The United Nations is made up of 192 countries from around the globe, including Australia, which focuses on poverty, child labour, child mortality, along with many other issues that are faced around the world. The Year 5/6 students have investigated on how to be a global citizen, that is, how we can help others who are less fortunate than us.

The 3rd GPS UN Conference took place in our school hall. Many dressed in national costumes or colours from their continent for this special occasion. Dressing up is always exciting, but the UN Conference meant business.

At the conference representatives from each continent, (each class), informed us about their region and their major problems. Guest speakers from Red Cross and Amnesty International told us of the tireless work their organisations do continuously. Did you know that it is more difficult to transport 10,000 bananas rather than 10,000 pieces of weaponry?

Dancers entertained us from around the world and creative jingles educated us about the cultures, religions and traditions along with many other interesting facts from that continent.

The school hall was decorated with students work displayed about their particular country from their continent along with unique artefacts, souvenirs and flags.

The main message we would like to send out to our GPS community is that we have realised we are very lucky for what we have; however, we need to continue to be aware of what is going on around our world, to work together and support one another. A quote from the caring Mother Teresa is, “Never worry about numbers, help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest to you.”

Maddy, Claire, Amy and Victoria from 6K have been inspired to initiate a drive for the homeless in Melbourne (see ad in newsletter). Please help if you can. They are starting from the people closest to them.

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Watch the link above. This is where we started from. Be aware of those in need. We all need to fight maternal health, diseases and other issues facing the world together.