



MJR Bulletin

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MJR and Spirit of Jesus Moments around Australia



If we take a moment to really look, we will find so many *Spirit of Jesus* moments around us. I have so many it is difficult to decide, maybe...

1. It was teacher writing to me thanking me for my MJR presentation on *Crossing the Line*. She had been really struggling, and didn't know why she was feeling down. But, after the MJR session, she felt stronger and ready to face the challenges in her life. OR
2. The student who came to me after I had presented *You Are Not Alone* from MJR 24/7, and said that she needed help as she felt alone. I told her that she was so strong to put her hand up for help, and within a day the school (counsellor & homeroom teacher) had met with her and her parents and worked out a strategy to help her. OR
3. Seeing this *Be the Spirit of Jesus* picture (right) drawn on a window at **St Peter Chanel Catholic Primary School, Smithton Tasmania**. OR
4. Maybe it is having the best job in the world where I get to positively impact on people's lives, show them that Jesus is ALL around them, and hear how MJR has changed their lives, families, school, and friends' lives for the better! BUT I can't go past this one...
5. After taking a class in southern Tasmania, a mother contacted me to say that her daughter had come home after the MJR session and suggested that she and her two sisters convert to becoming Catholic. The mother thought that this was such a good idea that she has also undertaken RCIA training to become a Catholic!
6. Finally, I had the most beautiful moment recently. I was with the Grade 6 class from **St Brigid's Catholic School, New Norfolk, Tasmania**. We had a surf day, and only one person out of the whole class had ever been surfing before. We decided to make the day a NGU (Never Give Up) session, and boy did they do this! So many of the students helped each other, and achieved so many highlights, with at least half managing to ride the waves. Click [here](#) to view a little presentation I made of the day, with the MJR virtues of perseverance, encouragement and determination all being demonstrated.



SPIRIT OF JESUS MOMENTS FROM ACROSS AUSTRALIA

QUEENSLAND

Here we have two wonderful school songs and videos created with the help of **Josh Arnold – Small Town Culture**.

First, we have **St Mary's Catholic Primary School, North Rockhampton** with, *Call to Love and Serve*.

Look out for some great MJR messaging written on the wall at about the 36-second mark!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xAm1Q4OuZAY>

Next is **St Anthony's Primary School, Rockhampton**, with their new School song and music video, *May God Smile on You and Me*. This song is played every Friday afternoon at school pick up time over the loud speakers throughout the school.

The words *Make Jesus Real* feature throughout the song!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_bhpqa0YX74&t=7s



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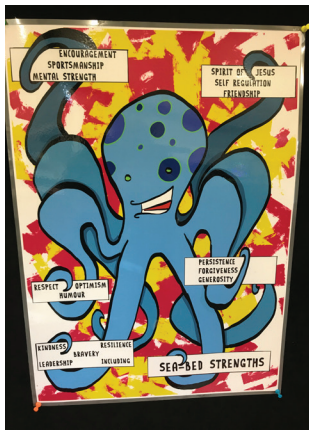
St Brigid's New Norfolk

Mitch (Peter Mitchell) gave **Anne Duigan**, one of the Grade 1 teachers, some *Gotcha Cards*. These cards are given to students as a reward for demonstrating MJR values. Written inside is the child's name, and the reason they are receiving the card.

Anne said, "Every Friday afternoon I give a card to a student. We call them *Spirit of Jesus Cards*. It really is a highlight of the week for my students – who is going to get the 'Jesus' card? A few weeks ago I gave it to a little boy who always says 'ok' when you ask him to do something, and does it straight away. He was so excited to receive the card. After the weekend his mum came in and told me that he had carried it around with him all weekend showing everyone he saw, at the soccer, at dancing, and grandmas. He was so proud of himself. These cards have really made a difference to my students."

Unfortunately Mitch's cards are not available, however you can download *MJR Hero Cards* [here](#). These are used in the same way. All you need to do is print, cut, and fold!

Holy Rosary Primary School, Claremont



Matt Luttrell and the wonderful Year 6 team, shared this picture of *The Sea-Bed Creatures*. The MJR values are featured to help guide each other every day – it has been a highlight of our year. Students nominate each other for different 'seabed strengths' and verbalise those before going home each day.

