The small school community of St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School, Blackall, has responded quickly to do what they can to assist recovery efforts in the Capricornia region following the devastation left by Cyclone Marcia.

With an enrolment of under 50 students, the school held a lunch-time sausage sizzle and icy-cup sale last week which raised over $100 to help those in the cyclone affected area.

School Principal, Duane Wann, said the initiative came from the Year 3/4 students who coordinated the barbeque under the school’s social justice plan with help from Assistant Principal Religious Education, Jo Davidson.

“Part of our Social Justice program is to commit to hold a fundraiser each term for a particular cause. The students thought it would be a good idea to donate the funds raised for this term to the school communities in our Diocese affected by Cyclone Marcia,” Mr Wann said.

“Doing something to help is very much a part of our school ethos inspired by St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and her motto –‘never see a need without doing something about it’, “ he said.

Diocesan Director of Catholic Education, Leesa Jeffcoat welcomed the wonderful initiative by the students and said “this was an amazing gesture as the Blackall community itself is in the grip of the most significant drought at the moment and for the children to respond so generously and selflessly is quite humbling”.

Lisa Alexander (Teacher) and students