

HELPING OTHER YOUNG KIDS

Proposal

That our P&C encourage and support members and other parents who wish to give assistance by donations of books, money, clothing and other resources to other children attending junior primary/infants schools, for example refugee children, indigenous school children and/or children living overseas in our region.

This could be kicked off by passing on left over children's toys, books clothing and DVDs following the gala day at the end of term

INDIGENOUS

Locally there is an indigenous focussed playgroup based at Marrickville West – the multi mix mob.

The playgroup supports about 35 families and provides meals, clothing, books and toys to its clients who are usually referred from DOCS or refuges. They would be very excited to get anything that is in usable condition, as their resources are very limited.

REFUGEES

Unfortunately enquiries confirm that groups such as the Asylum Seekers Centre can only pass on new items (ie still in store wrapping and preferably with a receipt).

This is not a realistic outcome from the gala day

OVERSEAS

Nairobi Kenya

HIV/AIDS orphanage.

Like many sub-Sahara countries Kenya has had very high levels of fatal HIV/AIDS infections among heterosexual adults.

Unfortunately social attitudes to relatives and friends of victims, no matter how young, are as hostile in many places as our own attitudes to victims of polio, tuberculosis and leprosy in the first half of last century.

Orphanages and hostels for AIDS orphans in Nairobi rarely receive any government support and rely on donations of money or usable goods to give their kids any quality of life. WE have a parent who can arrange for delivery of any surplus goods direct to the orphanage.

Vanuatu

Vanuatu has 'free' (primary) schooling but the education budget is chronically underfunded, teaching staff in the island provinces can be unpaid for 12-18 months. Resources, from buildings to reading and drawing materials are almost always donated in one way or another, and replacing water damaged or stolen items can be a very long process.

The major town of Vila has any number of primary schools which would be delighted to receive any surplus books, DVDS and toys. Otherwise

Issangel Corner School

Would be a worthy recipient. With between 90 and 120 kids, this school is mainly English-speaking. Despite being the administrative centre of the southern province of Vanuatu, Issangel is off the tourist track and a bit of a pain to get to. They would love anything in usable condition. Again a Yeo Park parent can arrange for direct delivery to the school.