



**CHRISTIAN
COLLEGE**
G E E L O N G

1st September, 2017

Dear Parents,

JUNIOR SCHOOL FOODBANK

We are excited to announce the commencement of the Junior School Food Bank to support our families in times of need. Throughout the year our school community experiences times where we can come alongside and assist families, both in times of challenge, (eg grief and illness) and celebration, (eg the birth of a new baby). It is wonderful to witness the care and love at work in our school community and the Food Bank will provide another important opportunity to connect with others.

HOW IT WILL WORK?

Mrs. Denise Turley came forward in Term 2 volunteering to co-ordinate a food bank at Junior School. Since then organisational arrangements, in consultation with Mr. Rowan Thurman JS Chaplain, have been formulated to provide an ongoing, simple to use structure, that assists families whilst preserving confidentiality. Junior School Food Bank bookings can be requested by a particular family in need or by those who see a need in others. The two points of contact when a need arises includes either,

Denise Turley: 0418 312 820 deniseturley@hotmail.com
or
Rowan Thurman: 5241 1565 r.thurman@ccg.vic.edu.au

Before offering assistance the Chaplain will confirm with the individual/ family that they would be happy to receive support.

The purpose of the Junior School Food Bank is twofold:

1. To be able to supply a meal/s to a family at a moment's notice by having a limited bank of meals available to cater for these situations that arise in our school community.
2. The other process is the use the website: <https://www.takethemameal.com> which would be co-ordinated by Mrs Denise Turley. This website has the ability to support a family over a longer timeframe whilst outlining any **special dietary needs and requirements** that maybe needed by a family, **the type of meal being made**, the **duration of the supplying of meals**, as well as **setting up a calendar for the days when meals will be distributed**.

WAYS THAT YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM?

The initial plan is to create a **voluntary bank of email addresses / phone numbers for those parents willing to make a meal if called upon**. (This is not compulsory.)

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If you would like to register your name please email Mr. Rowan Thurman at r.thurman@ccg.vic.edu indicating your willingness to be involved in the Junior School Foodbank as a volunteer provider of meals (when required). These names will be passed onto Mrs. Denise Turley who will coordinate the organisation from there.

The bank of email addresses / phone numbers would be held and confidentially used by the coordinator and the School Chaplain to be called upon to make meals (if required). Parents would have the ability to decline a request if they were too busy at that particular time and we would endeavor to find someone else who might be available. **Email addresses / phone numbers would only to be used for food bank purposes. The confidentiality of the individual/family requiring assistance would be maintained, if required.**

HOW WE CAN HELP VOLUNTEERS?

Disposable containers for the meal/s and a sticker recording the type of meal, the date, the ingredients and who it was made by will be used to avoid having to retrieve containers at a later date. These containers can be picked up free of charge from the Chaplain's office. There are labels to show correct food handling techniques as well.

Once our email list is created there will be a **specific list of procedures** to be followed including food handling requirements and information as to how enter dates and types of meals on the <https://www.takethemameal.com> website.

I thank you all for the care and support shown across this Junior School community and appreciate the many and varied ways we show this to one another. I look forward to hearing from those able to assist.

Yours sincerely,



Rowan Thurman
Junior School Chaplain