

Journals Application Enhancements v1.4

Overview

This release introduces an additional enhancement to the Journals application, a tool designed to give students an authentic audience to showcase their work.

The key change is that Journal posts can now include a subject tag, allowing teachers to easily and effectively filter posts by class and subject.

When creating a post, only a single subject tag can be associated.

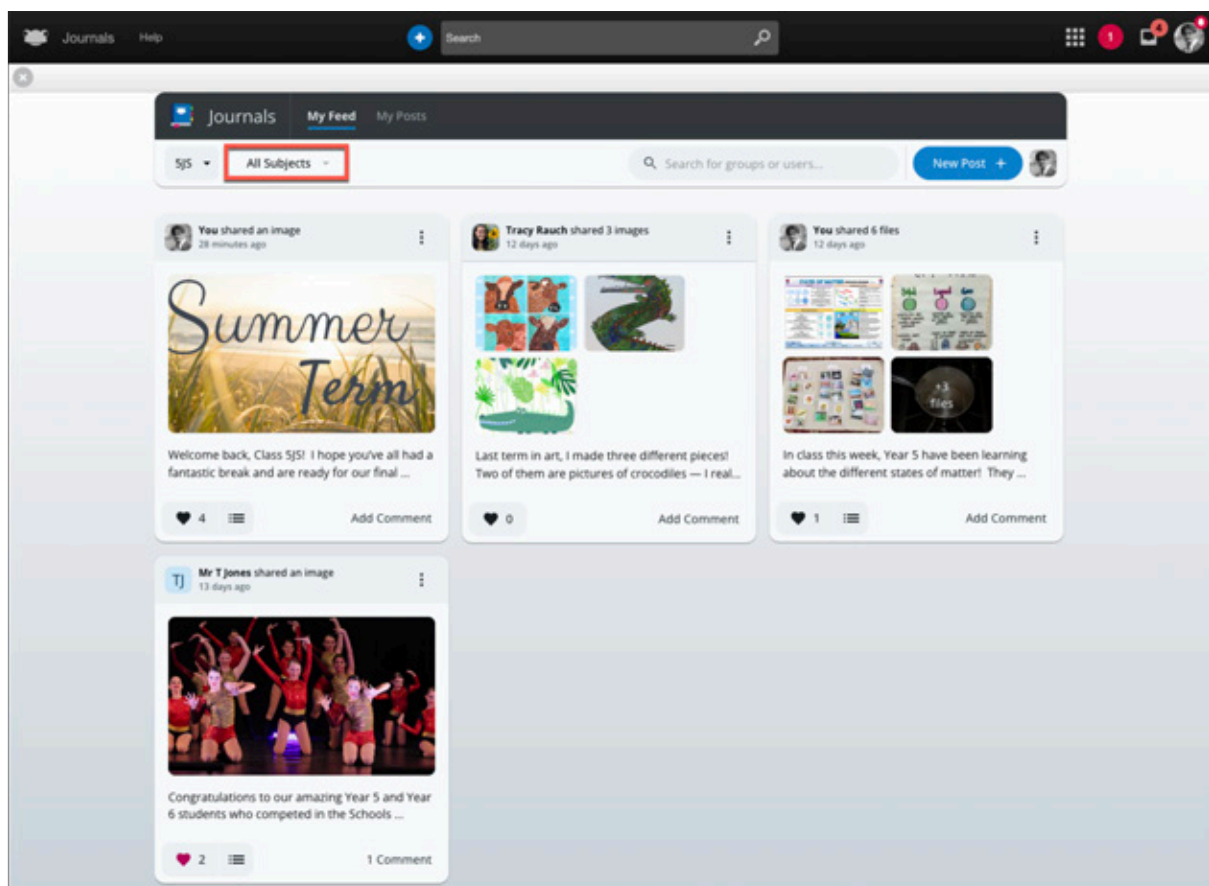
We will now take a closer look at how to create a post with an associated subject, and how this will appear to both the post creator and post recipients.

How-to

In a previous update to the Journals application, a change was introduced for staff and admin users so that when a specific group is selected under My Groups, that preference is remembered across sessions. This applies whether Journals is accessed on desktop, via a mobile browser, or within the Frog GO mobile application.

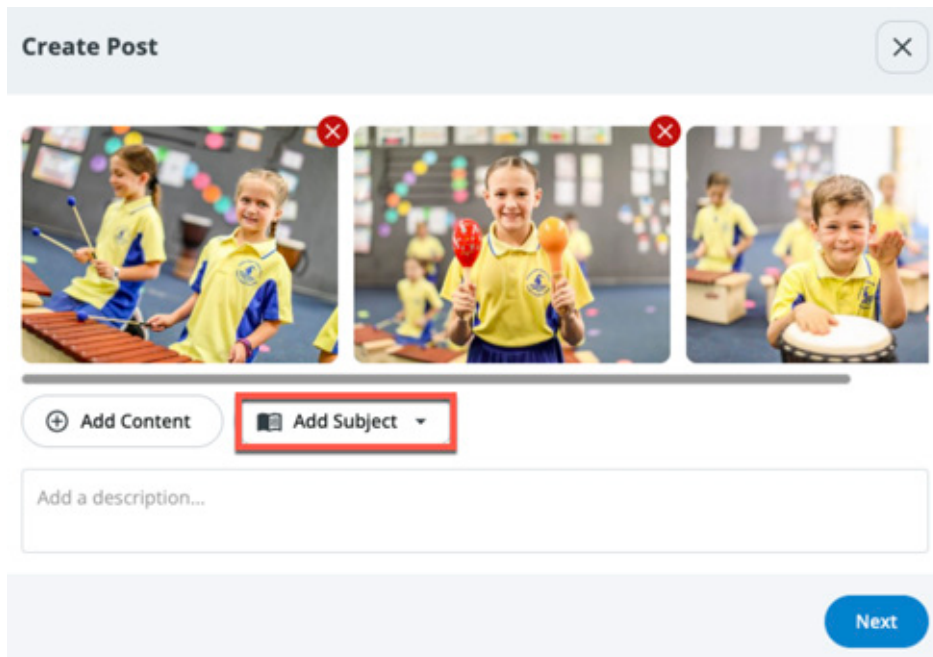
For example, if a teacher such as Mr J Sparrow selects the group 5JS, this group becomes the default view for posts each time the Journals application is opened on any device.

With this latest update, this behaviour has been extended to support the new subject tags that can be added to a Journal post. As this feature is newly introduced, posts will not initially have a subject tag applied. As a result, although the All Subjects option is displayed alongside the group drop-down, no subject options will be available for selection until subject tags are in use.



We will now look at how to associate a subject when creating a post.

After uploading the resources for a new post, an additional drop-down option titled Add Subject is available within the Create Post pop-up window.

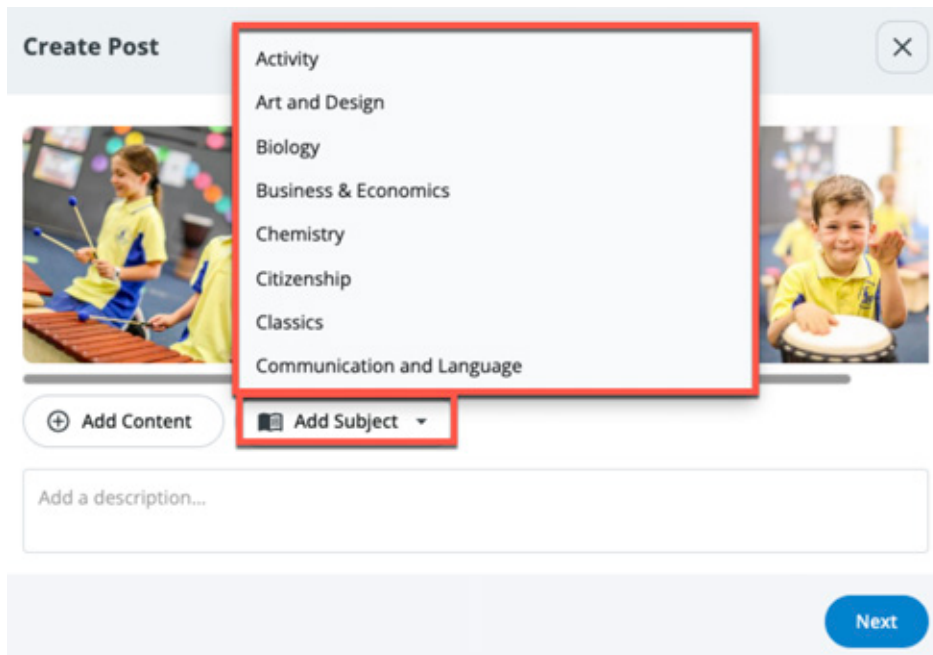


The screenshot shows the 'Create Post' interface. At the top, there's a title bar with 'Create Post' and a close button. Below it, three images of children playing musical instruments are displayed. Under the images, there are two buttons: 'Add Content' and 'Add Subject'. The 'Add Subject' button is highlighted with a red box. Below these buttons is a text input field labeled 'Add a description...'. At the bottom right, there is a blue 'Next' button.

Selecting the Add Subject drop-down list displays a list of available subjects.

The subjects shown are approved by the Department of Education and align with the Australian Curriculum. If you wish to add a custom subject, please speak to your Frog administrator, who can review your request.

