

## SOCKTOBER 2022 LAUNCH ASSEMBLY SUGGESTED SCRIPT

*[PLAY PROMO VIDEO FROM HOME PAGE OF SOCKTOBER WEBSITE]*

Students and Staff, get ready to kick some goals for good this year with Socktober!

*[Hold up a 'sockball' – watch our step-by-step video to make one]*

What do you think this is? *[Initiate some discussion with the assembly group and hear their feedback.]*

This is a sockball, and it resembles the kind of ball that children all around the world play with. It's a bit different to the balls we are used to, isn't it? How would you feel playing with a ball like this every day? In countries where children play with a ball like this, do you think there might be differences in the other things we enjoy, like food, water, education, healthcare?

*[Bring up the Socktober website on the screen – [www.socktober.org.au](http://www.socktober.org.au)]*

Our school is signed up for Socktober for Mission Month because we want to help improve these areas where there is great difference. This year, by kicking our goals as a school, we can raise funds to support vulnerable children in Ethiopia who are facing malnutrition and food insecurity. They struggle to access the basic things we enjoy here every day.

Our **Socktober Event Day** has been set for **[insert date]** and we are very excited to share a few key goals for our school:

- This afternoon, go home and ask your parents to sign you up on the Socktober site: [www.socktober.org.au](http://www.socktober.org.au). An email reminder will be sent to your parents about this.
- We will be working through the **Socktober Challenge** in class together over the next few weeks, doing fun activities from the Mission Packs and learning how children in Ethiopia live, learn, and play, while doing our best to support them.
- Your job is to pick a Goal Package when you sign up. You can get sponsored by friends and family for each of the goals you kick in that goal package, with the money going to support children in need in Ethiopia and around the world.
- *[Take the students to your school's page and show them through it – encourage them to have a look themselves]*
- Here's how our **Event Day** will work *[tailor to your specific plans]*:
  - There will be a **Socktober Shootout** activity
  - Each student has a chance to score five goals
  - One of the shots at goal will be with a handmade sockball – made by you!
  - Ask family and friends to sponsor you for your five attempts at goal

- Wear your favourite colourful socks for the day!
- There will be a House competition for goals scored *[if applicable]*
- *[Add other activities you plan to include – differs for each school]*
- Start collecting items for sockball making – plastic bags, bubble wrap, twine and other items.

We have **[X] weeks** until Socktober and time is ticking fast! The race is on to kick all of our goals! Let's challenge ourselves to do the very best we can to support children in Ethiopia this year.

[Play Ethiopia schools video – found at [www.socktober.org.au/ethiopia](http://www.socktober.org.au/ethiopia)]

Now you've met our friends in Ethiopia, let's make a difference - don't forget to ask your parents to sign you up and start sharing with your family and friends! **[Optional]**: *The first class/House to register will receive a [mufti day, pizza lunch, etc.]*

Thanks everyone!