



CALVIN

Weekly Newsletter

Learning Life. Together.



Friday 13 May 2016

From the Principal

I wish to publically thank the work of the School Council and Mrs Denice Walter in conceiving and planning for the visit of Melinda Tankard-Reist to our school, and Hobart.

This initiative by our School Council wonderfully demonstrates their commitment to positively impacting both our school and the Hobart community.

As parents, they enjoy the benefits that the current social culture provides to their children. They also have to combat the assaults against their children that this same culture makes.

The expression of my concerns simply adds to their existing concerns. They have listened to my reports regarding the challenges to our youth in these changing times. I have lamented about the interpersonal atrocities that have been enacted through photos, texts, websites and Facebook accounts. These atrocities have shattered parental perceptions of innocence, scared reputations, and strained parent-child relationships.

Council's response was to organise Melinda Tankard-Reist to speak at our school. It has been a powerful, practical and transforming action.

The members of School Council and I think that parents have a role in prompting the conversation about the issues that affect our young people.

These conversations need to be:

- More concerted;
- More informed;
- More regular; and,
- More evident.

People need to have the proper revelation about what is happening. People also need to have an accurate vision of a wellness alternative.

Within our curriculum planning we are currently discussing the establishment of an outstanding Health curriculum. Our orientation is to present a wellness model. It is worthy to remember that

when the FBI teach its operatives how to detect counterfeit currency they only ever show the trainees the perfect note. They study the ideal so thoroughly that it is easy to identify the forgery.

Melinda Tankard-Reist provided the revelation about the rampant sexualisation of girls and the objectification of women, as well as a strong message about the nature of positive relationships. Melinda spoke to the K-12 staff on Monday afternoon for over an hour. She made presentations to all girls in Year 9 to 12, and then also to all boys from Year 10 to 12. I delivered an age appropriate message to the Year 9 boys on attitudes to women. Following these presentations a number of students encouraged their parents to attend Melinda's evening talk at UTAS.

These presentations have had a very significant impact on the conversations and attitudes in our community. They have prompted a number of personal changes and called some student groups to action.

The ideas that Melinda presented to us have assisted us on our journey to transformation and maturity. For those who wish to learn more about Melinda's work and publications please access Melinda's website, <http://melindatankardreist.com>

Staff Resignation

I am informing the community that Mr Neil Walker, has indicated that he will not be returning to Calvin after his long service leave concludes.

Mr Walker has taught at the school since 1991. He has delivered great service to the school through a large number of positions and responsibilities. We will have an opportunity to farewell and thank Mr Walker later in the year. I thank Mr Walker for his commitment to the school and wish him well in his future endeavours.

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NAPLAN TESTING

This week has been full of anticipation as our Year 3's, 5's, 7's and 9's all completed the NAPLAN tests. For the Year 3's this was their first experience at NAPLAN and they all worked exceptionally well. It was great to see so many students put their best foot forward. Whatever the results, we are proud of the courage and effort that our students displayed at doing their best.

NO DOG POLICY

The Primary School has adopted a no dog policy this year. While we love and appreciate dogs some of our children become overcome with anxiety and fear. Consequently, they tend to struggle to settle back into class. As a school, it is our duty of care to provide a safe environment for all students. Therefore, we ask that you leave your dogs at home.



CALVIN AND CHANNEL CROSS COUNTRY

The rapidly cooling weather provides the perfect timing for our school Cross Country. Our Year 3-6 students will join with Channel Christian School and race together on Tuesday, 17 May. This will be held at Channel Christian School. Students are expected to wear their House colours.

The Year 3-6 race times are as follows.

- 11:40 Grade 4 Boys
- 11:45 Grade 4 Girls
- 12:00 Grade 3 Boys
- 12:05 Grade 3 Girls
- 12:20 Grade 5 Boys
- 12:25 Grade 5 Girls
- 12:40 Grade 6 Boys
- 12:45 Grade 6 Girls
- 1:00 Presentation of medallions

Our wonderful Kinder – Year 2 students will compete in their Cross Country on the Calvin Primary Oval on Friday, 20 May.

The Kinder – Year 2 race times are as follows.

- 1:30 Prep Boys
- 1:35 Prep Girls
- 1:45 Kinder Boys
- 1:50 Kinder Girls
- 2:00 Year 1 Boys
- 2:05 Year 1 Girls
- 2:15 Year 2 Boys
- 2:20 Year 2 Girls



We look forward to a wonderful time and seeing you all there.

 SCHOLASTIC
BOOK FAIRS



Our Scholastic Book Fair is back!

Reading is the most important skill you can teach a child! It is the one you can influence the most and it's the door opener to future learning and success down the road for our children. Our Book Fair is part of a reading event that brings to school a wonderful selection of fun, engaging, and affordable books children want to read. Giving children access to good books and the opportunity to choose books will motivate them to read more!

This coming week the Library will be open from Monday - Thursday for parents and students to purchase new books from Scholastics. You have two weeks to explore and decide what you would like to purchase.

Library hours are 8:30-3:30pm for students. Parents you are welcome before or after school.

May is National Family Reading Month!

National Family Reading Month is designed to get more kids reading with their families.

Family reading time is one of the BEST ways to grow a child's interest in the wonderful world of books.