Frog administrators can view the full list of available subjects and add custom subjects by navigating to System Preferences > Custom Tags > Subject Tag




This screenshot shows the 'Create Post' interface with the 'Add Subject' dropdown menu open. The dropdown menu lists the following subjects: Activity, Art and Design, Biology, Business & Economics, Chemistry, Citizenship, Classics, and Communication and Language. The 'Add Subject' button is highlighted with a red box. The 'Next' button is visible at the bottom right.


Select the subject you wish to associate with your post. Please note that only a single subject can be associated with a post.

In this example, the subject Music has been selected.

Create Post ✕



+ Add Content


 Music ✕

Add a description...


Next

If you wish to change the subject associated with your post, select the drop-down menu where Music is currently shown and choose a different subject.

Create Post ✕



+ Add Content

 Music ✕

Activity

Art and Design

Biology

Business & Economics

Chemistry

Citizenship

Classics


Communication and Language

Add a description...

Next

To completely remove a subject associated with your post simply click the X next to the selected subject, in this case Music.

Create Post✕



+ Add Content

📖 Music ✕

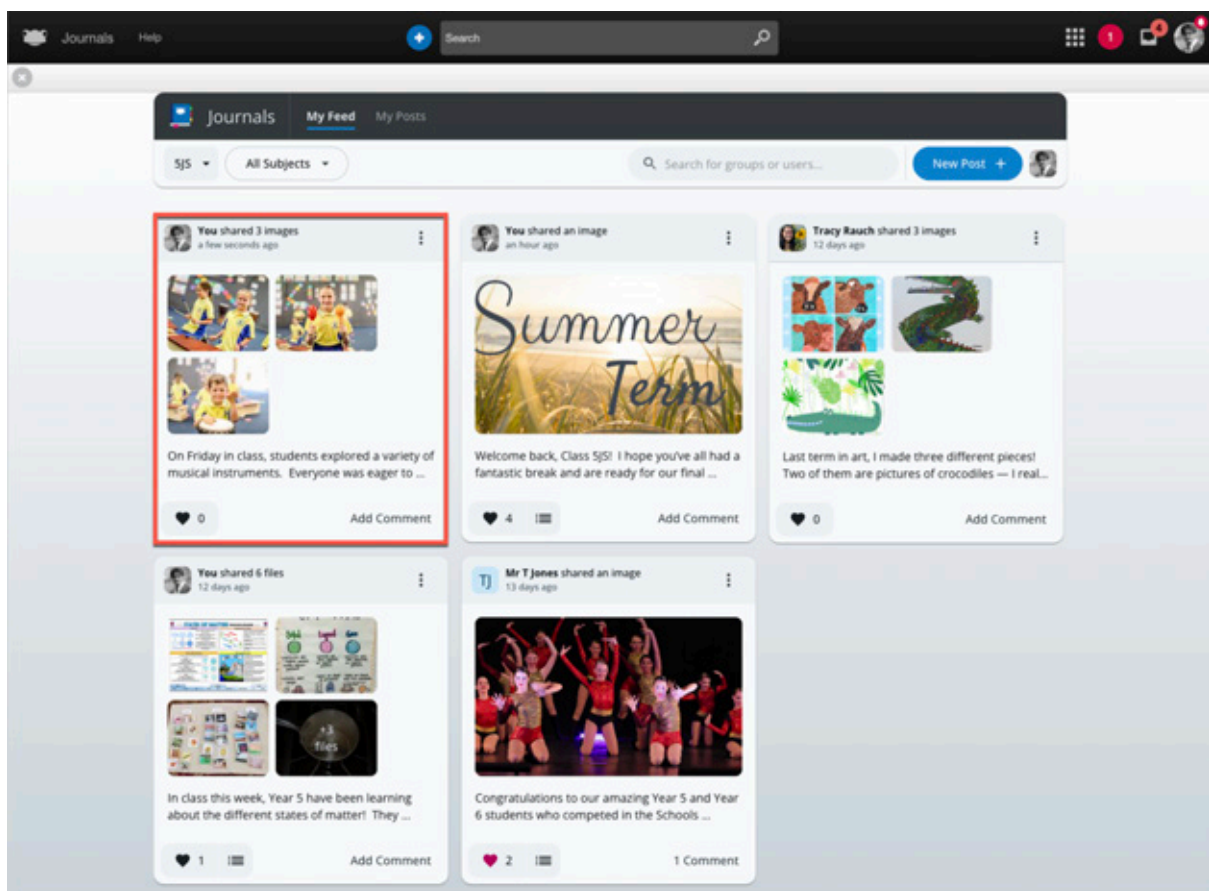
Add a description...

Next

We are going to retain the Music subject for this post.

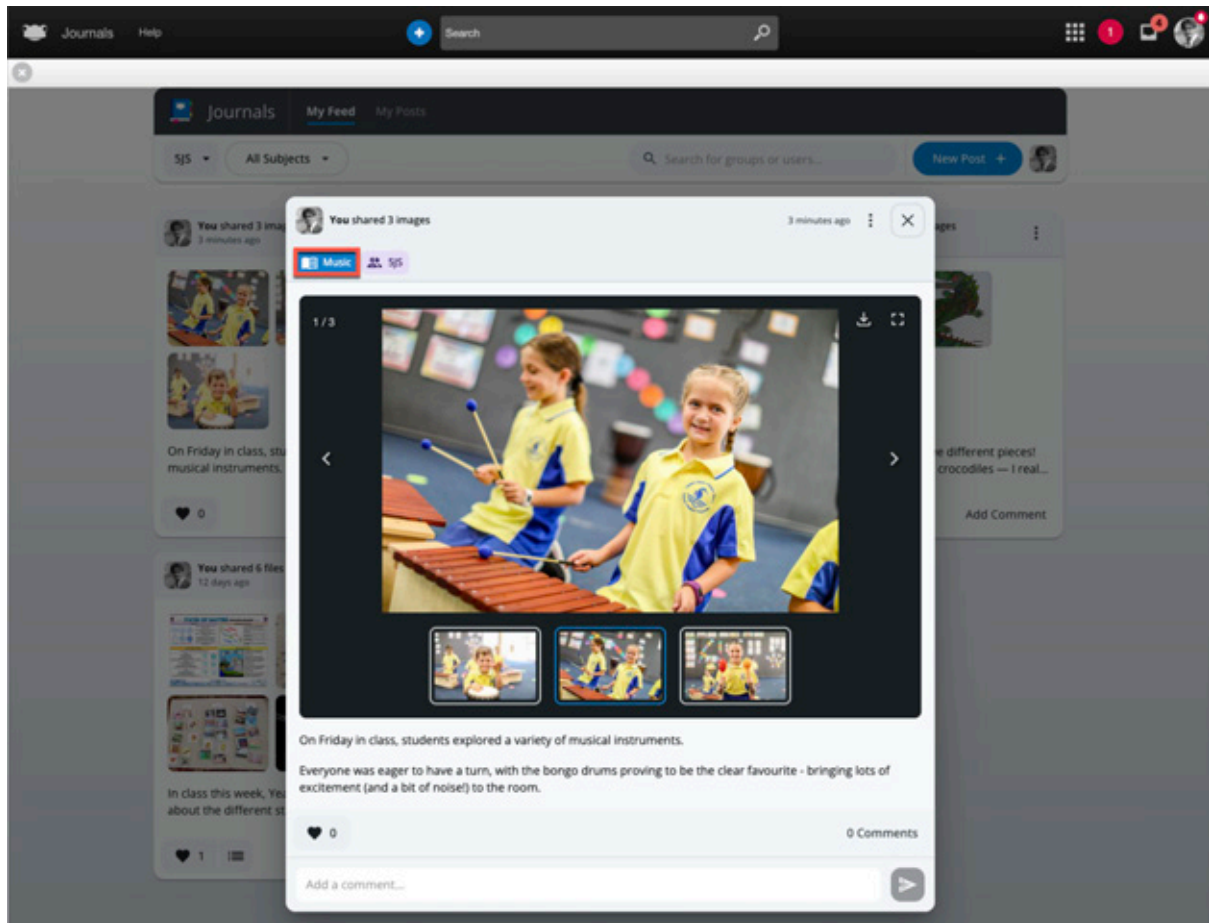
Complete the remaining details for your post, including adding a description and selecting the intended recipients.

Once your post has been created, it will appear in your My Feed view.



When selecting the post and viewing the preview, you will see the subject you associated during post creation displayed in blue, positioned just before the recipients of the post.

In this example, the Music subject appears in blue to the left of the post recipients, which are class 5JS.



