



Dose of Hope



Thanks to the incredible work of our Kids Hope volunteers we get to share stories of hope and transformation in the lives of our mentor children. Get this month's Dose of Hope here.

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Hi Lou,

Welcome back to this first edition of your 'Dose of Hope' newsletter for 2023.

Term 1 has started and we are back in full swing! We're thrilled to have a number of new programs join us for this year and look forward to hearing and sharing stories of **HOPE** and transformation!

SHARING HOPE - A PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION



In the past financial year, we have facilitated 29 new partnerships between primary schools and their local church. Here is a 'thank you' from a principal who truly values the program, and understands the HOPE our program brings to the lives of vulnerable children.

"As we begin our journey with mentors and students meeting for the first time this week, we have experienced a new warmth and excitement among students. The children smiled and happily chatted about the fun time they had. It has been wonderful to see Jenny laughing as she played 'Guess Who' with Maya, and Sharon having a workout on the basketball court with Eddie beaming as he told us about the new tricks he learnt.

It is such a gift for a child to have a special time to share uninterrupted with a caring interested adult. To all of you, thank you for the way you have embraced the Kids Hope program and the huge commitment you have taken on. I know our partnership will continue to strengthen and grow with each passing week."

- Principal, WA

HOPEFUL RESOLUTIONS



Perhaps you've made some New Year's Resolutions to exercise more regularly, learn a new language, or eat more vegetables! Here are some cute children's New Year's Resolutions that will put a smile on your face and inspire you to achieve your goals!

- 1. 'To be a better person and a better artist.'** - Celine, age 6
- 2. 'Pat every doggie I can!'** - Tori, age 8

3. 'Be nicer to my little sister.' - Gwen, age 12
4. 'I'm going to be a ladybug!' - Sarah, age 3
5. 'I will drink milk daily and will not trouble my mother.' - Clayton, age 12
6. 'Get better spending habits.' - Katy, age 13
7. 'Become an adult so I can eat candy and not brush my teeth!' - Owen, age 4
8. 'Become a YouTube star!' - Laurie, age 7
9. 'To be home before sunrise.' - Finn, age 5
10. 'To help 100 people!' - Jack, age 6

Inspiring stuff! Like Jack, we know that together we can continue to impact hundreds of people with our program in 2023! Our vision, **'hope in the life of every child'** remains strong in the hearts of staff, volunteers, supporters and communities. We are all excited about the year ahead... just like these kids!

YOU'LL NEVER KNOW...



Jenny had been mentoring Ben for a while and wasn't too sure if she was making much difference. She felt like she was having a hard time finding positive reactions during their time together. But slowly and surely, Ben's attitude warmed to his faithful mentor.

At the end of the year, Ben's mum came up to Jenny during a Kids Hope school gathering and said: *"You will never know how much Kids Hope meant for my boy; he has kept EVERY card and activity that you gave him or made together in a box under his bed for the past 4 years. Thank you!"* Indeed, we say thank you, Jenny, for making a far greater mark than you could possibly imagine.

NOT YOUR AVERAGE ANNUAL REPORT



Speaking of impact, Kids Hope invested 55,120 hours into the lives of vulnerable Aussie kids in 2021/2022. We also had 1,378 committed mentors volunteering in their local communities!

That's a significant gift towards wellbeing programs in Australian primary schools, despite yet another challenging year. This is care that otherwise would not be available to vulnerable children. If you would like to read more about how we have impacted local communities around Australia, please take a look at our latest Annual Report. We've included amazing stories, reflections, stats and pictures, so this is not your average Annual Report! [CLICK HERE](#) or on the image above to see!

Finally, a heartfelt thanks for the donations made towards our Christmas Appeal. Our beautiful gift certificate was certainly well received by those whose donations were sent as gifts to their loved ones. And as always, thank you to our extended Kids Hope family who contribute in many ways. We are so grateful to you!

Sincerely,
The Kids Hope Team

Active Kids Hope Coordinators & Mentors need to stay subscribed to all our communications to continue to receive important resources & information.

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