



St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School

Thursday 01 November 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians

As we head into the season of Advent, we are reminded that there are families in the Hedland and wider community in need of assistance at Christmas time. Each year, St Cecilia's School provides hampers of non-perishable items to **St Vincent De Paul** to assist these families and hopefully make their Christmas a little more joyful, as well as gift boxes for the **Seafarers** that are in town over the Christmas break.

This year, we would like to extend that generosity to people beyond our Hedland community. This year, we would like to send care packages to the **Australian troops** that will be deployed overseas during Christmas and therefore will be away from loved ones for the holidays. We would also like to reach out and provide some of life's little essentials through the **It's in the Bag** campaign to women, men and children who are experiencing homelessness or poverty, are at risk or have experienced domestic violence.

To be able to support these endeavours, we need your help. We are grateful if you could donate non-perishable items for these hampers. There is a large box in the office and each classroom has a box/basket to fill, so your child can bring their donations to either location. We greatly appreciate all donations. Here are some ideas if you unsure of what to buy:

*Canned fruit or veggies	*Packets of nuts	*Multi-vitamins	*Packets of nuts
*Tinned ham	*After shave	*Deodorant	*Packets of chips
*Bottles of soft drink or juice	*Cap	*Comb	*Key ring
*Jars of condiments	*Nail clippers	*Books or magazines	*Shaving cream
*Bags of lollies	*Playing cards	*Toothpaste	*Postcards
*Christmas treats (e.g. Fruit cake, fruit mince pies)	*Razors	*Toothbrush	*Biscuits
*Packets of jelly	*Postcards	*Torch	*Hand reels
*Bon bons	*Socks	*T-shirt	*Religious Items
*Packets of biscuits	*Souvenirs	*Wallet	*Tennis balls
	*Key ring	*Phone card	*Travel board games
	*Shaving cream	*Hand reels	*Writing pads, envelopes
	*Postcards		

Please **do not include** items that will perish such as fresh food or chocolates.

If you know of anyone in need of a St Vincent de Paul hamper, please speak to your Parish priest.

We are also after empty shoe boxes (small or medium size) that we can fill with your donations and wrapping paper to wrap them.

We would appreciate all donations to be sent to the school by **Friday 30 November. Items specific for the Australian Troops will need to be sent in by Friday 23 November.**

Thank you for your assistance in all of these ventures. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Mrs Mandy Sheen
Assistant Principal

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