

BCE Media Release

BCE students kick goals this Socktober

This Mission Week (23 to 28 October) BCE schools are engaging their local communities and kicking goals for good through the world game of soccer, raising a whopping \$37,000 this Socktober.

Socktober is a program exclusively run by Catholic Mission throughout October each year, rolled out across the dioceses of Australia, with this year's funds benefiting the children in Ethiopia.

This week BCE students have engaged in workshops and other hands-on activities to celebrate Socktober. They even made footballs out of socks and other recyclable materials, a reminder that not all children have access to store-bought sports equipment.

Students from All Saints Parish Primary School Albany Creek chose to celebrate with a crazy sock day and a game of soccer with every goal kicked raising much needed funds for the children in Ethiopia.

BCE Executive Director Dr Sally Towns said the world game of soccer has the rare power to unify people of all ages and backgrounds, while also raising funds for children in need.

"Socktober celebrates the values inherent in sport and reminds students that we have the power to change injustice and imbalance in the world," Dr Towns said.

"Seeing BCE students rise to the challenge this Socktober was truly inspiring, and I am so proud to announce BCE schools raised \$37,000 this Socktober.

"These funds will have a real-world impact and support the nutrition, health, and education needs of children in remote communities.

"I cannot help but be in awe of our student's awareness of global issues.

"This Socktober will inspire BCE students to continue to lead in mission, encouraging them to not only think about what they want to do to help those in need but also how they will do it."

Youth and Schools Engagement Officer with Catholic Mission in Brisbane, Sue Williams, said thank you to BCE for their continued support of the work of Catholic Mission and our Socktober Program.

"The support from BCE schools, once again, has been outstanding," she said.

"Your community has great impact on the lives of those most vulnerable through your support of our work."

To learn more about Socktober and Catholic Mission [click here](#).

"The Christian mission has only one focus: to change individual's lives so they can change the world" - Pope Francis.

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