

OLA - St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

Perth needs our help again this winter. As you know, it's been so cold out there! At OLA we are once again running the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. This initiative will continue in to Term 3. The Year 3 classes and administration will assist with organising the winter appeal. Donations are requested in two categories: essential items and food items. You can donate anything you like, including the suggested items for your child's grade. Another suggestion: Who doesn't love a coffee voucher or take away voucher? Woo Who! Thanks OLA!!

Kindy & Pre-Primary classes: Tins and Teddies (Collect healthy tinned food like tuna, peanut butter, vegemite and new or used cuddly play toys)

Years 1 & 2 classes: Soup and Socks (Collect for a variety of tastes and sizes, for children, women and men)

Years 3 & 4 classes: Beanies and Blankets (It's about keeping heads and bodies protected) If not new items, ask yourself - would I give this to a friend?

Years 5 & 6 classes: Keep Me Warm! (This theme was chosen for its variety of opportunities to give to those less fortunate!)

All donations can be brought in to classrooms. Pick up will take place June 29 and August 5 from St Vincent de Paul volunteers in our community.

It has been recommended that food donations have an expiry life of more than 6 months and a 3.5 health star rating.

Thank you. You are amazing OLA!

PS The value in presenting the opportunity to help the less fortunate lies within:

- Increased understanding of important social issues such as homelessness
- An opportunity to develop a sense of social justice
- Practicing "values in action" such as empathy and compassion
- Developing community responsibility and philanthropy by giving to the less fortunate.

Yours Sincerely,

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