



**Mia, Shelby and Sarah having fun at the  
Bridgetown Camp**



### **MJR Focus- Teamwork at Home**

As you may know, we are an MJR school- MJR stands for Making Jesus Real. While we certainly use stories of Jesus' earthly ministry as inspiration for our students, these stories are thousands of years old, so they can seem a bit remote to children. This is why MJR is such a valuable program - it helps us to teach the students very specific ways in which they can be like Jesus in their own everyday lives, both at school and at home.

Recently, we have had a focus on T.A.H. (teamwork at home). Students were shown a video clip of the 'garbage children of Cebu' - these are families who live on an enormous rubbish tip in the Philippines. This is as about extreme as poverty gets, as these children pick through the rubbish each day searching for recyclable items that could earn them a few cents. As you can imagine, their standard of living is extremely poor and they suffer from a number of health issues.

From here, students brainstormed all the things that they have access to in their homes/lives that the children in the clip do not. It was not difficult to come up with a pretty long list. Next came the lightbulb moment - the students realising that the main reason they have a high quality of life is due to the hard work and care of their parents, who strive to provide them with a nice home to live in.

We discussed the importance of 'teamwork at home', meaning that children need to actively do their bit to help with the everyday running of the household. We highlighted two simple ways in which they can make a positive impact at home:

- 1) Do as they are told, cheerfully.
- 2) Say thank you to their parents at least four times a day.

I am hoping you may even notice this difference at home. Next time you ask your child to unstack the dishwasher or tidy their room, I'm hoping they may do it promptly with no complaints or bad attitudes. We have wonderful children at this school. While they genuinely care for their families and others, MJR provides us with a great opportunity to give them the occasional reminder of how they can have a positive impact on those around them.

### **Condolences to the Kelly Family**

Our thoughts are with the Kelly family, as we had some sad news recently that Mr Kelly's mother has passed away. Please keep the Kellys in your prayers. Mr and Mrs Kelly will be away for the rest of this term and relief arrangements will be in place.

### **Bridgetown Camp**

What a wonderful time our Year 4/5 students had in Bridgetown on their Camp last week. We were so impressed by their positive attitude, resilience and the way in which students supported each other. I hope you enjoy the highlights of the Camp that you will see in this newsletter.

### **School Board/P&F Meetings**

A reminder that we have two meetings tonight:

- P&F Meeting 5.30pm
- School Board Meeting 7.00pm

Thank you to those generous parents who volunteer their time to attend these meetings.

### **Term 4 Planner**

With today's newsletter is the Term 4 Planner. Please take note of the dates of all the many events and activities for next term. It is possible that some of these dates may still change, but we will issue a finalised Term Planner at the beginning of Term 4.

### Swimming Lessons

A reminder that swimming lessons take place each day next week for students in PP-Year 6. A note has already gone home about this. A couple of key reminders:

- Students to wear sports uniform each day during swimming.
- All items to clearly show your child's name please (towel, goggles, bathers, underwear, clothing etc)
- Please make sure your child can dress themselves independently. Obviously, our staff will assist where required, but it is better if they are not put in a position where they need to do so. A dress rehearsal at home is always a good idea!

If you have any questions about swimming lessons, please don't hesitate to ask.

### Students Arriving Early

In recent weeks, we have noticed a trend of some of our older students starting to arrive at school quite early in the morning. Please don't allow your child to arrive at school before 8.30am, as we are unable to provide adequate supervision before this time. If there is a special reason you need your child to be at school before 8.30am, please discuss with me in advance.

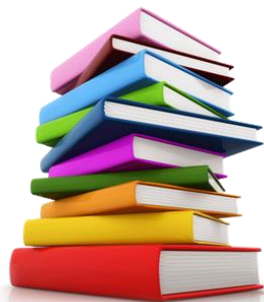
### New Principal- Appointment Process

If all goes according to the timeline I have been given, the advertisement for the new principal position will be online by the beginning of next week, with an appointment expected to be made in mid-late October.

Brett Wilkie  
Principal

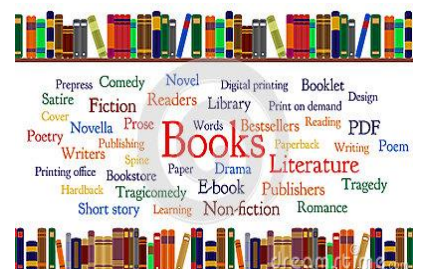
### Bake Sale – Project Based Learning Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September

Our students from Years 3-6 participate in a weekly session of Project-Based Learning, where they get to work on a project of their choice, according to their interests and passions. This Friday, some students are going to be holding a Bake Sale, to raise money for the Community Garden. The Bake Sale will be in the canteen at lunch time on Friday and for a dollar or two, students may be able to buy such items as apple muffins, cupcakes and cookies. Your child might like to bring a few dollars to spend if they wish. Please note that all students should still bring a full lunch and recess snack.



Term 3 is quickly coming to an end! This means we would like all library books returned as soon as possible. If you would remind your child/ren to bring them to the library by Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, we will keep them safe so others are able to borrow them next term. Thank you for your help.

Suzanne Moynihan





## Year 4 Class News- Bridgetown Camp 2020

My favourite part of camp was the 'Lantern Stalk'. Other things we did at Camp were archery, the rope thing, wall climbing, 'Spotlight', find Miss Dallimore, eagle has landed and the 'Bridgetown challenge.' Trent

For Year 4/5 Camp we went to Bridgetown. It was so fun. My favourite part was then the showers didn't work-everyone went crazy! I loved the night games especially 'hide & seek chasey' in the dark. Shelby

On the year 4/5 camp to Bridgetown Camp School I had lots of fun doing archery, team building games, night games and the Bridgetown Challenge. All of the children enjoyed some things better than others but my personal favourites were the night games where we told scary stories and had to find Miss Dallimore! Nobody did end up finding her – she was in a good spot! Rose

For camp we went to Bridgetown/Fridgetown. My favourite part was when we played 'find Miss Dallimore' – but there was a twist! It was night and very scary but we had torches. The other activities that we did were archery, team games and the Bridgetown Challenge. The person leading the Camp was Xander. Sarah

For our camp we went to Bridgetown. Once we unpacked, we went up a hill to do archery. When we finished we had lunch. At night we played 'Lantern Stalk'. I was crawling along the ground when someone stood on me. After that we played 'Spotlight'. Marcus

On Thursday and Friday, the Years 4 and 5 at St Joseph's went to Bridgetown camp. We were all very excited as we got to do challenges, night games and archery! My favourite parts were the night games 'Spotlight' and 'Lantern Stalk'. My least favourite part was when the hot water wouldn't come on in the showers. Overall, it was AMAZING! Mia







We even found time to help with the dishes!

