Make Jesus Real

APRIL 2018 BULLETIN

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched – they must be felt with the heart."

Helen Keller



GATHERING INSPIRATION

So many students (and teachers) need to be inspired, whether to:

- Help them with their dreams.
- Get through the day.
- Find a way to B.I.Y. Believe in Yourself.

At the recent Commonwealth Games, there were so many inspirational moments, both on and off the field, pool, court or sporting arena. Even though we could see these moments, as Helen Keller states, 'it is when they touch our hearts that they become truly beautiful'.

So many athletes achieved personal bests or pushed themselves to the limit. Some amazing achievements were:

- Kathryn Mitchell (Aus) participated in three previous Commonwealth Games and had never won a medal until she won the 2018 women's javelin. She was so happy, she could hardly throw her 6th attempt due to her crying tears of happiness.
- Kurt Fearnley (Aus) the champion para-athlete who won his last ever event, the marathon, wearing the green & the gold for his country.
- Malawi's 57-53 defeat of New Zealand in the netball. This tiny nation defeated one of the top nations in netball a huge achievement!
- The 1000's of volunteers, coaches and administration staff who made it possible by giving up their time.

So why not get your students to highlight one of these or find other amazing athletes who competed including, **Edward Zakayo** (Kenya), **Bronte Campbell** (Aus), **Taylor Ruck** (Canada) and so many more.

But make sure they see the following act of sportsmanship or 'sportswomanship', when three Australian runners waited to clap and congratulate the final runner in the 10,000m.

www.abc.net.au/news/2018-04-10/commonwealth-games-athleteswait-for-final-runner-to-finish/9635536

A TRUE INSPIRATION RETIRES

A lesson or a week's focus on 'Never Give Up' is the story of Mick Fanning, a true icon of world surfing who recently retired. He is the first to admit that he made mistakes in his life and this video of his life is truly inspiring.

Follow the link below – you will be shocked at what he had to overcome to become a champion!

www.redbull.com/au-en/mick-fanning-the-goal



RESURRECTION

It is important to remind both students and ourselves that during this Easter season, Jesus is also an **INSPIRATION** to millions of Christians throughout the world.

As well as focusing on the historical Jesus, it is important to bring Jesus into the NOW and into everything we do during the day. Take a moment everyday to reflect where we have seen the inspirational message of Jesus being acted out in the classroom, in the playground or at home.

It is imperative to NAME UP these 'Spirit of Jesus' moments. It not only encourages students, but it can also be a great team building exercise – during staff meetings, have a three minute session to identify and share these special moments.

IT IS NEVER TOO EARLY TO START SPREADING THE 'SPIRIT OF JESUS' MESSAGE.

These kinders from Our Lady of Mercy, Deloraine, Tasmania, danced and sang the *Jesus is My Best Friend* song, (www.youtube.com/watch?v=tER4Jx6LyZk) and then showed me this beautiful sign they had made!

INSPIRATIONAL!



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IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

'Walk with Jesus' 2018 National MJR Conference is Ready for You!

When: Thursday May 10 - Friday May 11

Where: Sacred Heart College

2 Cross Street

New Town, Tasmania

It is definitely NOT too late to buy tickets for the MJR 'Walk with Jesus' conference.

The numbers are building to over 100+ and the conference has been geared to inspire you to share the MJR message.

As well as special speakers, a major focus is allowing MJRers around Australia to share how their class, school or community use the gospel values espoused in MJR.

So Hobart is waiting to welcome you!

Click here to buy your tickets and here to see the final program.

YOUTUBE LINKS

Some YouTube videos for passing on INSPIRATION.

Will Smith on Failure

Students of all ages really relate to Will Smith. He explains in this short clip the importance of failure in our lives.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=wFf6rhcYkXw

Matthew McConaughey

He won an Oscar for Best Actor in 2014 and gave the following inspirational speech.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lpe1zrVm7PA

Jessica Watson

She sailed solo non-stop around the world at 16 years of age. The following song with photos, depicts her 'True Spirit'.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=o1FLwY7y3Fc

Hope to catch many of you in Hobart.

Go on – ask your principal about attending this life/classroom changing <u>MJR</u> conference!

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