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Dear Parents and Caregivers

World Vision 40 Hour Famine Appeal 5-7 June 2020

Saint Kentigern College has for many years been a strong supporter of the World Vision 40 Hour Famine and due to our significant fundraising contribution we have our own specific project for the money we raise.

World Vision and Saint Kentigern College are proudly partnering in the South Pacific on a five-year project, with this year's World Vision 40 Hour Famine focusing on building resilient communities in Vanuatu.

Currently, Vanuatu is facing recovery after the devastating impact of Cyclone Harold. The destructive Category 5 storm, the largest possible, made landfall in Vanuatu on 6 April with gale-force winds of up to 235 km/hr causing significant damage.

Entire villages have been flattened, schools have been ruined, roads and infra-structure are severely damaged. More than 159,000 people are affected and in need of shelter, food, water, health services and electricity.

Where does the money go?

- Through the 40 Hour Famine we can support these communities to adapt and prepare for disasters like Cyclone Harold, and the changing climate bringing drought and erosion.
- Money raised will also provide farmers with the seeds, tools and education they need to build sustainable farming practices and resilient communities.

Inspiration and Challenge Ideas

• Your fundraising challenge could be 40 hours without motorised transport, electricity or food; no gaming or Netflix; going without digital devices; anything where the student goes 'without'.

We encourage students with parents' permission to use the link www.famine.org.nz for online fundraising through Facebook. This is a great way to get sponsors and easier to collect funds as they are direct credited into the official Famine account.

While we are keen for your child(ren) to participate and to get the sense of being involved in a team effort that will benefit many people less fortunate than them, you can be assured that there will be no pressure to participate. We appreciate your choice as parents to decide if and how they are involved.

If you have any questions regarding the 40 Hour Famine, please do not hesitate to contact Mark Robinson (mark.robinson@saintkentigern.com).

Yours sincerely

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