

Make Jesus Real

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A 2018 WELCOME FROM PETER 'MITCH' MITCHELL



Hello to you all.

I thought these simple, easy, no-preparation and no-cost ideas below would help you with the bottom line of Catholic Education and **MJR** – helping you to form a relationship with the Resurrected Jesus in the simple, nitty gritty of our daily lives.

These are such simple ways to enhance your class and school spirit:

- **Teachers if you see the *Spirit of Jesus* happening, mention it.** For example:

'Great to see Sarah helping James giving out the books.'

You will notice gradually the **SOJ** spirit growing in your class.

“ONE OF THE GREATEST GIFTS WE CAN GIVE OUR STUDENTS, IS THE REALISATION THAT THEY HAVE THE *SPIRIT OF JESUS* IN THEIR HEARTS AND THEY CAN RECOGNISE HIS SPIRIT IN THEMSELVES AND OTHERS.”

- **Journaling after Going to Your Heart Room (after lunch) – A VERY IMPORTANT EXERCISE TO DO FOR ONLY 5 MINUTES ONCE OR TWICE A WEEK.**

Give them two minutes just to be at peace. Then give them one minute to reflect on where they saw the *Spirit of Jesus* in the last two days, then give them one minute to write 'I saw the *Spirit of Jesus* when ...'

The last minute of this exercise is to listen to four of their stories. If your whole school is faithful to this you will notice the **SOJ** growing in your schoolyard and in the classrooms.

- ***Spirit of Jesus* award(s)** once a month at your school assembly, for each class.

Why not put these awards with stories in the newsletter, so you are also educating parents about the **SOJ** that is around us all the time.

- **Staff prayer.** You, hopefully, may get a staff member to volunteer to organise a **SOJ** staff prayer once a term, where the teachers come along and share a story of where they saw the **SOJ** in the yard or in class.

When they tell their story they should mention the Gospel value that came from the story – Compassion, Empathy, Forgiveness, Generosity, Helpfulness, Thoughtfulness, Giving of themselves to others, Gratitude, etc. It is infectious!

Live Jesus in our Hearts ... FOREVER!

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'WALK WITH JESUS' 2018 NATIONAL MJR CONFERENCE IN HOBART

We are waiting for you with open arms and a W.E.S.T. attitude!

We will **welcome** you, **encourage** you, say **sorry** if the weather is a little cool – but May has been good of late, and **thank you** from the bottom of our hearts for taking the time to come to the south island!



Looking at the 166 participants from last year's conference in this photo above, they will all tell you how much they enjoyed the camaraderie, how they were inundated with ideas to use in their classrooms/schools and were spiritually fulfilled with the *Spirit of Jesus* – all due to the engaging content, guests, and shared happenings from other schools around Australia!

This year will be just as impressive with:

- Special guest Sam Clear from Walk4One.
- Hands-on classroom sessions.
- Sharing.
- Presentation of new **MJR** products and concepts such as (My Friend Jesus (K-Grade 2) and Jesus Makes It Real (Grades 7/8)).
- Plus much more – including the famous Hobart hospitality!

Early bird conference prices can be found at www.makejesusreal.com.au, along with further details. The agenda will be available soon, so keep checking the website.

So, now is the time to be asking leadership or inviting them to come with you and be part of this conference.

Why not register on www.iknowthepilot.com.au where amazing prices are given daily for flights around the world – and wait for the best May Hobart price!

Want to contribute to the conference?

If you are coming to the conference and wish to share for about 5-7 minutes, the great **MJR** happenings that are occurring at your school or classroom, please contact: marty.ogle@catholic.tas.edu.au

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A MEMO TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS FROM THE STUDENTS

This is a simple exercise that helps to promote the values continually espoused in **MJR**. First, give each child a copy of A Memo From My Child (click for printable PDF) and get them to write their name and date at the top. You may need additional copies if a student lives at two different homes. Also, have a copy to show on the whiteboard or TV.

Then, follow the numbers:

1. Request to Parents

- Get the students to decide whom they wish to give this to. For example their mum, dad, 'Greg' etc. Then write that person's name after 'Hi'.
- Ask each student to read all the sentences and tick those that apply to them.

2. Please tell me every day ...

A. Read these out as a class.

B. Then ask the students to think of **ONE MJR** area they are going to focus on, e.g. 'Never Giving Up', 'To smile', using **W.E.S.T.** as much as possible. Have the students write this in Box 2B.

3. ZERO Talent

Read these out to the class and explain what they mean.

4. Basic Skills

Here is a super checklist for parents to ensure the child(ren) are being 'stretched' and not pampered (provided with the help of www.parenting.com).

Finally... this sheet can be laminated and placed on the back of the toilet door at home – so they are constantly being reminded of how to grow as a person!

YOUTUBE LINKS

Some YouTubes and an article to inspire staff, students and the school community.

Never Give Up

Uses very powerful scenes to show what can actually be achieved with the **N.G.U.** attitude.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=PjP9r-HU4fk

About Digital Technology

Prince Ea talks about 'Can We Auto-Correct Humanity'

– a great YouTube video that students from Grades 5-12 will connect with.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=dRI8ElhrQjQ

Bullying – A Message to Bullies

Prince Ea very cleverly refutes the claim that 'Sticks and stones will break my bones, but names will never hurt me!'

www.youtube.com/watch?v=jT6hSFAsrhY

Plus this well written article about students being reluctant to 'tell on' bullies.

[www.abc.net.au/news/2017-03-16/
why-bullied-children-are-reluctant-to-see-help-from-teachers/8357006](http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-03-16/why-bullied-children-are-reluctant-to-see-help-from-teachers/8357006)

Have a great start to the year!

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