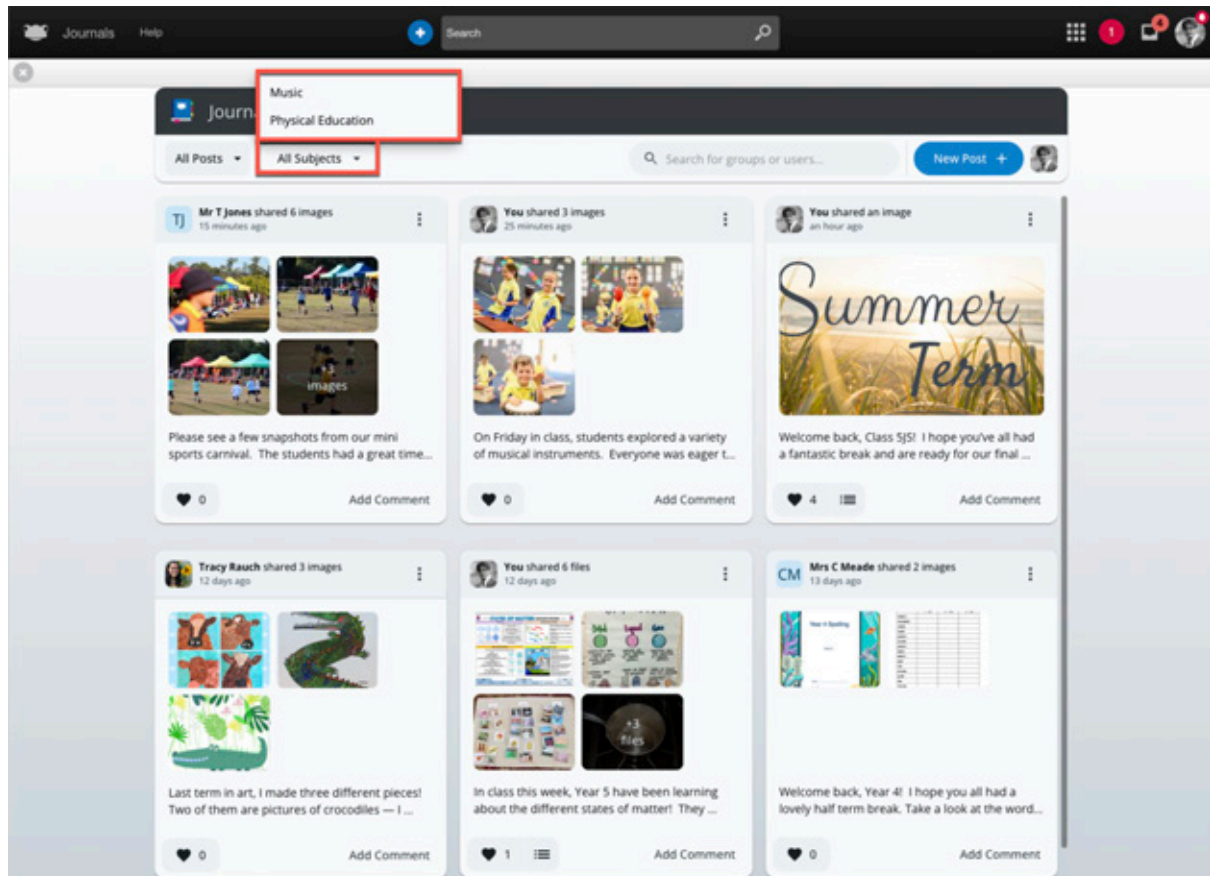
We will now take a quick look at how associating a subject with a post affects the My Feed and My Posts views for staff and admin users.

Firstly, within the My Feed view, when the All Posts option is selected, you can now filter posts by subject. Previously, no additional filter was available at this level.

When the All Subjects drop-down is selected, only subjects that have posts associated with them will be displayed.

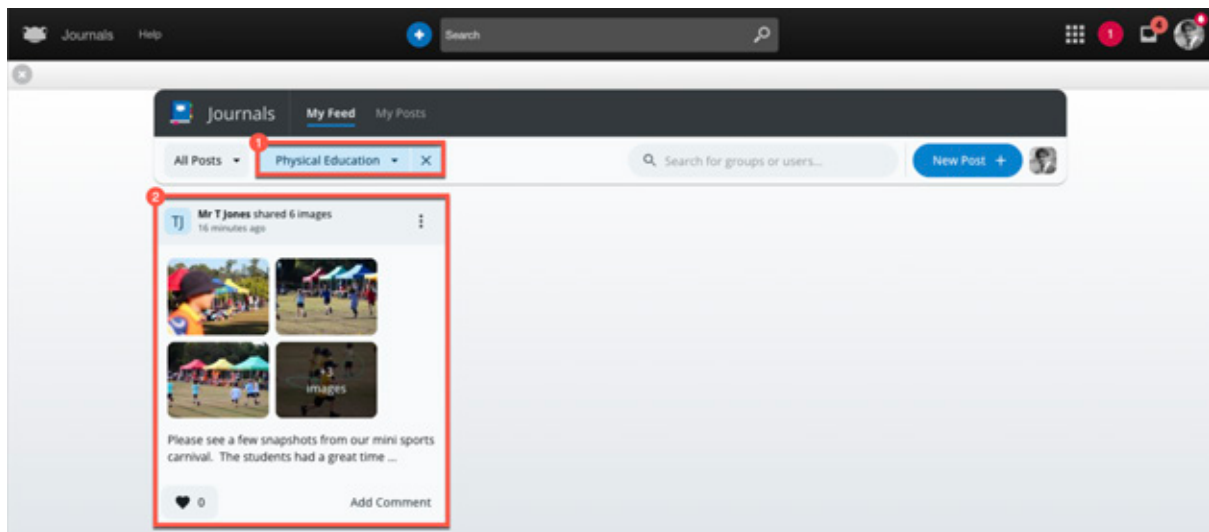
In this example, when selecting All Subjects, the following subjects are listed, as posts have been associated with them:

- Music
- Physical Education



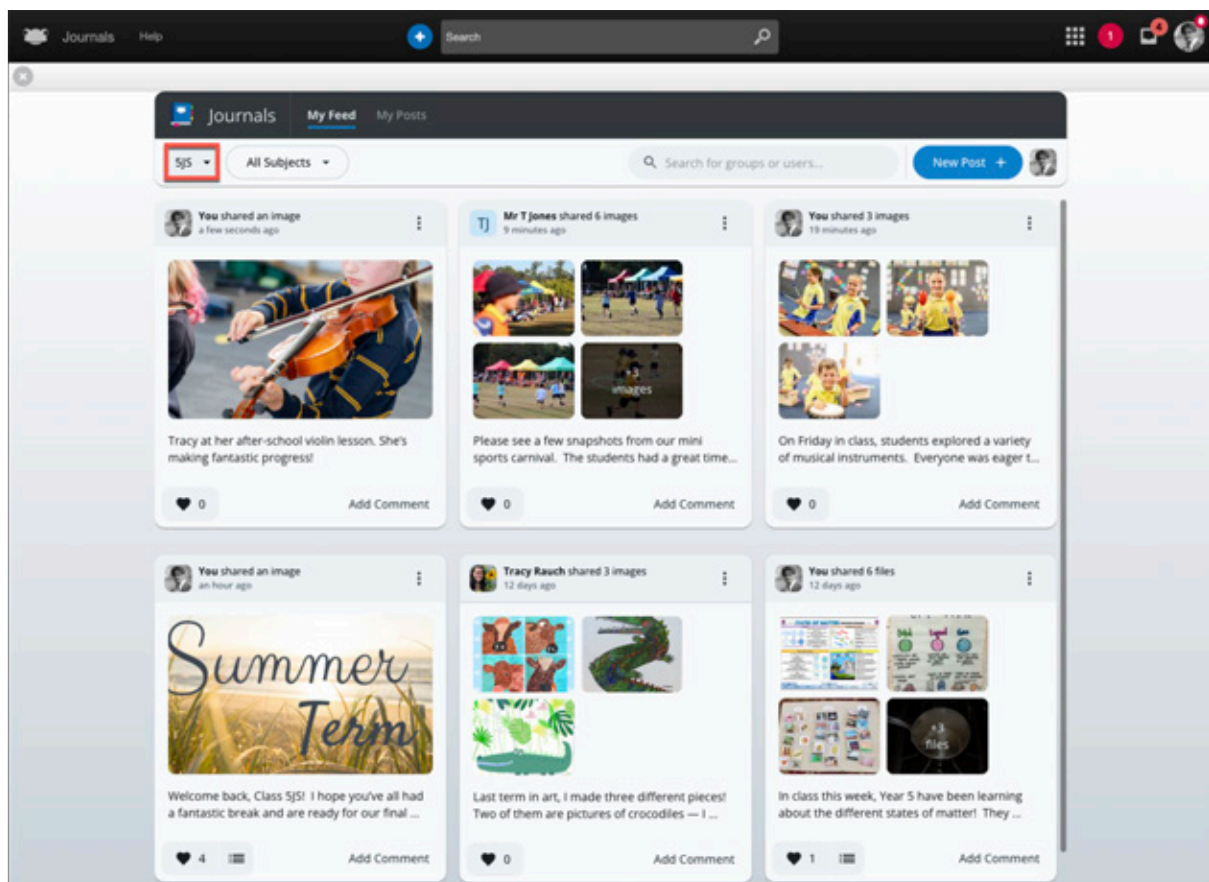
After selecting a subject (for example, Physical Education), the My Feed view updates to display all posts associated with that subject.

In this example, only a single post is shown, as it is the only post with the Physical Education subject associated.



Now, as a teacher, when you select a group you are associated with, the view defaults to showing posts shared directly with the group, as well as posts shared individually with members of that group.

