



## **NEWSLETTER**

30 NOVEMBER 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

At this week's Secondary Assembly, I inducted our Year 7 to 9 students into the Friendship Secret Service.

The President of the United States is protected by what are arguably the most highly trained guards in the history of the world. The sole purpose of this team of men and women is to protect the President from danger. They are trained to detect a threat and then secure the President from that danger.

Somewhat incongruously, the President's Secret Service team provides an outstanding template for how effective friendship works.

I affirmed to students that they treat their friends in the same manner as the Secret Service Agents treat the President. As a friend, my orientation is to protect my friend. Akin to Secret Service training I might move my friend away from danger, stand between my friend and the threat, or perhaps even step into the fray to be with them. The friendship instinct is stay connected and protect.

To illustrate this, we viewed a video that explained how secret service agents performed their protective duty during the attempted assassination of Ronald Reagan. You can view this at https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=ss6vmbtovU8. Importantly, I emphasised the defensive responsibilities of friendship. The Secret Service mantra is "cover first, evacuate second."

Scripture calls us to "Guard our heart..." (Proverbs 4:23). True friendship lives for others not self. We are called to guard the heart of our friends.

#### Legislative Assembly Visit

On Wednesday of this week a delegation of Christian School Leaders were given the opportunity to brief the Members of the Legislative Council on our response to current legislation on gender.

Most of the 15 Members of the Legislative Council were present. The delegation was comprised of Andrew Goelst (Board Chair, Launceston Christian School), David Gillman (CEO, Christian Schools Tasmania), Mike Vos (Tasmanian Executive Officer, Christian Education National) and myself. Andrew addressed the Members first as a representative of the parents governing our schools and I then addressed the Members informing them of the elements of practice that such legislation may impact in schools.

Our request to the Members that they not pass this bill into law was received with respectful listening.

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#### From the Deputy Principal - Primary

Dear Parents and Families,

If you've been into the Primary School this week you would have noticed major works underway in the Quadrangle. Although the blue playing surface has served the school well over the years, it had begun deteriorating and splitting in many of the joints. We are currently resurfacing the area with artificial grass which looks great and will be a very versatile surface in a range of contexts. It will be ideal for the soccer, cricket and chasing games that the Prep to Year 2 students love to play, as well as being safe and comfortable for Line-Up and other classroom activities. We thank you for your patience and flexibility during this process, especially during pick up time. It is expected the resurfacing will be finished on Monday, ready for use on Tuesday morning.

#### Thankyou Morning Tea

On Wednesday, 5 December, all parents are openly invited to the Thank You Morning Tea. At this event, we want to take the opportunity to thank parents for the partnership we share educating your children at Calvin. Proverbs 22:6 reminds us to 'Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.' We want to thank those who have volunteered their time in the classroom in any capacity, and also acknowledge the efforts put in with home reading, homework and other support outside school hours.

#### 2019 Parent Information Night

On Tuesday, 4 December, we invite all parents to attend our 2019 Parent Information night. It will be held in the Multi-Purpose Hall at 7pm. This event will provide parents with information on planning and intentions for class structures in 2019, school vision and new initiatives for curriculum and students support.

#### **School Triathlon**

Last Friday, the Primary School Triathlon was postponed due to likely heavy rain and strong winds. Fortunately, the event has been rescheduled for Thursday, 6 December. We are taking our biggest ever team of students to participate in this event, both in team and individual races.

#### **Athletics Champions**

This week we finished our final event of the Athletics Carnival, with the Year 4 girls completing their High Jump on Wednesday afternoon. It has been great to see so many students participating in a range of events giving their best at all times. Now that all events are finished, we will be able to announce the Sports Champions for 2018. As the Triathlon will be on during next week's Assembly and many students will be attending this event, we will be presenting the Sports Champions trophies in Line-Up on Wednesday, 5 December.

Finally, a reminder that the Prep class will be presenting in assembly this week. The Assembly will be held on Thursday, 6 December at 9am. We openly invite parents to attend.

Sincerely, Andrew Nash

## PRIMARY CAMPUS







REMINDER to all Primary Parents and Carers

Please **DO NOT PARK** in the Staff Carpark.

Please use the spots avaiable in the turning circle, the carparking area on Maranoa Road or at the church.

