

School Aid Trust
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A year of student-led action & giving

New look website is launched!

Our new look website was launched in April of this year!

Developed in consultation with a number of student focus groups, the website enables and provides a hub for student-led philanthropic activity.

Further enhancements are scheduled for next year, and



will include even more teacher resources and greater interactivity for students.

Check it out at - www.schoolaid.org.au and see more great examples of our School Aid community at work.

Left: a student focus group discusses website design

Australian kids make huge impact in Burma

Congratulations!!!

Our School Aid community of students and schools was ranked *Save The Children's* 2nd highest corporate/private donor for the Burma emergency.

Quick stats:

- * Over 400 schools participated
- * \$95,742 raised
- * 238 kits (at AUD\$400 each) provided for kids
- * 11,900 Burmese kids helped back to school!

Right: Your result—Burma kids with kits!



Students voice anti-bullying message over airwaves

School Aid partnered with Radio 2GB to give children a voice in tackling the issue of bullying and violence in schools.

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Launched on Alan Jones' breakfast show, NSW kids were given a chance to respond with an anti-bullying message. 20 winners were chosen to record their anti-bullying message in the 2GB studios.

Dr Evelyn Field, author of *Bully Blocking*, spoke with Alan Jones on the importance of anti-bullying messages to

kids and the huge impact fellow peers can have in exposing the actions of others.

At the close of the campaign Evelyn commented, "I was very impressed that most kids realise that bullies lack empathy ... and the fact that everyone needs to do something to deal with the bullying as well as become an active bystander."

Well done!!

In brief:

School Aid is a student-led philanthropy network with the **mission to empower kids to help kids in need** where the capacity to attend school and learn has been affected.

China Appeal stats:

- * \$20,989 raised
- This purchased:
 - * 458 sets student desks
 - * 50 sets teacher desks
 - * 50 blackboards & chalk

Next year!

Look out for the **School Aid Challenge** launching Term 3

Seasons Greetings!

Safe and happy holidays everyone!



Above: a Burmese student receives translated Messages of Hope from Aussie students

Did you know that...?

Fact #1

School Aid benefits kids in two big ways:

- the positive impact their combined fundraising can have on providing resources for kids in the affected area; and
- the direct benefit to the giver who learns about philanthropy and giving to others.

Fact # 2

School Aid began in 2002. Since this time, Australian school kids have raised over \$1.5 million for their peers!



Fact # 3

There are a multitude of resources on the schoolaid.org.au website for you to use when planning, conducting and reviewing your philanthropic activities in your school! *Check out:*

Resources



The power of community!

Together we ...

The following story highlights the possibilities of making a BIG difference when the student community comes together.

Ghinni Ghinni Public School has 5 students and was the smallest school to raise money for Burma and China this year.

The students wrote letters to local schools inviting them to help fundraise by taking action in their own school. A whopping \$505 was raised by all involved!

Ghinni Ghinni students also did projects about Burma (pictured right), had a Burmese style lunch and planted veges in a garden like Burmese children might be involved in.



Above: Ghinni Ghinni students with their Burma project in addition to their fundraising efforts

A Message of Hope to the kids of Burma & China

Pakenham Consolidated School Victoria: Class 4MP

"We are thinking of you at this time. We all know how lucky we are here in Australia to have a roof over our heads and a family to look after us.

you have lost loved ones. But we are thinking of you at this dreadful time.

Cling on to the hope that things will get better for you but it may take time."

To think of you living in such terrible circumstances makes us feel very sad. We find it very hard to understand what you are going through if

Students Australia-wide answered the call for *Messages of Hope*. They were translated and delivered through School Aid's Burma Emergency and China Earthquake Appeal programs.