



NEWSLETTER

24 AUGUST 2018

Dear Parents and Carers.

On Wednesday morning, Mrs Carmichael and I attended the Tasmanian Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast. We listened to an inspirational address delivered by Claire Rogers, the CEO of World Vision. In her speech, she described the necessity of maintaining the roots of our Christian culture in order to preserve the vitality of our civilisation. She referred to the idea of a "cut flower society."

It is a powerful metaphor. This newsletter article consists of an insightful piece of writing on this theme from Dr. Don Meyer, President Emeritus of the University of Valley Forge, Phoenixville, in the United States. He writes:

In 1951, Will Herberg, an American Jewish philosopher and sociologist of religion, published "Judaism and Modern Man." He coined the phrase "cut flower culture" to describe the spiritual rootlessness of modern European and American societies.

He said, "The attempt made in recent decades by secularist thinkers to disengage the moral principles of western civilization from their scripturally based religious context, in the assurance that they could live a life of their own as 'humanistic' ethics, has resulted in our 'cut flower culture.' Cut flowers retain their original beauty and fragrance, but only so long as they retain the vitality that they have drawn from their now-severed roots, after that is exhausted, they wither and die. So it is with freedom, brotherhood, justice, and personal integrity — the values that form the moral foundation of our civilization. Without the life-giving power of the faith out of which they have sprung, they possess neither meaning nor vitality."

We all want the beauty and fragrance of a fresh bouquet of flowers but how many of us want to pay the price the gardener pays to acquire the seeds, prepare the soil, endure the blisters, wait for the growth, cultivate the weeds, and prune the plant until the blossoms appear? But, without the process, there would be no flowers.

We all want well-behaved citizens who are honest, kind, generous and who know how to get along with each other. But, as Christian writer Os Guinness also laments, "The West has lost its soul" which is now causing a cultural "mudslide," devastating just about everything in its path. As Philip Rieff said, "Where there is nothing sacred, there is nothing" because "Religion is in our blood, and the more we deny it, the sicker our society becomes."

In his famous 1978 Harvard commencement address, Alexander Solzhenitsyn spoke of " ... three failings of the West: rampant materialism, superficiality of the media and the moral cowardice of intellectuals. The West has finally achieved the rights of man, and even to excess, but man's responsibility to God and society has grown dimmer and dimmer. The line separating good and evil passes not through states, not between classes, nor political parties either but right through every human heart."

A clear view of our world, on a good day, can discourage most of us. But what can we do when a thumb in the dike seems futile? Dr. Barry Black, the Chaplain of the US Senate preached a sermon entitled, "Do Something." He acknowledged we can't do everything but each of us can "do something" and he encouraged us to do it.

Yes, "culture eats strategy for breakfast." No plant or nation will survive without roots.

I think these words are entirely appropriate to express the orientation and practice of our school.

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PRIMARY TERM 3

28/8 Primary Huon and Channel / Volleyball Carnival

8/9 Oliebollen Festival

14/9 ICAS Maths Competition Yr3 - Yr6

SECONDARY TERM 3

29/8 Trimester Two Showcase

7/9 Non-student Day (Moderation Day for teachers)

8/9 Oliebollen Festival

12/9 SSATIS Athletics

21/9 Senior Drama and STC evening

22/9 SATIS Athletics Carnival (St Leonards)

24/9 TASC Interim Reports sent out

CONFIRMING ENROLMENTS



TERM DATES

TERM 3

Monday 30 July -Friday 28 September

TERM 4

Monday 15 October
Friday 19 December

From the Deputy Principal - Primary

Dear Parents and Families.

As I'm sure you are aware from time taken organsing costumes and hunting for the perfect book, this week we celebrated Book Week. We had a fantastic Book Parade on Thursday, celebrating the creative and imaginative qualities that children experience when immersed in reading books. We had a huge proportion of our school community get involved in this day including our Small Wonders prekinder group and staff across the school, including a very colourful lady beetle in the office where we usually see Mrs Eaves! The Kinder class also took part in the festivities of the week, doing a wonderful job dressing up on Wednesday.

Thank you to our parent community for the time you invest in helping our students value and take part in this event. As well as appreciating the opportunity to get dressed up, students were also recognised for their efforts taking part in the Premiers Reading Challenge during Term 2. Students who completed this challenge received a certificate and a small stationary pack, and two students in each class were given a medallion for their commitment to reading during this period.

A big thank you to Mrs Jaeger for her efforts making sure our assembly was ready to go and for organising all of the Medallions and Premiers Reading Challenge packs.

Sporting Updates

On Tuesday August 28, we will be sending 18 Year 5 and 6 students to represent us at the Huon and Channel Volleyball Carnival. Students from Years 3 to 6 have done a fantastic job practicing their skills and learning new techniques to get ready for this event.

