, even a valuable contribution to the world of studies. This often starts with a revelation. Something occurs that encourages a contribution or validates your thinking.

Our teaching staff are aware that examinations are important to affirming our self-concept of scholarship. We are also aware, that they can bring stress and undermine self-concept. We take a deliberate approach to supporting students to achieve their best performances. This commences with them having an encouraging environment that affirms them.

Our primary and secondary students undertake various academic competitions throughout the year. We compete in the Tournament of Minds, play chess, debate, visit islands in Queensland on science excursions, etc. Our homework timetable is structured as an example of an effective study program.

Our staff provide Year 11 and 12 students with a Study Day to affirm, skill and propel them into effective study. The coffee van brings the liquid concentration. Staff give seminars and offer specific instruction. People are around to work in groups. This is to support students in catching the revelation that they are capable scholars.

Too many young people never fully discover their talent at school because they do not read enough. It is important to encourage them in reading.

By the way, thank you for reading this.

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PRIMARY - TERM 2

- 7/6 Primary Assembly - Year 2
- 11/6 Public Holiday - Queen's Birthday
- 13/6 ICAS Spelling Comp - Yr2 - 6
- 14/6 ICAS Writing Comp - Yr2 - 6
- 21/6 Primary Assembly - Year 1
- 23/6 Working Bee (1pm - 4pm) Primary Campus
- 26/6 TAS All Schools Cross Country - Symmons Plains
- 29/6 Reports sent home
- 2/7 Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 3/7 Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 5/7 Primary Assembly - Prep

SECONDARY - TERM 2

- 7/6 Senior Drama Production - Matinee
- 8/6 Senior Drama Production - 7pm
- 11/6 Public Holiday - Queen's Birthday
- 12/6 Study Day - Year 11 and 12
- 13/6 Mid Year Exams - Years 11 & 12
- 14/6 Mid Year Exams - Years 10, 11 & 12
- 15/6 Mid Year Exams - Years 10, 11 & 12
- 18/6 Mid Year Exams - Years 10, 11 & 12
- 19/6 Mid Year Exams - Years 11 & 12
- 21/6 Senior Music Concert (TBC)
- 3/7 TAS All Schools Cross Country - Symmons Plains
- 6/7 Term 2 Concludes

TERM DATES

TERM 2

Monday 30 April
-
Friday 6 July

TERM 3

Monday 30 July
-
Friday 28 September

TERM 4

Monday 15 October
-
Friday 19 December

Dear Parents and Families,

On Wednesday, I attended a night at our Church for the worship team. The theme of the night was unity and how working together we are more effective than when we work alone. We were encouraged by the fact that the body of Christ is not one member, but many (1 Corinthians 12:14).

This is also true of the relationship between school and home. Parents taking an active partnership in their children's education is an essential part of developing successful students. This includes involvement in academic progress, social interactions, discipline and building belief systems. Spending time with your children talking about their day, offering to do parent help or working through a homework task has a huge impact on them knowing you are part of their education.

We want to engage you in this process, so please feel free to email, phone or drop in and see your child's class teacher if you have any questions or feel your child is experiencing difficulties of any kind during their school day. We appreciate your ongoing partnership and support in what we believe is an important time in shaping our students future.

Uniform

As winter is upon us there is an increased necessity to ensure our students are warm and comfortable both in class and during break times. Our Uniform Shop has many appropriate options for layering, including the soft shell jacket that can be worn over sports and formal uniforms. It is an expectation that students wear official school uniform items all year round.

Other jackets, including puffer jackets, are not considered as appropriate attire during school hours. The Uniform Policy and price list will be sent to all families early next week. Second hand items can also be purchased through the Calvin Marketplace Facebook page. **Please ensure all uniform items are clearly named** as it is not uncommon for jumpers and jackets to be left in the playground after break times.

ICAS Testing

This week 32 students from Year 2-6 undertook the ICAS Science Assessment. ICAS is an independent, skills-based assessment program run through the University of NSW which recognises and rewards student achievement. Tests for Spelling, Reading, Maths and Writing will occur in the coming months. If you have signed your child up for these tests, online practice tests are available through the UNSW Global website and limited numbers of previous year's tests can be borrowed by contacting the School Office.

Upcoming Events

A reminder that next week we have our Primary School Assembly on Thursday at 9am. The Year 2 class will be presenting during this Assembly. Parents and families are warmly invited to attend this event.

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

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



Having mastered Narrative and Persuasive writing in Term 1, Year 3 are now turning their attention to Informative writing this Term. This week, each member of class has selected an animal to research and study, with a view to creating an Information Report on that animal.

So far, students have been busily researching interesting facts about their chosen animal. This has involved data analysis and recording from Internet websites for the purpose of sorting material into the various sub-categories of a written report.

As a teaser, we thought we might share some interesting and unusual facts we have discovered so far.

Mrs Jo Dixon
Year 3 Teacher



Did you know that Box Jellyfish have 24 eyes and that there are 51 species of them as of 2018?

