

## **Religious Education - Strands**

Over a year we cover six strands in the following order:

*Jesus*

*Holy Spirit*

*God*

*Sacrament*

*Church*

*Communion of Saints*

### **Key Ideas**

#### **Jesus**

- Jesus was human (as well as God). He lived in a real time, in a real place and did a lot of things just like we do.
- Jesus came to show us how to live and save us. The stories in the New Testament show Jesus showing love, saving people – by healing and forgiving sins, Jesus saved us through his cross and Resurrection and Jesus teaches us how to live.
- Jesus is God (as well as human). Jesus is the Son of God, the Risen Christ, our Saviour.

#### **Holy Spirit**

- The Holy Spirit acts in people and in the Church.
- The Holy Spirit appears in Bible stories.
- The Holy Spirit is the third person in the Trinity.
- We have images of the Holy Spirit but these are not the Holy Spirit.

#### **God**

- God created the world.
- How can we know about God? God is revealed through Jesus.
- God is all powerful and remains a mystery.
- God loves us individually. (He has made a Covenant with us).

#### **Sacrament**

- There are 7 sacraments.
- Each sacrament has its own symbols and rituals.
- Sacraments are a sign of God's grace in the world and in us.
- Sacraments relate to your life journey (te wa).

## **Church**

- The Church is the people united with God.
- We all have a responsibility in the Church.
- There are formal responsibilities in the Church.
- The mission of the Church is to bring about the Kingdom of God on Earth.

## **Communion of Saints**

- Mary is Jesus' mother, the first disciple and model to all Christians.
- Communion of Saints is all the souls in heaven, purgatory, and god's family – the church on earth.
- Our choices affect the type of person we become and what happens to us after we die.