

St Mary's Catholic School Ellerslie

We provide a Catholic Education for the whole child.



Monday 19th March

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We, the Room 4 children, have been discussing Caritas and what happens to the money raised. We also talked about the damage that Cyclone Gita caused in Tonga including the destruction of four of their schools. We can't imagine how awful it would be to see homes and buildings destroyed. Because we know children who have gone to live in Tonga and recognise that many children at school have relatives there, we asked our teacher if there was any way to send our Caritas funds to Tonga.

We found out that the Bishops have the final say so we wrote to Bishop Pat and Mr Beauchamp at Caritas saying why we would like the money we raised to go to help rebuilding in Tonga. We look forward to their replies.

To raise more money than just what we put in the Caritas box, we brainstormed ideas and agreed that selling raffle tickets would be a fun thing to coordinate and raise money with. We are leading the school assembly on **Friday 23rd March** so we had the perfect opportunity to draw out the winners. We have put together some really cool prizes and will begin selling tickets on **Wednesday 14th March**. There will be a boys and girls prize for the juniors, middle school and seniors – six prizes in total.

Details are-

- Tickets for sale at 8.15am outside R13, Wednesday 14th to Friday 23rd
- **\$1 for one ticket**
- **\$2 for three tickets**
- Last day for purchasing tickets Friday 23rd March
- Winners drawn at 2pm assembly Friday 23rd

Please send your children to school with their pocket money and loose change. The more tickets that they buy, the better chance of winning!

We thank you for your support.

Room 4 (Years 5-6)