

# Channel Soundings

**Term 3 - 4 September 2019**

## **From the Principal**

As a community we are continuing to pursue our deep hope for our students and ourselves:

*“to develop a heart for others”*

I have had many conversations with groups and individual students around “expressing words”. This is another thread, or lens, through which we are able to deliver the curriculum in many areas. Written and spoken words carry infinite significance. Jesus is the ultimate example of this and throughout the bible we see Him using His words to speak truth and life to others. He used words to create, heal, cast out demons, teach, guide, cast judgement and encourage. Words, written or spoken, are an expression of the condition of our hearts. We therefore need to be guarding and examining our speech, using our gift of speech and language for the glory of God.

Questions we ask our students and ourselves:

- Why are words so powerful?
- Does “freedom of speech” mean we can say anything we like?
- What is the connection between what we think, feel and say?

Are we educating our students on how to speak the truth in love, when to speak and when to keep silent?

Do our classrooms allow for more enriching student conversation rather than teacher talk?

*“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen”.* Ephesians 4:29

God bless,  
Margaret Louw  
Principal



## **Events Coming Up**

- Hot Lunch - **Hamburgers** - *Thurs 5 Sept*
- Lego Competition - *Mon 16 Sept*
- Jump Rope for Heart - *Thur 19 Sept*
- Grandparents' Day - *Thur 19 Sept (NEW Date)*
- AFL Footy Fun Day - *Fri 27 Sept*

## **Grandparents' Day**

In the last few newsletters we listed Grandparents' Day as Tuesday 17 September. As some staff are unavailable on that day we are moving it to **Thursday 19 September**, so that we can all experience a more rich opportunity with music, art and skipping displays. I hope this small change does not cause any inconvenience. We acknowledge that not all children have a grandparent who is able to attend. We therefore open this day up to any other significant 'older person' in your child's life.

Invitations have gone home today for you (your child) to hand out to those they would like to invite.



## **NZ Playhouse Theatre**

Calvin and Channel (Kinder - Year 4) students were blessed by a performance by the New Zealand Playhouse called “The Tortoise and the Hare”. This adventurous and interactive adaptation of Aesop's beloved fable had all our students (and teachers) laughing and learning about diversity, kindness and how to be a real winner. The Gingerbread Man and Humpty Dumpty made a surprise appearance in the show. These performances are a great way for teachers to observe students' responses to drama.

Thank you Calvin Christian School for inviting us to join you.



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### Year 3/4 Excursion

On Wednesday Year 3/4 went on an action-packed day of learning! Our first stop was the Medical Science Precinct, where we met scientists from the Wicking Dementia Research & Education Centre. We learned about the different parts of our brain, looked at some brain cells up close under a microscope, tested our senses, our balance AND tricked our brains with some optical illusions!

Our next stop was TMAG. We had a guided tour of the Ningina Tunapri Gallery. We learned about what life was like in Tasmania before European settlement, how Tasmanian Aboriginal nations used the land for food and shelter and that it is important to learn about our history. We learned SO much and are grateful to Wicking Dementia Centre and Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery for hosting us.



### Lego Competition

It's lego competition time again! Our school is having our annual lego competition on the **16 of September**. Your lego creation must be no larger than 52cm x 52cm x 52cm. It must be your own work and design with only minimal assistance. There will be a category for each class. And for the first time we're having a parents competition!



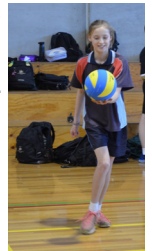
### Hobart Hurricanes

Get on board the Cane Train! Students were treated to a visit by the Hobart Hurricanes who blew into school on a windy Wednesday. The talented cricketers went through some catching drills with students, answered some deeply personal questions and signed autographs. A big thanks to the Hurricanes for taking the time to visit our fantastic school!



### Volleyball Carnival

On Tuesday the Year 5/6 class went to the Kingborough Sports Centre to compete in a Volleyball tournament against many other schools from the Huon and Channel area. Channel was represented by three teams, captained by Huw, Ava and Josiah. Each team played around ten games (of seven minutes each) to try and achieve the highest score. For most Channel students it was only their second time of playing competitive volleyball. The students can be proud of the way they played their best while applying new skills in serving, spiking and blocking. It was a great day of volleyball fun and making friends from other schools.



### Gymnastics Timetable - Next 3 Weeks

Tue 10/9	Tue 17/9	Tue 24/9
Year 3/4 1:30-2:50pm	Year 3/4 1:30-2:50pm	Year 3/4 1:30-2:50pm

#### Prayer Points

There continues to be a lot of sickness around. Pray for protection and quick healing for our school community. Planning for 2020 is well under way, please pray for Godly wisdom as decisions need to be made in line with our school's purpose statement.

#### Praise Points

Our grounds and buildings continue to look well cared for. Praise God for Mr Mike Harrison who diligently, capably and passionately does his work three days a week here at Channel.