Make Jesus Real

MARCH 2019 BULLETIN



GREETINGS FOLKS ...

From Marty Ogle in Tasmania

Welcome to all of you for this year. Sadly for some of our Australian colleagues the year has begun with floods and fires. But isn't it amazing how out of hardship, communities come together and we see and hear how 'The Spirit of Jesus' is thriving in many forms. Here in Tassie with over four weeks of bushfires and with some of our schools and homes threatened it is important to D.T.F.G. – Don't take for granted!

The fire fighters are exhausted – many of them are volunteers, fighting in oppressive conditions to help contain the walls of flames. However they just keep going, risking their lives to help others.

They volunteer in so many capacities – in the community centres set up to house those whose properties are in danger, there are an array of helpers cooking food, taking pets for walks, engaging the children in fun activities, donating goods and services. We have people picking up livestock from fire-troubled areas and taking them to their own properties until the danger is over. Doctors, vets and other medical people volunteering their time and dare I say it, 'OUR ABC' being a life line for so many by dedicating radio time to keeping everyone informed.

Please keep those in Tassie and Townsville (and other parts of Australia) in your prayers.

THE IMPORTANCE OF 'REMINDER' SIGNAGE

Michele Hayes has sent through some beautiful photos from the thriving MJR community at St Joseph The Worker in Reservoir (Vic). We all need reminding of the MJR message and these photos clearly do that. Whether it is passing on the WEST message, encouraging or remembering the work of someone who put their life and soul into a school community, signage is so important.

Why not go to the www.makejesusreal.com.au website and view past bulletins for ideas or purchase the colourful MJR banners from Garratt Publishing.





2019 MJR CONFERENCE

The 2019 MJR Conference is nearly upon us. I am getting enquiries from all over Australia about the conference to be held on the 21st & 22nd of March at The Jasper Hotel in Melbourne.

'MJRers' from all over Australia will be sharing how they incorporate the MJR message into their school communities. Day 1 will see over 15 presenters sharing how they are Making Jesus Real in their school communities. Delegates will be given a choice on Day 2 to:

- visit St Therese's Catholic Primary School (Essendon) and see MJR being taught and shared with students, or
- visit St Kevin's College (Toorak) and see the launch of the new secondary MJR resource MJR 24/7.

If you are a primary person who knows secondary teachers/ leadership/principals why not flick this bulletin on to them inviting them to attend?

For more information click here!

MJR -24/7 SECONDARY MJR RESOURCE

They have arrived!

This new journal for secondary students has been very well received by all those that see it and the online teacher guide for each of the 30 topics are being progressively uploaded to the dedicated mjr247.com.au website.

Again why not share this information with secondary friends and colleagues – this resource has been written to help teachers

- connect and develop a pastoral care relationship with their students
- help those students who have little knowledge of Jesus
- capture the attention of students with topics that are important to them, and
- importantly, continue the MJR journey for students but in a more mature manner.



USE YOUTUBE TO HELP PASS ON THE MJR MESSAGE

There are many amazing YouTube clips about Billy Monger and his NGU attitude. It doesn't matter if the students (and staff) like or dislike motor car racing the message of positivity is fantastic.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2W_hTOWMI84 - what happened. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r-qrtUjIzb0 - driving a F1 for the first time. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=reGtIKtvvC8 - driving with a world champion.

MITCH'S MUSINGS

I love what Alisha Mitchell and her students have done on the door of their classroom at our Lady of Mercy Primary School in Deloraine Tasmania. Easy enough to do... (1)

I mentioned to Marcus Donnelly, Principal of St Cuthberts a wonderful MJR school in Hobert about a sign I saw at St Peters Rockhampton which said 'St Peters is the school I have been called to serve this year'. Marcus mentioned this to his staff and after a discussion they put this sign on the Fridge door in the staff room... rarely, if ever can this be missed!

'MJR starts here'.

The strong message is the staff have to have the MJR and SOJ newsfeed to take it out to their classrooms.

Could be a thought for other staff! (2)

