



### *From the Principal*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Education seems to be undergoing some radical transformation.

Radical indeed.

When trying to work from a Christian worldview, the best definitions come from Noah Webster's 1828 dictionary. Radical is defined there as, "Pertaining to the root or origin; original; fundamental.."

Rightly understood then, a radical change is a return to a past truth.

Our school was founded on the premise that parents are the most influential people in a child's life. School is a collection of skilled professionals who support the journey of children and parents. This was not the dominant idea in education back in the early 1950's when our Association was founded.

An influential report that prompted some radical changes to the English education system a decade or so ago stated, "The purpose of a school is to help a family raise a child." That was also seen as innovative.

One of the submissions to the recent Gonski 2.0 report stated, "Parents are leaders and experts in their children's learning. The degree of family engagement in children's learning is known to have a strong relationship with childhood vulnerability, developmental outcomes, and post-school destinations." Tasmanian Council of Social Services – Submission.

Indeed, a recommendation in the Gonski report is, "To enable parents and carers to be partners in their child's learning." (Recommendation 2.1). What seems innovative to the modern era is really a core truth returning to contemporary conversation.

The Parent Teacher Nights last week demonstrated that this principle is alive and well at Calvin. The conversations were held in a wonderful spirit. I want to thank all those who attended. I am well aware that many other parents have connected with teachers over the phone and by email. As a staff, we appreciate your commitment to this partnership no matter how the communication occurs.

We are privileged to live in a community where this foundational truth has never lost its resonance and vitality. It is embedded in our organisational culture. Our founders may seem great innovators by modern standards. But in reality, they were not. They were grafted into the truth of scripture and the reality of a relationship with Christ. Eternal truth trumps innovation every time.

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Dear Parents and Families,

I wish to thank you for your efforts last week in being flexible and finding alternative arrangements when the school was closed on Friday. We understand that many families across the Kingborough area have been impacted and we would like to extend our prayers and support to you all. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to support your children and families during this time. On the Primary School Campus we feel blessed to have only sustained minor damage. This was mainly outside, with the water shifting large amounts of sand, dirt and gravel. I'd like to thank our groundsman, Mr Dave Welsh, who has done a fantastic job getting these areas cleaned up quickly so our students were able to utilise all play areas again early in the week.

### **Mother's Day**

I pray that all the mothers in our School Community had a blessed and relaxing day on Sunday. I know there were many disappointed students who were unable to take their Mother's Day Cards and Crafts home on Friday, and hopefully this extended the extra appreciation of our mothers into another week! Mothers play a vital role in our families and the school wishes to thank you for all the little things you do, often unrewarded, that help our students come to school loved, prepared and ready to learn.

### **NAPLAN Testing**

This week our Grade 3 and 5 students undertook their NAPLAN testing. Mrs Dixon and Mr Pascal did a great job preparing our students to move into this week with the same confidence and calmness as they would in any other week. I Corinthians 9:24-27 comes to mind here, talking about running the race of life. This speaks into the idea that although we will always strive to achieve well and be our best through the challenges of life, being in relationship with our Heavenly Father brings us the greatest reward of all, living with Him for eternity in His kingdom. Knowing this, students can walk with confidence and live in the belief that 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me' (Philippians 4:13) including getting through NAPLAN week!

### **State Athletics Team Representatives**

I would like to congratulate, Austin Hughes, Jerim Okongo, Matilda Lange, Josie Smith, Jack Rider and Lucas Thornton on their selection into the Huon and Channel team at the State Athletics Carnival! This carnival was held today, Friday, 18th May, in Launceston and we will update you on how our 6 students fared in the coming weeks.

### **School Drop Off and Pick Up**

With the weather worsening throughout this term, it is important that we continue to be courteous of others and follow road signage in the local area during drop off and pick up. A reminder that the school gates will be unlocked at 8:20am and then again at 2:30pm. Please plan your pick up and drop off around these times. If for any reason the gates are not unlocked during these timeframes please let the morning duty teacher, office staff or myself know as soon as possible.

I wish you a fantastic and relaxed weekend.

Andrew Nash  
Deputy Principal – Head of Primary



## Year 5 – HASS

Grade 5 has hit the ground running in term two, delving into our Geography and Science units. For geography, we have been exploring countries of the world and their flag. As demonstrated in the pictures below we have made a display poster of the countries and their flags, categorising them into their continents.

To develop our knowledge of Geography, we are integrating our Science unit of Natural Hazards. This week we have investigated the impacts and influence of floods on our natural and manmade surrounds. This integrates our science unit within our geography and grows our knowledge.

