



23 July 2020

The Principal, Teachers, Staff,
Pupils and Parents and Guardians
Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School
Baulkham Hills South

Dear Friends

THANK YOU

We write to thank you for your recent efforts in conducting a Socks and Beanies drive and donating the proceeds to the St Vincent de Paul Conference attached to the Our Lady of Lourdes Community.

As a matter of record, the fruits of your efforts were:

3 blankets
68 scarves
115 pairs of gloves
146 beanies and
643 pairs of socks

When we put a value on your donations, we arrive at a conservative value of some \$4,000.00. That is an amazing result.

Not only have we been able to provide to our less fortunate brothers and sisters in our own parish and community, but also to provide a selection of socks, beanies, scarves and gloves to other conferences in our region of The Hills; to the Vinnies Van that services the homeless in Mt Druitt and Parramatta; to the Vinnies Hub in Harris Park that services the homeless and less fortunate in that area, and likewise to the Vinnies Hub in Blacktown; to the Jesuit Refugee Service operating out of Westmead; and to the Lisa Harnum Foundation catering to the victims of domestic violence in the Hills area.

Your donations are like the rock thrown into the waters of a pond with the ripples spreading out, in our case, to many parts of Western Sydney to provide some comfort to those in our society that are less fortunate than we are.



St Vincent de Paul Society

good works

We as members of Vinnies, see firsthand, by way of the bright smiles on the faces, the joy that your generosity brings to our brothers and sisters when we deliver a bag of gifts. A text message that we received in response to such a delivery goes some way to express that joy:

*Hi, Thank you so much for the socks, scarves, mittens and beanies!! My kids attacked them with excitement. I now have my very first beanie!! I can't believe they are brand new! I appreciate it so much. Thank you so much!
God bless you.*

The sentiments expressed in this message are not only for Vinnies, but they likewise are meant for each one of the Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School Community that has made this all possible by your generosity.

While each item of your donation, whether it be a single pair of socks or a beanie, may be small on its own, combined with all the other items demonstrates what we can achieve when everyone works together and each one does their own little bit. Likewise, while each item on its own is small, it can still bring such a tremendous amount of joy to those who have little or nothing.

Your generosity assists Vinnies in our mission to provide "A Hand Up" while respecting dignity and sharing hope. You are taking part in the missionary work of Our Lord Jesus in clothing the naked and helping the widow and the orphan.

We give you our sincere thanks from Vinnies and from all who have benefited from your generous gift.

May you and your families be blessed in everything that you do.

Yours faithfully

Larry Hegarty

Conference President
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Our Lady of Lourdes Baulkham Hills South