

# Parents' / Caregivers' Role in Religious Education

*Poipoia te kakano kia puawai  
– Nurture the seed and it will blossom*

## The aims of the Catholic Religious Education Programme:

- ❖ Develop a lifelong relationship with Jesus and the Church
- ❖ Teach how people can respond freely to God according to their gift of faith
- ❖ Educate the children about what the Catholic Church believes and teaches
- ❖ Teach understanding about how the Catholic Church prays and celebrate lives

## How Parents and Caregivers can support their Child's Learning:

- ✓ Show an active interest in the RE programme that is being taught to their child
- ✓ Encourage their children to think and talk about what they are learning in RE
- ✓ Relate what is being taught in RE to family life
- ✓ Take time to pray together as a whānau/family
- ✓ Use the Family / Whanau Book purchased at enrolment at a Catholic School
- ✓ Extend their own knowledge and faith formation in any way possible
- ✓ Give their children relevant experiences of the RE topic being taught at school
- ✓ Connect the whānau/family to the parish
- ✓ Take children to Mass/ Eucharist on Sundays
- ✓ Ensure that enrolled preference children celebrate sacramental rites
- ✓ Invite other whānau/family members to share ideas and experiences
- ✓ Attend school Masses, Liturgies and Special Character events
- ✓ Use examples of everyday life to illustrate what is right and wrong, and what it means to be a disciple of Christ
- ✓ Teach and affirm their children with Christian Values and Attitudes

## The Monte Cecilia Faith Journal

This is a record of your child's learning in Religious Education. It is a book children at our school are very proud of, and a book that they look forward to bringing home and sharing with you. Please comment on your child's work when it comes home. There will be a place at the end of each teaching strand for you to do this but, if you see something you really like on a page, do make a comment.

Enjoy your child's Faith Journal, and the RE journey you and your child will both take through the course of the year.

I have read the expectations of my / our role in supporting my/ our child's Religious Education at Monte Cecilia Catholic School.

Name(s) of Parent/Caregiver:

Signed:

Date: