



# St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal



In this time of materialism and commercialism it is important our children are given every opportunity to find and know the true meaning of Christmas. One of these ways is through "GIVING" and not always receiving. Giving reminds us of the gift of Jesus given to us by God and the gift Jesus gave to us of His life. By thinking and doing something to make Christmas day more joyful for someone else through providing them with food or a gift is but a small way we can share with our children the gift of "GIVING".

During the week we received a request from Terry Reilly of St Vincent De Paul asking for our assistance. Therefore, in keeping with our outreach to the needs of the wider community, we urgently seek the support of our families and staff in making a contribution to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. This is one of the ways that help our children to see and do something very practical in service to others.

The Christmas Appeal focus is on collecting new clothing or good used clothing, non-perishable food that is still in date like tinned or packaged foods, new toys, vouchers and other Christmas goodies. All these items will be distributed by Vinnies at Christmas to those who may otherwise miss out in Christmas hampers. While all donations are gratefully accepted, please think about the types of food you like to enjoy or gifts you would like to receive during Christmas when you are donating items.

During the next few weeks of term, we request your generous support to enable families in need to put some food on their tables for a Christmas meal and possibly share a gift with each other.

If you feel you are able to help the St Vincent De Paul, please send to school with your child your donation and the food and toys will be place it in a basket that will be located in their classrooms; and clothing in the Vinnies Bins that will be located around the school. We have until the end of Week 8, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December to have our donations at school. This allows time for the Vinnies volunteers to sort and make up the hampers ready for distribution to the needy of the Norwood/Kensington area.

Christmas is the time to rejoice in the birth of the Christ Child. The One True Light to our world. Please help us to be a light to the many children, young people and adults who do not have the opportunity to experience the love and Blessings of the Christ Child. Your donations will help us to provide these people with something special at Christmas.



### **Upcoming Events at our School to Place in your Diaries**

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November – School Picnic – Kensington Park Reserve at 11:30am onwards

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Preschool Liturgy at 9:15am at Bridge St

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Norwood Christmas Pageant

For any further school dates, please refer to the School Calendar.

### **How Well Do We Know Our school?**

Another interesting area of our school.

Have you seen it before, do you know where it is?



### **Sacramental Program 2022/2023**

If you have any questions about the program for next year or; if you are considering starting your children's Religious Journey with the Sacrament of Baptism, please contact Franco Canil at the School Office or email [fcanil@sjms.catholic.edu.au](mailto:fcanil@sjms.catholic.edu.au)

#### **This Week's Sunday Readings are:**

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:42,44

Also, as a quick reminder that Mass times at St Ignatius Church, Norwood are:

Saturday: (Vigil) 6:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm

### **"We are all a reflection of God's love"**

Franco Canil

Acting APRIM