



NEWSLETTER

8 FEBRUARY 2019

On behalf of all the staff, I welcome everyone to the 2019 school year.

'Relying on grace alone we pray that God will bless our efforts so that there will be a rich harvest from the seed we sow.'

So proffered the founding Principal O. J. Hofman at the occasion of the official opening of Calvin Christian School on the 20th January 1962.

I have been privileged to speak with many of those men and women who were associated with the founding of this school. They were folk who loved Christ and laboured to bless others through significant personal sacrifice. It seems to me that they never thought of themselves, but were committed to the cause of advancing Christian education. They balanced the commitment to their own children with the call to serve the children of future generations.

There are many aspects to the rich harvest referenced by O. J. Hofman. I am sure that two of them were the expression of an authentic faith, and the expansion of the influence of Christian Education.

Many of these men and women who founded Calvin as the first school of its kind in Australia lived to see over 80 schools adopt its founding principles. Today these schools serve over 20,000 students and their parents.

Calvin is prospering and having something of a harvest. Last year we concluded with a total enrolment of 486 students. We commence this year with 525 confirmed enrolments. That influx of 39 students is almost a 10% increase since December. I am certain that our Founders would regard this increase as a wonderful expansion of the influence of Christian education. This is a rich harvest in a numerical sense. It is a harvest of God's most precious resource, people.

These people are also seeds for our school to nurture. The maturity they achieve over time will itself be a harvest. Their influence will be multiplied many times.

This next harvest in the future is influenced by the combined influence of school and parents.

We continue to rely on God's grace. We must always remember that

'Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

2 It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep'. Psalm 127:1–2

We must give thanks for the blessings and provision that God has provided to our community. As we embark on this new year, we know that there is much to which we must adapt and adjust. We have the challenge, as individuals and as a community, of living our faith with authenticity. We have the challenge of nurturing the seed to be a providential harvest for the Kingdom of God.

Let us begin with enthusiasm, grace and faith.

Blessings, Iain Belôt In this issue...

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From the Deputy Principal - Primary

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome back to Calvin for the 2019 school year. I pray that all families have had a blessed and relaxed holiday and students have settled in to the new school year. I'd like to make a special welcome to our 22 students who have begun their educational journey in Kindergarten and the 25 new students that have started in Prep to Year 6. After our first school assembly on Tuesday, February 12, we will be having a morning tea to welcome our new families. All families, new and old, are welcome to attend this event to help welcome new families into our school community.

On Friday, **February 15**, we would like to invite all families to attend our **Welcome BBQ and Class Meetings**. On this night, parents will get the opportunity to meet with their children's teachers around some BBQ food and then have the opportunity to attend a meeting to gain an overview of the year, including camps and planned excursions. The Year 1/2 and 5/6 classes will meet together to discuss joint initiatives and then break up into their individual class groups. Class meetings will run from 5:00pm through to 6:30pm. Please see the information letter emailed out earlier this week for more information. Thank you to the School Council for their donation of food for the BBQ.

All other key dates for the school year can be found on the Calvin Christian School website calvin.tas.edu.au/calendar. The freshly updated Parent Information Handbook can be found calvin.tas.edu.au/parents. Please take the time to look through this handbook to find policy information on uniform, allergy awareness and homework, along with information on school times, key dates, music tuition and more.

This year, our theme in the Primary School is **Attitude Matters**. We want to encourage students to take ownership of their learning, behaviour and relationships, understanding that they have a choice of how they react when they come up against obstacles or difficult circumstances. This is true in the 6 hours they spend at school from Monday to Friday, but also extends into their life outside these times. We will be drawing on our school motto 'Be Your Best', and also unpacking the fruits of the Spirit in our classroom learning environment. Galatians 5:22-23 states 'but the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.' Instilling these values into our students will only create positive outcomes.

In 2019 we have been blessed with the addition of **five new teachers in the Primary School**. They will all add immense value to the education of our student's at Calvin Christian School. It is my pleasure to welcome Mrs Christina Flinn, teaching Kindergarten, Mrs Anne-Petra Green, teaching Year 1/2, Mrs Colleen Anning, teaching Year 4, Mrs Bronwyn Hofman, teaching Year 5/6 and Mrs Belinda McDermott, teaching Music for students in K-4.

I am very pleased to announce that our **After School Care** in 2019 will be provided by **Stepping Stones Children's Services**. They have a strong reputation in the local community and successfully provide Day Care and After School Care in Margate. To find out more information or to make a booking please contact Stepping Stones on 1300 665 699 or admin@sharingthecare.com.au.

Again, welcome back to our 2019 school year. I look forward to the educational journey that we will take in partnership with you this year.

Andrew Nash Deputy Principal





PRIMARY CAMPUS

You're Invited to the New Primary Parents



Tuesday 12 February

Morning Tea will be served in the Primary School Library straight after the Assembly.

We encourage 'old' parents to join us in welcoming new parents to our school by joining us for morning tea.





