



# Sacred Heart Central School

Faith & Knowledge

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents,

## St Vincent de Paul Christmas Food Vouchers

Traditionally at this time of year, our school community brings gifts to support the St Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Christmas Appeal which supports local needy Cootamundra families. It has always been a wonderful ministry of school and parish working together for the poor in our community.

The gifts of money donated to the SVdP Society Cootamundra are distributed to needy families in our town in the form of CHRISTMAS FOOD VOUCHERS. Those in need will receive a food voucher to be used at IGA. Families are able to buy the food best suited to their needs. Thanks to the spirit of co-operation between Cootamundra IGA and Vinnies over the years, these vouchers can only be used on necessary food items (and some festive food at Christmas) and this restriction is clearly understood and honoured. (No alcohol or tobacco products would be allowed.)

We understand that some families might find this time of year a financial squeeze, but we would like to invite all to consider how we can help our neighbours in the local context at this time of the year. Caring for the poor is everyone's responsibility and providing assistance should be shown to the most vulnerable in our communities. Nobody deserves to go hungry at Christmas.

**We are asking all our Sacred Heart families to support this important local cause. Please place your donation into the envelope provided with this letter, marked DONATIONS FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS FOOD VOUCHERS.**

**Please return the envelope to school via your child's mailbag by Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December.**

We display our Jesse Tree in the school front office foyer and we will be placing Christmas stars onto our Jesse Tree thanking the families who have contributed to the Christmas Food Vouchers.

All donations for the SVdP Christmas Food Vouchers will be given to the Society at our Advent Liturgy on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

If you have any queries in regards to this appeal, please contact the school office during working hours.

Yours sincerely,

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Acting Religious Education Coordinator

Mrs Nicky Trinder  
Assistant Principal