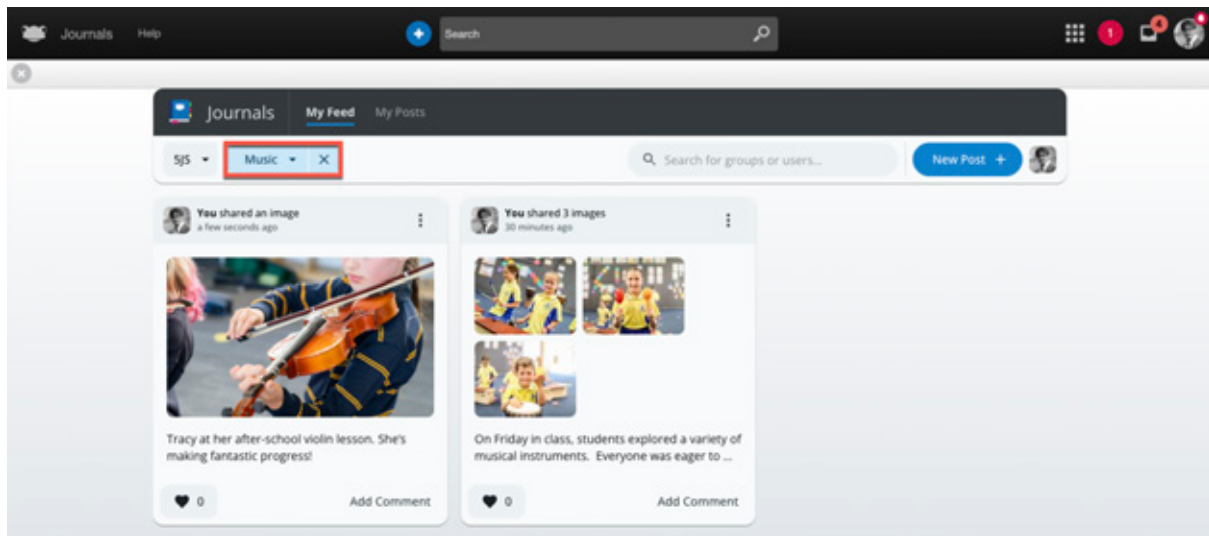
In the example below, Mr J Sparrow has selected his class 5JS, so any posts shared with the 5JS group or with individual members of that group are displayed.



When a group is selected, posts can be further filtered by subject, in the same way as when All Posts is selected.

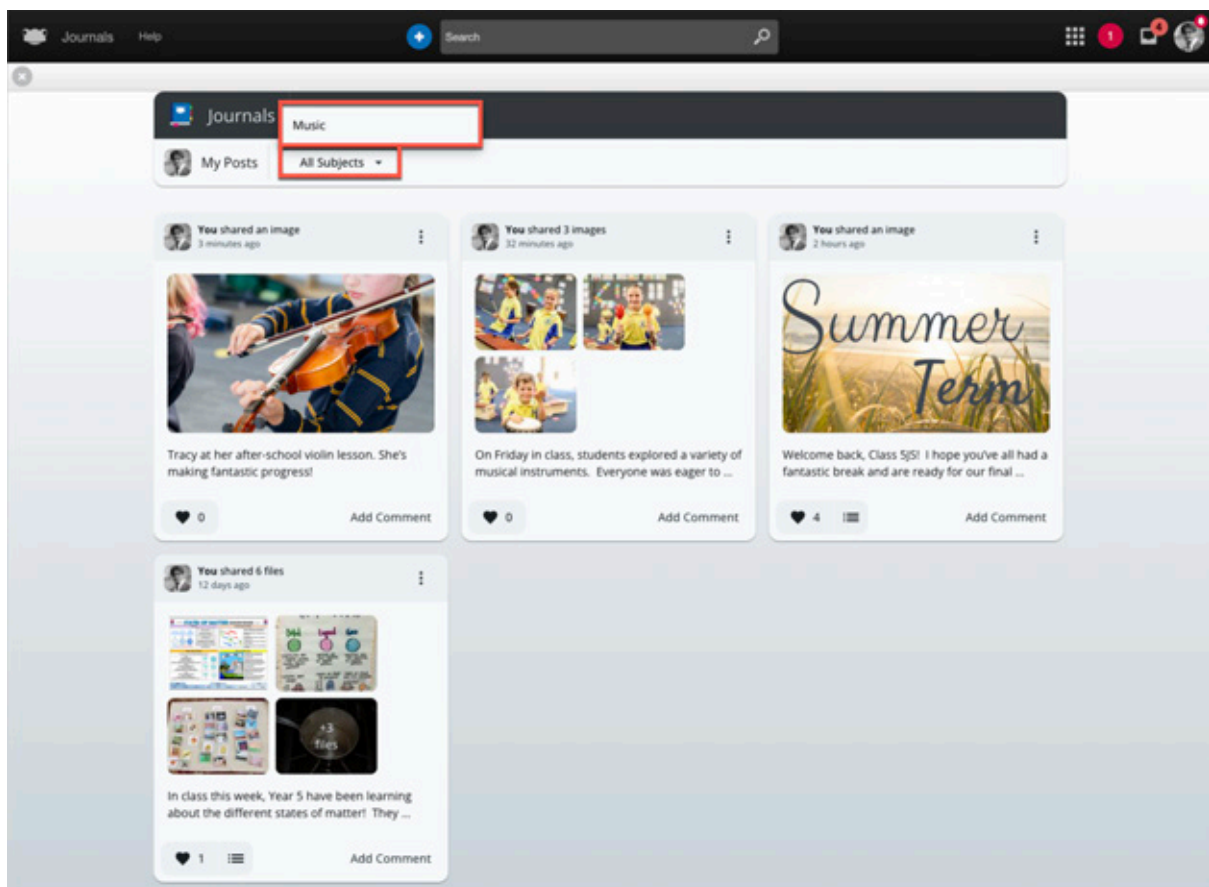
If the subject Music is selected, only posts that meet the following criteria will be displayed:

- The post is shared with the 5JS group or with an individual member of the group
- The post has the Music subject associated



When navigating to the My Posts view, you can also filter posts by subject, in the same way as in the My Feed view.

Selecting the All Subjects drop-down within My Posts displays any subjects that have been associated with posts created by Mr J Sparrow.




When both a group and a subject are selected, the following behaviour occurs when a staff or admin user creates a new post:

- The subject is automatically pre-populated
- The group is not pre-selected as the post audience
- However, the group is immediately visible and expanded, making it quicker and easier to select the intended recipients


In the example below, Mr J Sparrow has the class 5JS selected and the subject Music applied. When creating a new post, the Create Post pop-up window shows the subject Music automatically populated.

Create Post



+

Add Content

 Music

X

Add a description...

Next

When moving to the next step of the post creation process (Add People), the 5JS group is displayed and expanded, showing all associated group members.

Add People

No people added

Search for groups or users...

5JS

AH

Anne Hathaway

DJ

Daniel Jones

ES

Eddie Small

HC

Henry Cavill

JB

James Bond

JW

James Wilson

LG

Lucy Green

MS

Max Smith

MW

Monster Wilson

JS

Mr J Sparrow

OC

Oliver Cox

SC

Sarah Caswell

SE

Siobhan Evans

TR

Tracy Rauch

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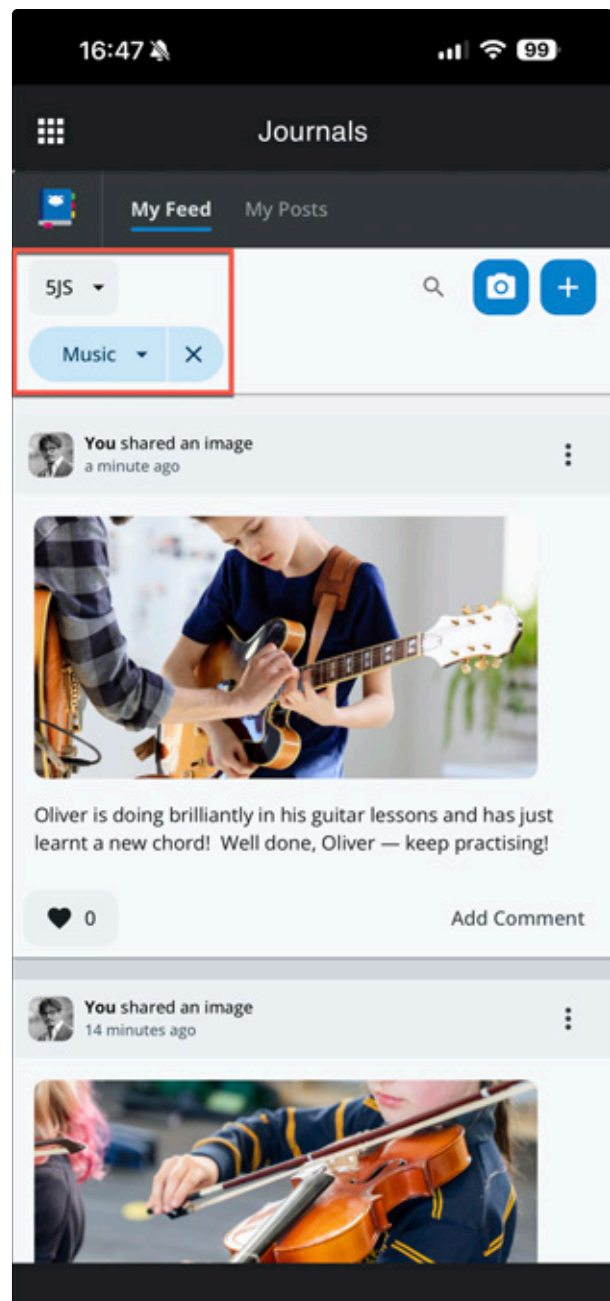
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Post

In addition, when both a group and a subject are selected, these preferences are remembered across sessions, whether accessed on desktop, via a mobile browser, or within the Frog GO mobile application.

