

# Make Jesus Real

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## THE AMAZING PLACES MJR REACHES...

Recently I have had the opportunity to take MJR to a wide range of classrooms, staffrooms and even corporate settings. When taking a retreat for Year 9 girls, we focused on 'This is Their World' and with that comes responsibility.

I showed them the extremely powerful clip of Beyonce performing *I Was Here* at the United Nations World Humanitarian Day: <https://youtu.be/i41qWJ6QjPI>

With another group of Year 12s, I asked them the question, 'What legacy do you wish to leave at your school?' Two years ago when I did this topic the students chose to improve mental health at their school, especially 'Body Image'. This year I introduced the topic with the song *High Hopes* by Panic at the Disco, that has the challenging lyrics 'be something greater, go make a legacy'. You can find the clip at: <https://youtu.be/kILnd32F5LI>

Last week I was asked by the Tasmanian Catholic Education office to take the whole corporate team to discover the power of 'MJR - A Spiritual Compass' and especially, 'Do I see Christ in my work?' We pushed the concept that we are here to 'Serve schools through Christ's message and words, so ALL may flourish.' Many of the finance, admin and HR teams spoke to me afterwards saying that sometimes this message can get lost in the busyness of the day and we must remember that a Catholic corporate team must stand apart from other corporate teams.

The second part of this session was introducing the teams to **WEST** (Welcoming, Encouraging, able to say Sorry and Thank you). Then I really stretched them by introducing the acronym for **NORTH** (Nourishing Our Relationships Through Him) and **SOUTH** (Seeking Our Understandings Through Him). I gave them time to reflect on improving a relationship and have received many messages about how powerful and nurturing this was for them.

Lastly, I was honoured to be at a number of Reconciliation ceremonies - this stunning photo shows how connected the Reconciliation process is to Christ's message.

Marty



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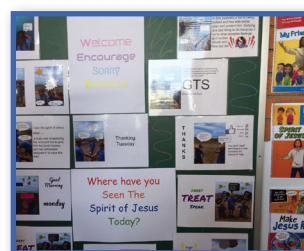
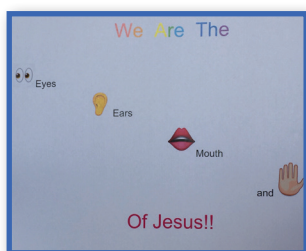


## MITCH'S TRAVELS

Mitch spent a day with **St Anthony's at Kingscliff** (10 mins from Tweed Heads).

The Principal, Lynne Pull, related a story to Mitch about a kinder boy who told her that another boy was "not living the *Spirit of Jesus* at recess". Lynne spoke to this boy about his behaviour and he said, "I will try hard to live the *Spirit of Jesus*." It's marvellous when the SOJ is going right through the school!

Below are photos from the doors leading into the Grade 5 classroom. Mitch especially liked these two posters in their display which say, *We are the eyes, ears mouth and hands of Jesus* and *This is our school, St Anthony's, where we have been called to love and service*.



## Make Jesus Real In-Service, Mandurah, WA

Mitch also spent some time in WA recently introducing MJR to some people for the first time, as well as those with more experienced MJRers. Over two weeks he presented 10 PDs, with around 400 teachers attending. Many thanks to Eugene Lee for organising them.

Below are some pictures from the PD at **Assumption School, Mandurah**. The first is of four staff who are front of the WESTIE Wall – which is a great reminder about the power of MJR and how it can change lives.



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## MITCH'S TRAVELS CONT ...

### Getting in to the Spirit of MJR

Travis Bienkowski, the Principal of **St Joseph's School in Waroona** wore this MJR shirt made for him by his staff, who dared him to wear it on the day of the PD. He is standing in front of the huge WESTIE sign at **Assumption School, Mandurah WA**.



## MJR AND THE PENTECOST SEASON

**FOUR** thoughts for you to help celebrate the Pentecost season ...

[CLICK OR TAP HERE FOR A PDF OF THESE IDEAS](#)



## LINKS

Random acts is a TV show in USA that has a huge following – you will see why.

This clip, *A Girl Without A Hand Plays on Stage with The Piano Guys* – shows that with **Grit** and help from others we can do amazing things – get the tissues out!

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=wf4Rp64RnGI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wf4Rp64RnGI)

Jason Perry from Tasmania has shared this *Dwayne Wade Commercial* with many people but it can be used in so many MJR contexts – even more tissues needed!

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=syuXV6A7O6g](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=syuXV6A7O6g)

Plastic is a problem and students are very concerned about how it affects them, the environment and animals. This clip shows an enterprising 25 year-old Indonesian producing seaweed products to replace plastic. This really fits into the creation story, and the message from Pope Francis.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=xkA9gS1ZLDs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xkA9gS1ZLDs)

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## Do You Have a Story to Tell?

The July Bulletin will be dedicated to all the super MJR work occurring around Australia.

We would like you to share your stories and/or photos – make sure you have permission to use them.

Please send them to: [marty.ogle@catholic.tas.edu.au](mailto:marty.ogle@catholic.tas.edu.au)

Plus, Gemma Thomson and myself – authors of *MJR 24/7*, will be reporting on a meeting we will be having with **Bishop Don** in Perth.

So, start sending in those stories!

## I am Blessed

Marty Ogle

'I am blessed!' is a short prayer – it contains only these three words, but has powerful and meaningful actions.

It starts with our hands together (prayer), saying 'I'

Hands out 'am'

Hands over the heart 'blessed'

Then hands up to heaven 'I'

Hands together 'am'

Hands out 'blessed'

Finish with hands on the heart 'I'

Hands up to heaven 'am'

Hands together 'blessed'.

I have used it with Kinders through to Year 12 AND THEY GET IT!

What I get from students when the hands are out is that this signifies 'helping or making better choices. Hands on the heart signifies that we must put our heart into all we do.

[CLICK OR TAP HERE TO SEE ME DOING THIS PRAYER](#)

### Live Jesus in your Hearts – FOREVER!

The MJR Team ...

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