## tcatholic School Culture

## Socktober for Mission Month

This year, our school is proudly taking part in Socktober for Mission Month, a Catholic Mission initiative that inspires students to rise up, engage their local community, and take action against poverty through the world game of soccer. Socktober encourages young people to lead with purpose, reflecting not only on what they can do to help others, but why they do it.

On Monday, 3rd November, students are invited to wear bright, fun socks and come out of uniform to support this important cause. A gold coin donation on the day will go directly towards Catholic Mission's work supporting communities in need around the world.

As part of our celebration, we'll also be making sockballs, symbols of hope in many developing countries, where children create soccer balls from recycled materials. The sockball represents joy, resilience, and creativity in the face of hardship. Pope Francis and the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference recognise sport as a powerful tool for building community and fostering dialogue. By creating our own sockballs, students will connect with the lived experiences of children around the world, developing empathy, solidarity, and a deeper understanding of their challenges and hopes.

If your home is like mine and you have a few odd socks lying around, please send them to school so we can use them to make our sockballs!



