



MJR Bulletin



JUNE-JULY 2023

Having recently travelled across Australia, I noticed many schools and staff were feeling the affects of a busy and cold/flu-filled term. So, I am going to keep the words to a minimum and I'll use photos to portray the many great MJR occurrences happening in our schools.

Please take care of yourself over your break. Please don't hesitate to contact me regarding anything MJR or further information on school presentations.

God Bless

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WA TOUR 2023

In May I was busy visiting a number of primary and secondary schools in Perth. I even ventured out to the historical town of Northam - an hour and twenty minutes from the Perth CBD. During my visits I was lucky enough to speak with many staff and students and it was gratifying to see how MJR had 'taken off' in so many schools.

Mitch was also in WA and he spoke at a number of schools. He received some great feedback about MJR. Click [here](#) to read what the staff at **St Brigid's Primary School, Middle Swan** said.

At **St Joseph's School, Northam**, I worked with the wonderful Lloyd Reidy. Lloyd puts out a weekly Gospel reflection (with often an MJR spin).

Click the [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/embed/xUv2oKenLYQ) link below - you'll be amazed!
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At **Salvado Catholic College** I worked with the fantastic staff and students to explore how they could further integrate MJR into their community.

As well as talking with the secondary students at **Mother Teresa Catholic College**, I spoke with the staff about how they too could further integrate the MJR philosophy into their school community.

I also had fabulous experiences at **Mater Dei Edgewater, St Thomas' Claremont**, and **Iona Presentation College**.

We also discussed why MJR should be a non-negotiable school resource and how to incorporate MJR in the *Inquiry Teaching* process.

The staff also put forward a number of suggestions on how MJR could be further integrated into their school community.

- Where / how do we Consolidate 'Make Jesus Real' at Mother Teresa
- The common language of MJR is needed right across the college
- Don't take it for granted that they know how to reflect & then act on it!
- The kids do love MJR sessions
- Journaling is an extremely important part of MJR
- A great way for those new to Jesus to discover who he is & what he can do for you.
- MT needs to better coordinate how we structure the use of MJR 24/7
- Designated Pastoral Care lessons - at least 5 per term /ideal more look at timetable
- Remember it is not one topic per session - let students lead you.
- What order do we teach the topics in? This needs to be decided by teachers /leadership - maybe plan per term and then review. There is no set order.
- Some colleges plan year 7 and 8 MJR 24/7 but then Year 9's (who have been through previously) come and help with the year 7/8 lessons - Peer to peer
- Problem ... teachers need the confidence to teach MJR 24/7 (and RE)
- Mentor program needed especially at the beginning of the year but ongoing also.
- Take care how selection of Mentor is undertaken
- Maybe set up an MJR Leadership team (can the primary also be a part of this?) A number of people including Jamie, Patricia and Sussan keen to help
- Jamie Clark has begun to set up Early Teachers mentoring (including chat room) MJR could easily be incorporated into this.
- What about an MJR Ambassador to coordinate with Marty?



MORE PHOTOS FROM WA



While at Court Grammar School, Mundijong I spied this sign!

Click [here](#) to view a larger version of this picture so you can read the inspiring words.



Iona Presentation College, Mosman Park



Salvado Catholic College, Byford

Our Lady of the Cape Primary School, Dunsborough



Mitch (L) speaking to MJR gurus Eugene Lee (Ctr) and John Rose (R) from Our Lady of the Cape Primary School who continue to 'spread the MJR word'.

