

FLOOD RELIEF FOR HASTINGS SCHOOLS

Kia ora koutou,

We, the Howick College Student Leadership Team, believe that it is important to look out for each other and show *whanaungatanga*, a relationship and connection with others. Following the devastation caused by Cyclone Gabrielle, particularly in the Hawkes Bay, we have been in contact with Hastings Girls' High School to organise potential ways for us to appropriately provide help in response to the floods. We felt the best way we could support their community was to contribute in the form of monetary donations and care packages. Our kura's student leadership team is then planning to travel to the Hawkes Bay on Sunday 14 May to help the Hastings Girls' High School community in person.

Essential Items Required:

- Bottled water
- Non-perishable food
- Toys and books
- Shoes / Clothes
- Linen
- Kitchenware and cookware
- Toiletries such as shampoo, conditioners etc.

We ask that when putting together your care package donations (enough for approximately one family), items are packed into reusable bags such as the black Countdown bags. These can then be delivered to the foyer of the Bill Dimery Performing Arts Centre from Wednesday 26 April until Friday 12 May. The foyer will be open, and a student leader should be there to receive donations. If possible, please deliver these items during school hours. However, we understand that this is not always possible so, if necessary, items can be delivered before and after school hours to the above location from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm.

All monetary donations will go towards assisting Omahu Primary School in Hastings to subsidise uniforms, books, learning materials and other school necessities. You can kindly donate through our Givealittle page:

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/raising-monetary-funds-for-hastings-flood-relief>.

We started our fundraising in the last week of term 1 with a \$2 gold coin non-uniform day. The theme of the day was House Colours, to signify us as a school uniting for one cause.

We hope this letter finds you and your whānau well and we thank you in advance for your generosity.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou, Kia noho haumaruru koutou,

The Howick College Student Leadership Team.