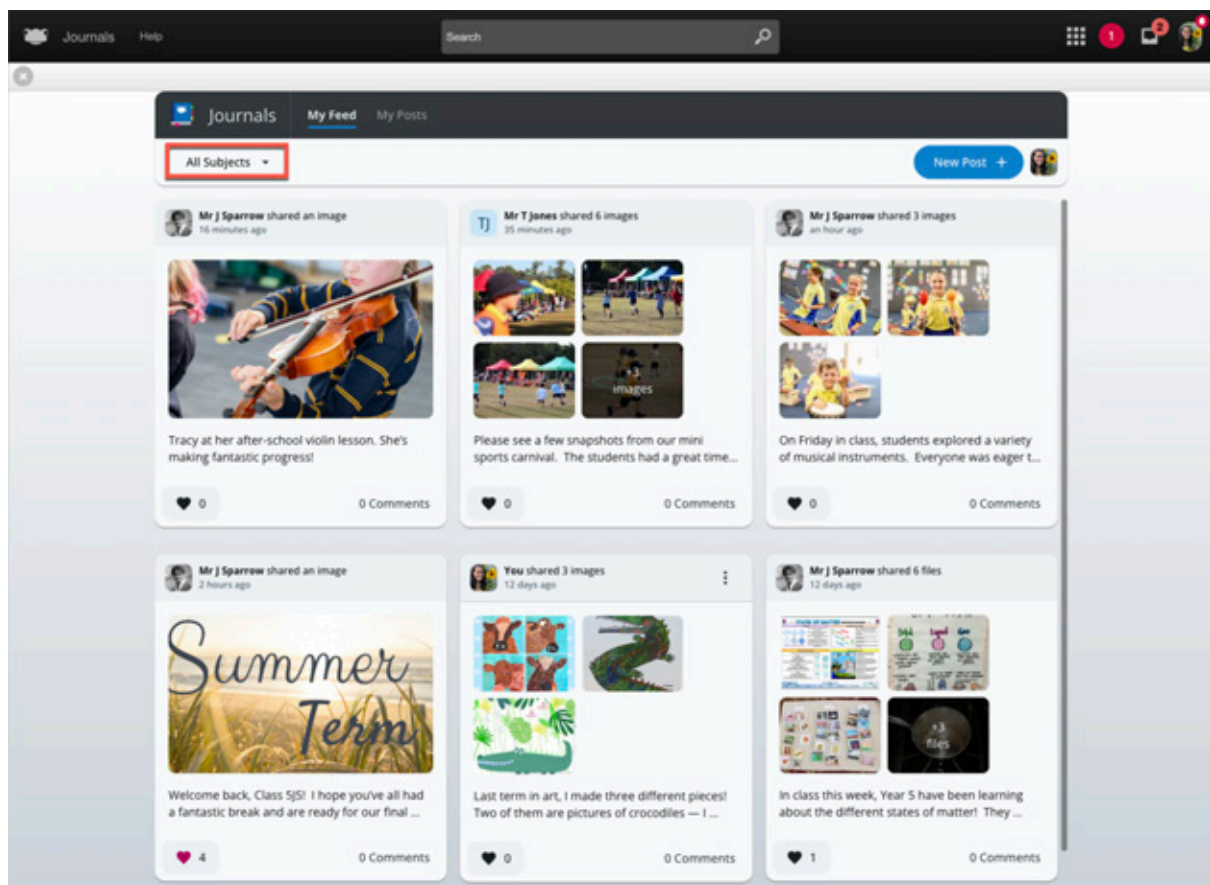
In this example, on a desktop device, Mr J Sparrow has the class 5JS selected and the subject Music applied as his default view in My Feed.

When navigating to the Frog GO mobile application, the same view is automatically replicated.

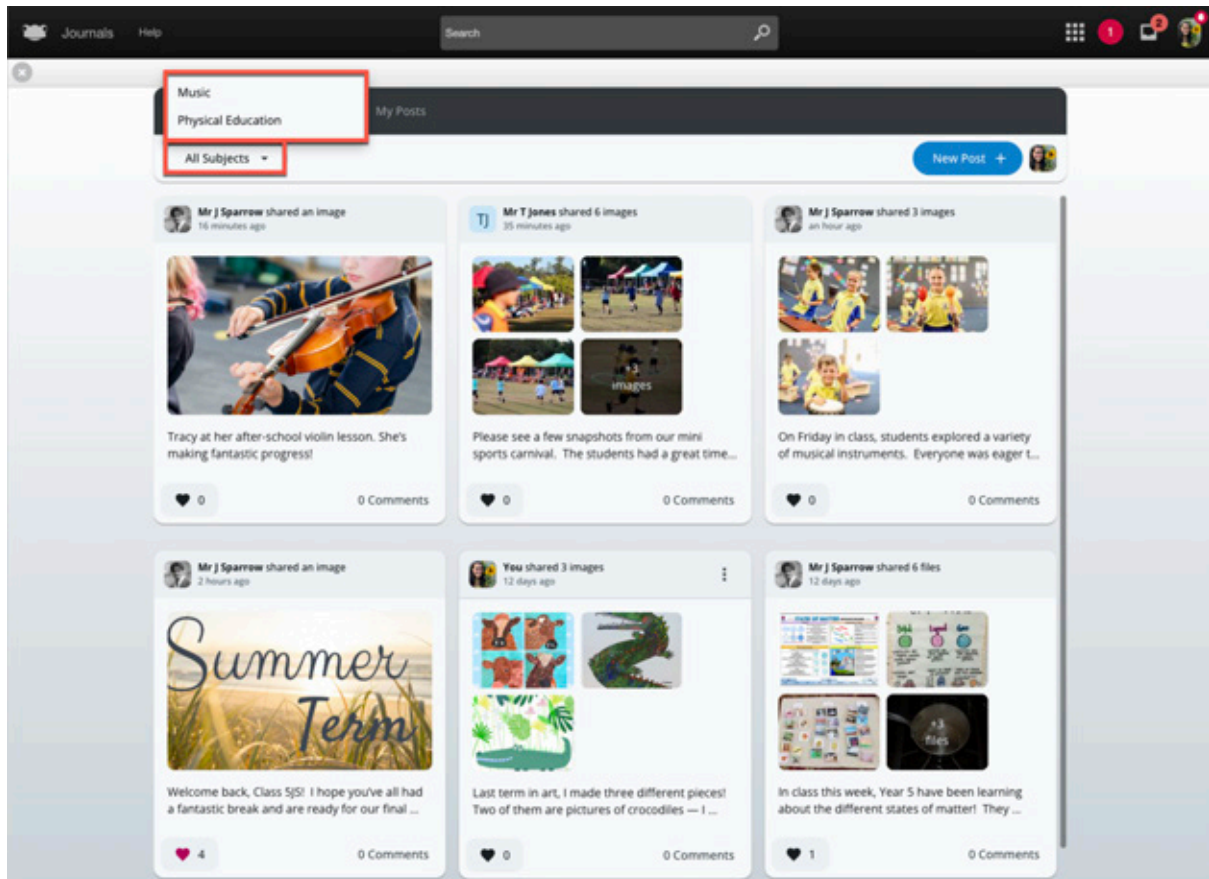


We will now take a quick look at how subject tags appear when a student views a post.

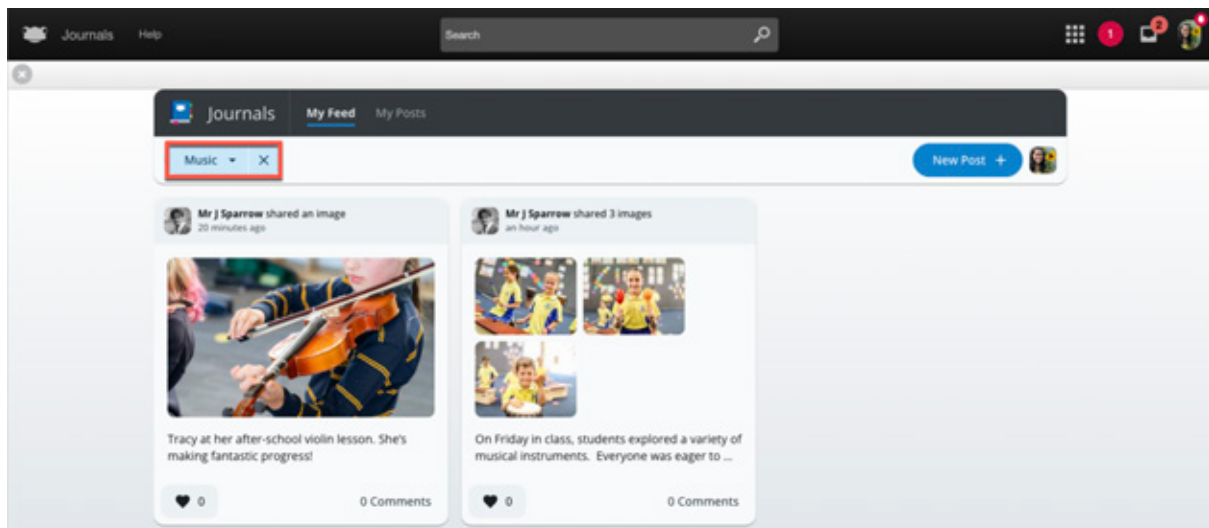
In this example, I have logged in as the student Tracy Rauch. The first change we can see is that an All Subjects drop-down list is now displayed within My Feed.



