



# **NEWSLETTER**

#### 9 NOVEMBER 2018

#### Dear Parents and Carers

Placing Christ at the centre of our world has a powerful effect on our perspective.

The wartime maxim that, "there are no atheists in foxholes" attests to the heightened state of spirituality amidst conflict. The statement captures the notion that the presence of danger and the imminence of death create a reality that makes the spiritual realm immediate and accessible. Life in war is significantly different to daily existence in peacetime.

I have had occasion to attend some funerals where there was no Christian framework within which to explain death. What was apparent on these occasions was either the brutal finality of a hopeless silence, or some idyllic future state being substituted for heaven. Vague, but heartfelt notions of "in the future" or "we will be together again one day" epitomised the emotional and spiritual longing that reached for the truth that the intellect of these folk would not permit. Generally, even in these situations, there are very few atheists in 'foxholes'.

Remembrance Day challenges us to connect the dots between the motivations, values and experience of those who served in wars and the relevance of this to our tranquil peacetime experience. All the moments of remembrance, be they in April, November or around personal experiences, call for us to interrogate our life in comparison to others. These moments are a call to the great central truths of the human experience. These ceremonies scream to us the question from our forebears, "What do you believe?" Most powerfully they also challenge, "Do you still believe what we did?" Why else would we say, "Lest We Forget."

#### Well do we remember?

This week at our Remembrance commemoration in the Secondary school, Mr Don Butler brought this very challenge to our students in Years 6 to 12. He asked them to consider what events had occurred prior to their lives that had enabled them to be able to stand around our flagpole so safely amidst a multitude of freedoms. He did challenge them not to just listen to the bugle, watch the flag, and hear the ode. His call was to consider the values base behind these moments, as well as to investigate the beliefs that underpin the actual ceremonies themselves.

Don Bulter knows Calvin, knows war, and lives Christ. Mr Butler was Principal of Calvin Primary School for eight years. He fought in Vietnam, recently receiving a unit citation for gallantry in battle. He is a man of the Kingdom of God who has lived in both literal and symbolic foxholes. It was an honour to have him in the school again. He spoke with wisdom and eloquence. It was a blessing to see the students engage with his words. Here is a man who can attest to the reality of

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#### From the Principal - Mr Iain Belôt

Christ centered life in the Kingdom of God, be it in battle, classroom or office.

I would ask us all to consider the challenge posed by Mr Butler.

Lest We Forget.

lain Belôt Principal





#### PRIMARY TERM 4

14 Nov Huon/Channel Athletics 3-6

15 Nov Assembly - Year 2

23 Nov Prmary Triathalon - Bellerive Beach

29 Nov Assembly - Year I6 Dec Assembly - Prep

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**

14 Nov TASC 3 Art Exhibition

14 Nov CEN Athletics

21 Nov Year 7 Orientation Evening

22 Nov Year 10 Op Shop Ball

22 Nov Secondary Triathalon - Bellerive Beach

26-30 Nov Year 10 Work Experience

10 Dec Year 7 (2019) Orientation Day

12-14 Dec Year 9 Camp

# TERM DATES

#### **TERM 4**

Monday 15 October
Wednesday 19 December

#### From the Deputy Principal - Primary

Dear Parents and Families.

This Sunday, Abi Veryard and Sam El-Tahche will be representing Calvin Christian School at the Remembrance Day service at Kingston Beach. On Remembrance Day we take time to honour the men and women who have served in the military and who have fought to defend our freedom. We enjoy a lot of freedom. We are free to come to school, free to go to church and free to choose what we want to be when we grow up. We are free to choose most of the things that affect our daily lives.

We should feel very blessed by the freedom that we have in Australia. Days like Remembrance Day are a chance for us to remember that freedom isn't free. Someone had to pay a price for us to have the freedom that we enjoy today. This Sunday will mark 100 years since the end of World War I. Following the selfless example of Jesus, many men and women lost their lives during this war to protect our freedom and allow us to live as we do today. These are the ones that we honour as we celebrate Remembrance Day.

At Calvin, we all strive to be our best. On Wednesday, our Kinder to Year 2 students challenged themselves to achieve their best at our athletics carnival. They greatly impressed me with their effort and determination, taking part in events such as the 60 & 80 metre sprint, hurdles and relays. There was a strong focus on participation, with the inclusion of novelty events such as the sack race, egg and spoon race and even a teddy bear race for the Kindergarten students!

In true Tassie style, we experienced a range of weather conditions, but were largely blessed with the sun shining for a majority of the day. Students finished the carnival with a rotation of field events including frisbee, vortex, long jump and an obstacle course. We were very appreciative of the parents who came to support our students at the carnival. A special thank you to the parents who volunteered to help with timing, judging of places and ribbon distribution.

As well as sporting events, students at Calvin get the opportunity to display their talent and ability academically. During Term 2 and 3, 42 of our students took on the challenge to achieve their best in a range of ICAS Tests. Students worked across tests in English, Maths, Science, Writing and Spelling. All students who participated will receive a personalised certificate and summary of their performance in each test. These certificates will be collated into envelopes to keep them safe and sent home with students in the coming weeks. In assembly this week, we acknowledged 26 students who received a rating of distinction or high distinction in their testing. These results put them in the top 10% of students for their year level in Australia! On top of that, we also had four tests where students achieved the highest score in Tasmania for their year level and received an ICAS medal. These students were:

Joshua Pohle – Year 3 Science
Matilda Lange – Year 3 Spelling and Year 3 Writing
Fraser Conry – Year 5 Writing

We offer our congratulations to these three students, and to all 42 students who participated in the testing process.

#### Andrew Nash

# PRIMARY CAMPUS





Mr Nash and Mr Belôt, with ICAS Medal winners; Joshua Pohle, Matilda Lange, and Fraser Conry

# YEAR K-2 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

# PRIMARY CAMPUS

































#### YEAR 6

Last term, on the 20th September, Year 6 went on a bushwalk excursion to Mount Wellington planned and led by the 11/12 Outdoor Leadership students. It was an opportunity to enjoy a beautiful part of the state while being physically challenged, supporting each other and developing wilderness travel skills.

We walked on the part of the mountain between The Springs and Fern Tree, including a waterfall visit. Grade 6 would like to thank Justin Boks for organising the bushwalk and for giving us this opportunity. We would also like to thank the other outdoor education students for helping and taking small groups throughout the walk. A big 'thanks' must go to Henry Nugteren who drove the bus and gave us great insight into the history of the area.

Mr Isaac Smith Year 6 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

#### **HISTORY CHALLENGE WINNERS**

Last night Calvin History Challenge students were presented with their medals at a ceremony at the Executive Building. The Honourable Will Hodgman Premier of Tasmania presented the awards. Year 10 student, James Tyers was awarded the State's Young Historian of the Year. Winning students will travel to Canberra in early December to attend the National Awards.

Well done to all our amazing students!



The Honourable Will Hodgman MP Premier of Tasmania, with Calvin History Challenge students at last night's award ceremony.



Year 10 student James Tyers with History teacher, Sue Newitt, Head of Students, Stelle Carmichael and Head of Humanities, Helen

# You are invited to the TASC2&3 Art Students **ART EXHIBITION OPEN DAY** Wednesday 14 November 2018 Exhibition open to the public during school hours **E**CALVIN

#### SECONDARY

#### **Secondary Office**

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

#### **School Absentees**

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#### **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: 03 40 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 - 3:00pm  |
|------------------|------------------|
| 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 |
|---------------|----------|------------|---------------|
| Tuesday F Feb | 0.200    | 1.00 pm    |               |

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.