

Solidarity Week Assembly 2024



JUSTICE, PEACE, AND ADVOCACY

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Acknowledgement of Country



**“We will walk with you,
we will listen and work
towards truth, justice
and equality.”**

Susie B.

**SOLIDARITY.
ALWAYS.**



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PRAYERS FOR PEACE



Join us as we unite in prayers for peace, calling for an end to the violence and lifting up those who are suffering and have lost loved ones in this unfolding tragedy in Israel, Palestine, most urgently in Gaza, and beyond.



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Solidarity Week Activities

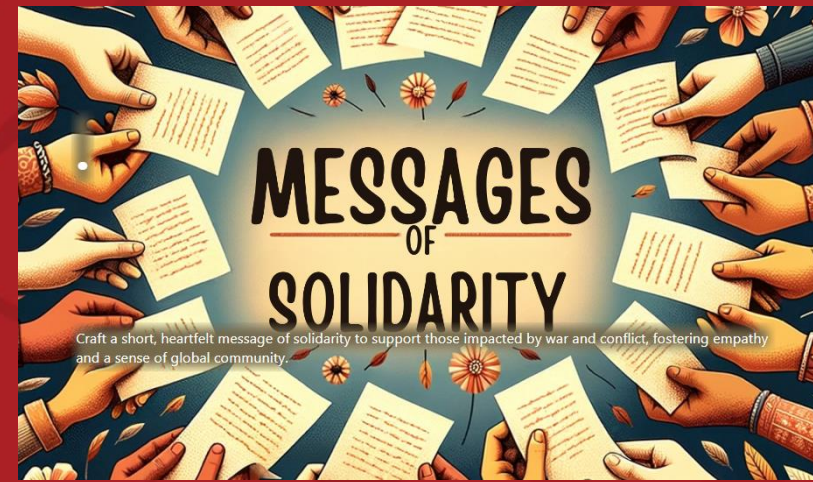
Solidarity Week Activities

This week, our school is embarking on a profound journey—a journey of understanding, empathy, and action. We are proud to be in the midst of our annual Solidarity Week. Solidarity Week is more than just a series of events; it is a pivotal opportunity for us to unite as a community, to learn, reflect, and take steps toward making a significant impact in the world.

This year, our theme is "Walking in Solidarity with those who have been impacted by war." War is not merely a distant concept portrayed in movies or described in history books; it is a grim reality that profoundly affects millions of lives across the globe. Families are torn asunder, communities lay in ruins, and the aftershocks of conflict linger long after the battles have ended. It's easy to feel removed from these harsh truths, but this week, we are dedicated to narrowing that distance through understanding and empathy.

Solidarity Week is more than just an event; it's a commitment to understanding, a vow to empathy, and a move toward action. It serves as a powerful reminder that, despite our differences, we share a common humanity. By taking part in these activities, we are not only heightening awareness but also laying the foundation for a more empathetic and compassionate world.

Let us embrace this week with open hearts and minds. Let's listen, learn, and take action. Together, we can effect change. Together, we walk in solidarity.



Craft a short, heartfelt message of solidarity to support those impacted by war and conflict, fostering empathy and a sense of global community.



Activities

Objectives:

- Understand the basic concepts of conflict and its impact on communities and individuals.
- Develop empathy for those affected by conflict.
- Explore ways to support and stand in solidarity with people in conflict zones.

What is Solidarity?

We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace. Pope Paul VI taught that "if you want peace, work for justice." The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers. Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict.

Corinthians 12:12-26

If one member of Christ's body suffers, all suffer. If one member is honored, all rejoice.

Conflict Definition

- an active disagreement between people with opposing opinions or principles;
- fighting between two or more groups of people or countries;



