



**Faith in action:** St Pius X Principal, Rob Romeo, centre with parents who assisted with the donations.

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## Parents give gifts for women with none

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Anawim Women's Refuge received a special Mother's Day gift this year from the mothers and students at St Pius X Primary School Manning.

Anawim is one of 13 agencies supported through Archbishop Hickey's Lifelink Appeal.

The agency assists 3000 aboriginal women escaping domestic, family or social violence each year.

Gift baskets filled with toiletries and cosmetics – much of it considered luxury items by the women at the refuge but essentials to mothers at the school – were collected over

two months. Coordinator of the Anawim Centre, Gabrielle Whitely said the women don't have much.

"We were able to share the gifts out with the women who come here and they appreciated it," Mrs Whitely said.

Lifelink Consulting Manager Brett Mendez said the donation is a great example of Catholic school communities reaching out to those in need within the community.

"They have demonstrated to our young people 'Faith in Action,'" Mr Mendez said.

A live webcast of Archbishop Hickey answering questions of students to raise funds for Lifelink was held on June 7.