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Operation Christmas Child (OCC) 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Operation Christmas Child is a unique project of Samaritan's Purse that brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes. It provides an opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in a simple but hands-on project that has the power to transform children's lives!

Our Primary school uses this project as their "Mission" for Semester Two. The College takes the opportunity to teach our students how the <u>gift of giving</u> can help others less fortunate. Operation Christmas Child is a wonderful way to spread Jesus' love, the gift is treasured by the child that receives it and is a lasting reminder that he or she is precious to God.

"GOOD NEWS - GREAT JOY"

Below is a list of items we will be collecting throughout Terms 3 & 4 for OCC 2018. It is a great idea to watch out for bargains/specials as you do your grocery shopping. We are hoping to collect enough items so that every child from K to 6 will be able to pack a box.

Please encourage your children to do little jobs around the house so that they can buy the gifts themselves. This is a great opportunity for our kids to think about others and to bring joy into someone else's life.

<u>Term 3</u>

Week 4: Something for hygiene: toothbrushes (no toothpaste), soap, face washers

- Week 5: Something to play with: yoyo, skipping rope, musical instrument
- Week 6: Something for school: lead pencils, note pads, erasers
- Week 7: Something special: carry bags, sunnies, hairbands, bangles
- Week 8: Something to love: small teddy bears / soft toys
- Week 9: Something to wear: t-shirt, polo shirt, shorts, skirt, cap, sandals, thongs, dress Term 4
- Week 1: Something to play with: small toys, toy cars, little girls toys etc.
- Week 2: Something special: necklace, craft kits, wind-up torch, doll, carry bag
- Week 3: Something for school: coloured pencils, sharpeners
- Week 4: Items we are running low on look out for the Sneak Peek
- Week 5: Items we are running low on look out for the Sneak Peek
- Week 6: Boxes are packed
- Week 7: Special OCC Chapel Service

If you would like to know more about Operation Christmas Child or find out more about the other projects that Samaritan's Purse run, please go to http://operationchristmaschild.org.au/.

We look forward to Operation Christmas Child 2018 being another great year of learning and growth for our students by showing Jesus' love to others.

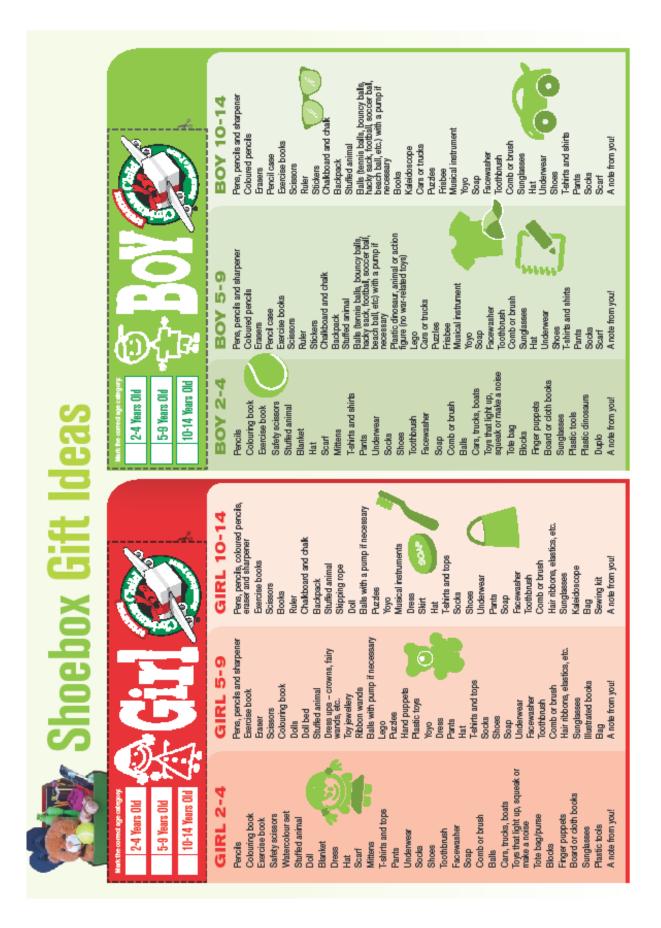
Miss Stevens & Mrs Reeman (Admin) Coordinators of OCC for Primary

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