The Ku-ring-gai Refugee Welcome Pack Appeal

Ku-ring-gai Council, in partnership with the Wahroonga Rotary Club, Lifeline Harbour to Hawkesbury, KYDS Youth Development Service and the Community Migrant Resource Centre is coordinating a community effort to assemble and distribute Welcome Packs to incoming refugee families who have genuinely been displaced following the Syrian conflict. These are for families that have been in crisis, many with small children. Some of these are people who were once middle class but were bombed and have been living in camps in Turkey and Syria. These people have been properly screened by our Government and are being located to Western Sydney, Wollongong, Newcastle and some country areas of NSW.

The Welcome Packs will include a school starter kit; baby hygiene products; toys and books; bathroom essentials and sports equipment. These packs will help parents and children to start rebuilding their lives and recover emotionally through play and normal childhood activities.

How you can help

Many of the children have experienced disrupted schooling for a number of years due to war and time spent in refugee camps. Your help is required to donate items for a School Starter Kit that will provide the best possible start for a Syrian child in their new Australian school.

Items must be new and unused and may include;

- School bag, lunch box, reusable drinks bottle,
- Pencil case, colouring pencils, colouring pens, colouring books, pencil sharpener, ruler, pens and pencils,
- English language Flashcards, literacy and numeracy workbooks

You might also like to encourage your child to write a welcome letter to a Syrian child.

Items should be unwrapped in an open carrier bag or loose.

If you feel able to assist with this appeal, please drop your items during the month of March into the collection box in the school foyer.

Financial donations can also be made at www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/rwpa

Your help is enormously appreciated.

Please see Mrs Voysey for any questions.