

# Nourish@Christmas

Feedback from schools  
and whānau

Christmas 2024



## Feedback from schools...

“Families were very appreciative of everything that was in the hampers, especially at this time of the year when money is tight.”

“Thank you to everyone who is involved. It's a shame you don't get to see the smiles of our families when they receive the hampers as it's priceless! You really do make Christmas easier for some.

“One mum cried seeing so much food. Another thought she could select the food from the box, that she wanted. When I said that the whole box was for her, and the second box, she burst into tears. She couldn't believe that she was given so much. She is incredibly grateful.”

A student said to us: “Thank you for the food. There are a lot of incredibly kind people thinking of us. My mum was happy.”

“I feel like our families this year were people that 'had just had a terrible year'. There were tears of appreciation and disbelief that they had been chosen to have their Christmas brightened. I love being involved in that :)”

Every single family that received the hamper were so so so happy and appreciative, a lot of them were shocked and speechless as they were not expecting it and we could tell some of them were teary and so grateful.

“Our families were extremely grateful and overwhelmed. One family reported to their teacher that this gift made their mum cry! Most appreciated. “



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“A family mentioned how they felt a load taken off them especially this close to Christmas time with money being tight and fruit and vedge isn't always a priority in the budget sometimes.”

“After hearing from the families, the thing that was most exciting for the children was that there were some treat types of foods. Most of our families have been only buy the absolute basics so some muesli bars and biscuits felt indulgent.”

“It has meant that one family was able to put some petrol in their car this week.”

“Thanks to Nourish Trust eight families from our school will have a happier Christmas time this year. The eight families consist of one family with a parent who has a terminal illness, a solo parent with 5 children, a solo parent with 6 children, three families in financial strife, and 2 families with children with high needs. All these whānau were so happy to receive this generous gift. One parent came to school the next day to give me a big hug and she was raving about the beautiful quality of the fresh produce in particular.”

Personally, I would like to thank you on behalf of my whanau. I delivered 20 boxes to 10 different families, all of whom didn't have cars...The food made a difference...Kids repeat their parents viewpoints. We have a few students who are 'difficult' at times. They came in the next day, saying about 'how there are a lot of kind people out there...' I mention this as this is not the usual things those children repeat. For them to tell us kind things from their mum, it must have struck a big chord.”



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“This year we had to ask for 2 extra hampers than last year. The need is growing and the gap between those who are comfortable and those that are in great need in our society keeps widening. One of the hampers even went to one of our staff members because people do not realise that even our teachers are struggling with the cost of living.”

“They were all so very grateful, thoughtful putting tea towels in as well. Great variety in the hamper, especially the veges. Nice to get chocolate as well as that is a treat that these families can often not afford.”

All the feedback from our families has been about being grateful that 1. They have some kai to help feed their children, with some treats even and 2. That there are people out there that do care....that they care enough to work through the year to raise funds to help others that are struggling or struggle at this time of year, even if its a little bit. It gives them hope that their children will live in a society that is caring and will help others when and where necessary without judgement. Something some of our families feel is lacking in our current society.”

“I've had a whanau almost break down in tears from this parcel speaking about the hardships that family had gone through that year i.e Partner made redundant over the last few months so they were unsure on what christmas would look like this year.”

“Every single item was loved and needed - particular shout out to the tea towels!”



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“Whānau were very grateful and some quite overwhelmed. One parent talked about how they were very pressed for cash at this time due to a child's medical expenses so the hamper was very helpful.”

“Everyone said THANK YOU and appreciated both boxes - and said it would make life just that little bit easier and more enjoyable at this time of year.”

“I want to personally thank you all for this gift that is so timely for all my families at this time of the year. It hasn't been easy for some of them and these hampers give them hope that there are people out there thinking of them. Thank you so much for thinking of my school community!”

“Two families said that the hamper came at the right time, no food in the house.”

“Thank you for giving us a chance to support five families who don't put their hand out, but were soooo grateful for some support at this time of the year. The joy on faces when the hampers were delivered and the tears that welled in grandparents raising grandkids eyes was so heart warming. Keep being awesome!”

“We really appreciate the effort that you go to, to get these hampers to our families. We have a number of families that are really struggling at this time and it does make a huge difference.”



## Feedback from whānau...

“Thank you so much. This made me cry (good tears) and such a lovely unexpected Christmas present.”

“The hampers are amazing and mean that there is a little money left over to buy something extra at christmas and some presents.”

Feedback from a student: "Thank you for this. Mum's work hours were cut and she cried when we bought the boxes to the car."

“I loved the hamper, it will make such a difference for us. The icing on the cake was getting a tea towel...I always need more tea towels!”

“Absolutely thrilled with our hamper, thank you so much! All the things that we need, means a lot, we are very grateful.”

““This has made our year.”

“You don't know the difference this is making to our whānau.”

“Thank you so much! The Hampers were amazing! We have already enjoyed some beautiful meals with the hamper ingredients! Thank you guys, what a beautiful and generous gift.”



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“You don't know what a difference this hamper will make to our family, we really feel very fortunate.”

“Thank you so much for the Christmas hamper!! This is such a big help at a very stressful time of year. So many things that help feed my family and the treats we just wouldn't be able to get if not for you. Thank you, so much and merry Christmas, to everyone!”

“From the bottom of our hearts, my whānau would like to say thank you for the Xmas Food Hamper. We are so very grateful. We feel the love and are so thankful for the amazing food.”

“The hampers we received were the most amazing blessing , this time of year is the biggest struggle not only for our whanau but so many others. And all hampers we received took stress off my shoulders, as a mother of 3 & a whangai teenager, every week we just get by, and this week was a little less uncomfortable.”

“Thank you so much for our Christmas hampers! It took so much stress off of our hands, so grateful and appreciative!”



**Thank you for your  
support!**

**We will see you in 2025.**

Claire and Gabe