Over the coming two weeks, members of the Hobart Chargers and Kingston Kings Basketball Club will be returning to finish our four week basketball clinics. We have many students from Calvin represent the Kingston Kings and had multiple students achieve well in the recent presentation awards for the Kings and Southern Basketball League MVP voting. Well done to all involved!

Music Assembly - save the date

On Friday September 14 we will be having an assembly presenting and celebrating our music programs across the Primary School. This will include class performances and choirs as well as performances from students who are doing individual tutoring. Parents and families are welcome to attend this event.

Oliebollen and Working Bee

Just a reminder that the Oliebollen Festival is quickly approaching, with the event being held on Saturday September 8. If you are interested in helping out, please check in with your classroom teacher or follow the link in the Oliebollen Volunteer email sent out last week. We are also able to take donations for the Oliebollen Festival at the Primary School office.

Also a reminder that we have a **Working Bee at the Primary School this Saturday August 25.** The Working Bee will run from 1pm to 4pm with light refreshments being provided.

Thank you for your continued support in the education of students at Calvin.

PRIMARY <u>CAM</u>PUS



YEAR 4

Grade 4 are enjoying another exciting week, sharing, using and learning about new things. We have been experimenting with our new Promethean ActivPanel, which looks like a giant T.V. but works like a massive IPad. We've shared our symbiotic animal presentations, looking at how God's creation works together and relies on each other in incredibly intricate ways.

We even found time to hone our volleyball skills in P.E. Below are some photos of our fun, along with snippets of interesting information we've discovered along the way.

Mr Laning Teacher - Year 4

> "Zebras weigh up to 400 kilograms." Marni Duggan

"Arctic foxes follow polar bears around eating the scraps of dead animals".

Liv Kuilenberg

"Llamas can walk 20 km carrying a quarter of their body weight". Joe Straatsma

"Orangotangs only live on two islands in the wild." Isaac Wells









PRIMARY CAMPUS

Primary Office

Monday- Friday 8:30 am - 12:30 pm 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm Phone: 6229 3814

School Absentees

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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



NAPLAN ONLINE

PRIMARY & SECONDARY CAMPUS

You may have heard that NAPLAN Online is being introduced across Australia over three years from 2018. Tasmanian schools will be administering NAPLAN online from 2019.

NAPLAN Online will provide better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information.

Our school will trial the new assessment platform (the computer system the test will be taken on) and assess our readiness to participate in NAPLAN Online from 2019. This trial is called the School Readiness Test (SRT).

The SRT is not a test of student achievement and results will not form part of a student's overall assessment.

Participating in this trial is important as it will help us ensure we have adequate internet connectivity, and whether students have access to sufficient number of devices for NAPLAN testing. During the trial, our school will have the opportunity to practice managing the classroom logistics for an online assessment and the new test administration processes.

Feedback from schools participating in the trial will inform transition to the online assessment as well as provide valuable feedback to shape the final development of the NAPLAN Online platform.

The SRT has not been constructed to assess curriculum knowledge, but rather to provide students an opportunity to experience the types of questions that will be included in the new online assessment.

During September 2018, selected students in Years 2, 4, 6 & 8 will participate in the trial of the assessment platform, by undertaking two online tests that include examples of the new NAPLAN Online questions. Each test will take approximately 45 minutes to complete.

Participation in this trial is a key step to ensuring a successful NAPLAN Online experience.

If you have further questions, please contact;

Primary School - Mr Andrew Nash - Deputy Principal Secondary School - Mrs Bonny Moroni - Director of Studies

SCIENCE WEEK

To celebrate National Science Week, Dr Evenhuis and two of his students Rachel Davey and Finn Ledger were invited to a function at Government House hosted by the Honourable Justice Alan Blow OAM Lieutenant-Governor (pictured below) and his wife Mrs Margaret Blow.

The purpose of the event was for students to meet active researchers and to network with other students interested in Science. Finn and Rachel met a diverse group of people including Associate Professor Julia Blanchard who studies seals at the Institute of Marine and Antarctic Studies

It was a most interesting evening and Dr Evenhuis managed to break a tooth on the toasted delicacies which turned out to be rock hard.

Dr Evenhuis











Year 5 and 6 classes joined some of the fun Science week activities at the Secondary campus.

Pictured below:

Liquid nitrogen experiment with Mr Banham and Dr Evenhuis.