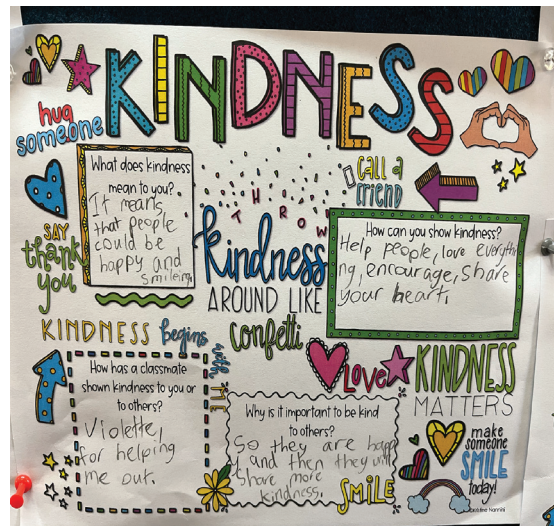
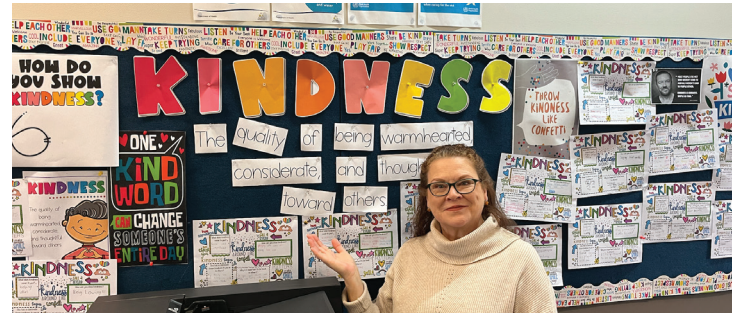


St Joseph's School, Northam

TASMANIAN TOUR

Back in Tasmania, the following photos clearly demonstrate MJR messages.

At St Therese's Moonah, my wife Karen teaches social and emotional learning, with a hint of MJR – as can be seen through the Kindness Boards.



Sacred Heart, New Town where the theme of 'Heart' is integrated with many MJR concepts.

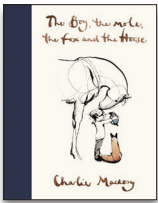


At St Brigid's Catholic School, New Norfolk you can see the W.E.ST. theme features prominently.



TWO AMAZING BOOKS

Here are two wonderful books that carry many MJR messages. For more information, or to purchase, just click on the covers!



The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse by Charlie Mackesy.
The short film of the book won the 2023 Oscar® for Best Animated Short Film. It's just beautiful. (Available on Apple TV)



Do Something for Someone Else: Meet 12 Real-Life Children Spreading Kindness with Simple Acts of Everyday Activism by Loll Kirby & Yas Imamura.
It's Amazing!

MJR TOUR DE WA 2024

My wife Karen and I will be caravanning right through WA in the second and third terms of 2024. So, look out for more information in future Bulletins.

I will be available for presentations at every Catholic school in WA!


MJR BOOKMARK

Even though I have shared it before, the MJR Bookmark is another idea that schools have loved.

The 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.	
	



MJR PODCASTS

The MJR Podcast – A GPS for Life

Each Podcast episode has an accompanying 3-2-1 Activity Sheet which is 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/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 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.ogle13@gmail.com.

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

Live Jesus in your Hearts - FOREVER!

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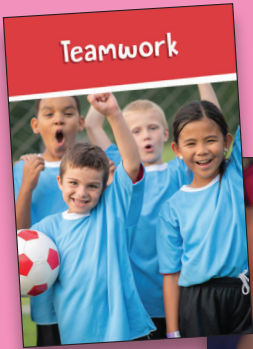
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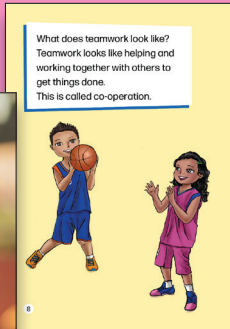


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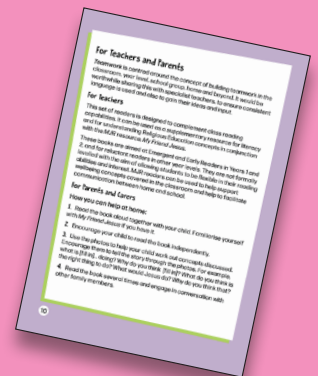
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Familiar MJR Characters



Guide for Teachers and Parents



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