Care and Concern Group 2009 Report

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Care and Concern Student SRC Sub Committee

Due to the initial exposure to the Care and Concern group while students were in Year 6 the SRC Care and Concern sub-committee worked tirelessly with little supervision to aid the Care and Concern Group with their commitments within the School. The groups raised awareness among the school body, educated students and increased the number of students participating in each given project. We are eternally grateful to the Year 7 teachers and the Care and Concern students for their efforts throughout the year. God Bless you all in your new adventures at Secondary School.

Thank you to the following students who volunteered to be on this committee: Tara, Kasey, Sam, Sarah, Delphine, Claire, Hannah, Brianna, Mauryssa, Monique, Clare, Toni, Dominique, Eloise, Emily, Jaimie, Holly, Lily, Brigitte, Molly, Natasha, Maddie E, Eleanor, Alex H, Tarah.

Care and Concern Register

The Care and Concern Meal Register has continued with ease this year. About 60 people have registered with the group to assist with its services. The freezer provided by the P&F has been a great investment as it has made the storage of meals so much easier. When required, a call for more meals to be delivered to the school is issued and these meals are now stored in the freezer.

Mary Clarris has been able to co-ordinate the delivery of the meals directly to the students of the affected families. This has provided a much more streamlined and personal response to the calls.

If there are meals approaching their use-by dates then these meals are delivered to the Casserole Bank (co-ordinated by the Parish) for immediate delivery. This ensures there is no wastage and that all meals are sent to those in need.

There should be no difficulty in continuing this service next year.

Care and Concern Parish morning tea Register

The care and concern morning tea register was formed in May 2009, it currently has 20 volunteers on the register. The register was set up to assist with morning teas for funerals & serving at funerals as a back up to the parish ministry group. A potential need for this type of register was identified at the start of this year with the retirement of the CWL.

This group has not been called upon at this stage to assist/provide back up support. We will assess the need for the register at the commencement of 2010. It may be that we call upon this group to assist with food for the parish Christmas Carols in December 2009.
**Bush Fire appeal in Term 1**
A bush fire appeal was held in term one to allow Sts Peter and Paul’s School to send aid to the Bush fire victims in Victoria. A total of $2829.68 was raised with only a few days notice given. All monies raised went to the Archdiocese Bushfire Catholic Emergency Relief Appeal. Thanks to the Sts Peter and Paul’s Community for your generosity.

**Clothing Collection**
In Term 2 the group collected lightweight clothing and stationery items for Saint Vincent de Paul’s overseas development division. Students in the Care and Concern group decorated the cardboard boxes and informed the school community about the collection at assembly. The collection boxes were set up in three areas of the school and thanks to the generosity of the school community we collected a large amount of clothing and stationery items for the Solomon Islands, Kiribati and Papua New Guinea.

**Saints Peter and Paul’s Feast Day Celebrations**
Our patron Saints were celebrated on their feast day for the first time in 2009 with a day of fun activities designed to boost school spirit. The day commenced with a thanksgiving Mass and the children then participated in treasure hunts, ball games, tug-o-war and quizzes. We shared in cake and fruit for morning tea and finished the day with a singing competition of the school song and war cries. A wonderful day was had by the whole community. Our thanks go to the many parent helpers and the staff of Sts Peter and Paul’s school.

**Year Seven Peace Project Market Day**
The Care and Concern group are once again assisting in the Year 7 Market Day. We are assisting in the Classroom leading up to the day, purchasing materials for making craft items and are assisting in the Sausage Sizzle and Market on the actual day. Year 7 Market Day has been integrated into the Yr 7 Term 4 Unit: "Creating the Future, Reaching out for Peace". Following the leadership roles of the previous Year 7’s the students began preparing and making craft items from second term in their art lessons. The market day will be held on Thursday 19th November and the school and parish communities will come and visit our "Year 7 Reaching out for Peace Project" to buy their goods. All money raised will be donated to Saint Vincent de Paul, Good Samaritan Foundation and the Catholic Missions. The Cheques will be presented to Brian Daley of the local Saint Vincent Conference, Sr Leonie of the City Heights Kindergarten in the Phillipines and Terry Sullivan of the Catholic Missions at the final school mass. This day ties in so beautifully with the Year 7 unit and will empower the Year 7’s in their last school community project and also aides in the commitment Saints Peter and Paul’s school has to the Catholic Missions.

**Donation of Crayola Pencils**
One focus of the school’s Care and Concern Group has been to raise awareness within the school community of ways that we can provide help to others in our local and overseas communities. At the end of every school year, the children take home their Crayola pencils from school, and in many instances these pencils are added to the family’s existing pencils. As our final initiative this year the Care and Concern Group is seeking to donate these crayola pencils to: Romero Refugee Centre who support families and refugees, and the St Vincent de Paul Conference within the parish who will distribute the pencils to children in indigenous and overseas communities.
Annual St Vincent de Paul Christmas Food Appeal
Each year the Student Representative Council of Sts Peter and Paul’s School seek non-perishable food donations to assist the parish’s St Vincent de Paul Conference Christmas food hamper appeal. Last Christmas approximately 60 hampers were distributed to families in our community. This was in part due to the generosity of the families at St Peter and Paul’s School. If you are able to assist the appeal this year, please place donations in the box marked “St Vincent de Paul Christmas Food Appeal” in your child’s classroom. The donations will be formally presented by the Student Representative Council to the St Vincent de Paul Conference at the end of year school mass.