



MJR Bulletin



DECEMBER 2022

I think I have said this for the last two years, but again, schools have carried a major burden in ensuring that those in our care have been properly taken care of. MJR has been a 'Godsend' (pun intended) in that it has continued to allow staff to have a beautiful toolkit of acronyms, sayings and 'Spirit of Jesus' moments that have carried us through thick and thin.

So, as we move (very quickly) to the end of the year, I thought I would present a few highlights from the MJR Bulletins this year - and some exciting new resources that will be available in 2023!

Marty

MJR MURAL

St Brigid's Catholic Primary School, Wynyard Tasmania

Below is an example of the MJR Mural activity that was shared in the *June Bulletin*.

A super effort by St Brigid's - Way to Go!

Click [here](#) to go to the Bulletin where you will find the blank mural and instructions.



MJR POEM

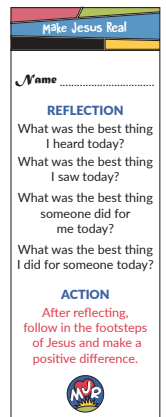
For the *April Bulletin* I decided to write a poem to show how much we appreciate the teachers and staff at our schools.

Click [here](#) to download the poem. And [here](#) to view the animation of it!

MJR BOOKMARKS

In the *February Bulletin* we created a sheet of MJR Bookmarks that had four questions to help students reflect on their day.

Download the PDF [here](#) so you can print, cut, and laminate or just print it on card!



STUDENT ACTIVITY

Also in the *February Bulletin* we showed an activity where a group of students searched out positive sayings, and then were asked to paint a scene that helped portray that saying.

When the students painted their scenes around the sayings, there was great ownership in this.



There is always light if only we're brave enough to see it. If only we are brave enough to be it. - Amanda Gorman



A BEAUTIFUL SPIRIT OF JESUS MOMENT

It is not often you get to go to a 100th birthday party! But I was lucky to be able to attend the celebration of Robert (Bob) Urwin-Mann's 100th Birthday. In the *August Bulletin* I shared this *Spirit of Jesus* moment.

The local priest of St Therese of Lisieux in Moonah, Fr Krish and Deacon Michael made the day special for Bob – and everyone who attended – by going out of their way to get a special greeting from Pope Francis for his 100th birthday.

Bob can be seen below with his wife Anne – this was definitely the *Spirit of Jesus* in action.



MJR DISPLAY IDEAS

In my travels I am constantly amazed at the creativity of our teachers in how they display MJR and Religious concepts. So, in the *March Bulletin* we shared some.

Click [here](#) to view a quick snap-shot of many intriguing ideas that can be used in the classroom or around your school community.

A big thank you to all the teachers and teacher's aides who have come up with these super display ideas.



FROM LITTLE THINGS BIG THINGS GROW

In our *October Bulletin* we discussed the famous Paul Kelly and Kev Carmody anthem *From Little Things Big Things Grow* – a song that charts the struggle for land rights by the Gurindji people led by Vincent Lingiari. It tells the story of the *Wave Hill Walk-Off* in 1966 through to the symbolic handing back of their land eight years later – an event which became a catalyst for the Aboriginal land rights movement.

Once of the examples featured in the Bulletin of how from little things big things can grow was demonstrated when I visited **St Thomas More's, Launceston**.

I showed the Year 5s photos of the flood damage at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Woodburn NSW. A number of students were so concerned that they came to me after the session and have since organised to raise money for St Joseph's via a raffle. Garratt Publishing also organised replacement MJR workbooks for the students. The Principal wrote back to say how grateful they were.

Yes, '*From Little Things BIG Things Grow*'.



SUPER FEEDBACK FROM YEAR 4 STUDENTS

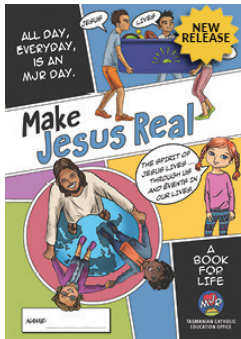
Mitch spoke to a group of Year 4 students and asked them what they had learnt over the past two years using their *Spirit of Jesus* workbooks.

Click [here](#) for their responses.

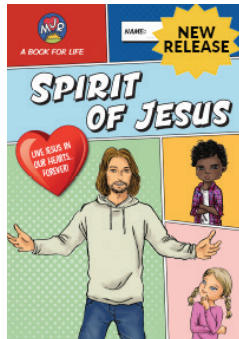
MJR AND SOJ NEW EDITIONS

This year we released the revised and refreshed...

MAKE JESUS REAL
THIRD EDITION



SPiRiT OF JESUS
THIRD EDITION



Click on the covers for more information.

BIG NEWS!

MJR Readers

In 2023 Garratt Publishing will be releasing a set of eight *MJR Readers* aimed at emerging readers, while using the *MJR* themes. The *MJR Readers* are designed to encourage independent reading and learning to complement class reading capabilities for lower primary students. The eight books in this series may be used as supplementary resources for understanding Religious Education concepts in conjunction with the *MJR* resource, *My Friend Jesus*. For more information or to pre-order click [here](#).



Spirit of Jesus Lesson Plans

The Garratt Publishing team and myself (Marty Ogle), have worked hard to complete an amazing set of FREE lessons that directly relate to the *SOJ Year 3/4* workbook. They include videos, scripture, quotes, connection to ACARA, and more!

Visit: <https://makejesusreal.com.au/lesson-plans/>



Marty's Consultancy

In 2023, Marty Ogle will be beginning a new journey that will allow him to travel Australia-wide to deliver *MJR* Concepts, Staff/Student Development Sessions, Faith Formation Days, Leadership for Staff and Students, Retreats, Camps, and more! Please don't hesitate to contact him about organising a session at your school. He is travelling to WA in May 2023 - so get in early!

For more information and for Marty's new contact details click below.

https://www.garrattpublishing.com.au/pdf/MartysConsultancy_Flyer.pdf

Or scan this QR code.





Finally, to all the MJRers, we wish you all a very safe New Year and may you see the real reason for Christmas - JESUS CHRIST - in your lives and celebrate what He brings into our lives and those around us.

The Garratt Publishing Team, Marty and Mitch

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