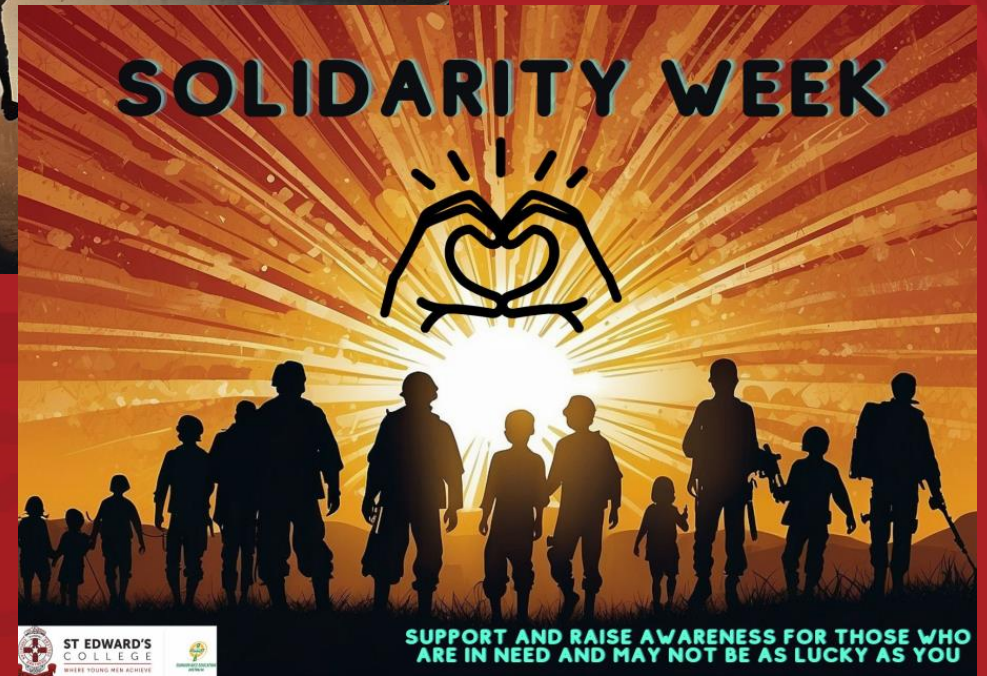
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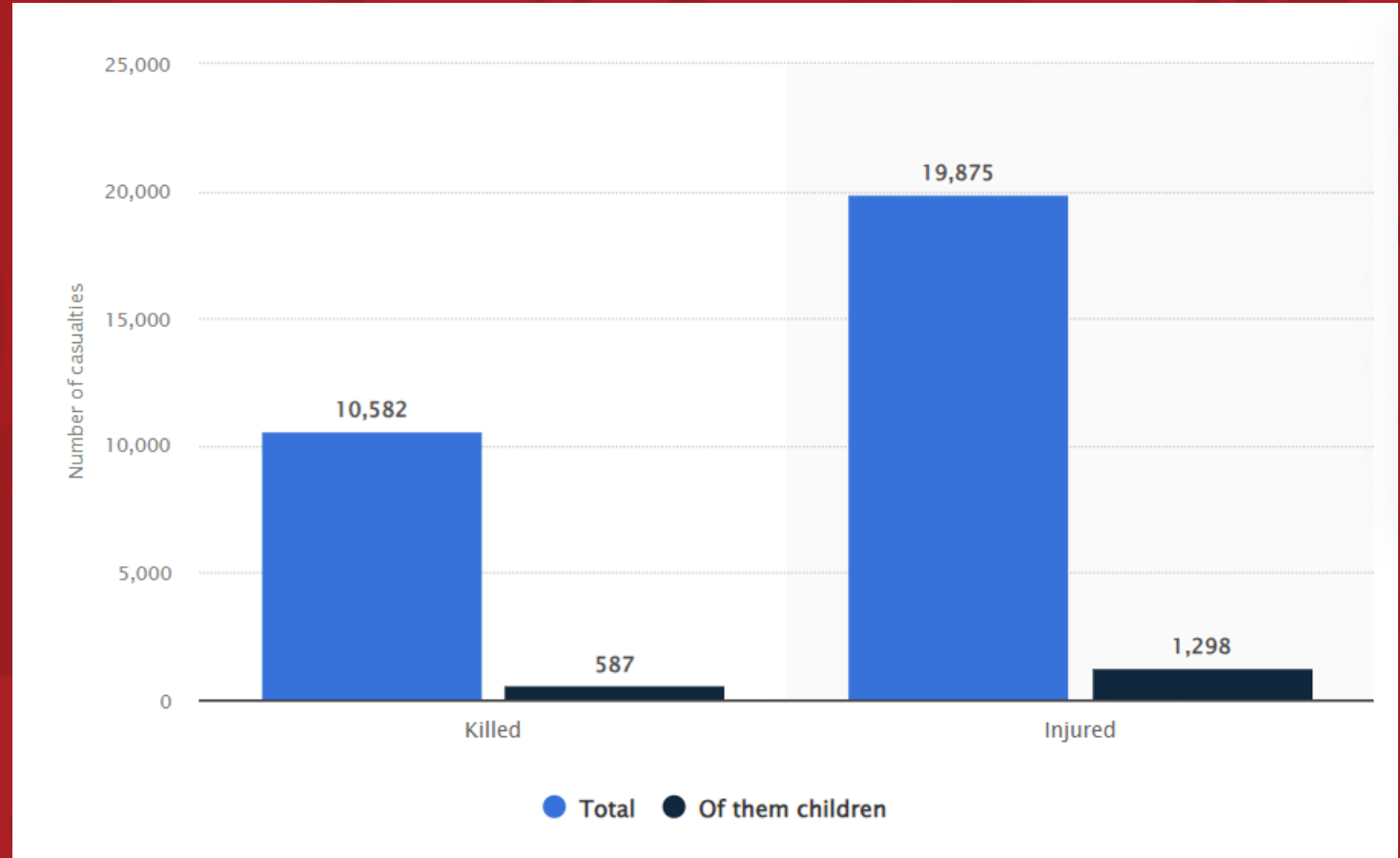


Walking in Solidarity with those impact by War and



Impact of War

- Russia and Ukraine war



Impact of War

ISRAEL'S WAR ON GAZA

Latest figures | October 7-March 18, 10:00 GMT

ISRAEL

PALESTINE

GAZA

OCCUPIED WEST BANK

KILLED

AT LEAST
1,139

AT LEAST
31,726

AT LEAST
435

including more than 13,000 children
More than 8,000 missing

including 116 children

INJURED

AT LEAST
8,730

AT LEAST
73,792

MORE THAN
4,650

including at least 8,663 children



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- The impact that war has on people across the globe is one of the world's most pressing issues. Whilst we aren't in a position to stop the war, we can use our voices to place pressure on those that can act. To call for peace and make known to all the extreme waste of life and suffering that is occurring. It might feel like you aren't making a difference learning about this information or writing messages, however, adding your voices to the call for peace amplifies these sentiments into a chorus that can't be ignored.



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In every corner of the world, children just like us, dream of a future filled with hope. Today, we remember those who have lost their lives in conflicts far and near. Let their dreams and their silence inspire us to build a world where every child can wake up to a day filled with peace.

