



### *From the Principal*

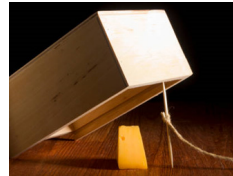
Dear Parents and Carers,

The Year 7 Basketball team competed against a team from St Virgil's College on Tuesday.

I arrived mid-game and the contest was slipping away from our boys.

I pondered the purpose of our co-curricular program, and recalled a recent devotion in assembly about the scandalon, a part in a basic animal trap.

I am fascinated that the elements of this simple animal trap have technical names. The operation of the trap is simple. As illustrated in the picture, the animal walks in to eat the bait, and the hunter pulls the cord that removes the vertical stick, thus dropping the box onto the animal.



The scandalon is the name of the vertical stick in the trap.

Its root is the Greek word, skandalidzo. From this we derive the English word 'scandalise'. Scandalise means: to offend, to put a stumbling block in the way, to entice into sin, to cause a person to begin to distrust.

Skandalidzo is a very popular word in scripture. It appears 44 times in the New Testament. It is used 19 times in the Gospel of Matthew. Skandalidzo is translated as 'stumbling block' (Chapter 16:23), 'offense' (Chapter 11:6), 'falls away' (Chapter 13:21), and 'deserters' (Chapter 26:31).

In Matthew, the disciples of John the Baptist ask Jesus, "Are you the Expected One, or shall we look for someone else?" (11:3). This is quite an extraordinary change of heart. John the Baptist proclaimed Jesus and even baptised him (Chapter 3). John knew that Jesus was the son of God. Yet here in just a short passage of time, John is questioning Christ's identity as the Son of God.

Somehow John had become offended. Offence in most cases is a question of an unmet expectation.

The reason for John's offence is not stated. I wonder if John thought he would be a central player in the ministry of Jesus. They were cousins after all. John was proclaiming the way for Jesus. But, events did not transpire that way. John wasn't even chosen to be one of the disciples. From chosen herald to not selected to be an Apostle. In fact, John is sitting in gaol while Jesus is moving in great power.

There is great danger in being offended. "An offended friend is harder to win back than a fortified city. Arguments separate friends like a gate locked with bars" (Proverbs 18:19).

The trouble with being trapped in a box is that you cannot lift the box off by yourself. That is why it is a trap.

Humility of character protects us from taking offence. Forgiveness is the only antidote. These are hard lessons to learn. It is best to learn them as a child.

In the week following the Year 7 basketball game I learned that our players had confirmed their love of basketball, committed to improvement, and set some clear goals. No evidence of entrapment here. The score was not a stumbling block. No offence was taken. No others were blamed. There was no lamenting that the circumstances were not 'right'. Just young men learning that they have the power to take responsibility over their lives and actions.

No trapped animals in this team! Bravo to them.

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Dear Parents and Families,

Last Friday we shared a fantastic evening together at the Welcome BBQ. Thank you to all families who attended and to our amazing teaching staff for the effort they put into preparing for this night. It was very encouraging to see parents and teachers casually chatting at the BBQ and then taking the opportunity to ask questions and clarify information during the class sessions.

Please make sure you continue to take opportunities to check in with class teachers if you are unsure about anything throughout the school year. We look forward to one on one conversations with our Parent Teacher Talks next Monday and Tuesday. If you haven't booked a time yet, please see the information sent out last week or contact the Primary Office for help making a booking. Our partnership with you is very important, and our aim is to work with you to bring the best education to our students each and every day.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the School Council for their willingness to go above and beyond in the provision of the BBQ, salads, cakes and drinks. I think you would have to agree that the catering was excellent. We are very appreciative of the efforts of all involved and pray for continued blessing and capacity for those who are able to serve others. Proverbs 11:25 says *'Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and the one who waters will himself be watered.'*

The School Council run a range of events throughout the year. If you are interested in helping in any capacity please let the Primary Office know and we will add you to the email list that communicates when events are coming up that need support.

As the school grows, our staff numbers are also growing, currently filling the staff carpark to capacity. Teacher Assistants who arrive close to 9am have recently been finding the carpark full due to morning drop off. We do have one disabled car space in the staff carpark and request that this is used by those in need. I ask that all other parents utilise alternative parking and refrain from using the staff carpark. We are looking at providing more parking for parents in the Master Plan and see this as a priority moving forward. If you have specific needs or physical limitations with parking, please contact the school and we'll endeavour to cater for you where possible.

Dates for the Kindergarten to Year 2 Athletics and Cross Country carnival have been added to the calendar on the school website. We encourage parents to check this calendar regularly to stay in touch with upcoming events.

