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*Dear Parents*

*Whilst most Australians prepare for the Christmas season, many will turn to the St Vincent de Paul Society for help just to make ends meet. Additional Christmas expenses such as gifts, decorations and meals mean that many families are unable to celebrate the festive season. The concept of this year's Christmas Appeal is "A Christmas Without Joy", with a focus on the real-life impact of poverty on families at Christmas time.*

*This Christmas season the St Vincent de Paul Society is asking for your help in donating non-perishable items that can be made into hampers. Please leave all donations with your child's class teacher. Below is a list of suitable items.*

- Christmas cake/pudding
- packets of long life custard
- packets of jelly crystals
- tin fruit
- cans of tinned vegetables
- tin of Christmas ham
- packet of pasta
- jar of pasta sauce
- packets of biscuits
- packets of lollies / chocolate
- jar of spread (jam, vegemite etc)
- box of tea bags
- jar of coffee
- tin of milo/chocolate drink
- Various Christmas decorations (bon-bons, tablecloth, candles, Christmas stocking etc)



***It is important to remember that you are providing some special goods for those in need during the Christmas season, so please no rusty cans or out-of-date food, and make sure to only use non-perishable foods.***

***Thank you for your support.***

***OLGC Mini Vinnies***