**Read More
in May**

Scholastic Book Fairs





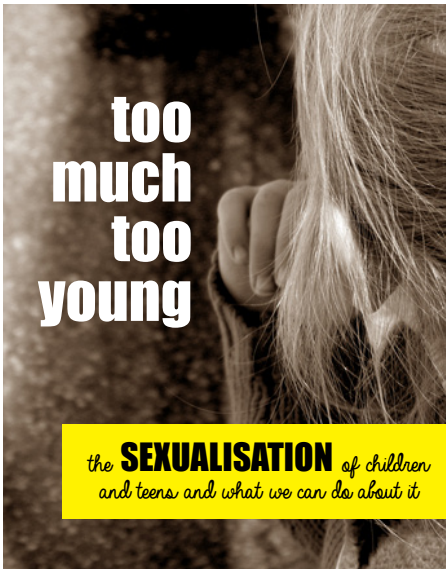
TOO MUCH TOO YOUNG FORUM

People flocked to The Stanley Burbury Theatre at UTAS on Wednesday night to listen to the presentation “Too Much Too Young” by Melinda Tankard-Reist on the sexualisation of our children and teens, and what we can do about it. Calvin Christian School Council sponsored the community event, and with over 300 people attending, it is clearly an area of concern for many.

Many of the people who attended stated afterwards that they felt “informed”, “amazed”, “shocked”, “angry” and “enlightened” regarding the level of sexualisation our children and teens are experiencing in today’s culture. Melinda clearly and undeniably demonstrated that this attack is not hidden in dark alley ways, nor is it buried in the back of some shady store. Rather it is very mainstream in our society and is there for all to see and access. She also challenged us to not accept this, but to use our voices, both individually and collectively, to affect positive change.

Calvin Christian School Council plans to continue holding events such as these, as it is one of our responsibilities that we take very seriously. We would like to acknowledge that this event was initiated by Denice Walters, and thank her for this. We are very grateful to all people who assisted in making this event as successful as it was.

We trust and pray that this will be the beginning of many more conversations we have as a community on how we can best support and care for our children.



ADF CAREERS COME TO CALVIN

Students from Secondary and Upper Primary school had the opportunity to explore an ASLAV vehicle on Monday morning. The crew were on hand to answer the numerous questions from students about the vehicle as well as the armed forces. Students were fascinated to find out that the ASLAV is an amphibious vehicle, being able to travel on land and sea.



ADF GAP YEAR

CALL 13 19 01 OR VISIT DEFENCE.JOBS.GOV.AU/GAPYEAR



ADF GAP YEAR applications are closing soon

Students can still apply to experience their Gap Year in the Navy, Army or Air Force.

- Details of all the Gap Year roles are available at defencejobs.gov.au/gapyear
- Employment commences early 2017
- Applicants must have completed Year 12 and be aged between 18 and 24 as of 1 April 2017 (Navy), 31 May 2017 (Army), or 7 April 2017 (Air Force).
- Call 13 19 01 for more information



Australian Korea Club

Australia Korea Club (AKC) is back, Calvin Secondary is going to South Korea!

Calvin Secondary and Imae Middle School from Seoul, South Korea, enjoy a seven year history of cultural exchanges. 2016 is Calvin's turn to send an AKC team to Imae Middle School for a week of Korean cultural learning and a school week of international homestay.

The Australia Korea Club (AKC) tour is open to current Calvin Year 7 – 10 students. Planned travel dates are 5 – 18 October (depending on flights). We are able to take up to 20 students, and parents are also most welcome.



**A parent information meeting will be held on
Thursday 19 May at 3.30 – 4.30pm in the Library's Conference room.**

An expression of interest note will also be sent home for parents to read and express their interest.

HOUSING & DESIGN 3 THE SUSTAINABILITY CENTRE, MT NELSON

On 27th April, the Housing & Design 3 senior class visited the Sustainability Centre at Mt Nelson, as part of their study into passive solar design.

Students enjoyed a tour of the Government funded architecturally designed centre, to see first hand, how this building promotes environmental sustainability using renewable and natural resources like sunlight, rainwater and cooking oil to make it an energy efficient building, designed specifically to have minimal impact on the environment.

The students were inspired by the use of recycled materials and the architectural smart design that makes use of natural day light and ventilation to reduce energy consumption.



YEARS SEVEN & EIGHT PRESENT

2016 SHOWCASE

TRIMESTER
ONE

CHANGE
OF
DATE

MONDAY 16TH MAY 2016

CREATIVE ARTS
& TECHNOLOGIES

DESIGNTECH VISUALART DRAMA DIGITALTECH MUSIC FOODTECH

6.30PM FOR YEAR SEVEN | 7.30PM FOR YEAR EIGHT

- PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE -



for more information contact
admin@calvin.tas.edu.au or (03) 6229 4829



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CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Calvin Christian School is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified practising Christians for the following positions.

Teachers Aide

and

Relief Teacher

For any inquiries please contact
Mr Caleb Cooper
Deputy Principal - Curriculum and Learning
on ccooper@calvin.tas.edu.au

Please contact Fiona de Kievit in the
Secondary School office on admin@calvin.tas.edu.au
or 6229 4829 for an application package

Calvin's Senior Drama Class
Presents

POXED

By Stella Kent

*Directed by Emily Di Pretoro
At the Performing Arts Centre*

Thursday 26th May

10am | Free Entry

Friday 27th May

7pm | \$10 Adults

Students/Seniors
Gold Coin
Door Sales Only

*The witty and
inspiring tale
of one woman's fight
to save lives
& the men who loved her*

