



*From the Principal - Mr Iain Belôt*

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is the Thanksgiving Day holiday in America today.

I am having my own thanksgiving here today. Not because I am American, but because I am thankful for so much as a Christian.

The Thanksgiving Day story is rich and complex.

The event that Americans commonly call the 'First Thanksgiving' was celebrated by the Pilgrims after their first harvest in the New World in October 1621.

The day was celebrated intermittently until Lincoln proclaimed a national day of 'Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens', to be celebrated on the last Thursday in November. It is interesting to me that Thanksgiving became a federal holiday in 1863, during the American Civil War. Amid the very struggle for survival of the country that was dividing households and seeing such a horrendous slaughter on the battlefields, Lincoln instituted a public holiday for Thanksgiving.

Lincoln's Secretary of State William Seward wrote of the day:

*And I recommend to [my fellow citizens] that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to his tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquillity and Union.*

In Australia in 2018 we have a great deal for which to be thankful. God is just as active and involved in our daily lives as he was in 1863. There might be great challenges in our daily lives, and even a philosophical struggle over the very foundations of our modern society, but we are still living in the very heart of His providence. With Remembrance Day just behind us it is easy to connect to the sacrifices of those who made our lives free and safe. With a National Day of Prayer for Religious Freedom before us this coming Monday we are able to give thanks in that context also.

So too for us at Calvin.

We can give thanks for such a myriad of blessings: the successful completion of examinations for our Year 10, 11 and 12 students; the wonderful fun of the Op Shop Ball last night; the continued service of parents on School Council, who also met last night; the commitment of families to work in partnership; and a host of other blessings.

So we choose to give thanks.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Phillipians 4:6-7)

Iain Belôt

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Dear Parents and Families,

On Monday 26th November all Christian Schools across Australia are being called to observe a National Day of Prayer for Religious Freedom. We are asked to pray for wisdom and courage for our Local and National leaders. Primary Staff will be taking the opportunity to pray during our morning devotional time. We invite members of our community to form groups and be prayerful over these matters throughout the day. These issues have the potential to impact freedom within our schools to employ and teach according to our Christ-centred purpose. I John 5:14 states, "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us." James 5:16 also encourages us that "The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." We can be encouraged by these verses that our prayers are heard by God, and He will act on them according to His will.

### **Sporting Schools**

This week, we have had Simon Morrison, a representative from Bowls Tasmania run sessions with all students from Kinder to Year 6. Classes have been fun and engaging and even the students have been surprised at how much they have enjoyed taking on the challenge of bowling. Through our Sporting Schools grant, we have purchased a set of Jr Jack Attack Bowls and will be able to enjoy honing our skills for years to come.

### **Triathlon**

After the disappointment of the Triathlon being postponed this week, we have received a new date for this event. The Triathlon will now take place on December 6th and we are hoping that a majority of our 36 competitors will still be able to compete at this event.

Next week we look forward to our Year 1 students presenting in assembly on Thursday morning. For those parents wishing to attend, the assembly will start at 9am. We also have our last Pre-Kinder session for our new Kinder group for 2019. Speaking of 2019, please keep the evening of Tuesday 6th December free as we will be running a Parent Information Session outlining important structures and initiatives for 2019.

Andrew Nash



## STATEMENT

### National Day of Prayer for Religious Freedom

All Christian Schools across Australia are being called to observe a National Day of Prayer for Religious Freedom on **Monday 26 November**.

Our school is participating in this day of prayer.

This is the first sitting day for the Commonwealth Parliament during a sitting period where legislation will be introduced to remove a number of protections for religious freedom in Christian schools. These amendments, if passed, have the potential to dramatically change the legal environment for faith-based schools.

We are organising special prayer events through the day and are inviting parents, staff, students and their broader school community to participate.

We will be praying for:

- The Prime Minister, Scott Morrison, that he will have God's wisdom as he leads our Nation and seeks to present amendments to deal with legitimate concerns which also protects religious freedoms.
- The Opposition Leader, Bill Shorten, that he will honour the strong commitments he made last year to religious freedom and ensure bi-partisan support for legislation that supports these freedoms.
- Our local Federal MP, that God will provide them with great wisdom as they serve their communities as a Federal MP, and that they will support the need for protections for religious freedom.
- Senators, that they will approach the issues carefully and understand the importance of sustained freedom for your schools to employ and teach according to our Christ-centered purpose.
- LGBT students in schools across Australia who may be feeling anxious or distressed as a result of the misleading claims in the media regarding expulsion. Pray that they will know God's love and the care of His people.