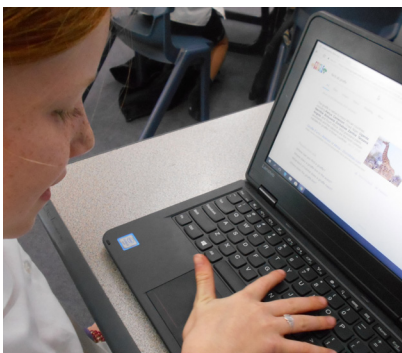


Owls can rotate their necks 270 degrees and a group of owls is called a parliament. This originates from C.S. Lewis' description of a meeting of owls in The Chronicles of Narnia.

Polar bears have black skin and although their fur appears white, it is actually transparent.

Perhaps surprisingly, Peregrine Falcons are the fastest animals in the world, reaching speeds of over 300 kph when they dive after their prey!

A giraffe's neck is too short to reach the ground. As a result, it has to awkwardly spread its front legs or kneel to reach the ground for a drink of water. Fortunately, giraffes only need to drink once every few days.



CAREERS NEWS



The University of Tasmania have released some key dates for students to explore options for study. All Year 12 students who wish to apply to UTAS will be meeting with a member of student recruitment in August to assist in applying for courses as well as scholarship applications.

Engineers Australia event

Engineers Australia is hosting a Year 10/11 event in both Launceston and Hobart in July and registrations are currently open. This is a fantastic event for those with a passion for science and mathematics. This is also the ideal opportunity for those wishing to gain insight into the many opportunities available in the sector. Attendance is by application. Please see Mrs Whiteley for more details.

Registrations now open for College of Health and Medicine Taster Days

A career in health can provide a highly challenging and rewarding professional career. Register for a Taster Day in Nursing, Health Sciences, Pharmacy, Medicine, Paramedicine or Medical Research and discover what these professions have to offer. Details are found at <http://www.utas.edu.au/health/study/taster-days> or see Mrs Whiteley for details about this.

University Key Dates

- Medicine Taster Day — 27th June
- Futures in Engineering (Hobart) — 3rd July
- Applications open for study in 2019 — first week in August
- Open Day (South) — 5th August
- Open Day (North) — 11th August
- Pharmacy Taster Day — 3rd September
- Final application date to guarantee first round offer — 30th September

DEBATING NEWS

On Wednesday night, May 30, Calvin 1 and Calvin 2 teams debated their fifth debate in the Schools Debating Roster and once again they, and the opposing teams debated in fine style. Debating demands a number of skilled processes and demands that these occur simultaneously. For example, presenting a well informed and well structured speech that isn't a speech on its own but part of the overall team's argument, presentation skills, protocols and, most demanding of all, the ability to listen, make connections and respond to the opposing teams' points with convincing rebuttals (without losing the flow of your own speech).

The progress that these motivated young debaters make each fortnight is remarkable to see. But not only are they motivated, committed and competitive, they are keen to learn, admiring of their opponents skills and are all round good sports. They represent the school and themselves admirably.

Both teams recorded a win last night, successfully debating against the idea: That school leadership positions should be abolished. There is one more roster round of debating and then the finals rounds, so stay tuned!

Ms Sinclair
Head of Humanities

SECONDARY CAMPUS

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SSATIS CROSS COUNTRY

Calvin participated in the SSATIS Cross Country event held on the grounds of the Tasmanina Police Academy in Rokeby. Fifty students from Year 7-12 competed against independent schools from the south of the state. Competitors put in a great effort, with Calvin students displaying great determination as they tackled either a 3km, 4km or 5km course. Congratulations to Year 12 student Ebony Webb, who came first in the 4km Open Girls. Well done to all our competitors.

SECONDARY CAMPUS



SENIOR DRAMA PRODUCTION - JUNE 7 & 8

Join us next week for a night of drama and entertainment. The Senior Drama students present *House on Fire*. The production will be in the Performing Arts Centre, Secondary Campus. See below for details.

CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

CALVIN'S SENIOR DRAMA CLASS PRESENTS:

HOUSE ON FIRE

DIRECTED BY Emily Di Pretoro
WRITTEN BY AWARD WINNING AUSTRALIAN PLAYWRIGHT Debbie Oswald

CALVIN PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE • Thursday 7 June Matinee (Free Entry) • Friday 8 June at 7pm
Adults \$10 • Concession by Gold coin donation • DOOR SALES ONLY
03 6229 4829 • admin@calvin.tas.edu.au

LOST AND FOUND

The Lost and Found boxes in the Secondary and Primary schools still have uniform items, shoes, bathers, socks, goggles and drink bottles in them. Please come and check for any items your son or daughter may have lost. Items not collected by June 6 will be donated to charity.

OLIEBOLLEN CRAFT STALL



**Do you spare time on your hands?
Enjoy making crafts?**

Then this is the time to start making items for the Craft Stall at our upcoming school fair, the Oliebollen Festival. Completed craft items can be handed into the Primary or Secondary office in Term 3.

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.

It's **WORKING BEE** time

at Calvin Primary School!

Join us on

Saturday 23 June

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!