Making Jesus Real: Search for the Hero inside Yourself

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Making Jesus Real has been a focus for St Andrew’s for some years. For your information, Mr Warren Smith has written the following explanation of the programme.

MAKING JESUS REAL (MJR): WHAT’S IT ALL ABOUT?

Making Jesus Real (MJR) is the Christian way of life reflected each day. Jesus used to spread his message through “stories”. The MJR format aims to assist students in reflecting on the Good News stories that are going unnoticed in the school playground every day. Jesus’ message was “Love God by loving your neighbour” – the MJR message is very similar, it focuses on “The way you greet and treat people”. In essence it is “Living the Good News”.

The 63 attitudes and values that are central to living the Good News are set out in a teacher’s handbook and as each attitude or value is covered in class the students are able to spend time reflecting on their own growth as a person.

Some of the attitudes and values covered are:

- Build a bridge and get over it.
- Don’t be a snowflake; snowflakes melt under pressure.
- Be a WEST person. WEST people are welcoming, encouraging, supportive and say thankyou. A WEST person is a Happy Chappy.
- Don’t be an EAST person. EAST people exclude, annoy, sulk and talk back. An EAST person is a Nasty Pastie.
- Be a Giver not a Taker in life.
- BIY: Believe in Yourself.
- Search for the Hero inside Yourself.
- Be Determined: Don’t give up or feel sorry for yourself.
- Show ICO: Instant Cheerful Obedience.
- Use the big “E” word: Encouraging word.

If you wish to know more about MJR and how it is being taught in your child’s classroom or wish to know how you can implement MJR into family life please feel free to speak to the classroom teacher.

God bless you.

Eileen Climo
Principal

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK
Canteen needs your help
Year 5 Parents - Study

P&F AGM TONIGHT
7.00PM IN THE LIBRARY

VISION STATEMENT
St Andrew’s CPS offers an education that acknowledges, respects and nurtures the uniqueness of each person. Within a framework of Catholic values and teamwork, the students will be challenged and supported to recognise their gifts and develop their potential as they learn and contribute to their community.
DATES TO REMEMBER

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE CHILDREN WHO HAVE CELEBRATED THEIR BIRTHDAY RECENTLY.

Lewis Daniel, Charlize Fox, Liam Bird, Kimberley Oakes, Keely Gillingham, Garth Oakes, Lillie Hines, Grace Bushby, Sharlette Bushby, Seth Mitchell

SCHOOL MATTERS

MAKING JESUS REAL AWARDS

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ARCHBISHOP HICKEY’S BUSHFIRE APPEAL DRESS UP IN RED DAY

When? Friday February 20, 2009.
What to do? Send your children to school wearing clothing that is predominantly RED.
Cost? A gold coin donation is to be given to the classroom teacher.
All funds that are raised will be forwarded to the Archbishop’s Bushfire Appeal.
Warren Smith – Assistant Principal

ST ANDREWS NETBALL CLUB – Information available from the office.
THE EDUCATION TAX REFUND – GET 50% BACK

Under the new Education Tax Refund, parents and others who are eligible can now claim 50% of their eligible education expenses up to $750 for primary students and $1500 for secondary students.

This means you could receive a refund each year of up to $375 for each primary and $750 for each secondary school student in your care.

Are you eligible?

To be eligible you must have received Family Tax Benefit Part A for each child whose education expenses you wish to claim. You can also claim the Education Tax Refund if you were stopped from receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A because your child received any of the following:
• Youth Allowance (student) aged 18
• Disability Support Pension
• ABSTUDY
• the Veterans’ Children Education Scheme
• the Student Financial Supplement Scheme
• a scheme under s258 of the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004
• an Australian Postgraduate Award.
Independent students are also eligible to claim.

What can you claim?

You can claim the purchase, lease, hire or hire-purchase costs, repairs and running costs of:
• laptops, home computers and associated costs — for example, internet and paper
• educational software, printers, USB flash drives, disability aids to assist in the use of computer equipment for students with special needs
• stationery and art supplies
• school textbooks and associated learning materials
• trade tools and safety equipment for secondary school trade courses.

Some of the expenses you cannot claim include school fees or the cost of school uniforms, school excursions or travel to and from school, musical instruments or sporting equipment, clothing or footwear. For a more comprehensive list visit www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au

When can you claim?

You can claim your education expenses in your 2009 tax return. If you do not have to lodge a tax return, you will be able to lodge a separate claim with the Tax Office from 1 July 2009.

Remember, you need to keep all receipts for expenses you claim.

If your education expenses in one year are more than the claim limit for your children, you can add the excess to your education expenses for the following year.

For more information:
• visit www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au
• phone the Tax Office on 1328 61.

CANTEEN

The canteen is now open each day on a six month trial. On Tuesdays and Thursdays no orders are taken, but the canteen will be open at recess and lunch for small items such as drinks, popcorn chips and fruit. This menu will be expanded in time if there is sufficient demand.
6/7 Blue - Class Prayer for the Victims of the Victorian Bushfires.

The students of 6/7 Blue have been studying the “GREAT Prayer” formula. They have composed a class Prayer for the Victims of the Victorian bushfires.

Lord our God, (Dylan)

We are praying today for all the victims of the Victorian bushfires (Jessie)

We pray for all the people who have lost family and friends (Nicholas)

We pray for all the animals and pets that have lost their lives (Sam)

We pray for all the people who are feeling lost and confused (Dakota)

We pray for all the people who have lost their homes and possessions (Josh R)

Please help all those who are shocked, suffering and in grief (Cody)

We feel sad and worried for all those who have suffered (Leaha)

We hope that their lives will be restored and become happy again (Hannah)

Please allow them to rebuild and to have freedom (Jack R)

Hear us as we pray for their friends, family and good health. (Melissa)

Please help the fire fighters who are working so hard right now. (Elizabeth)

Please help them have the courage to find and help the victims (Amy)

Please help them not to feel worried or scared (Sara)

We thank you God for providing hope for all those who are worried and sad (Kristina)

We feel afraid, worried and scared that some people light fires. Please help them to learn that this is wrong (Corey)

We pray that those who purposefully commit acts of arson correct their ways (Krista)

We pray that those with injuries have a swift recovery (Ollie)

We pray that you continue to look over all those people who are in distress (Samantha)

We thank you for all the survivors and those who have been found alive (Marco)

Thank you for the bravery and courage of the fire-fighters (Seth)

Please bless all the families and we pray that those missing are found (Daniel)

Thank you to all those in the community who are helping (Jess)

We thank you for the many people who help others (Zac)

We pray that no more lives are lost. Thank you for listening to our prayer (Jack V).

Amen