## PRIMARY TERM 4

29 Nov	Assembly - Year 1
5 Dec	K-12 Volunteer Thank You Morning Tea
6 Dec	Assembly - Prep
6 Dec	Primary Triathlon
10 Dec	P-6 Orientation
12 Dec	K-6 Botanical Gardens Excursion
13 Dec	Year 6 Graduation Assembly
14 Dec	Year 6 Activity Day
18 Dec	Prep-Year 6 Presentation Assembly
19 Dec	K-6 Picnic Day (last day for students)

## SECONDARY TERM 4

23 Nov	Alumni Reunion Leavers 1998
26 Nov	Year 12 Formal
26-30 Nov	Year 10 Work Experience
5 Dec	K-12 Volunteer Thank You Morning Tea (held at the Primary Campus)
5 Dec	Secondary Triathlon
10 Dec	Year 7 (2019) Orientation Day
12-14 Dec	Year 9 Camp
18 Dec	Graduation/Thanksgiving Service

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

The School Council is selling ice creams on Wednesday 28 November at luncheon time to raise money for Primary School Mission

Valhalla Ice Cream: Chocolate, Rainbow, Caramel Fudge, Cookies & Cream, and Raspberry Sorbet.  
Any parent help will be appreciated!!



## TERM DATES

### TERM 4

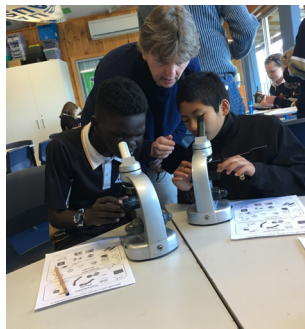
Monday 15 October  
Wednesday 19 December

## YEAR 4 - Hands on Biology

Who's fed a lioness? Who's held a hermit crab?  
Who's patted a shark, a zebra and an anaconda?

Our Year 4 students have enjoyed hands on experiences with wild life this term. They've had an incredible opportunity to learn about sea creatures at the Woodbridge Marine Discovery Centre. They've patted and fed sharks and a wide variety of fish, held and watched hermit crabs jump back into their shells, pricked themselves with sea urchins, felt starfish and sea cucumbers, all the while learning about symbiosis, food webs and the life cycles of God's incredible creation. A fortnight later we travelled to Zoodoo Zoo and fed wallabies, deer, a lion, and emus. We also patted zebras, an albino anaconda, alpacas, and miniature ponies among too many other creatures to mention. We are so very grateful for the incredibly rare opportunity to get so close to so many animals and marine creatures.

Mr Jonothan Laning  
Teacher - Year 4



## 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

## YEAR 10 OP SHOP BALL



## SECONDARY

### 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](mailto:absences@calvin.tas.edu.au)

### Student Health

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



*Emmanuel Christian School is a growing K-10 school  
on Hobart's Eastern Shore*

Expressions of interest are invited from suitably qualified practising  
Christians for the following position:

## Primary School Teacher

Option for full-time or 0.8 FTE

For enquiries phone Mr Scott Winkler, Principal on 6247 8476  
or email: [admin@emmanuel.tas.edu.au](mailto:admin@emmanuel.tas.edu.au)

**Applications close: Monday 3 December 2018**

[www.emmanuel.tas.edu.au](http://www.emmanuel.tas.edu.au)

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Applications are invited from suitably qualified practising Christians  
for the following position:

## Chaplain

**Based at Emmanuel Christian School & Northern Christian School**

**This is a part-time, fixed term, 3 days per week in school term time**

*For enquiries and an application package contact  
Mrs Angela Legg, Finance & HR Officer  
on 6224 8300 or [hr@cst.tas.edu.au](mailto:hr@cst.tas.edu.au)*

**Applications close: Monday 3 December 2018**

*Christian Schools Tasmania operates four schools in southern Tasmania:*

*Calvin Christian School - Channel Christian School  
Emmanuel Christian School - Northern Christian School*

## 2018 - 2019 TRADING DAYS

Extended Trading Hours

### TERM 4 TRADING DAYS IN DECEMBER 2018

Tuesday 4 Dec	8:30am - 4:00pm
Thursday 6 Dec	8:30am - 4:00pm
Tuesday 11 Dec	8:30am - 4:00pm
Thursday 13 Dec	8:30am - 4:00pm
Tuesday 18 Dec	8:30am - 4:00pm

The Calvin Christian Uniform Shop  
**CLOSES on**

Tuesday 18th of December 2018 at 4:00 pm.

**REOPENS for Back to School sales on**  
Monday 21 January 2019 at 8:30 am.

Please contact Joanne to make an appointment time.

Phone: 03 40 1883

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

### BACK TO SCHOOL 2019

*Appointments are recommended for all fittings.*

#### Trading days in January

Monday 21 Jan	8:30am - 3:00 pm
Tuesday 22 Jan	8:30am - 3:00 pm
Wednesday 23 Jan	8.30am - 3:00 pm
Tuesday 29 Jan	8:30am - 4:00 pm
Thursday 31 Jan	8:30am - 4:00 pm
Friday 1 Feb	8:30am - 4:00 pm

#### Trading days in February

Monday 4 Feb	8:15am - 12:00 pm	Half day only
Tuesday 5 Feb	8:30am - 4:00 pm	
Thursday 7 Feb	8:30am - 4:00 pm	

Normal Trading Days resume Tuesday 5 Feb 2019.

Closed School Holidays and Public Holidays.

#### 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.