PRIMARY TERM 1

FEBRUARY

8/2 Kinder Parents Morning Tea

11/2 Public Holiday – Regatta Day

12/2 Primary Assembly (9:00-9:30) - Deputy Principal & Year 5/6 Pascal

12/2 Welcome Morning Tea for new families

15/2 Welcome BBQ & Class Meetings

22/2 Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival

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)

26/3 Primary Assembly – Year 4

APRIL

5/4 Years 3-6 Cross Country

9/4 Primary Assembly – Year 3

12/4 Term 1 Concludes

KEY DATES



SECONDARY TERM 1

FEBRUARY

11/2 Public Holiday - Regatta Day

18/2 Welcome BBQ and Head of Year Meetings

25/2-9/3 Dutch Exchange Program

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



NEW PRIMARY STAFF 2019

Mrs Christina Flinn - Kindergarten.



Mrs Bronwyn Hofman - Year 5/6.



Mrs Belinda McDermott - Music for students in K-4.



Mrs Colleen Anning - Year 4.



Mrs Anne-Petra Green - Year 1/2.

PRIMARY CAMPUS

Primary Office

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

School Absentees

Primary School Absentees 6229 3814 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.

9:00am-10:30 am

Where: Kindergarten room

NUT AWARE SCHOOL

REMINDER

A reminder to parents that we are a **NUT AWARE SCHOOL** this means children are not permitted to bring food with Nutella in it to school. For details of this policy (and much more) please download a copy of the Calvin Primary School Handbook available from the Calvin website calvin.tas.edu.au/parents This Handbook is also available from the School Office by Request.

CALVIN PRIMARY SCHOOL HANDBOOK

The Calvin Primary School Handbook is now available for download from the Calvin Website <u>calvin.tas.edu.au/parents</u> The Handbook is essential reading for all Calvin Primary Parents. If you would like a printed copy please let us know at the School Office.

SECONDARY SWIMMING CARNIVAL



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 on 0423 003 495 or by email: bstraatsma@calvin.tas.edu.au

CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAM 2019

Expressions of interest will be available from Tuesday for students to sign up.

Options are:

- Robotics / STEM
- Strategic Board Games
- Volleyball
- Woodwork
- Debating
- General Fitness
- Philosophy 101
- Student Theatre Company
- Soccer Skills
- Basketball
- Creative Writing
- Mosaic
- Winter Hats
- Swimming
- First Aid
- Women's Self Defence

There are also planned activities on alternate days as "over and above" the Thursday co-curricular programme.

These are:

- 7s Rugby for boys Grade 9 and 10 (U16) (Tuesday afternoons)
- Sailing (Tuesday)
- Kayaking (Tuesday group and Wednesday group)
- Jazz Ensemble (Tuesday afternoons)
- Concert Band (Wednesday afternoons)

Ken Holloway Director of Operations

SECONDARY CAMPUS

Secondary Office

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

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INFORMATION COLLECTION NOTICE



For parents/guardians of students:

2019 Student Residential Address and Other Information collection notice

This notice is from the Australian Government Department of Education and Training (the department), to advise you that the department has requested that your child's school provide a statement of addresses, in accordance with the Australian Education Regulation 2013 (Cth) (Regulation).

A statement of addresses contains the following information about each student at the school:

- Student residential address (not student names)
- Student level of education (i.e. whether the student is a primary or secondary student)
- Student boarding school status (i.e. whether the student is boarding or a day student)
- Names and residential addresses of students' parent(s) and/or guardian(s)

Schools generate a record number for each student for the purposes of this collection, which is also provided to the department.

Purpose of the collection

This collection is routinely used to inform Commonwealth school education policy, and to help ensure that Commonwealth funding arrangements for non-government schools are based on need, and are fair and transparent.

On 20 September 2018 the Government announced that it will implement a new, improved capacity to contribute methodology used in the calculation of the Commonwealth's needs-based funding arrangements for non-government schools. This follows a review of the existing socio-economic status (SES) score methodology by the National School Resourcing Board. Further information about the review and the Government's response can be found here: https://www.education.gov.au/review-socio-economic-status-ses-score-methodology.

The information collected in the *statement of addresses* will be used to refine the new capacity to contribute methodology and may also be used in school funding calculations from 2020.

Use and disclosure of personal information

Your personal information is protected by law, including the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth). Any use and disclosure of your personal information relating to the *statement of addresses* will occur in accordance with the Regulation.

Your personal information may be used by the department, or disclosed to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), for the purposes of SES score policy development, reviewing SES score methodology, calculating SES scores, Commonwealth school education policy development (including school funding), or where it is otherwise required or authorised by law.

For example, your personal information may be provided to the ABS for statistical and research purposes, which includes data integration projects such as the Multi-Agency Data Integration Project (MADIP). Further information on the MADIP can be found here:

http://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/4a256353001af3ed4b2562bb00121564/9099c77cb979d558ca258198001b27a0/\$FILE/MADIP%20iPIA 2018.pdf.

The department may, from time to time, carry out audits of school submissions. In the event of an audit, contracted auditors may seek to compare a school's *statement of addresses* with student enrolment information held by the school. These contractors will not use the information for any other purpose.

The department may also be required to disclose your personal information to its service providers, including the Australian Government Department of Jobs and Small Business, for the purposes of the provision of information and communications technology (ICT) support services to the department.

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

School Uniform Shop

Secondary Campus 6240 1883 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.

