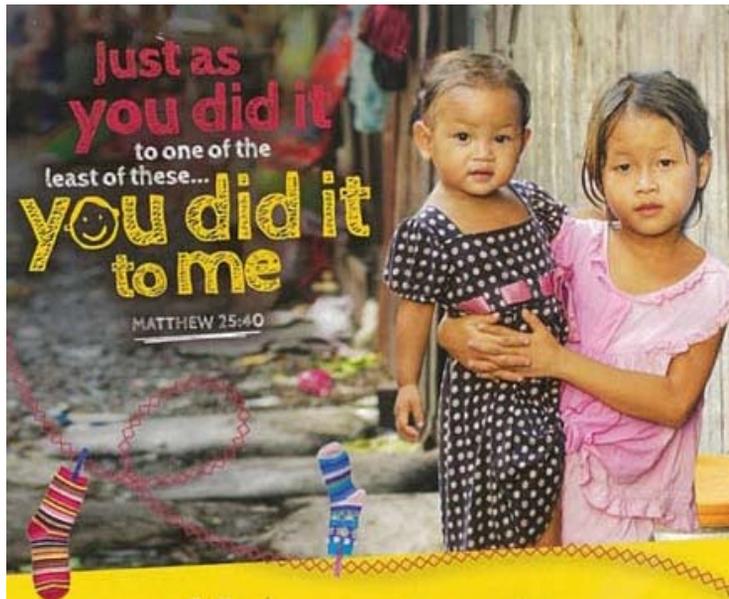


MISSION & SPIRITUAL FORMATION COORDINATOR

Dear Parents and Friends,

In his apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel), Pope Francis calls all Christians to respond to the Gospel by reaching out to those within our communities, locally, nationally and globally, who are experiencing great distress due to the injustices done to them. Pope Francis reminds us that we are to be 'Christ' in the world, binding wounds, feeding the hungry, listening to the broken hearted, working to bring both justice and peace to our very needy world. Works of love directed to one's neighbor are the most perfect external manifestation of the interior grace of the Spirit.

MacKillop College has responded generously through the year supporting various agencies in their endeavours to meet the needs of those who are suffering and in distress. Currently the students are fund raising for Catholic Mission's, Sock it to Poverty campaign which is focussing on educating the children of Cambodia. The MacKillop students have linked their House Walkathons, held during lunch time each day this week, wearing 'crazy socks'! So far Year 7 and 8 have raised \$163.00, with Years 9, 10 and 11 walking before the week's out.



During the lead up to the College concluding for the Christmas break, MacKillop has once again committed support and assistance with local fundraising. The following agencies will be receiving our help: St Vincent de Paul with Christmas hampers for 10 families within the local community; the 2BS Lions Club Miracle Appeal through food items for hampers and volunteer packing and delivery; creating 'Chemo Boxes' for Daffodil Cottage, to make life a little bit more comfortable for the patients receiving chemo and by supporting the Ladies Night In fundraiser on 25 November, Beanies for Brain Cancer.

I seek your assistance by encouraging your children to participate in worthwhile projects. You can help by sending food items to MacKillop for the various agencies through the College. A list of items that would be suitable for the Christmas hampers is attached.

The list of suggestions for inclusion in hamper is: mince pies, biscuits, drinks, tea, coffee, fruit chocolates, chips, christmas novelties - bonfire night, fruits, christmas pudding, christmas cake, cream, jelly, dried fruits and nuts, lollies, and other items.

The list of items, that have been approved by the College, are: We will also need to organise boxes/baskets to be donated.

- crystallised ginger
- unflavoured mineral-water
- unsalted almonds
- barley sugar
- mints
- peppermint tea
- dark chocolate
- apple puree
- fruit tubs
- tissues
- moisturising cream, vitamin E cream
- comfy socks (bed socks)
- sleep/eye mask
- bath salts/bath oils
- magazines
- crosswords books
- colouring-in books/coloured pencils
- head scarfs/beanies