



MJR Bulletin

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HOPE IS THE KEY

There are many HOPES for school communities around Australia.

1. That life can gradually return to a level of safety that students and schools are no longer so restricted in what, and how they do things.
2. That we all need to continue to be generous and kind so that 'The Hopes' of those in our care will survive or evolve from dreams into reality.

AND

3. That we need prayers of HOPE that a vaccine can be found – remembering that this is one of the first times in history that countries from all over the world are working together to find a solution to a problem.

These beautiful MJR signs from Maryanne Hacker at **St Patrick's Lochinvar, NSW** certainly give their school community hope as they use MJR words that create hope and joy for everyone when they become positive HABITS.



ACTIVITY

1. Years 5-8

Since being involved in lockdowns, we have all discovered many things that we had forgotten about.

After talking with students, the number one thing is FAMILY, and all the activities they did together – cooking, walks, rides, board games etc. Ask the students to reflect on what they NOW realise they 'can't do without' in their lives.

Click here to download the activity sheet, *I Can't Imagine Life Without*, for the students to complete, along with a completed sheet with my own 'can't do withouts'!

2. Kinder to Year 4

Click here for a simplified activity sheet called *What I Learned and Loved from Lockdown*.

3. All Year Levels

We have developed a guide using all the MJR resources that explores the theme, *Hope is the Key*. Click here.

REFUGEE WEEK IDEA

Refugee week runs from June 14 to Saturday June 20.

My colleague in Tasmania, Leanne Prichard, has developed a terrific activity – *Refugee Pilgrimage Walk*.

It emphasises that many refugees live in HOPE to settle in a country like Australia. It would make a wonderful poster for staff walls, or for school communities to think about what occurs when we walk in the shoes of refugees. [Click here to download.](#)

For more information on Refugee Week, visit:

<https://www.refugeeweek.org.au/>

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROCKHAMPTON?

Get ready to be blown away!

The schools in the Rockhampton Diocese have been posting some great initiatives on their Facebook pages. [Click here for links to the pages.](#)



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MJR PODCASTS

There are now three MJR podcasts out for Years 5-6 and Secondary students!

Called, **The MJR Podcast**, they can be found on Spotify or iTunes.

EPISODE ONE

If it is to be, it is up to me

EPISODE TWO

MJR Acronyms - A better way to make Jesus real

EPISODE THREE

Choices - I don't have a choice OR do I?

To listen to *The MJR Podcast* go to:

Spotify:

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

iTunes:

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



Each Podcast includes a **3-2-1 Activity Sheet**. These can be found on the *Resources Page* of the MJR website. [Click here to view.](#)

LINKS

A stunning dance performance from a 73 year-old and her grandson. This shows that we should never take older people for granted, and that you can do anything if you are passionate enough!

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

We can positively change our behaviour, our ideas and our future by thinking creatively. We need to raise students who are creative in their thinking – like the designers of this new fire truck concept from Norway.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zu8z9IGjx-o>



MJR HINT and Challenge of the Month

Draw a large HOPE sign with arrows coming from it on the top of a large piece of paper. Put it on the fridge at home

Ask people at home to write in ONE thing they hope for during the month eg a pay rise, to win lotto, to help someone etc.



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.

Live Jesus in your Hearts – FOREVER!

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