When selecting the All Subjects drop-down list, only subjects linked to posts that Tracy Rauch has access to will be shown. In this example, Tracy has posts associated with the subjects Music and Physical Education.

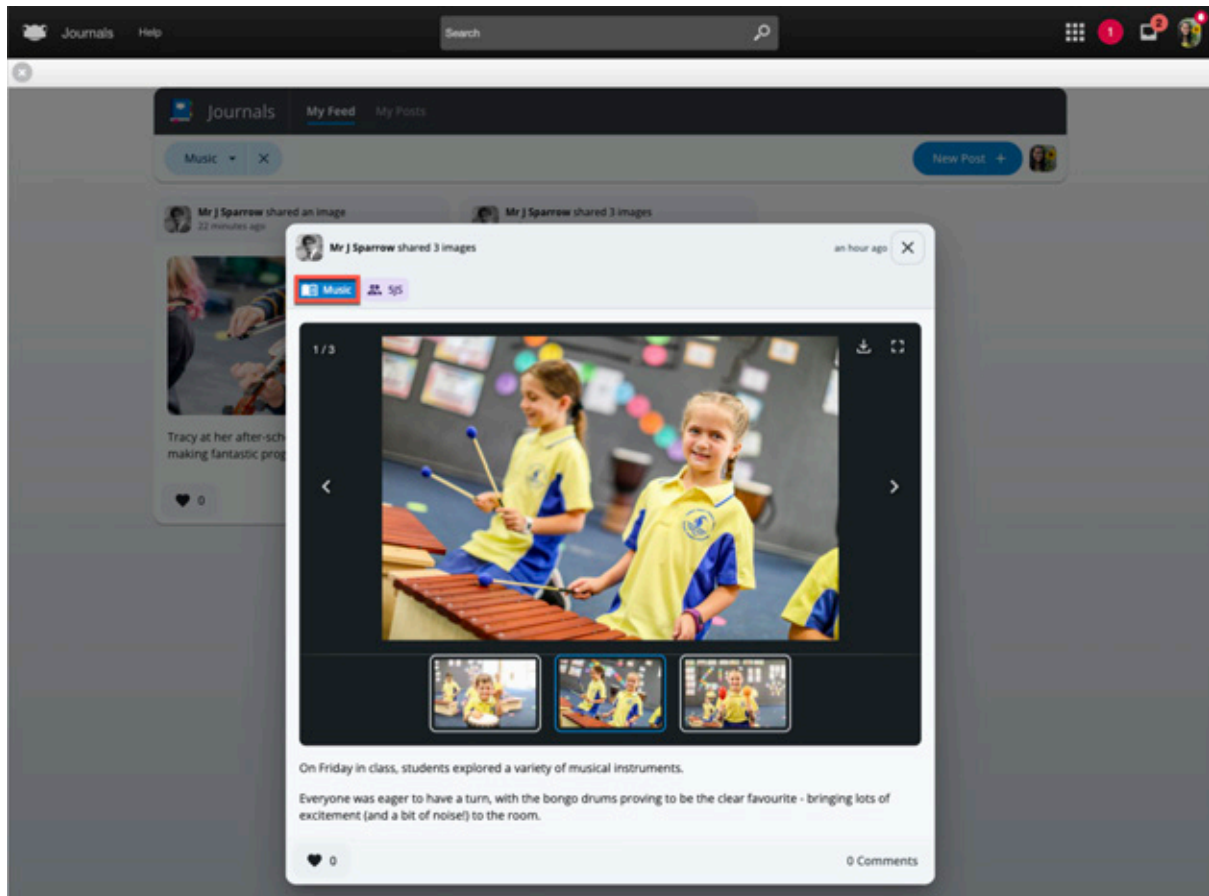


When a subject is selected, all posts associated with that subject are displayed. In this case, Tracy Rauch has selected Music and can see two posts.



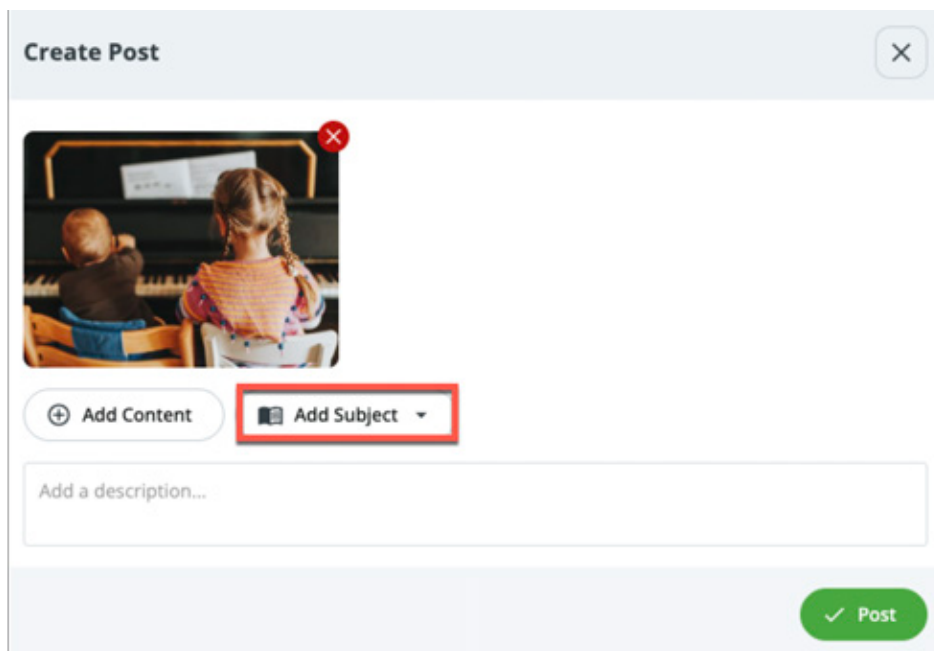
When selecting a post and viewing the preview, the associated subject is displayed in blue, positioned just before the recipients of the post.

In this example, the subject Music appears in blue to the left of the post recipients, which are class 5JS.



As students can also create posts, they are able to associate a subject when creating a post.

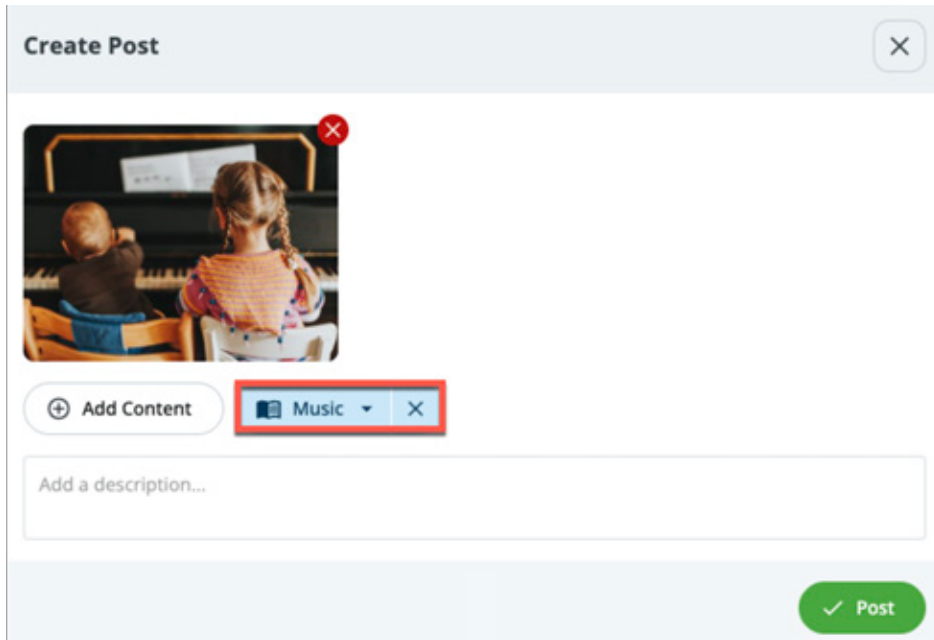
After uploading the resources for a new post, an additional drop-down option titled Add Subject is available within the Create Post pop-up window.



The screenshot shows the 'Create Post' pop-up window. At the top, there is a header bar with the text 'Create Post' and a close button (X). Below the header, there is a placeholder image of two children playing a piano, with a red 'X' icon in the top right corner. Underneath the image, there are two buttons: 'Add Content' and 'Add Subject'. The 'Add Subject' button is highlighted with a red rectangle. Below these buttons is a text input field with the placeholder text 'Add a description...'. At the bottom right, there is a green button with a checkmark and the text 'Post'.

