Dear Parents and Guardians,

This Thursday all government schools in the Wodonga region are having a casual day in order to raise much needed funds for those affected by the earthquake in Nepal.

Third world country, Nepal, are in desperate need of help as a result of last week’s earthquake. As of Tuesday, there are more than 7000 people who have died from the earthquake disaster, with twice as many injured. According to the United Nations, eight million of Nepal’s twenty-eight million people have been affected by the earthquake needing medical attention or tents to live in.

Wodonga Senior Secondary College has a tight knit community of Nepali students who have been granted political asylum to move to Australia from refugee camps in Nepal. They have been living here from 1 year to 6 years.

Unfortunately, many of these Nepali students relatives have been affected by the earthquake, losing their homes and possessions. For example, one WSSC student has family members who are in Kathmandu and have not yet been contactable we are not sure if they are safe or not.

On Friday 1st May our Nepali students worked extremely hard to cook absolutely delicious curry and dumplings for teachers and students. The College raised $1175 which was donated to Red Cross and UNICEF to help with emergency relief for medical supplies and water sanitation.

In addition, the College, along with all government schools in the Wodonga region will hold a casual day this Thursday, 7th May, where students are asked to dress in Nepal’s flag colours of red, blue and white.

We would highly appreciate any extra donations from parents and guardians in addition to the gold coin donations in this time of emergency.

The funds raised by government schools on Thursday will be donated to the ABC Oxfam Nepal Earthquake Appeal. They will provide water sanitation, emergency hygiene kits and temporary toilets.

For more information about Oxfam- www.oxfam.org.au/nepalearthquake

Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

WSSC Student Leadership Council