



# MJR Bulletin



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Many of us around Australia need reassuring at the moment, especially after lockdowns, Covid outbreaks amongst staff, students and our school communities, floods, war etc.

Therefore, now is the perfect time to focus on the many great things that are constantly occurring around us. When they are pointed out, it brings a smile to our faces, and our attitude can change in an instant.

In MJR we call these moments either *God Moments* or *Spirit of Jesus* moments. The *God Moments* are often about things occurring in nature whilst the *Spirit of Jesus* moments are where we see actions that Jesus would have encouraged. A great way for your school community to celebrate these moments can be found later in the Bulletin.

As mentioned in the February Bulletin, due the ongoing Covid issues, the 2022 National MJR Conference has been cancelled. We are still looking at alternative online options, so if you would like to receive updates regarding this, please register your interest [HERE](#).

## IMAGES OF CHILDREN

Due to warnings from the Australian Federal Police, we have made the decision to no longer share any photos of students in the MJR Bulletin. This is a very real situation that we need to always keep in mind. For more information visit: <https://ia.acs.org.au/article/2022/afp-warning--keep-child-pics-off-socials.html>

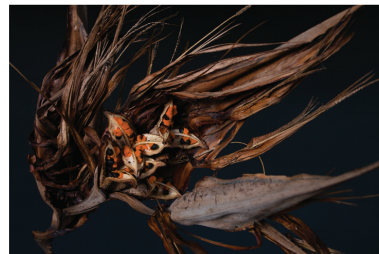
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## CELEBRATING GOD MOMENTS AND THE SPIRIT OF JESUS

Last year, staff and students at **Mother Teresa Catholic College – Baldyis WA** were encouraged to not only look out for these moments, but to photograph them and explain what had occurred or what was occurring. The photos were displayed in the classrooms, on televisions around the school, and newsletters. The reaction from the school community was so positive! The photos were outstanding with amazing interpretations of what they saw.

Students and staff then voted for the photos they loved the most, and the winners received certificates and canteen vouchers.

The following are two examples...



### From Mr Jones

When I was gardening a few weeks ago, I pulled off this dead Bird of Paradise plant head and saw the bright orange seeds contrasted against

the blackened dead plant matter and I thought – wow! Kind of a 'life after death' thought crept up on me. From the ashes, we arise.

### From Jensen Bell

I feel Jesus is with me because the windmill was spinning, and I thought Jesus was with me.



## MJR PHOTO CELEBRATION!

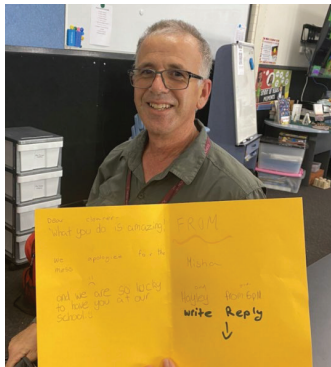
We are encouraging schools throughout Australia to conduct their own photography competitions among staff and students.

To help celebrate, what I am sure will be wonderful work, we will share as many photos as possible on the MJR website. A link to where you can find the pictures on the site will be available in the April Bulletin.

If you would like your pictures to be shared on the MJR website, please email them to me along with the explanation to: [marty.ogle@catholic.tas.edu.au](mailto:marty.ogle@catholic.tas.edu.au) (Remember, no photos of students please.)

We also have created a poster for you to display. Click [here](#) to download.

So go for it MJRers – we are excited to see what your communities discover!



Here is another an example to inspire you, this time from **Holy Rosary Catholic School, Claremont, Tasmania.**

### THE FORGOTTEN

Just take a moment and think, 'Who are the crucial, but often forgotten members of the school community?'

Well, two students at Holy Rosary recognised that it was their cleaner, and they left him a note to say thank you!

## MJR DISPLAY IDEAS

In my travels I am constantly amazed at the creativity of our teachers in how they display MJR and Religious concepts.

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 aides who have come up with these super display ideas.

## LINKS

To inspire, I have searched my archives to find other amazing *God/Spirit of Jesus Moments*.

A combination of different Gospel Values – students love watching these extraordinary moments of honesty, patience and the ability to believe in yourself.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Z9GSF11zwY>

True story of the Panyee Football Club and how it overcame so many hurdles to achieve greatness – and they didn't even win!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jU4oA3kkAWU>

Here is a reason why we miss so many special moments – a lot of questions need to be asked after watching this clip about our addiction to our devices.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dRI8ElhrQjQ>

## 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](http://www.makejesusreal.com.au/resources).

To listen to the MJR Podcasts go to:

#### Spotify:

<https://open.spotify.com/how/4VDJEOCL2UVvL7AqPX91Y>

#### 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.ogle@catholic.tas.edu.au](mailto: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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