3rd March 2016

NOTE FOR CARITAS AWARENESS/FUNDRAISING

Dear Parents/Guardians,

For Project Compassion 2016 St Benedict's has decided to focus on water. Fresh water is one of the most basic needs that people have for good hygiene and health. Our Liturgical Leaders would like to raise awareness of people's need for fresh and safe water.

Our school will be having a special fundraising activity on the Fridays of every week in the month of March. Rather than each person bringing in a gold coin donation, everyone in Years 3-6 will pay to use a freshwater source. We have purchased 10 cent coins that your children can use as tokens. These will be used to pay for the use of the freshwater sources, including bubblers and toilets. Students can bring their own ten cent pieces or other coins that can be swapped for them. There will be plenty of times available for students to exchange their own coins for ten cent pieces including before school.

Of course, students who don’t bring coins to exchange for use of freshwater will still be permitted to use toilets and bubblers, however, in the spirit of learning about the value of accessing fresh water we will keep a record of the times these students use the water and hope that they will bring the donation the following day.

We hope this will raise awareness and money for people in poverty and for Caritas this year. The money we earn from this, as well as the Project Compassion home/class boxes, will be all donated to Caritas. We will also talk to students and explain why we are paying to use the freshwater sources to help build awareness for the less fortunate. We would like our fellow students to see how lucky they are to have fresh water and food every day and understand how many things we take for granted every day.

Only Years 3/4 and 5/6 will participate in this event because of their better ability to understand. The younger children in Junior Primary will participate in a competition to see which class raises the most amount of money in their home/classroom boxes combined. The winning class of this will be awarded with an Easter treat.

Thank you for your support.

From the Year 6 Liturgical Leaders

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