

## Chaplain delivers stationary for students in need

When it comes to buying school equipment, some students need a helping hand.

Realising a need in their local community, David and Christine Thomas from UnitingCare West and Chaplain Kim Scaddan decided help provide stationary for students at Grovelands Primary School.

“We regularly receive children into our school that come without anything at all,” Mrs Scaddan said.

“Some families are reluctant to even send their children to school due to not being able to buy basic supplies needed to feel "ready" for school.

“The idea that seemed to make most sense was to see if a few backpacks filled with the school booklist could be provided for each year level.

“I provided Christine with the booklists, she took the proposal to her leadership group, and they filled with the items from the booklist from each year level.”

More than 10 backpacks have been distributed this year already.

“It means kids can focus on learning, instead of worrying about supplies,” Mrs Scaddan said.

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