

Make Jesus Real

Dear Parents and Carers,

Recently I worked with Prep - Year 3's with MJR at your child's wonderful school at Mount Carmel. The children were very enthusiastic and we concentrated on looking at habits and finding ways to reflect on what they do in a positive manner. We also focused on stopping the bad habit of back chatting at home - when we are asked to

- i) go to bed and/or get up in the morning
- ii) do chores such as do the dishes, take care of the pets etc
- iii) keep our bedrooms tidy or clean.

We wrote on the back of some students hands with the saying 'Okay - with a smile' and there was a very positive response from the students



. It is a very simple activity to reinforce but it can bring great happiness in the home. We also spoke about not getting into the habit of being on IT devices and internet games too much and it was very interesting when I asked the older classes, if they have people at home on their devices too much and over 70% of the children felt that this was the case.

We also looked at the many 'Spirit of Jesus' moments that constantly occur in their lives and the students were quick to suggest that it is often the small things that make all the difference. For example saying thank you when they have a meal at night or when they are dropped off at school. It was enlightening to hear from the teachers that many students remember to say thank you after a lesson or at the end of the day. We also spoke about the acronym WEST

W = Welcoming
E = Encouraging
S = saying SORRY
T = saying Thank you

Again the habit of WEST is a simple message that Jesus emphasised and I am sure that if our youngsters grow up to be WEST people they will go a long way in life. It was a super wonderful day to work with the staff and students and share some magic and highlight the need to bring Jesus' message into 2021. Be assured that your children are attending a school where the staff are continually striving to fulfil your child's potential.... It was a pleasure to be a part of their journey.

Live Jesus in Our Hearts - Forever

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