



# MJR Bulletin

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## APPRECIATION MONTH

MJRers do an amazing job of bringing out the best in others. So this Bulletin is about YOU!

If there was ever a moment in time to appreciate what we have – IT IS NOW.

Looking at what is occurring in Victoria (we are thinking of all our Garratt Publishing friends) and in many other parts of the world, it is time to remind ourselves and others ...

That I am Blessed e.g. lucky, fortunate.

I have created a useful activity called **Take A...** It can be done by you – for you, at a staff meeting or with your students. But, we really want to concentrate on YOU this month. [Click here to download.](#)

HERE is another activity for you.

Take a moment to listen to either, or both of these amazing songs and performances and just take it in, and appreciate it for what it is!

1. [www.youtube.com/watch?v=2cZ\\_EFAmj08](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2cZ_EFAmj08) – an amazing rendition of *Stairway to Heaven*.
2. [www.youtube.com/watch?v=qt\\_OkgSOrkU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qt_OkgSOrkU) – The Prayer.

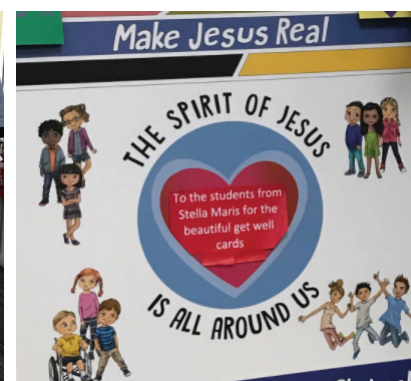
## THE SPIRIT OF JESUS POSTER

Available to download [here](#), is a wonderful MJR poster titled, *The Spirit of Jesus is All Around Us*, designed by Charmaine Peach from Garratt Publishing. In Tasmania, we had it printed as 1.2 x 1.2 metre posters for schools, and staff and students, but you can print this out on A4 or A3 sized paper.

The poster can also be used positive way to recognise *Spirit of Jesus* acts.

In Tasmania, we have been highlighting the deeds of those around us and put names/photos where the heart is, and then thanked them for whatever they have done. Recently I was in hospital, and received many cards from the students at **Stella Maris Catholic Primary School** in Burnie. So, I highlighted their kindness. An example of this can be seen above.

If you keep changing the beautiful deeds, all in the school community will continue to read the poster and be reminded that:



1. There are so many *Spirit of Jesus* moments around us
2. We can copy these to bring happiness into our and others' lives.

We have created another poster which has space for you to put names/photos and what you are thankful for.

[Download here.](#)



## EMPATHY

I have recently been using the Years 3-4 *Spirit of Jesus* and Years 5-6 *Make Jesus Real* books to focus on empathy. One of the best empathetic stories that the students relate to is the Yeronga Devils surprising their teammate with an Auslan rendition of their victory song. They not only felt for their teammate, they did something about it – Empathy in Action! A compassionate approach.

<https://thewest.com.au/sport/aflw/watch-yeronga-south-brisbane-football-team-surprises-teammate-with-auslan-rendition-of-victory-song-ng-b881633982z>

## FREE FEEDBACK TOOL

After you have completed an MJR activity, do you often wonder just how much the students have taken in from your teaching?

Why not use the *Padlet* App? The App has been revamped, is simple to use, and so easy to analyse the feedback.

I recently asked a Year 6 class two questions:

1. What are you going to take home from MJR today?
2. What is one thing you learned in the MJR lesson today?

Download their answers [here](#). (YES they did listen and hopefully will use what they learned in their lives.)

## MJR HINT of the MONTH

### MJR T-SHIRTS

- The Rockhampton Diocese MJRers came up with a MJR Shirt Design Competition. The idea was to get the students to design a teachers' MJR shirt. Here is an example of their competition poster.
- Many schools in Tasmania, rather than buy their leavers ready-made shirts, buy a blank shirt. They then ask the students to design their own Year 6 MJR Shirt depicting MJR acronyms, sayings, and the names of students in their class.



## MJR CHALLENGE

Using the blank *The Spirit of Jesus is All Around Us* poster, weekly, fortnightly or monthly, place a photo or the name of someone from your school/office who has shown the *Spirit of Jesus* in action.

Write a note of thanks, or write how much it was appreciated.

\*This great idea was thought up by Year 6 students in Tasmania.

## MJR PODCASTS

*The MJR Podcast – A GPS for Life*, is going well. It is interesting to note that students seem to be listening around 8 or 9pm at night.

The next episode is now available.

### EPISODE FOUR

*We are ALL a 'Work in Progress'.*

The **3-2-1 Activity Sheet** for this, and all episodes, can be found at the bottom of the [Resources Page](#) of the [MJR website HERE](#).

To listen to this episode, or previous *MJR Podcasts* go to:

#### Spotify:

<https://open.spotify.com/show/4VDJEOCL2UVvL7AqPX91Y>

#### iTunes:

<https://podcasts.apple.com/au/podcast/the-mjr-podcast-a-gps-for-life/id1513474986>



## LINKS

A super definition of EMPATHY by Sesame Street – the kids love it!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9\\_1Rt1R4xbM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9_1Rt1R4xbM)

Sophie Delezio, an amazing young Australian – inspirational.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1gUfu42fqCk>



## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Got an idea for a story or want to share a story that captured the ears and hearts of your students? We'd love to hear from you.

Please email Marty at [marty.ogle@catholic.tas.edu.au](mailto:marty.ogle@catholic.tas.edu.au).

**Note:** If you are including images, please ensure you have permission to do so.

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## 2021 MJR CALENDARS

ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO ORDER!

The *MJR Calendars* enable students to take the *Spirit of Jesus* and our positive *MJR* messages into to their homes to share and practice with their families and friends.

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**Live Jesus in your Hearts – FOREVER!**

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