



MJR Bulletin



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Welcome back to yet another weird time for students and staff in their school life. This year's Bulletins will be a little shorter and to the point, as I fully understand that you have so little time to spare as you create opportunities to realise the potential of those in your care.

Big (but sad) News

Probably not unexpected, (the optimist in me was still hoping), the **2022 National MJR Conference** has been cancelled due to obvious Covid issues.

The MJR team are currently putting together some special online sessions. Called **MJRG2G** [*Make Jesus Real Get Together*], they will start after Easter and run in the evening. Many of the amazing conference contributors, including the keynote speaker Sr Patricia McCormack, are more than happy to contribute to these shorter sessions.

More information will be forthcoming in the March Bulletin.

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ASH BARTY, DYLAN ALCOTT

How could we possibly go past the values and example of Australian Open champions Ash Barty and Dylan Alcott (Australian of the Year)? They showcase the values that we strive to embody in our MJR teachings! Their values read straight out of the MJR workbooks including:

- Humility
- Humbleness
- Hard work, be determined and mental toughness – winning the hard ball (pun intended)
- Teamwork – together everyone achieves more is obviously Ash's constant message
- Resilience
- Using your talents – understatement!
- People skills etc.

The list could go on and on.

Ask your students if they can find other positive values from Ash and Dylan that are also found in their MJR workbooks.

Here is a wonderful interview of Ash Barty by an aspiring nine-year-old at the 2022 Australian Open.

<https://youtu.be/HLzOii0ggil>

ACTIVITY: VALUES AND ATTITUDES

ASK YOUR STUDENTS...

- What do you, or can you, contribute to life at school, home, friendships and to improve yourself?
- Ask them to think about this as they watch the following music video:

Live Like That – Sidewalk Prophets

<https://youtu.be/4r1ILYKdMLU>

Then ask them the following questions and discuss:

- How do you want to live?
- When you look back at your life how will others say you lived? What were your values?

ASK YOURSELF...

- How do my values and attitudes contribute – for better or worse?
- What can I do better?

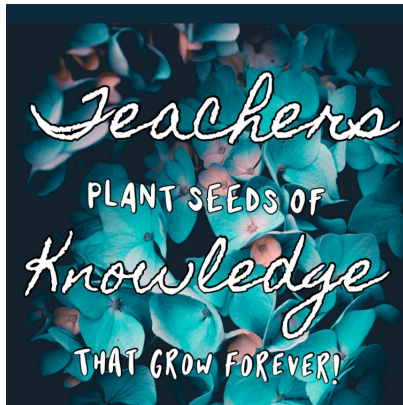
Here are three beautiful videos demonstrating how we all can contribute:

- **As a teacher**

Be a Mr Jensen

https://youtu.be/4p5286T_kn0

This video is perfect to show at a staff meeting and this quote goes beautifully with it.



- **As a parent**

Bride dances with paralysed father
– have tissues ready!

<https://youtu.be/30kwgrmLCLs>

- **As a community**

Be The Change - Inspirational Video
– this is very powerful.

https://youtu.be/Z8oJV_mBY9g

FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS...

How can you reflect on this as a leader, or a child in a family or in a classroom?



STUDENT ACTIVITY

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

MJR HINT

Ask students to look through their MJR Workbooks to find MJR sayings/values to create a scene like the one above,.

ACTIVITY: TWO CHOICES

This is a beautiful story about a boy name Shay.

Click [here](#) to download a PDF of the story for you to read to your students, or listen to it via the May 2020 episode of MJR Podcast (see next page).

After the students have heard to the story, discuss these questions with them:

- Would you have made the same choice?
- How can this story be related to the their lives?

MJR LEADERSHIP POSTER



Written on this poster are some wise words from **Robyn Benincasa** (top American Keynote Speaker, World Champion Adventure Racer and Firefighter).

Display in the classroom and discuss.

Download the poster [here](#).

MJR BOOKMARKS

These *MJR Bookmarks* have four questions to help students reflect on their day.

We've created a sheet of six with guides so you can print, cut, and laminate or just print it on card!

Download the PDF [here](#).

Make Jesus Real

Name _____

REFLECTION

What was the best thing I heard today?

What was the best thing I saw today?

What was the best thing someone did for me today?

What was the best thing I did for someone today?

ACTION

After reflecting, follow in the footsteps of Jesus and make a positive difference.

LINK

This is ALL about how a community contributes to making a deaf man's day 'normal'.

https://youtu.be/8_R2wBUjEtw



MJR PODCASTS

The MJR Podcast – A GPS for Life

Each Podcast episode has an accompanying 3-2-1 Activity Sheet which are available from the *Resources* page of www.makejesusreal.com.au/resources

To listen to the *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>

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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.

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



ORDER now!

New edition!

Make Jesus Real for Years 5 & 6 has been updated and refreshed, but the core aims of this unique education resource remain the same. An exciting new feature is the themed layout – this was created in response to teacher feedback and will make using this resource even easier!

There are ten themes:

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| ✦ Values & Attitudes | ✦ Stewardship |
| ✦ Life Skills | ✦ Jesus |
| ✦ The Art of Interacting | ✦ Spirit of Jesus |
| ✦ Self-Belief | ✦ Faith & Spirituality |
| ✦ Happiness & Gratitude | ✦ The Art of Reflection |

Plus, the last section, *Reflective Pages* is devoted to reflection and journalling.

Live Jesus in your Hearts – FOREVER!

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