Star of the Sea Primary School, George Town

Lynelle Davis, a walking *Spirit of Jesus* person, sent in this message from two of her students, Emma and Erin. "Looking for (and sharing) 'Where Did I See the *Spirit of Jesus* today?' after recess and lunch, every few days, helped us to see the good in everyday things."

Immaculate Heart Primary School, Lenah Valley

Don Ryan sent in the following simple, but beautiful story. Next year's Grade 6 students (i.e. this year's Grade 5s) had their School Captain and House Captain speeches yesterday. It was great to see that many of

them had included a 'good luck to all the nominees' sentence in their speeches. It shows they not only care about themselves, but also about their classmates.

Larmenier Catholic Primary School, Launceston

Ray Smith, a Year 6 teacher shared the following:

Our *God Moment* was on the beach at Wineglass Bay. We walked in with Marty, our Principal Jacqui, and the Grade 6s. Some students found it very challenging, but everyone was encouraging one another, and the joy that we felt as we made it to the beach was palpable.

This was topped off with sharing lunch in one of the most beautiful locations on the planet. Marty then introduced the green card activity, where the students all sat in a circle and wrote something positive about their classmates. The whole day was a *God Moment*.



WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Iona Presentation College

Gemma Thomson couldn't help smiling after the following occurred ... We recently celebrated an important Feast Day for Iona Presentation College – the Feast

of the Blessed Virgin Mary (21 November). This year I asked our Junior School students to make cards for our Presentation Sisters who attend Mass with us. The students were free to write a message to the Sisters of whatever came to their heart at that moment. One of the students wrote "Happy Presentation Day. Stay with God." It was the most gorgeous thing to see – a young person reminding a Sister, who has chosen religious life, to 'stay with God'.



SPIRIT OF JESUS HANDOVER CEREMONY

This is a fantastic initiative.

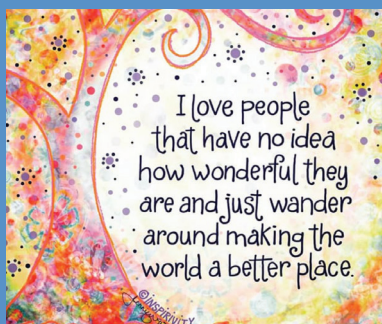
Recently **Holy Rosary Catholic School, Claremont, Tasmania** celebrated their *Spirit of Jesus Ceremony* with their Grades 4, 3, and 2s. The students were joined by Peter (Mitch) Mitchell, their *SOJ Facilitator*.

During the ceremony the Grade 4 students presented the Grade 2 students with their *SOJ* books for next year (Grade 3). Students spoke of the joy *SOJ* brings to their life, how the *SPIRIT OF JESUS* lives in each student, and that *JESUS LIVES IN OUR HEARTS FOREVER*.

Thanks was given to Mitch for the time, preparation, and encouragement he shares through *SOJ* with Holy Rosary Students.



MJR HINTS of the MONTH



Send this A wonderful Way to Finish saying to someone via email. Click [here](#) to download.

Host a 'Thank You for leaving Your Families to Come and Spread The Word to Us' party, to thank your local priest, or any other religious who work at your school. Students can do the catering to show their appreciation.

MJR CHALLENGE

Challenge your students and staff to create a special Christmas moment by making a gift for someone they usually wouldn't give a present to; e.g. the delivery person, an uber driver, their priest, etc.

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The MJR Podcast – A GPS for Life

Time was not on Marty's side this month, so *Episode 5: Creating Happiness & Joy*, will now be released in early 2021.

In the meantime, you can listen to previous MJR Podcasts at:

Spotify:

<https://open.spotify.com/show/4VDJEOnCL2UVvL7AqPX91Y>

iTunes:

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

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Got an idea for an article, or want to share a story that captured the ears and hearts of your students?

Please email Marty at:

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



LINKS

Evan Lallane, from Arroyo Grande, California, impresses Ellen DeGeneres and Tony Hawk.

This video shows so many MJRisms including NGU – Never Giver Up – Grit, Seeing the goodness, Courage etc

<https://calcoastnews.com/2020/11/arroyo-grande-man-impresses-tony-hawk-on-ellen-video/>



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and a blessed and relaxing holiday.

May 2021 be full of
hope, health, and happiness.

The MJR Team...
Marty, Mitch, David,
Karen, Rose, Sandy
& Charmaine

