



# MJR Bulletin

MAY 2021

## MJR IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA!

What a month! I was privileged to be invited with Mitch to visit Perth in late April. The response by teachers and schools to MJR was overwhelming – with two conferences having around 800 teachers and staff. Mitch took two other primary sessions with over 180 staff. Pictured below are staff from various primary and secondary schools at the Mother Teresa MJR Symposium.

Both Mitch and I presented to over 1000 students and staff at various schools, and the enthusiasm for everything MJR was amazing. This continued as I was asked to deliver a Professional Learning session for the Religious Education team at the Catholic Institute of WA. They do a lot of work training teachers at Notre Dame University in RE, along with offering many other courses for Catholic teachers to continue their ongoing professional development. I also met with CEWA leaders during the conferences and again they were very keen for the MJR philosophy and resources to become an even more important part of helping teacher formation and professional learning.



Dr Chris Hackett from Notre Dame University and the Catholic Institute of WA, Gemma Thomson, Dean of Mission and Catholic Identity at Iona Presentation College WA, Marty Ogle and Peter Mitchell.





## MJR AND TASMANIA YOUTH MINISTRY

Recently, in Tasmania, I was invited to be a part of an expo at the Tasmanian Youth Festival. It was cool to have so many students come up to the MJR stall and say how much they remembered from their Year 6 Journals – and that they still have them!

Click [here](#) to watch one student expressing how he remembers MJR, and below are more students who remembered MJR from their primary days.



Also, it was great to hear the inspiring work by **Fr Rob Galea** who sang, and spoke about his incredible journey from gangs to priesthood (as told in his biography, ***Breakthrough***). He loved the MJR 24/7 journal and he captivated the audience with his passion for life.

## THEME FOR THIS TERM

My theme for this term when teaching MJR in a classroom is 'Habits'. Whether it is Kinder students or Year 6s, they relate to habits. Click [here](#) to view the *Biteable* animation that introduces the topic.

Students are very honest about their bad habits, but are keen to find ways to change these to positive habits. For example, I make a list with the upper grades about their top 10 hints for active listening. They fully understand what is needed, BUT the next step is to put them into action.

Below is a great website where you will find super active listening habits that WILL help everyone.

[www.verywellmind.com/what-is-active-listening-3024343](http://www.verywellmind.com/what-is-active-listening-3024343).



It is never too early to start. I have found that students, and especially their teachers in Kinder/Prep, are keen to act out positive habits. This photo of two Kinder students with the 'Spirit of Jesus' board is another example of habits.



I tell them that it is a great habit to identify 'Spirit of Jesus' moments and make them into our own good habits.



This photo shows what 'Habits' Preps came up with – it is never too early!



Got an idea for a story, or want to share one?  
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## 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](http://www.makejesusreal.com.au).

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>

## LINKS

### Habits

Show this to parents – after watching this they won't wonder how phone addiction takes place!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N\\_Rh56](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N_Rh56)

### Never Give Up (NGU)

I know I have shown this clip before, but it fits 'Habits' so well – Never Give Up attitude.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RDmahMTEs4>

### Great Teamwork

A school develops teamwork by getting teams to work together to climb a wall.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RIbsWi6uqVY>



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