SECONDARY CAMPUS

Secondary Office

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School Absentees

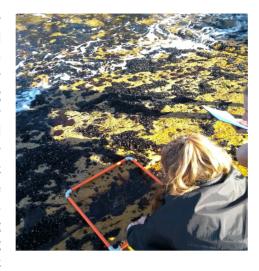
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SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

This Term during Science, the Year 9's have been studying ecology and ecosystem interactions. To finish the unit, 22 students enthusiastically boarded the bus on Thursday morning and ventured to Blackmans Bay foreshore. Glenda Adler assisted the excursion and helped to show students how to collect data about species diversity using a Quadrat in the spray, intertidal and submerged zones of the foreshore. Although cataloguing the 'submerged' zone involved dodging waves, wet feet and a Quadrat that



almost floated away, the students bravely persevered and were able to identify different species of algae, mussels and starfish. We finished with a discussion about how humans can impact a marine environment and considered how



introduced species has influenced this area. Overall, it was an educational and enjoyable trip and the Year 9's left with an increased understanding of how their classroom knowledge can apply to the world around them.

Miss Harris Secondary Science Teacher









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SECONDARY CAMPUS



WEDDDESIGN TECH
29/08 MUSIC
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 or (03) 6229 4829







SCHOOL FAIR

Saturday 8 September 10am - 2pm

TOYS



TheToy Stall needs your donations of preloved toys.
Puzzles, games, blocks, teddy bears, cars, trucks, legos, dolls, action figures, etc anything a child would love to play with!

Donations can be dropped off at the Secondary Office.

tombola



The Tombola Stall needs lots of goodies to go into jars. Please help by bringing in items to the school office for this very popular children's stall!

ANYTHING KIDS ENJOY

white elephant



Time to clean out those cupboards! Please do not donate items that are trash or broken. We **cannot** accept any electrical items.

farmer's market



Farmer's market is in **NEED OF DONATIONS**

of your home made, home grown fresh produce.

jams
marmalade
chutney
pickles
eggs
vegies
flowers
seeds
plants

Contact Kirrilli 0428 136 072

volunteering



HELPERS NEEDED

Volunteer roster opens on Monday 13 August. Make sure to put your name down in a time slot!

books



Please **donate books** in good condition only. Recent titles and popular authors are highly desired. Please do not donate encyclopedias.

second hand clothing



Please **donate clothing** in good condition, preferably washed.

No underwear or dirty shoes.

All donated items may be dropped off at the Secondary School office Thank you



Oliebollen

Interested in learning the art of Oliebollen dough mixing?

The "dough boys" are looking at training up interested people to learn this job for future festivals. Think you have what it takes to be a "dough boy"? contact Christian de Kievit - cdekevit@gmail.com

sweets



Donations of Iollies:

Marshmallows, Banana's, Jelly Beans, Snakes, Party Mix, Chocolates, Lolly Pops, Raspberries, Chocolate Frogs, Jaffas, Licorice All Sorts, Jersey Caramels, Smarties etc.

Please donate sweets in the **ORIGINAL SEALED** packaging they were purchased in. Due to health reasons we cannot accept jars, cups etc that have already been prefilled with sweets.

Donations of ingredients could include

- sugar, coconut
- icing sugar
- Rice Bubbles
- cornflakes
- plain sweet biscuits
- chocolate melts
- · condensed milk
- paper cupcake holders
- •ribbon, and cellophane bags

If you would like to be a volunteer cook, some ideas for sweets are:

- coconut ice
- fudge
- truffles
- chocolate crackles
- honey joys
- peanut brittle
- · rocky road
- •popcorn

(please attach a label listing ingredients)

If you are able to help, please send your donations to Kinder, Prep and Year I classes. For further information please call Catherine Ratcliffe on 0412 501 892 or email her at crat@live.com.au

SCHOOL FAIR

Attention business owners

Support our school and get FREE advertising for your business.

Do you have a businesss that provides goods or services to the community?

Would you consider donating an item or voucher for services to the school

to be sold during the 2018 Calvin Oliebollen Auction?

If so, please email Bonny at bmoroni@calvin.tas.edu.au so that your item can be collected and added to our Auction List.

craft stall



The CRAFT STALL needs your help!!

We are interested in anything that is handmade, knitting, crochet, woodwork, jewellery, pottery, papercraft, sculpting, painting or any other type of handmade goods.

Please bring to school by Friday 8 September, clearly marked for the Craft Stall. If you have any questions please contact Clancy on 0418 571 802.

It's WORKING BEE time



at Calvin Primary School!

Join us on

Saturday 25 August

Ipm - 4pm

We have big jobs and small jobs.

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!



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

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

Laboratory Technician

Fixed term, school weeks, 4 hours per week

For enquiries, phone: 6247 8476 For an application package, email: admin@emmanuel.tas.edu.au

Applications close: Monday 10 September 2018

www.emmanuel.tas.edu.au

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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 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.

4 experienced 15 year olds here to babysit your children!

Contact us! SMS: 0410 494 475 or jstraatsma21@calvin.tas.edu.au

BABYSITTING FOR A CAUSE

It will cost \$10 per hour and any further donations are welcome as all money is going towards Carries Beanies 4 Brain Cancer.

