



Hand Prints

Schools Edition

childhood cancer

helping families just like yours



Whether you're a primary or secondary school, a kindergarten or playgroup – we're excited to work with you!

There's something truly special about students being proud of their fundraising efforts and knowing they are making a difference in the lives of kids just like them.

By fundraising with us, students can directly support local children who are unable to attend school due to their cancer diagnosis. It's a powerful way to show compassion and create a positive impact!

The Childhood Cancer Association delivers more than 30 vital support services to South Australian children with cancer, and their families.

These services are tailored to meet the needs of each family and are offered free of charge from diagnosis, throughout treatment and into survivorship or through grief and loss.

Since we don't receive any government funding, we rely on the kindness and generosity of our community to help us continue these vital services.

Our inaugural school newsletter celebrates and shares the amazing things your school community can do to make a real difference! We invite you to get in touch so we can work together to brighten the lives of children with cancer, and their families.

We hope to hear from you soon!

30 services free of charge including:

- Professional counselling
- Daily hospital visits
- Accommodation for country/interstate families
- Respite accommodation for all families
- Educational support
- Sibling support program
- Bereavement support
- Survivorship services



Put some FUN into your school's FUNdraising and help kids with cancer, with these ideas...

Hero Day

Dress up as your favourite hero and make a gold coin donation to support children with cancer. Whether it's a superhero or an everyday hero, it's all about showing strength and support!

Crazy Hair Day

Get creative with crazy hair! From wild styles to funky colours, have fun and host a competition for the most unique look. Challenge your principal or teacher to shave their head if you reach your fundraising target!

Fun-athon

Host a fun run, disco, or spell-athon to raise funds. Choose an activity your school will enjoy and get fundraising while having a blast!

Go Gold

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and gold is the international colour for childhood cancer. Host a golden event or show your support by wearing a touch of gold or even our gold shoelaces.

For more ideas visit childhoodcancer.asn.au/schools

Your community

We just love working with schools. Here are some of the creative ways that schools made a difference in 2024...

Students of the Performing Arts Industry Class at **Seaton High School** hosted a 'Through the Decades' themed quiz night. The students came together to source prizes, write quiz questions, choreograph and perform dances. With more than 100 family and friends attending the fun and entertaining night they learnt a lot along the way and managed to exceed their fundraising goal.

The Year Two students at **Nailsworth Primary School** took on a fun and educational challenge – their very own Spell-A-Thon! Throughout the school year the students learnt 50 tricky words and then sat down one morning to spell them all. After the Spell-A-Thon the students had a surprise visit from Elliot, the Childhood Cancer Association mascot, to hand out certificates and celebrate their amazing work. (pictured, top)



Each year the students at **Saint Ignatius College** come together to host a week full of fun fundraising events! Starting with their CommUNITY Walk, they walked around the oval and through surrounding streets to show their support for children with cancer. Plus, 17 students and one staff member bravely cut or shaved their heads. The whole school community cheered loudly and proudly as the hair fell and money was raised. (pictured, below)



At the beginning of the school year students at **Immanuel Primary School** were given a donation tin as part of their Service Learning Program and were encouraged to donate their loose change throughout the year. In December, the funds were tallied and donated to support our Educational Support Program.



Hospitality and compassion were at the heart of a special initiative close to the Year 12s' hearts at **St Aloysius College**. The cohort hosted a special morning tea fundraiser for staff and students, with the proceeds raised going towards the Childhood Cancer Association. (pictured, above)

Save the date

Gold Shoelace Week
22nd - 26th of September

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, and gold is the international colour representing childhood cancer. This year, we invite your school to take part in a simple yet meaningful initiative.

Choose one day during our **Gold Shoelace Week** for students, staff, and teachers to wear our **gold shoelaces**—a small but powerful way to show solidarity with children battling cancer. At **just \$8 per pair**, these laces offer an easy and fun way for your school community to raise awareness and make a bold golden statement of support.

Join us in making a difference.
Contact us to register your interest!

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Meet Jessie

Hi, my name is Jessie and I'm the Community Fundraising and Events Coordinator.

I'm here to support you and your school in any way I can — whether it's by phone, email, or even a visit to your school. Please don't hesitate to reach out; so together we can help turn your ideas into reality.

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