



Hello to all MJRers.

I hope you are having a super year, and enjoyed watching our sensational athletes at the Paris Olympics!

The theme of this Bulletin is *inspiration* and *magic*.

Enjoy!

Marty

INSPIRATION FROM THE OLYMPICS

A young girl who did MJR back in **Sacred Heart Primary School Launceston** returned to the school last year to say thank you and to say how the lessons she learned from MJR helped her in her training every day.

Her name was **ARIARNE TITMUS**.

I heard Ariarne interviewed after her recent gold medal win, and the interviewer tried to get her to claim all the glory, but her answer was 'Yeah Nah!'

She went on to praise her team, her family, her coach, and especially her team mates. When she came second to the great Katie Ledecky, she spoke about achieving her best time ever but then went on to describe Ledecky as, 'An absolute champion ... she's made me a better athlete ... she is unreal.'

In honour of Ariarne, I am wearing my 'Yeah Nah' t-shirt!



MAGIC

Many people who know me, know I love performing my magic tricks, but, recently while driving up to Broome, I came up with a MAGIC acronym. Who do you know or how do you:

Make A Great Inspirational Contribution

INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE

The following quote by Germany Kent – American broadcaster and journalist – also inspires.



HOW DO YOU MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE?

This is a question teachers should ask themselves after each lesson, day, term, and year. We have become better with measurables in many subject areas such as maths, reading, writing etc. However, we also need to ask how does MJR make a positive difference? Recently, while visiting and teaching at many schools, I have noticed that WEST (Welcome, Encourage, Sorry, Thanks) and GTS (Greet, Treat, Speak) are not just great acronyms found in MJR, but they are also super for measuring the culture of a school. For example, do children and staff:

- greet you with a welcoming phrase
- warmly smile at you
- ask how they can help you
- thank you for your efforts.

Remember, WEST and GTS is made more personal by adding a name.

It was reassuring to constantly see and hear all of the above during my school visits. Even though I hadn't been at some schools for over a year, to hear 'Marty your're back' or to visit a new school and see and hear all the staff making you feel welcome is a huge product of the MJR values. A wonderful teacher from Karratha emailed me after my visit saying the following,

'When I got home Tuesday, Archer said to me, 'Thank you for making me waffles for breakfast. Parenting can be hard, but you make it look easy.' I said thank you and asked why he thought of it and he said, 'Mum! Make Jesus Real!'

This warmed my heart so much. Thanks to Clare Bennett at the beautiful **St Paul's Primary School Karratha**.

A great way to reinforce these MJR values is through the MJR Early Learning Readers.

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MY TRAVELS

Nature inspires me. My wife Karen and I have seen so many extraordinary things in our travels, but my favourite is *Nature's Window*, located just out of Kalbarri WA.



Also, while travelling through beautiful WA, I noticed many caravanners waving to each other – it is infectious.

Near Wave Rock is this sign.
This is the MJR DIFFERENCE!



Finally, while visiting a roadhouse Karen found this.

*I'm a little worry worm
made especially for you!
I carry happy thoughts with
me in case you're feeling blue.
Sometimes life is hard but
your burdens we can share
with random acts of kindness
to show that someone cares.*



*I'm not lost
I'm just alone
If I made you smile
Please take me Home.*

Random Acts of Crochet Kindness
Western Australia



Yes, people do create magic!

LINKS

We don't have to be world heroes to inspire. Or as Mitch says, 'not all heroes wear capes'! Remind students and staff that being a hero might be as simple as smiling, looking to give meaningful praise or remembering to give thanks. Here are some inspirational videos – you may need some tissues for the first two!

The true story of Richard Goodhall who had been a janitor for most of his life but decided to go on *America's Got Talent* to show the world – and especially himself – that he could sing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Uf-61gioVA>

Matt Mauser – *America's Got Talent* 2021.

A sad, but extraordinary story of courage, resilience, and a desperation by a family who lost their mother in the 2020 helicopter crash that killed nine people including Kobe Bryant.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eUj7-2d6fsQ>

The Paul Kelly & the Messengers' song, *From Little Things Big Things Grow*, written by Paul Kelly and Kev Carmody is a song that charts the struggle for land rights by the Gurindji people led by Vincent Lingiari. It tells the story of the *Wave Hill Walk-Off* in 1966 through to the symbolic handing back of their land eight years later – an event which became a catalyst for the Aboriginal land rights movement.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y4ilmKD85TQ>

Finally, a simple animation to inspire future scientists.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZZ91_i-1hrl

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.

Note: We will blur out faces of children.



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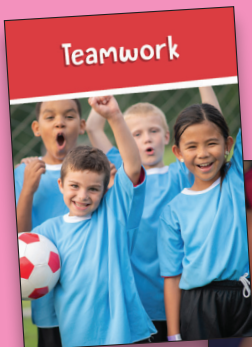
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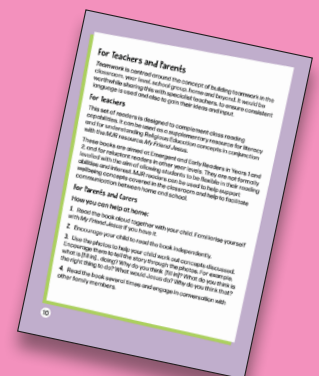


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