Andrew Nash  
Deputy Principal

Photos of today's primary swimming carnival



## PRIMARY TERM 1

### FEBRUARY

- 25-26/2 Parent Teacher Talks  
26/2 Primary Assembly – Year 5/6 Smith

### MARCH

- 5/3 Year 3 State Athletics Selections  
8/3 Clean Up Australia Day  
11/3 Public Holiday – Eight Hour Day  
12/3 Primary Assembly – Year 5/6 Hofman  
14-15/3 Year 3 Camp – Blue Lagoon  
18/3 Primary School Photos  
19/3 Huon & Channel Swimming Carnival (Years 3-6)  
23/3 Primary School Working Bee  
26/3 Primary Assembly – Year 4

### APRIL

- 5/4 Years 3-6 Cross Country  
8/4 K-2 Cross Country Carnival  
9/4 Primary Assembly – Year 3

## KEY DATES

For all important school dates please check the calvin calender.

[calvin.tas.edu.au/calendar](http://calvin.tas.edu.au/calendar)

## SECONDARY TERM 1

### FEBRUARY

- 27/2-9/3 European Exchange Program Hosting  
27/2 Secondary Swimming Carnival

### MARCH

- 5/3 Year 7 Immunisation  
5/3-6/3 Parent/Teacher Talks  
11/3 Public Holiday - Eight Hour Day  
12/3 Moderation Day - Student Free Day  
22/3 Secondary School Photos

it's  
**WORKING  
BEE**  
time!

Join us at Calvin Primary School

**Saturday 23 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!



## YEAR 1/2D

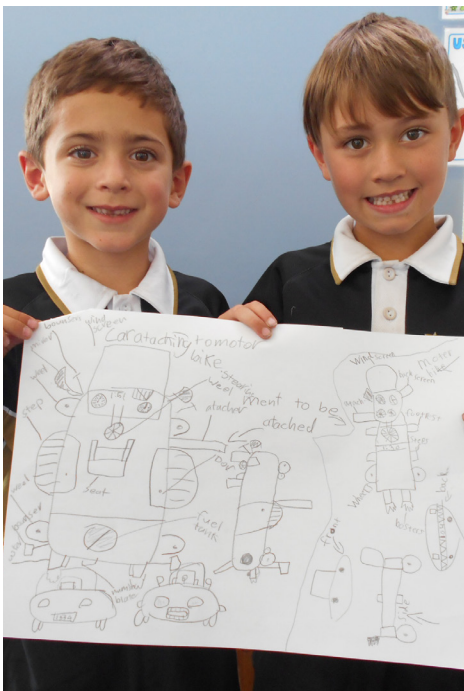
We have begun our year thinking about how our mindsets relate to our school theme of 'Attitude Matters'. The students in Year 1 are learning how brains grow and stretch as they learn new things. They are discovering the difference between a 'fixed' and 'growth' mindset and how the application of either of these mindsets determines how much they will learn. Students are understanding that mistakes are part of learning and that with the right attitude and mindset, they are capable of learning anything.

Year 2 have been consolidating their understanding from last year and have been working on a STEM challenge about 'The Hare and the Tortoise'. Students have completed a flip book on the growth and fixed mindsets of both the Tortoise and the Hare. They compared these mindsets and identified how the performance of each character in the race was affected by their thinking.

The students read an altered version of the story, where the tortoise suggests that he and the Hare have a new race using a vehicle they invent themselves. The Hare is not really interested in that idea! The STEM challenge has now begun and students have started designing a vehicle that the tortoise could use in the race. Once created, they will test and improve the design to make it move as fast as possible. We look forward to see the final products.

It has been exciting to view the enthusiasm of all the students as they recognise how 'attitude' and 'mindset' influences their learning and daily living.

Kim Denholm  
Teacher 1/2D



## PRIMARY CAMPUS

### Primary Office

Monday- Friday  
8:15 am - 4:00 pm  
Ph. 6229 3814

### School Absentees

Primary School Absentees  
Ph. 6229 3814

[primaryschool@calvin.tas.edu.au](mailto:primaryschool@calvin.tas.edu.au)

### Student Health

Have your child's health or allergies changed? Please let the school 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.

9:00am-10:30 am

Where: Kindergarten room

### After School Care

After school care is provided by Stepping Stones Children's Services.

To find out more please contact them on 1300 665 699 or

[admin@sharingthecare.com.au](mailto:admin@sharingthecare.com.au)

## SATIS 2019 - YEAR 7 BASKETBALL

One of the many benefits of Independent Schooling in Tasmania is the opportunity that is presented from being part of the Sports Association of Tasmanian Independent Schools (SATIS). At Calvin, we have enjoyed our affiliation with SATIS through participation in Swimming and Athletics carnivals.

This year, we have taken the decision to explore further opportunities within the SATIS sports rosters and have entered a Boys Year 7 basketball team into the Southern SATIS league of fixtures. Using Kingborough Sports Centre as our "Home ground", we played our first fixture on Tuesday 19 February 2019 against a highly efficient and accurate St Virgils team.



