

Philanthropy

Primary school students changing the world



Alphington Primary School students outside Kids Under Cover's Richmond office

Earlier this year, we received a phone call from a student at Alphington Primary School. He and his Year 5 classmates were working on a philanthropy project and had to choose a not-for-profit they could support, without raising money or making donations.

They found out about Kids Under Cover through Google, and were impressed with how they help prevent homelessness in Melbourne. After a Kids Under Cover staff member visited the school and explained how important it was to raise awareness, the students came up with a plan to do just that.

Here's what they had to say: "Our task was to help change the world by focusing on the 2015 Millennium Development Goals. To help Kids Under Cover, we have put free advertising in our school newsletter, made

announcements at our weekly assembly and put up posters on public noticeboards in our community."

"We have also managed to donate a car from within our school community. We have also had the opportunity to visit the offices in Richmond and see firsthand the great work being done. We hope to continue our partnership in the future."

Kids Under Cover encourages and supports strong connections with schools. By visiting students and talking about how we help homeless and at-risk young people, we foster an understanding of philanthropy and the importance of caring for other people.

We're extremely proud of the efforts all students at Alphington Primary have put in to raising awareness for our organisation and thank the school for their outstanding support.

Our children in the senior school continually impress us with their abilities to apply knowledge and skills to real life situations. Year 5 children engage in Philanthropy work, making contact with various organisations and offering support in a multitude of different ways. Some of the previous projects completed include:

- Donating art supplies to the Victorian Aboriginal Health Centre for use in their child care centre.
- Supporting students in a Vietnamese orphanage by providing materials for painting, these paintings are then auctioned and proceeds go back to the orphanage via Helping Hand, Helping Hearts.
- Donating toiletries to Melbourne City Mission. These will be distributed to families in need.
- Assisting Kids Under Cover to provide 'in home studios' for teenagers at risk of becoming homeless.
- Donating food supplies to Feed Melbourne that we will be used to cook regular meals for those who in need.
- Funding and Organizing a BBQ at Hopevale PS in Far North Queensland during the school Laura trip. This was instrumental in breaking cultural barriers.
- Purchasing tools and visited CERES to assist with farming.
- Purchasing reader sets, soccer balls and skipping ropes to assist underprivileged children in Kenya.
- Have run 2 hot chocolate drives with a total profit of approx. \$400 for World Vision.
- Donated \$300 worth of toys for Berry Street Foundation's Christmas appeal.
- Assisted in designing flyers for a local group 'APMAG'.
- Donated classroom stationery with the Friday Night School.
- Arranged the donation of materials to create 'happy holders' (backpacks full of potentially life saving items, like blankets, for homeless people) via the support of Home Ground Services.