



From the Principal - Mr Iain Belôt

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The central value of our community is 'Love'. We draw this from the heart of scripture and the very nature of God (1 John 4:8). Our value statement reads:

First and foremost we are called to love others (John 13:34; 1 John 4:9; Mark 12:31) and accept God's love for ourselves (John 3:16; 1 John 3:1; Romans 8:31). Love is to look for good. We treat others with dignity because they too are made in Christ's image (Gen 1:27). Because we love we forgive first (Mark 11:25; Ephesians 4:32; Romans 3:23; 1 John 1:9).

Because this is our core value, it must, by definition, guide all of our actions.

Jesus commends us in scripture, 'A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.' (John 13:34)

Our response to this call requires us to express our values within the community and groups in which we live. Merely committing to personal piety is not the fullness of our faith. Living in Christ is about living for others. Our mantra is that, 'Service to others must be central to our lives'.

I shared this perspective with students this week and gave some insights into key aspects of how we express love in community.

We began by acknowledging that love is the most sought after state in our lives. It is the significant driver of relationships. We yearn for connection in love, and are devastated by rejection over it. I suggested to students that love is the most mentioned and least understood of human quests.

I explained that in general terms certain dynamics are operational imperatives of love.

Sacrifice is where we diminish our needs to assist another. We make ourselves smaller.

Protection is where we enlarge ourselves—make our presence felt to guide, support or shield another. Effective protection requires both intervention and clear boundaries.

Life constantly presents us with opportunities to express our commitment for our value positions. On these occasions, love expresses itself in a variety of ways: as encouragement, grace, and importantly, as suggestions or advice. It may even display what is commonly known as tough love.

I endorsed to them the continuum of options for healthy relationships that had encouragement at one end, and prevention at the other. True relationships are built on assisting our friends to achieve more. True relationships also exhibit friends intervening when danger or poor choices are being made. Good friends are almost never bystanders.

Iain Belôt

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Dear Parents and Families,

If you have dropped into the school in the past few days, you would have seen that the resurfacing of the quadrangle has been finished. On Thursday morning students were on the new artificial grass playing chasings, rolling around on the soft surface and just taking the opportunity to sit and chat with friends. Mrs Dixon took advantage of the great weather on Thursday and brought her class and a few beanbags to the quadrangle to do their daily devotion. We are very happy with the final product and believe it will service the school well for years to come.

Parent Information Night

On Tuesday night we offered a parent information night to outline new class structures and initiatives for 2019. We thank those parents who were able to attend and appreciated the honest and open discussion during question time. For those unable to attend, I will briefly outline the main ideas covered.

We are currently experiencing growth across all areas of the Primary School, with multiple classes reaching capacity in student numbers. As a result, we are combining our Grade 1 and 2 classes next year to create 3 classes of Year 1/2 composites. This will bring class numbers in this area down from 25 and 30 to 18 and 19 across the three classes. This change ensures teachers are able to deliver individualised programs to students in these classes and gives opportunities for students to widen their social networks.

We have also restructured the day for the Primary School in 2019. We will begin the day with a 2 hour learning block to maximise this peak learning time. The second half of this block will be dedicated to Mathematics in all grades, giving us the opportunity to provide extension and support to students using structured and manageable new initiatives.

We are also providing some proactive measures to combat large classes in Year 5 and 6. For a selection of subjects, these two classes will be split into three 5/6 groups in a similar model to specialist classes in the Secondary School.

These classes will include Science, Music, IT and German. This will not only give students access to targeted learning, but also the opportunity to orientate and become familiar with the Secondary campus before their move to Year 7.

We believe these initiatives will have a positive impact on our academic outcomes across the Primary School. Saying this, we hold firm to the importance of delivering the same degree of pastoral care to our students and maintaining the Christ-Centred perspective of our full educational program.

Sports Champions

This term we had Athletics Carnivals for students in Kindergarten to Year 6. Now that the final events have been completed we are able to crown our Sports Champions. Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding effort and performance at these carnivals:

Senior Girls Champion - Ebony Young
Senior Boys Champion - Joseph Jeffrey
Junior Girls Champion - Matilda Lange

Runner Up - Ava Van Muijlwijk
Runner Up - Harry Davies
Runner Up - Josie Smith

PRIMARY CAMPUS



Mrs Dixon and Year 4 enjoying the sunshine on the new grass for devotion time

REMINDER to all Primary Parents and Carers

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

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

Thank you

Junior Boys Champion - Austin Hughes

Runner Up - Hans Pash

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After School Care

We have been informed that our current after school care provider, Care Australia, will be withdrawing their services from Tasmania in 2019. As a result, we have taken the opportunity to secure the services of Stepping Stones. Stepping Stones is a Tasmanian business and has multiple established care facilities in Margate. We are currently looking into the possibility of our students being incorporated into their vacation care during school holiday periods. We believe this will be a positive outcome for families requiring care after school, with Stepping Stones already engaging in discussion with some of our current Teacher Assistants to be included in the care program, providing a safe and friendly face for our students.