In addition, if a student has filtered their posts by subject, that subject is automatically pre-populated within the Create Post pop-up window when a new post is created.

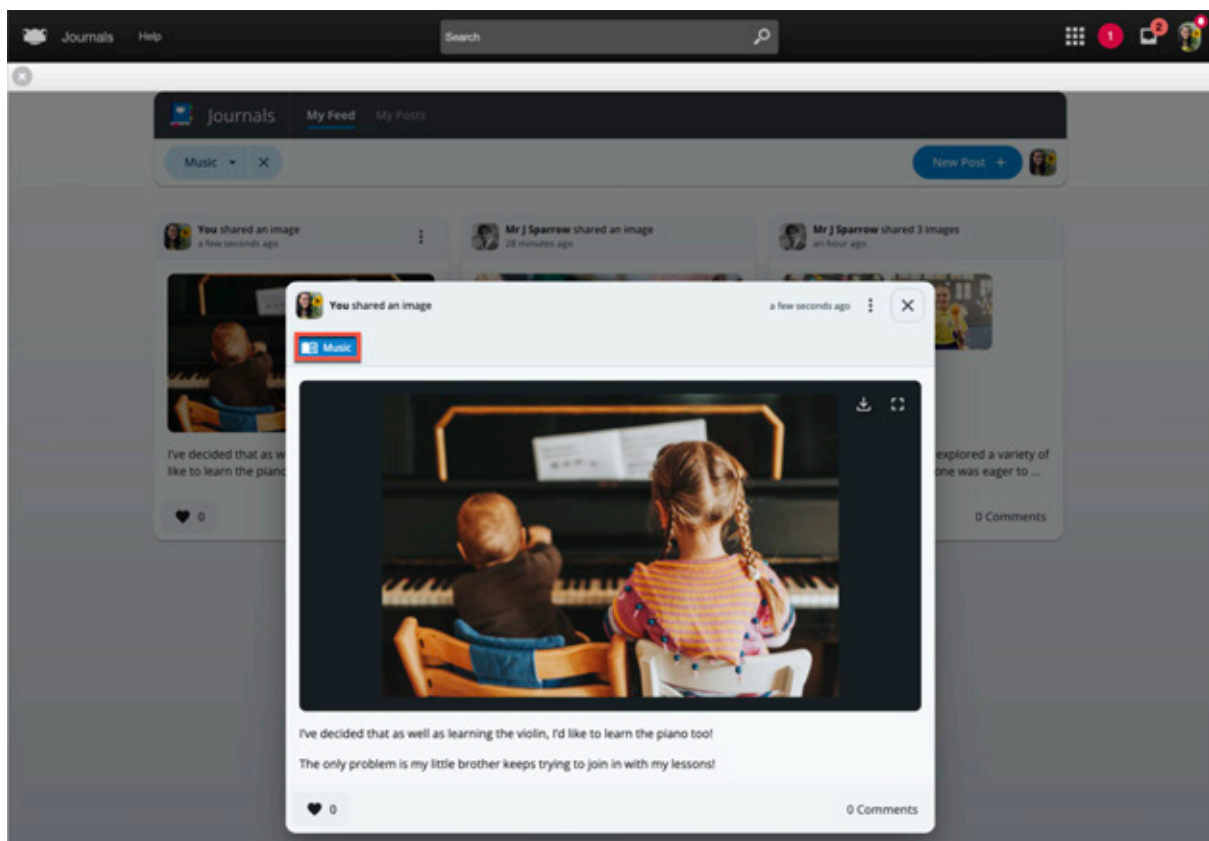
In this example, the student Tracy Rauch has filtered her posts by the subject Music. When she creates a new post, the Music subject is automatically populated.



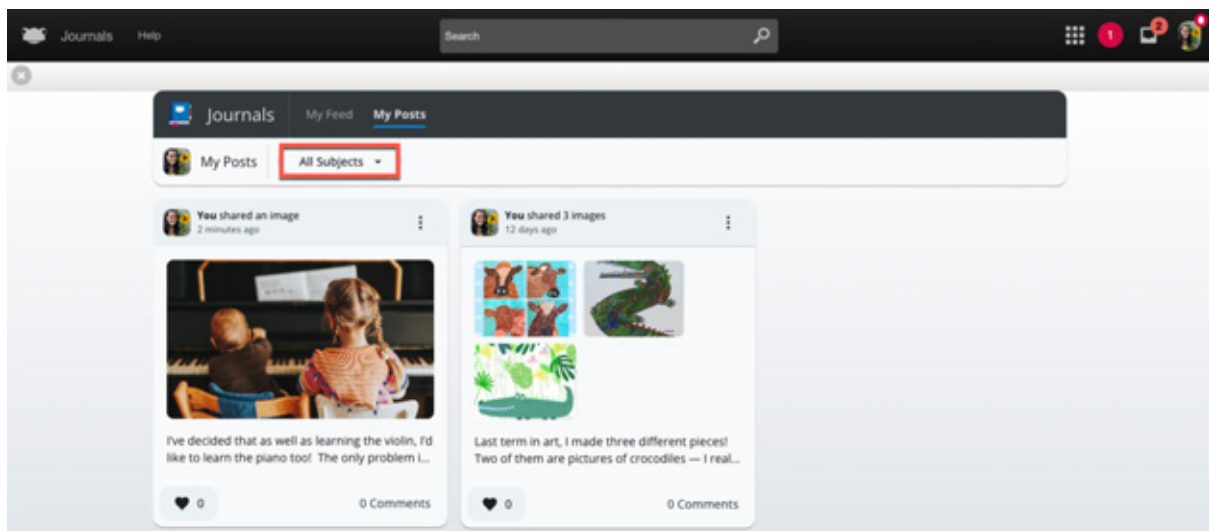
This screenshot shows the 'Create Post' pop-up window after the subject 'Music' has been pre-populated. The layout is identical to the previous screenshot, but the 'Add Subject' button now displays 'Music' instead of 'Add Subject'. The button is still highlighted with a red rectangle. The rest of the interface, including the header, image placeholder, description field, and 'Post' button, remains the same.

When the student previews a post they have created with a subject tag, the associated subject is displayed in blue.

In this example, the post created by Tracy Rauch shows the subject Music displayed in blue.

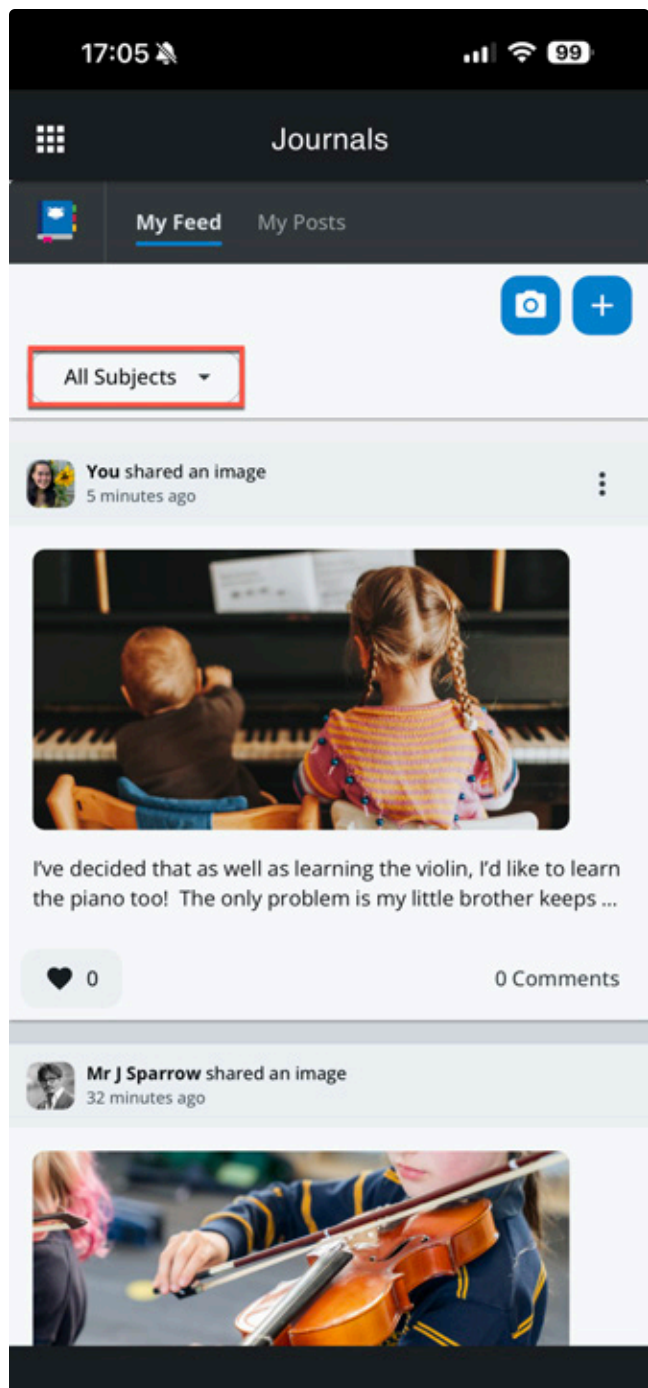


As a student, when navigating to the My Posts view, posts can also be filtered by subject, just like in My Feed, by selecting the All Subjects drop-down.



