Dear Parents and Carers,

It’s that time of year again. Time to share all the wonderful Christmas cheer at St Joseph’s with those who are less fortunate than us. To help those in need we will be participating in the St Vincent de Paul 2016 Christmas Appeal.

Each class will be given the details of 4 families in our area who are in need. It will then be up to the class to fill a hamper for at least these 4 families, if not more!

A list of suitable items is on the back of this note. The teachers will communicate to their students, through Home Learning and over email, if there are particular items needed and items that are in abundance.

We are encouraging all families to send in suitable food with your children on multiple occasions. Giving each class specific families will support our students in developing empathy for these families in our local community and give classes the opportunity to keep these families in their prayers.

The Christmas Appeal was launched this week and we will conclude the appeal on Friday 9 December at our End of Year Mass where the hampers will be brought forth.

We thank you in advance for your generosity and enthusiasm for sharing love and the Christmas spirit with those in need.

Sincerely,

The Staff of St Joseph’s

Romans 12:13 — “Share with God’s people who are in need. Practise hospitality.”
St Vincent de Paul Ideas List

**Nibbles:**
- Crackers, Jatz, shapes, cheese sticks
- Twisties, chips, cheezles
- Nuts, pretzels, dried fruit

**Entrée and treats:**
- Soup, mini toast
- Napkins, bon-bons, decorations
- Olives, smoked oysters, tinned pate

**Main Meal:**
- Tinned meat – corn meat, Spam, ham; Tinned fish – Salmon, Tuna
- Pasta meals, pasta sauce, parmesan cheese, spaghetti, rice
- Taco kits, Nachos, Burrito kit
- Tinned vegetables (potatoes, corn, beans, corn)
- Tinned salad – Beetroot, pineapple, asparagus
- Baby food

**Dessert:**
- Fruit cake, fruit pudding, fruit mince pies/tarts
- Tinned fruit – plums, cherries, fruit salad, berries
- Biscuits – ginger bread, shortbread, chocolate biscuits
- Chocolates, lollies/confectionary, candy canes
- Brandy sauce, UHT custard & cream

**Drinks & Sauces:**
- Coke, Fanta, Lemonade, Pepsi
- Orange juice, apple juice, pineapple juice
- Punch, Maison, wine, beer
- Cordial, tea, coffee, hot chocolate
- Cranberry sauce, apple sauce, mint sauce, tomato sauce, mayonnaise.

**GIFTS:**
- Toys, teddy bears, hand cream,
- Money, small gift cards for supermarkets,
- A family board game, art and craft,
- Christmas decorations, Christmas crackers, santa hats