I pray that you take the time to enjoy the season we are in leading up to Christmas and the end of the school year. Spend time with families and loved ones, whilst also remembering the gift of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

PRIMARY CAMPUS

PRIMARY UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT WEEK

Monday 10 December

P-6 Orientation – 9:15-10:30am

Wednesday 12 December

K-6 Botanical Gardens Excursion

Thursday 13 December

Year 6 Graduation Assembly

1:30-3:00pm

Friday 14 December

Year 6 Activity Day

Friday 14 December

Year 5 School Captain Speeches

FINAL WEEK

Monday 17 December

Kinder Nativity Play – 6:00-7:00pm

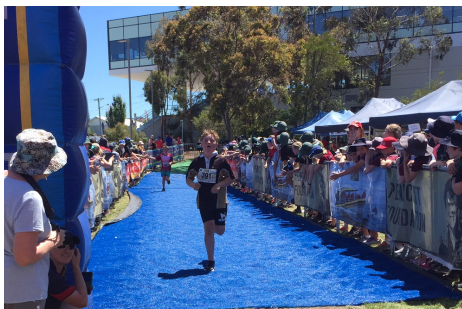
Tuesday 18 December

Final Assembly – 1:30-3:00pm

Wednesday 19 December

K-6 Picnic Day (final day for students)

PRIMARY SCHOOLS TRIATHLON 2018 PHOTOS



PRIMARY TERM 4

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

10 Dec	Year 7 (2019) Orientation Day
12-14 Dec	Year 9 Camp
18 Dec	Graduation/Thanksgiving Service

TERM DATES

TERM 4

Monday 15 October

Wednesday 19 December

After
School Care
2019

Stepping Stones
Children's Services
"we're sharing the care"



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 information please contact:
Stepping Stones Children's Services
1300 665 699 or admin@sharingthecare.com.au**

Year 2 have been learning about 'The Circle of Life'. While life may go on infinitely, each living thing on God's Earth has a beginning and an end, with different stages throughout it. Last Tuesday parents were invited to come in and listen to students show their work on different animals, their life-cycle and more. This was a great opportunity for the students to share what they had learnt in this unit. Our guests were asking various questions from our little experts! Well done Year Two.

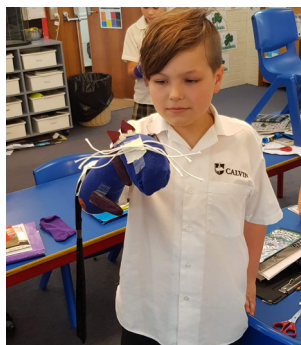
Whilst researching life, we also discussed the impact we have on God's creatures and their habitats. We had Theresa visit us from Ten Lives, explaining to us how cats affect the environment.

Students played a chance game to model how quickly cats breed, resulting in a horrendous amount of feral cats. From this, students came to understand how it is our responsibility to ensure that there are less of them for the sake of our wildlife.

Each student made a sock puppet showing a number of special physical features which a cat has. Some include:

- Moveable ears to listen to sounds from different directions
- Whiskers as sensors, so they can work out whether they can fit through a space safely
- Eyes with a third eyelid, so that they can protect their eyes, but still see!
- Paws with pads and retractable claws for protection
- A tail to help them balance

Heather McCallum



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

SECONDARY SCHOOLS TRIATHLON 2018

The rescheduled Schools Triathlon was held on Wednesday December 5 at Bellerive Beach. The weather was perfect and Calvin was well represented throughout the grades.

Year 7 - Jordan Straatsma, Will Von Stieglitz, Mitchell Faulkner, Matilda Hartog, Heidi Hartman, Rebekah Boonstra, Alicia McConaghy, Madeline Verdouw, Sheridan Hay, Jordan Conry, Daniel Verdouw, Isaac Bosveld

Year 8 - Levi Davey, James McEwan, Finn McDowell, Blake Thurston, Caleb Verdouw, Nathan dePuit, Hamish Verdouw

Year 9 - Mia Townsend, Luke Hartog, Lauren Boonstra, Jorja Laning, Madeline Straatsma, Julia Moroni, Ben Legg

The essence of the day was all about participation with no actual times or places recorded, and all Calvin students fulfilled participating to the best of their abilities. We had a terrific day with lots of great performances in both the individual and team events.

Mr Stuart Millar
Athletics



Year 7 girls – at the finish line cheering on all the competitors as they crossed the finish line.



Jorja-Holly Laning in the individual Year 9 event finished well up in places.



James Mc Ewan took home the major spot prize - winning a bike!



SECONDARY CAMPUS

Secondary Office

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From the
PE DEPARTMENT

BASKETBALL TOPS are to be returned to the PE Department via the front office before 16 December. *Thank you*

MY STATE FILM FESTIVAL WINNER

Well done to Calvin Year 11 student Hamish Powell for winning Most Promising Filmmaker Award, Best Music Video, and the Technical Achievement Award at the MyState Student Film Festival. The films also starred Calvin students Jemma Conry and Merryn Day.

You can see Hamish's winning films on the Alacrest Studios Youtube Channel via the link www.youtube.com/user/thestudioshp



SECONDARY CAMPUS

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 (1.0 FTE)

Primary Teacher

Year 1 - Full-time (1.0 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

CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IS PART OF CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS TASMANIA

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

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: 6240 1883

Email: 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

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.