Lastly, when a student logs into the Frog GO mobile application, they can filter their posts by subject in the same way as on a desktop browser by selecting All Subjects.

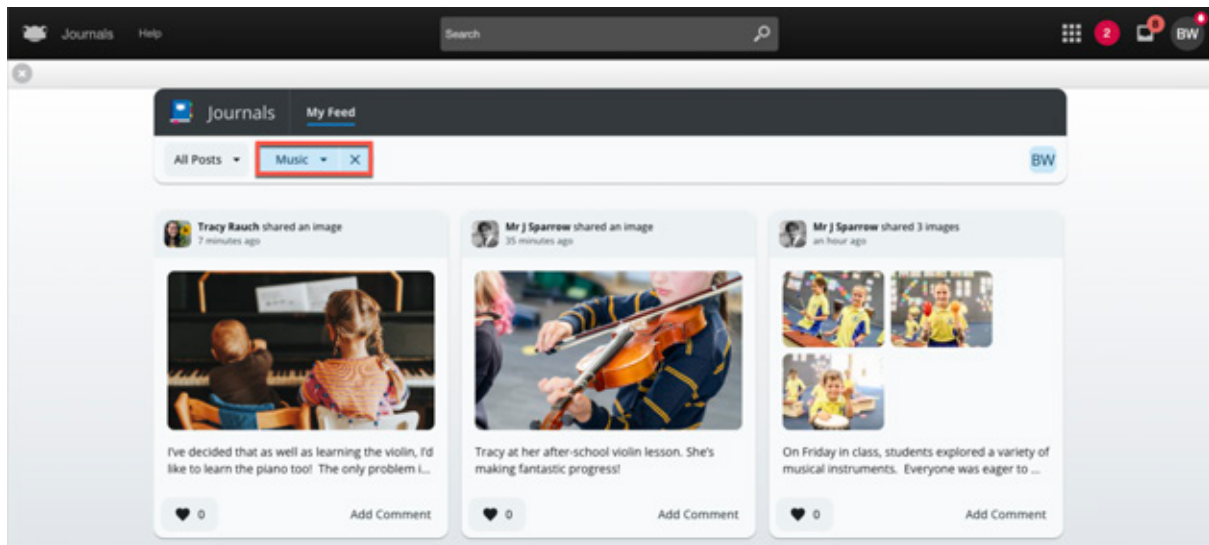
NOTE - When a student applies a subject filter, this selection is not retained across sessions. This functionality is only persistent for staff and admin users, as the subject association works alongside a selected group.



We will take a look at how subject tags appear when a parent views a post about their child.

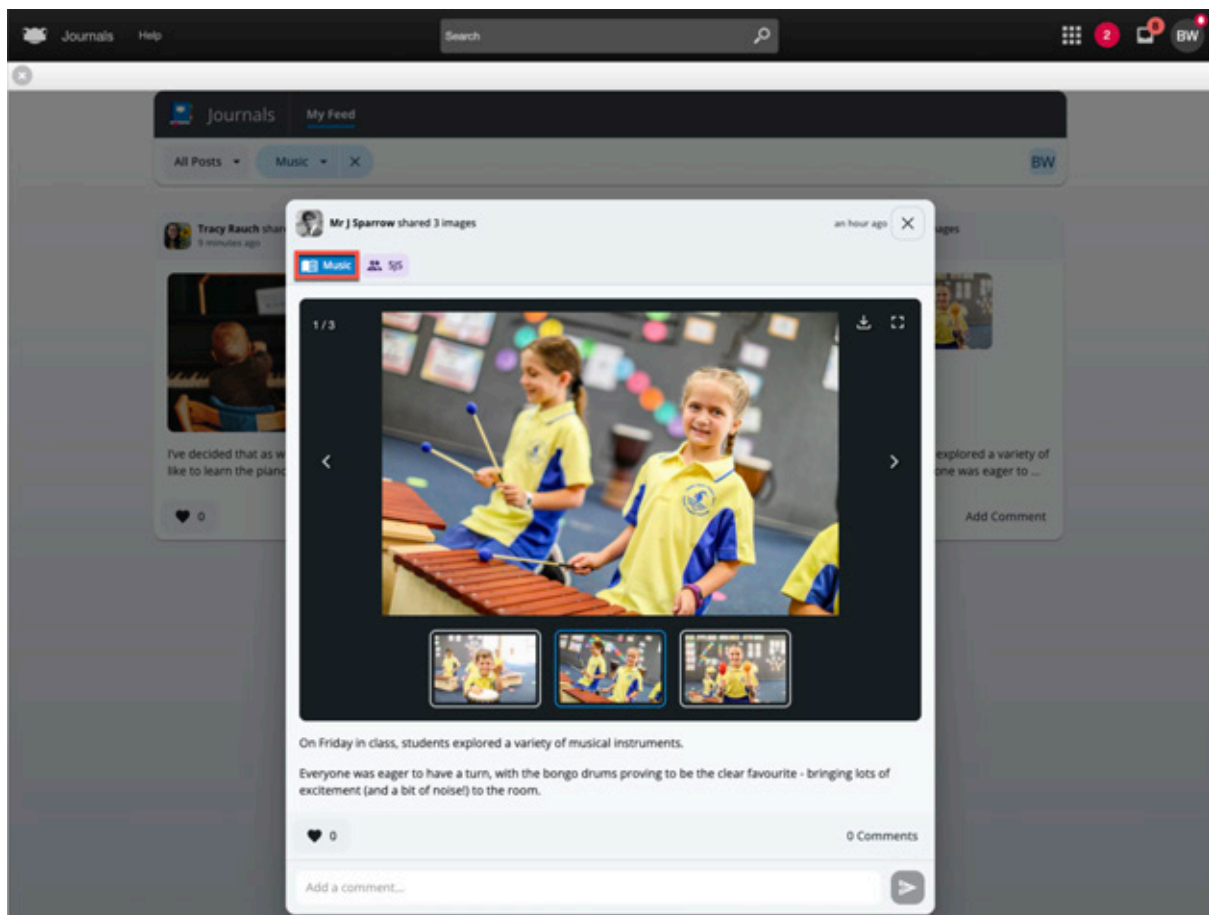
Within the My Feed view, when the All Posts option is selected, posts can also be filtered further by subject.

In this example, I have logged in as the parent Barbara Wilson and selected the subject Music, which displays all posts relevant to that subject.



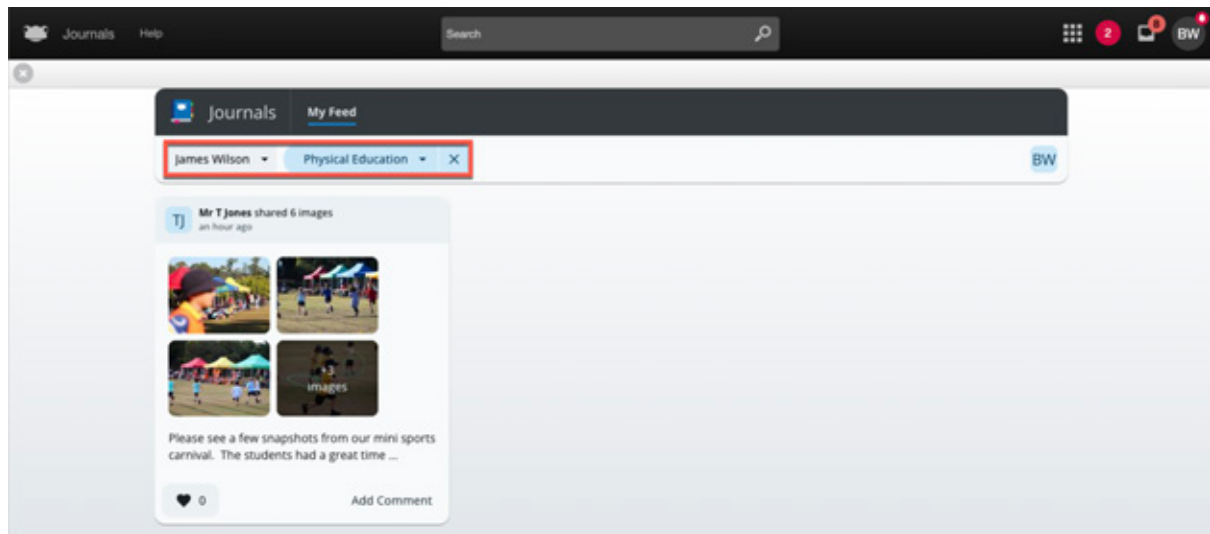
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Prior to this release, parents were able to filter posts by their child. As part of this release, this functionality has been enhanced to allow parents to filter posts by both an individual child and subject.

In this example, the parent Barbara Wilson has chosen to view posts associated with her child James Wilson, along with the subject Physical Education.



Finally, when a parent logs into the Frog GO mobile application, they can filter posts by subject in the same way as on a desktop browser by selecting All Subjects.

NOTE - When a parent applies a child and subject filter, this selection is not retained across sessions. This functionality is only persistent for staff and admin users, as the subject association works alongside a selected group.

In this example, the parent Barbara Wilson has chosen to view posts associated with her child James Wilson, along with the subject Physical Education, within the Frog GO mobile application.

