

GENEROUS SPIRIT

St Mary Mackillop College Swan Hill's annual Hearts and Hands, Compassion and Justice Mass was held recently. The generous spirit of the school community was evident, as seven overflowing trolleys of grocery items, winter clothing and blankets were collected for the Society of St Vincent de Paul to distribute to those members of the community in need of some extra support. Jim and Helen Meehan were present and grateful to accept these donations on behalf of the Society.

Poverty in rural areas such as the Swan Hill region is experienced very differently to poverty in major urban centres. The lack of available services, declining work opportunities and the variable nature of the region's income due to weather events such as drought can all compound the effects of poverty. The donations gathered will help to alleviate some of the burden on the families and individuals in the region.

Thank you to everyone for their amazing and heartfelt generosity.

Karen Hocking - Director of Mission

