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Dear Parents & Caregivers

‘The Shed’ Initiative The Shed ... a Saint Kentigern Food Distribution Centre

Last year, in response to the financial hardship caused by Covid-19, we as the Saint Kentigern community launched “The Shed”. The Shed is a refurbished space on the College campus that has been converted into a food collection and distribution centre. Over the last year food boxes have been delivered to families connected to 16 schools in South Auckland and Glen Innes. Last term alone \$21,000 worth of food was distributed.

We continue to work closely with these schools. Last week, using contactless delivery and social workers with emergency status, we were able to distribute 46 food boxes to families in need. This week we have increased to 50 food boxes and next week we are aiming for 60.

As you can imagine the need for some families in Auckland is only getting more and more severe. We work as a silent partner in helping to meet this need. The families who receive the food boxes do not know they come from Saint Kentigern. We are enabling low decile schools to reach out to their own families, meet a need and strengthen their connection with student’s families which has long term benefits for the education of their students.

Each food box contains, mince (750g), milk, bread, margarine, carrots and onions as well as items that our House food banks have targeted:

Canned baked beans	Spreads (jam or honey)
Canned fruit	Weetbix
Canned tomatoes	Tea bags
Canned tuna/fish	Soap and toilet paper
Pasta & rice	Toothpaste and toothbrushes
Soup mix	Treats: biscuits

With the \$25,000 already committed from the Saint Kentigern Trust Board we are able to continue to meet our commitments in the short term and respond to the increasing need. However, without the opportunity to hold House food banks our stores will quickly become depleted. We have costed an individual family food parcel to be approximately \$75 to provide.

If you would like to make a one-off or ongoing financial contribution towards the cost of food parcels, please use this link: [The Shed Initiative](#)

We thank you for your continuing support of this exciting Saint Kentigern initiative.

Yours sincerely

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