



# Calvin Secondary School

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## Revered teacher retires

CALVIN has farewelled its longest serving teacher at an assembly that ended with a standing ovation.

After a teaching career spanning 42 years, Mr Jack Kuilenburg, a highly respected teacher, has retired from teaching at Calvin Secondary.

In his farewell speech, Mr Kuilenburg did not exalt himself, which he easily could have done, but in his usual humble way asked for forgiveness from anyone he had hurt or offended.

Mr Kuilenburg's teaching career started in 1964 at Hobart College. He taught there for four years. He then travelled to Canada, where he



**SEND-OFF:** Calvin farewells Mr Kuilenburg

taught in a high school for eight years and at university for two years.

In 1975, he was asked to return to Tasmania and establish the Secondary School

at Calvin. He started teaching here in 1976.

Despite leaving, Mr Kuilenburg says that he will still come and visit the students to say hello. He would also like to do some relief teaching once in a while.

At Calvin, Mr Kuilenburg established a great respect from students and teachers, helping mould Calvin into the school it is today. Being synonymous with the school, he will never be forgotten, the respect for him even continuing in his absence.

One of his past students, Mr Warren Iles, now also a teacher at Calvin said: "Jack always commanded respect in his classroom. In his class you worked hard and got the best

out of yourself. It has been a privilege to be taught by Jack and then be able to work alongside him at Calvin."

Katrina Sikkema, a Year 10 student said: "He always pushed you to your highest potential and ensured that he got the best possible marks out of each one of us. I'm going to miss him greatly."

Principal Mr Ric Peterson referred to Mr Kuilenburg's retirement as like being at Donald Bradman's last innings or seeing Haley's Comet.

"If you think about Calvin, you think about Mr Kuilenburg. If you think about Mr Kuilenburg, you think about Calvin," he said.

### IN BRIEF

#### Oliebollen

Once a year Calvin hosts the Oliebollen Festival, named for the famous Dutch delicacy. Oliebollen is open for the public to come and enjoy the food, rides, secondhand goods, plants and produce, woodchopping, musical entertainment and of course the oliebollen. This year's Oliebollen Festival will be held on Saturday October 8 in the Secondary School grounds.

#### Open Night

Calvin will be having its annual open night on Tuesday July 19, from 4:30 to 7:00 pm. It will be an excellent opportunity for the public and parents to see what the students have been doing throughout the school year. There will be various activities taking place around the school, including musical items and science experiments. It will be an exciting evening and we hope to see you there.

#### Information

An Information Night for Year 10 and 11 students who are considering enrolling at Calvin next year will be held next Wednesday.

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## Support for Balinese orphanages

CALVIN students have supported many missions over the years, World Vision, The Leprosy Mission, the Cancer Council just to name a few.

But not all have captured the imagination of the students as much as the Bali orphanages.

Calvin students have had a reputation for generous donations. In the Home Room Missions program last year students gave over \$5000.

The Bali orphanages are an example of this giving.

Besides the weekly mission collection from a Year 12 Home Room there have been a lot of extra lunchtime fundraisers, from barbeques to the sale of items of jewellery made in Bali.

It is more than apparent that all the hard work has paid off. Over \$1000 has

been raised for the orphanages, the last fundraiser raising \$200.

The organisers of the fundraising for the Bali orphanages, Year 12 students Melinda Nugteren, Frances Schuringa, Rene Birkenstock and Mel de Hoog, say that they are very happy with the student response and that all the hard work has been worth it.

It was Melinda's grandparents, both born in Indonesia, who "discovered" the seven orphanages we support and the items of jewellery sold at school are brought back by them.

Melinda says that plans for the next lunchtime fundraiser have not yet been made, though she did go to Bali recently and says that she would like to become a teacher there when she leaves school.



## Celebrating our diversity

MANUELA James would love to be a chef.

The Year 11 student, who has been attending Calvin for four years, is enjoying the opportunities her new school is offering.

She is one of seven Sudanese-born students at our school.

They are learning about our culture and we are learning about theirs.

Our Sudanese students came here after having some awful experiences but have found new hope, new friends and a new school community to welcomes them.

Having students from around the world has opened our eyes to other ways of life and how lucky we are. They have taught us more about accepting others.

We have had our eyes

opened to the blessings we take for granted here in Australia and the freedom we enjoy. It has made us realise not everyone has the privileges that our country and school community has.

We will continue to encourage and support our students and we look forward to seeing what the future holds for them.

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