

11 November, 2022

Dear Parents and Parent Liaisons,

RE: The Salvation Army Christmas Appeal - Food donation drive

Alphington Grammar School will be supporting The Salvation Army Christmas food drive.

Below is a statement from The Salvation Army about the aim of the food drive;

*We all know Christmas is a time for joy. But for those doing it tough – it is often challenging, heartbreaking and isolating. Last Christmas, The Salvation Army provided around over **64,000 hampers** as well as **26,000 gifts** to individuals and families in need. As cost of living increases continue to impact communities across the country, your support is more important now than ever. By collecting and donating food or gifts, you can help us make sure we leave no one in need this festive season.*

Families are welcome to donate non-perishable items to the food drive. Donated items can be placed in the 'donation box' located in the Primary homerooms. Please note the donated items will be collected on **Friday 2 December**.

I thank Ella Burns (3A) who drove this initiative and whose family have kindly offered to deliver the donated goods to The Salvation Army. Examples of items that can be donated range from; *Christmas items, tinned foods, meal bases, hygiene items and packet sweet goods*. For a full comprehension list of items and guidelines, please see the attached flyer.

Thank you for your support.

Yours Sincerely,



Luke Barnewall
Acting Head of Primary



Christmas Appeal

GROCERIES SUGGESTIONS



Listed below are some items you might like to donate this Christmas.

CHRISTMAS ITEMS

- Puddings, cakes, mince pies, shortbread
- Long-life cream, custard
- Snacks (biscuits, chips, chocolates, lollies)
- Table décor (bonbons, decorations, tablecloths, napkins)

TINNED FOODS

(Please ensure they are ring-pull tins only)

- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Soups
- Meats or fish

MEAL BASES

- Pasta sauces
- Pre-prepared rice meals
- Curry and stir-fry sauces
- Meal kits (Mexican, Asian, Indian)

OTHER

- Breakfast cereal
- Spreads and jams
- Savoury biscuits
- Packet of jelly
- Liquid gravy
- Sugar
- Tea, coffee, hot chocolate
- Long-life milk or juices
- Iced tea
- Baby food
- Gluten, Dairy and Nut free options

CLEANING AND HYGIENE ITEMS

- Personal toiletries like soap, shampoo, toothpaste, hairbrush or toilet paper
- Cleaning products like multipurpose cleaner, dish detergent or washing powder
- Baby care items like nappies or baby wipes

Guidelines

- Please donate all items as early as possible – November or early December, to help us ensure that all food hampers and gifts are delivered to families by Christmas
- Consider donating a supermarket gift vouchers (Coles, Woolworths, IGA etc.), as they allow the recipient the flexibility to purchase their choice of fresh produce or meat
- Please make sure all items being donated are new/unused unopened
- Please ensure items have long expiry dates and are non-perishable
- Since these will be received as gifts, consider adding brand name products and some special items to help the recipient celebrate on Christmas Day
- Try packing the food into a washing basket or shopping bag that can be reused by the recipient (it's sustainable too!)
- Consider providing food that will suit families with young children, people with allergies, the elderly and new Australians

For further information please get in touch with your regional Salvos representative.

Help families in crisis celebrate Christmas