



“Rise up from the couch – with your boots laced – and turn your hands into signs of love...”

Pope Francis



What makes Socktober great

- **ENGAGEMENT:** Bring your students, their families and the whole school community together in a fun, interactive mission and social justice program.
- **HEAD, HEART, HANDS:** Socktober puts your students in the shoes of the other and provides an avenue to make a difference.
- **EASY, FUN, MEANINGFUL:** Through the support of their family and friends, students can effect change in their world without obligation or burden, all while having fun.

What schools said about Socktober in 2019

St Stephen's Catholic Primary School

Algester, Brisbane Archdiocese (QLD)

• \$13,050 raised | 336 students registered

- ✓ **INCLUSIVE** – Whatever the level of ability, everyone can shine in their giving and generosity.
- ✓ **SIMPLE TO EXECUTE** – The event didn't need a great time investment and the online platform was easy to use.
- ✓ **Our advice** – Don't be afraid, you won't believe what's possible when your school community gets behind Socktober and the momentum the program brings to all.



St Martin's Catholic Primary School

Davidson, Broken Bay Diocese (NSW)

• \$6,003 raised | 67 students registered

- ✓ **COMMUNITY MINDED** – Everyone in the school got behind this together. From the children and their extended families, to the staff and our priests.
- ✓ **MISSION FOCUSED** – By openly setting targets we inspired our families to do their best in the pursuit of mission. The children were conscious and mindful. The results were far beyond any expectations set.
- ✓ **Our advice** – Partner with your parish. Our clergy were incredibly supportive and enthusiastic and this in turn motivated and inspired the children, especially in the older years.



Our Lady of The Sacred Heart Primary School

Thursday Island, Cairns Diocese (QLD)

• \$1,607 raised | 23 students registered

- ✓ **UNIFYING** – The impact and appeal extended to the entire community and awareness to others. No matter where we are, whatever our circumstances, we can be generous.
- ✓ **ENGAGING STORYTELLING** – The stories encourage students to reach out and help others and ensure we share responsibility to help others.
- ✓ **Our advice** – Once you start sharing the stories of what is happening overseas through the modules you will see that the children get so engaged and excited. They learn, embrace and understand that mission can be everyone's game. This is what we are called to do as a Catholic School.



What's in it for your school community in 2020

- ✓ **Depth of learning:** All resources and activities are developed by an experienced mission formation team with primary and secondary education backgrounds, ensuring full coverage of the curriculum.
- ✓ **Why wait?** The *Socktober Challenge* encourages students to learn and take action from Term 3, leading up to the World Mission Month celebration in October.
- ✓ **Holistic experience:** The embedded Sustainable Development Goals and Catholic Social Teaching ensure students are always thinking about why they are taking action.
- ✓ **Engage parents:** The six-week *Socktober Challenge* is designed so that it can be delivered easily in the classroom or at home, with its aims clearly understood and appreciated by the whole family. The peer-to-peer fundraising component ensures the whole family are not obligated to commit a lot of money, but can reach out to their networks to support their child's progress.
- ✓ **Engage your whole school and parish community:** The Socktober Event Day in World Mission Month is an opportunity to engage your parish priest and members of the school community by inviting them to take part, helping to further establish your school's Catholic identity and presence.

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