# **Operation Christmas Child**

Every year St. Cecilia's does a wonderful job at making Christmas gift packages to donate to children overseas who are less fortunate than us. This year we are asking again for your help to make a difference in the lives of special people. The gifts are put together in shoe boxes and then sent off to a collection point to be shipped overseas.

Gifts need to be new and not second hand. They also need to be of a size that will fit into a shoe box. Please see the list below for items to donate.

Items will be collected at assembly each morning from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November till Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

### Something to love

Small teddy bears, cuddly soft toys smaller than 30cms (PLEASE REMEMBER THESE NEED TO FIT IN A SMALLSHOE BOX ALONG WITH OTHER ITEMS)

### Something to play with

Tennis ball, yo-yo, skipping rope, marbles etc. (NO BATTERY OPERATED ITEMS)

### Something for personal hygiene

Soap and face washer, hair brush, toothbrush, comb, hair clips, scrunchies, hair bands (NO TOOTH PASTE, LIQUIDS or TALCUM POWDER)

#### Something for school

For example, a small exercise book (smaller than 30 cms), pens, note pads with pencils, crayons, chalk, stickers, pencil case with pencils and sharpener (NO SCISSORS, please remember that pencils need to be supplied with a sharper)

#### Something to wear

Underwear any size boy or girl, crop top, socks, thongs, hat, shirts, shorts, t-shirt (PLEASE REMEMBER THEY NEED TO BE NEW)

## **Something Special**

For example: sunglasses, bangles, necklaces, hair accessories and thongs.

#### Please note things NOT to include:

No second hand or used goods No lollies or food items No liquids of any kind No medicines, vitamins No seeds, shells No gambling items such as playing cards, dominos, play money No breakable items with glass, porcelain, mirrors No war related items such as guns, knives, laser toys No Pokémon, Shrek, Bratz, Spiderman, Harry Potter, witches etc.

Thank you for your on-going support with this appeal each year. The difference these gifts will make to these children at Christmas time will be wonderful. I have been informed that the gifts this year are going to Thailand.

Kind Regards,

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