Mr Pascal  
Teacher - Year 5



## 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](mailto: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



## CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate Year 11 student, Laura Davis on her recent selection to represent Tasmania in the under 17's soccer team. Laura will be competing with her team in Canberra at the end of the month.

We wish Laura all best.



We would like to congratulate Year 7 student, Samuel Layng on his selection to represent Tasmania at the Australian Gymnastics Competition on 20th -27th May 2018.

This is a wonderful achievement. We look forward to hearing about his experience when he returns.



## BIOLOGY

With the forecast predicting (and accurately) weather fit for frogs, it seemed somewhat fitting that the senior BIOLOGY chose Thursday morning to dissect a frog in the name of scientific investigation. After creating our own "stool" using a cleverly concocted digestive tract, complete with enzymes, acids and incisors, students enriched their learning by investigating first hand how the "amphibians" obtain their nutrients. Probes, scissors and scalpels were utilised and an amazing piece of bodily machinery, so intricate and complex, was thoroughly explored and appreciated, proving once again how truly amazing life really is.

Biology is the study of life from the cellular level through to the organism and how it survives and thrives in this earthly environment. This year we have a class of 12 senior students undergoing the course. Please speak to your science teacher or Mrs Brouwer, if you are interested in learning more about biology or furthering your understanding of this fascinating subject.

Mrs Brouwer  
Biology Teacher



## SECONDARY CAMPUS

### Secondary Office

Monday- Friday  
8:00am - 4:30pm  
Phone: 6229 4829

### School Absentees

Primary School Absentees  
Phone: 6229 4829  
email:  
absences@calvin.tas.edu.au

### Student Health

Have your child's health or allergies changed? Please let the office know as soon as possible.

## RESCHEDULED

### SECONDARY CROSS COUNTRY

**Tuesday May 22**

Starts on the Secondary oval.  
All students to be on PE uniform.

## DEBATING

After a 3 week winning streak, the Calvin team came against some very stiff competition this week at the UTAS commerce building. Arguing as the affirmative team on the topic that “ignorance of the law is no excuse for breaking it” was always going to prove a challenge, and Mt Carmel College and Dominique certainly added to that challenge with their valid points. At the end of the day, Calvin 2 narrowly defeated their opponents while Calvin 1 were narrowly defeated. Regardless of the results however, the students still maintained their confidence, assertiveness and enthusiasm in their speeches, once again representing their school admirably and graciously. Well done debaters.

Mrs Brouwer  
Debating coordinator

## SECONDARY CAMPUS

### CALVIN'S POST FLOOD CLEAN UP

It's been a massive week for us cleaning up after the floods. Industrial blowers, heaters have been on constantly to dry out areas of the Secondary campus. Insurance assessors have visited the school this past week and over 85% of the carpets and flooring in the Secondary School will be replaced. We're aiming to get all our damaged rooms up and going as soon as possible to minimise the disruption but also making sure we put the health of our students first.





## SHOWCASE

The Showcase is on this week! Wednesday 23 May in the Performing Arts Centre on the Secondary Campus. You're invited to a night of drama, visual arts, music, design, technology and food. Brought to you by the Year 7 & 8 students.

SECONDARY  
CAMPUS

YEARS SEVEN & EIGHT PRESENT

# TRIMESTER ONE SHOWCASE

W E D D R A M A  
23/05 DESIGN TECH  
M U S I C  
DIGITAL TECH  
PERFORMING VISUAL ART  
ARTS CENTRE FOOD TECH

6.30PM FOR YEAR SEVEN  
7.30PM FOR YEAR EIGHT

for more information contact  
[admin@calvin.tas.edu.au](mailto:admin@calvin.tas.edu.au) or (03) 6229 4829



## CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

### Calvin Soft Shell Jacket \$65

Winter stock has arrived

Please contact Jo at the Uniform Shop if you would like a jacket for the colder months.

Phone: 6240 1883

#### Advanced notice

Uniform shop will be closed on Thursday August 23

## WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

### School Uniform Shop

Secondary Campus

Phone: 6240 1883

Email: [ccs.kingston@midford.com.au](mailto: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!*



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SCHOOL FUNDRAISER



**Hobart**

Including highlights from around Tasmania

Once again we are selling the **Entertainment Book** as a whole school fundraiser. The books **WILL NOT** be sent home as previously communicated in the newsletter. If you would like an Entertainment Book please order online: [www.entbook.com.au/240714k](http://www.entbook.com.au/240714k) or collect a book from the Primary Office at the end of May.



### COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS VOUCHERS

Thank you to the school community for collecting an enormous amount of vouchers. If you have any remaining vouchers at home, please hand them in before 15 June 2018.