

Term 1 2015 RE Units

Prep	<i>Who is Jesus? What do Catholics believe because of Him?</i> Within this unit students will investigate the person of Jesus and the things he taught about love, compassion and forgiveness through the stories of the Good Samaritan and the Ten lepers. Students will share feelings and thoughts about how believers can follow Jesus teachings about making good choices which help people to live together in love. Students will also listen and respond to the Easter story and the key message that Jesus is alive again in a new way.
Year 1	<i>Who is the Church?</i> The students are now sitting in the pews and can now see a lot more of the service. They are particularly interested in the various people that are a part of the Church. Therefore, we are going to explore who is the church and how they have a special role to play.
Year 2	<i>How do the stories about Jesus give meaning to our community today?</i> This unit focuses on the workings of Jesus in His time and how they are portrayed in today's Christian communities. Students recognise and identify the key messages from these stories about Jesus and what they meant to the communities of His time. These messages are explored, and students develop a connection between them and its relevance to today's Christian community as serving examples of Jesus. In establishing this, students also develop their understanding of the connection between the school, church and wider community in carrying out the work of Jesus in a contemporary context. The students will also participate with respect and reverence in a variety of personal and communal prayer experiences, including meditative prayer.
Year 3	<i>Who do you say Jesus is?</i> In this unit the children will gain an understanding of God's presence and action in their lives and the order and harmony in God's creation. They will find information about the settings in which the Gospels were written and the text types used by the authors of the New Testament. They will use this information to discuss ideas about the life and teaching of Jesus, including the Christian belief that Jesus is the Messiah. They will participate in a variety of prayer experiences, including meditative prayer, prayers of thanksgiving and prayers of praise.
Year 4	<i>Ancient voices: Where is God's voice?</i> This unit includes bible referencing skills, analysis of scripture and the concept of trilogy.
Year 5	<i>How is a community of believers strengthened?</i> Within this unit students will investigate ways that faith can strengthen a community of believers. They will look at the importance of the Sabbath for the Jewish community and how significant both personal and communal prayer and worship is for a community of believers. Students will also look at the role of Mary, the mother of Jesus and Mary MacKillop as significant people who shared their faith with others. The importance of the Eucharist for nourishing and strengthening Christian communities will also be explored.
Year 6	<i>How do believers celebrate their faith?</i> During this unit students have been developing their understanding of the many ways in which faith is lived out and celebrated in the lives of believers including the Church's liturgical celebrations and the Eucharist.