



November 2020

Dear Parents,

Where has this year gone! This Christmas we will again be supporting the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal but in a slightly different format to past years.

The St. Kieran's hampers have had a reputation for being extraordinary in their generosity. Each year the need in the community grows and this year the hampers will be a little less grand but more in quantity. Each class will be making up two hampers instead of the traditional one per class.

Once again families are being asked to contribute the highlighted goods as soon as possible ready for collection and distribution before Christmas. (A note from each class teacher will be going home with an item/items highlighted to be brought back to school over the next few weeks.)

- 1 Christmas cake / pudding
- 1 packet of long-life custard
- 2 packets of jelly crystals
- 1 can of tinned fruit
- 2 cans of tinned vegetables
- 1 can of ham
- 1 packet of pasta
- 1 jar of pasta sauce
- 2 packets of biscuits
- 2 packets of lollies (no chocolate please)
- 1 jar of spread (jam, vegemite etc)
- 1 box of tea bags
- 1 jar of coffee
- 1 tin of milo / chocolate drink
- Various Christmas decorations (bon-bons, tablecloth, candles, Christmas stocking etc)

Please ensure cans are not rusted and food is non-perishable and not out of date.

The need is great. Please help us pass on some Christmas cheer to those less fortunate and recapture the spirit of giving at Christmas.

We will also be looking for some families who might help with delivering a few hampers on Saturday 19 December. Those families who have done this in the past have all said what a great experience it was. If you can help, please fill in the form below and return to Kerrie Wetzlar ASAP. We will be requiring 12 helpers this year and there are many hampers to deliver. Because of COVID 19, there needs to be a declaration completed from any families delivering hampers. Vinnies have yet to give us this form but we will pass it on to the families who volunteer to do the distributing when we receive it. That will then need to be returned to school.

An additional voluntary contribution:

At this time of year, many of our families are looking for worthwhile causes to donate to. Last year, the teachers contributed gifts in the form of gift cards to both Bear Cottage and the Women's Refuge. Each of these organisations are feeling the pressures of the times and have expressed to us that they would greatly appreciate some added support.

**Option 1:** Bear Cottage: They are in need of gift cards that would be suitable Christmas gifts for teenagers. These cards could be for any amount and be able to be used at major stores like Target, Rebel Sports, Big W, K Mart etc.

**Option 2:** The Women's Refuge: They have been more specific in their need for gift cards valued at \$20 that they can hand out to people in need that come to them in order to buy basic items such as food and clothing. These cards are better to be from a supermarket (e.g., Coles or Woolworths) or from one of the major discount clothing stores (e.g., Big W, Target).

Anyone who feels inclined to support either of these organisations could send whichever gift card to their child's class teacher and we will make sure that they are delivered.

We would like to send out an early thank you for your generosity in anticipation of the wonderful support always given from families in our St Kieran's community.

*(Please bear in mind that you can only do what your family can financially afford to do. Please do not feel pressured in any way by this request.)*

**Wendy Rose, Kerrie Wetzlar and the Mission Team**

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### **Christmas Hamper Delivery**

The \_\_\_\_\_  
family is able to help deliver some hampers on  
**Saturday 19 December.**



Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_