



MJR Bulletin

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A bit of a mixed bag for this month, and let's face it, that is what teaching is all about.

Just because the Olympics and Paralympics are over, it doesn't mean we can't take a quick stroll through the many memorable moments to help inspire us, and those in our care.

Also, we look at a very different collection of YouTube videos that will definitely inspire dreams and conversations.

Don't forget to share the bulletin with your fellow staff, and drop a hint to TPTB (the powers that be) about next year's conference in Hobart!

Enjoy your well deserved holiday break.

Marty Ogle

WHAT A LEARNING MONTH!

There are so many opportunities to find life lessons for students, staff and your school communities – not just in our classrooms – but around the world!

OLYMPICS

NGU Attitude – Patrick Tiernan

Not only did he finish, he still managed a personal best. He then competed four days later in the 5,000m.

<https://7news.com.au/sport/olympics/pat-tiernan-doing-well-after-finishing-olympic-10000m-despite-twice-collapsing-c-3559495>

It is never too late – Sinead Diver

Sinead, at 44-years old, competed in her first Olympics, and came TOP 10 in the marathon (42 kms). It is amazing what she has achieved. We can learn so much from her.

<https://twitter.com/diversinead?lang=en>

PARALYMPICS

Don't tell me I can't

There are so many inspirational stories from the 2020 Paralympics. Brazilian swimmer Gabriel Geraldo dos Santos Araujo won a silver medal in backstroke with no arms.

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/sport/paralympics/300392394/tokyo-paralympics-the-silver-medalwinner-who-swam-backstroke-with-no-arms>

I can do ANYTHING!

Ibrahim Hamadtou, plays table tennis but has no arms. Read his amazing story.

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/sport/paralympics/126197361/tokyo-paralympics-table-tennis-player-ibrahim-hamadtou-has-no-arms-his-determination-is-melting-hearts?rm=a>

The story of Nick Vujicic is extraordinary.

Students will be inspired by his courage, his positive attitude, and his faith.

Have your students watch this YouTube video. Then ask them to look through their MJR workbooks to see how many habits they can find that could be associated with Nick.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AVbMggSU48>

MAKING MJR WORKBOOKS SPECIAL

Here is an idea that 'ups-the-ante' in regard to how the students see their MJR resources.

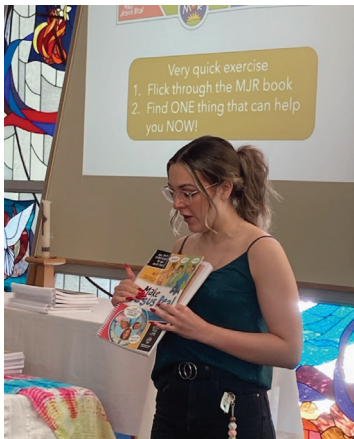
Recently at **St Aloysius Catholic College Kingston Tasmania**, the staff were keen for the students to understand the importance of what MJR can do for their lives.

So I put together the following presentation. It included:

- Opening prayer
- Brief explanation of MJR
- Blessing by the Parish priest with his interpretation of what he believes MJR can help with.
- Handing out of the book
- Quick activity
- Singing of 'Jesus in our Hearts Forever.'

<https://makejesusreal.com.au/2018/05/08/the-mjr-song/>

Below are some pictures from the event. To view the powerpoint presentation of the ceremony, click [here](#).



MJR & LEADERSHIP

Many of the Christian values highlighted in the MJR resources compliment LEADERSHIP – don't we wish those in power would use MJR as a measuring stick!

I recently addressed a group of Year 6 leaders from **St Thomas More Primary School Launceston, Tasmania**. We looked at the values in the MJR Year 5/6 workbook and how they translated into effective leadership qualities. They also spoke about leaders who inspired them. We then constructed an acrostic using the letters in LEADERSHIP.



DO YOU WANT TO 'PITCH' MJR TO YOUR STAFF OR SCHOOL LEADERS?

I am often asked, 'What is MJR, and how can it help our school community?'

I recently conducted an MJR presentation with the beautiful staff from **St Laurence Catholic School Dubbo, NSW** – and yes they have been in our prayers because they have been right in the middle of a COVID outbreak.

In the presentation you will see how I connected their mission/vision statements with the MJR values, and how amazing it was to see how the values closely aligned with each other. They were very keen to further investigate, so I advised them to take 'little MJR steps', rather than trying to do all things MJR.

Click [here](#) to view the presentation. If you wish to use this to address your school community, all you need to do is insert your own visions/values.

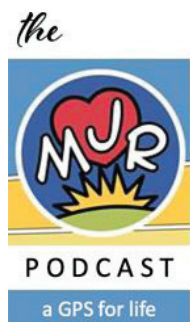
MJR 2022 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Have already received enquiries about this event that is to be held in Hobart on the 24th & 25th of March 2022 at the Blundstone Arena on the Derwent River.

Here is a short animation about the Conference.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like further information.

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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.

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

This month I am highlighting an amazing athlete by the name of Martyn Ashton.

I won't spoil it, but to say the two videos are so stimulating is an understatement – the students will have many opinions, especially when they see what he has been able to achieve.

Show this video first.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dm486wxCZS4>

Show this one second, as it is a documentary about how the first video was made.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xhl3CUDEWfU>



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.

MJR HINT

Put your feet up during the Holidays, especially those who have – and are contending with – COVID-19 outbreaks.

I am hearing from so many teachers about the escalation of anxiety amongst students and staff.

Take care of yourselves, so then you can continue to take care of others.

Live Jesus in your Hearts – FOREVER!

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