Thank you

#### **PRIMARY TERM 4**

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 Year 6 Graduation Assembly 13 Dec 14 Dec Year 6 Activity Day 18 Dec Prep-Year 6 Presentation Assembly

SECONDARY TERM 4

K-6 Picnic Day (last day for students)

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

After School Care 2019

19 Dec





At Calvin, we have worked hard to ensure that our parents who require an after school care service, have access to a reputable and experienced provider to manage the health and wellbeing of their children. I am pleased to announce that the award winning child care provider, **Stepping Stones Children's Services**, have been chosen to fulfil this important role in partnership with Calvin Christian School.

If you are interested in accessing their services for the 2019 school year, then please contact Stepping Stones to begin the process of enrolling your child. If you have children who are currently accessing after school care then you will still need to enrol directly with Stepping Stones for the 2019 school year. Stepping Stones also provide excellent Vacation Care opportunities and you can take advantage of this if required over the upcoming Christmas holiday break.

To book or for more infomation please contact: Stepping Stones Children's Services 1300 665 699 or admin@sharingthecare.com.au

#### TERM DATES

#### TERM 4

Monday 15 October
Wednesday 19 December

#### HAIKU POETRY

In our writing focus this term, Year 3 has been studying poetry. We have crafted a range of Haiku poems, incorporating visual arts with our work. Haiku poems are an ancient form of Japanese poetry which follow a distinct pattern. They are often written about nature and the seasons, although are not limited to this.

- The first line of a Haiku must contain 5 syllables;
- The second line 7 syllables; and
- The third line contains 5 syllables.

We created Haiku poems on our current season – Spring, and made complementing cherry blossom pictures using twigs, tissue paper, crepe paper and cellophane.

With our confidence assured that we were now Haiku experts, we exercised our own imaginations by choosing a topic of personal interest. The poem was then presented on a craft depicting the topic.

Here is a sample of our Haiku display – we hope you enjoy our literary and creative works!

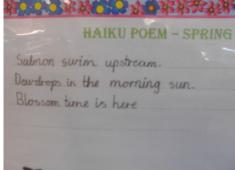
Jo Dixon Year 3 Teacher

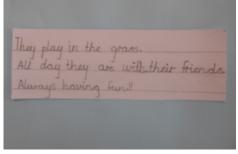












## PRIMARY CAMPUS

#### **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

#### **ICE CREAM FUNDRAISER**

The final tally for the ice-cream fundraiser was \$386.65. Thank you to all the students who supported our Mission Sponsor Children by buying an icecream, and thank you to all our parent helpers who scooped ice creams into cones for very keen students!





## PRIMARY CAMPUS



#### **KINDERGARTEN**

Kindergarten had a visit from a runaway Gingerbread Man. He had run away from all the children at **Belmont Christian School** in New South Wales. (It was a project for the Kindergarten and Library staff who had sent Gingerbread men all over Australia and were mapping where they went.)

We had the pleasure of showing him around the Kindergarten and our school for the week. Everyone had time to make their own Gingerbread men, and when it is closer to Christmas, we will make some real ones.

The children thought about the best parts of their school and described our school to them. When his time was over we sent back a book about his visit and about our school.

Mrs Julie Smith Kindergarten Teacher









#### **IMMUNISATION CLINIC**

Please be advised that Kingborough Council will be conducting an Immunisation Clinic for Grade 7 students who have missed the HPV vaccination (Gardasil) or the dTpa (combined diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough) vaccination (Boostrix) cough at school in 2018.

The Immunisation Clinic will be held at the Kingborough Civic Centre on Wednesday 5 December 2018 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. No bookings required. Entry is via the back carpark at the Civic Centre.

#### 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

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#### **CALVIN EMPLOYMENT**



Calvin Christian School is a co-educational school of 500 students in Kingston, 10 kms south of Hobart. The school has a strong tradition of academic success and has an enviable reputation in the Hobart community.

Expressions of interest are sought from suitably qualified practising Christians for teaching positions in the following disciplines:

## English Teacher

Secondary - Full-time (I.0 FTE)

# Primary Teacher Year I - Full-time (I.0 FTE)

## Teacher Aide

Secondary - Full-time

## Learning Support

Kindergarten - Year 2 (0.4 FTE)

The positions will commence in January 2019.

For enquiries, or to request an application package, please contact Human Resources by email at hr@cst.tas.edu.au Applications close: 4pm Monday 10 December 2018.

www.calvin.tas.edu.au

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## WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

#### **CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP**

## 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 II 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: 6240 1883
Email: ccs.kingston@midford.com.au

#### **BACKTO 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 I Feb	8:30am - 4:00 pm

#### **Trading days in February**

Monday 4 Feb	8:15am -	12:00 pm	Half day only
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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.

## 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.