Saint Vincent de Paul

Last term the Sports Captains began a Saint Vincent De Paul winter appeal for donations of winter clothing, including carves, warm jackets, beanies, gloves, blankets and slippers. To gain a greater understanding of how homeless people live in our community our KidsMatter Team met with St Gregory’s Doncaster’s Principal, Margaret O’Donnell and their art teacher who demonstrated to our KidsMatter representatives how to make bears in sleeping bags. The purpose of this activity was to give students some understanding of how the homeless people would live. The KidsMatter representatives then demonstrated this activity to their class members so that every student in the school could make a bear in a sleeping bag with their buddy class. We then received some fantastic news that Steph Livingston - Karen’s daughter, had been able to organise Brother Doug Walsh - a Marist Brother, to come to St Martins along with the Soup Van that he runs for St Vinnies for the homeless people. As we had been collecting items of clothing for St Vincent de Paul and had begun to make the bears we thought this would be a great opportunity to bring it all together. Brother Doug spoke to the grade 3-6 students and presented different scenarios of how homeless people can be assisted by Saint Vinnies and efforts of schools like Saint Martin of Tours. Prep- grade two classes were invited to tour the soup van to see how it worked in helping feed the homeless people.