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COVID-19 Financial Impact Appeal

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Dear Good Shepherd Community,

It's often through adversity that we see the best in others – it's through adversity that we see true colours shine through. The Good Shepherd community has indeed shone through the adversity of recent months. The colours shining through are our culture – our vision and values that are our DNA giving us unique existence as a school of the Lutheran Church.

This message is prompted by you, the parents of Good Shepherd Lutheran School, including our Curiosity community.

Today we launch our community '*Sharing is Caring*' appeal.

Firstly, I again share my sincere appreciation for your messages of thanks and encouragement – your genuine expressions of trust and confidence over recent months .

I've been genuinely moved by a number of families **not** impacted by the crisis who are now seeking ways to support others. Your compassion is overwhelming and another expression of our values in action – the colours of our culture shining through.

"There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up."
– John Holmes

South Australia is well on the road to physical recovery from COVID-19. But there's danger in a 'back to normal mindset' that fails to acknowledge that the economic hangover post virus will be significant for so many individuals, families, companies, schools (we are feeling it too) and governments. We expect that the impact will be felt throughout this year and into the next

Today, I therefore also, share a message of reassurance.

For those who have been impacted, my hope and prayer, and my commitment is that Good Shepherd can and will continue to be one of the constants in your life – a place that is predictable, reassuring, safe and caring.

If you have been impacted financially or emotionally, and we are aware, it is likely you have already been contacted by one of our team. We **will** walk with you through the challenges ahead. We welcome communication that is open, honest and transparent.

Back to the *Sharing is Caring* appeal. I invite you to talk as a family and prayerfully consider a gift to support others in need. Is there an amount large or small, that you might contribute to community 'sharing and caring'?

Creatively, we are also able to make your gift tax-deductible as we approach the end of the financial year, by processing contributions as a donation to our tax-deductible building fund. Building fund monies raised will be used to make loan repayments on our recently completed school and ELC facilities, **freeing a matching amount from our recurrent budget, to support both family and school needs.** The net result being that every donation made will directly support the community *Sharing is Caring* project.



We've made giving very easy. If you have not already downloaded the Qkr app, you can do so from the *app* store or *play* store. Connect to Good Shepherd, make your tax-deductible donation and receive your receipt.

I look forward to providing updates of our progress.

Beyond the financial, what we can all do every day, is to continue to look out for each other. As community, let's all strive to positively impact the wellbeing of those around us.

If you are able to give, thank you! If at this time you need to receive, we will all be equally blessed.

"When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed."

– Maya Angelou

Thank you.

Every blessing to you and your family.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Wilksch', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the name.

David Wilksch
Principal