Whilst our boys were not victorious on the day, they came away with some outstanding lessons about teamwork, respect and being coachable. The boys deserve our applause for the manner in which they conducted themselves both on and off the court and their sportsmanship was of the highest caliber.



Thank you to Mr Quinn for coaching the boys and also to all of the parents and staff members who came out in support of the team. With the next 3 games all being played at Kingborough Sports Centre, Tuesdays at 4:15pm we welcome all Calvin supporters to come and get behind our boys

Mr Ken Holloway  
Director of Operations

## SECONDARY HOUSE CAPTAINS - 2019



**GENEVA**  
Emma Hall  
Samuel Muggeridge

**WESTMINSTER**  
Eliana Laning  
Caleb Boonstra

**WITTENBERG**  
Isabella de Smit  
Laura Davis

Congratulations to the following Year 12 students (pictured above) for their successful appointments as House Captains for 2019.

## SECONDARY CAMPUS

### Secondary Office

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

### School Absentees

Secondary School Absentees  
Ph. 6229 4829  
[absences@calvin.tas.edu.au](mailto:absences@calvin.tas.edu.au)

### Student Health

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

## PRIVATE MUSIC TUITION



## SECONDARY CAMPUS

Students are encouraged to consider taking private lessons for their instrument to help them progress most effectively.

Lessons are conducted at either the primary or secondary campus and this year we are offering to connect parents with a tutor for the following instruments:

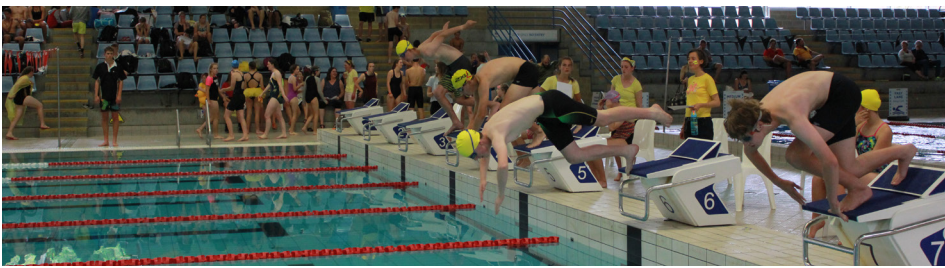
trumpet, trombone & low brass, flute, clarinet, saxophone, drum kit & percussion, music technology, piano, guitar, bass guitar, beginner violin and voice.

Prices may vary and parents are asked to negotiate a suitable lesson time with their child's tutor.

Please call the school office or send an email to [music@calvin.tas.edu.au](mailto:music@calvin.tas.edu.au) for more information.

Mr Geoff Rayner  
Music Department

## SECONDARY SWIMMING CARNIVAL



**The Secondary Swimming Carnival** will be held at the Aquatic Centre Hobart on **Wednesday 27 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 62 294 829 or [bstraatsma@calvin.tas.edu.au](mailto:bstraatsma@calvin.tas.edu.au)

## SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

The science department are after established **indoor house plants**.

Indoor plants that are easy to propagate are most welcome.

If you can help out, please contact:

Mr Phil Banham  
[pbanham@calvin.tas.edu.au](mailto:pbanham@calvin.tas.edu.au)  
Dr Margaret Lindsay  
[mlindsay@calvin.tas.edu.au](mailto:mlindsay@calvin.tas.edu.au)



## PARENT TALK EVENINGS

At the beginning of each school year we hold our Parent Talk Evenings. The purpose of these evenings is for us to hear from parents and caregivers about their child/ren.

These sessions are not designed to be interviews but rather an opportunity for you to share insights about your child/ren so we can understand their needs.

### Primary Talk Evening -

Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th February in Teacher Classrooms

### Secondary Talk Evening

Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th March in the Secondary School Library.

[Book here](#)

## CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

Firstly I would like to say a big Thank You to all our families for their patience in the back to school rush. Our shop is only little but we still managed to attend to 159 families over a 5 day opening period. We were very busy but thankfully not many people had to wait for very long. Apologies if we ran out of something you wanted.

Jo Spencer - Uniform Shop

- STRIPE SKIRTS - Size 12 is now back in stock.
- NEW STYLE TRACKPANTS – Size 6 now in stock
- BOYS GOLD TIE – On order
- GIRLS GOLD CROSSOVER TIE – Back in stock
- BOYS GREY FORMAL SHORT – Sizes 8/10/12 are on order.
- JUNIOR WOOLLEN RUGBY JUMPERS in sizes 4/6/8/10 – (On order, estimated arrival, early/mid March
- CAPS - On order
- SOFT SHELL JACKETS – Size 6 (On order, estimated arrival, early/mid March). All other sizes available (except size 14).

## WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

### School Uniform Shop

Secondary Campus

Ph. 6240 1883

[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:  
Ph. 6229 3814
- Secondary Office:  
Ph. 6229 4829

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