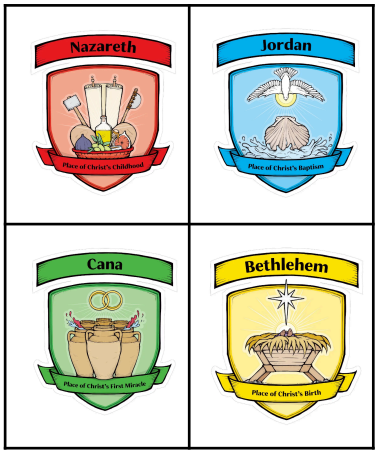
Special Catholic Character

It was wonderful to begin the term with exploring the meaning and significance of the revised houses of our school: *Nazareth, Jordan, Cana and Bethlehem.* Our tamariki made meaningful connections between Scripture, our **School Values** of **Aroha, Belief** and **Courage**, and what it means to belong to St Mark School Community. The beautifully illustrated House Artwork captured the children's imagination.

Thank you to our staff for their enthusiasm in bringing these stories to life and to our whanau for supporting your children's faith journey. Do take time to ask your child about the House they belong to.

Let us continue to follow in the footsteps of Jesus through our words, actions and relationships with others.



Masses: We will join the parish and at times lead ***Masses for special feast days.***
Class Masses will be celebrated at 9am and will take place this Term as follows:

Week 3: Tuesday 4th August *(Class Mass)* - Rooms 1, 5 and 6.
Week 5: Tuesday 18th August *(Class Mass)* - Rooms 7, 11 and 12.
Week 7: Tuesday 1st September *(Class Mass)* - Rooms 3, 4 and 10.

Any additional Masses or changes will be communicated accordingly.
Feast of the Assumption Liturgy - Date to be confirmed
Grandparents/ Family Liturgy - Last week of term, date and time TBC

Religious Education
Here is an outline of what the children are learning in **RE for Term 3.**
Whole School Focus:
***Revised School Houses: Nazareth (Red), Jordan (Blue), Cana (Green) and Bethlehem (Yellow)**
***Feast of St Anne and St Joachim**
***Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
***Social Justice Week**

RE Curriculum - To Tatou Whakapono Our Faith
1) Te Rongopai Good News *with a focus on Jesus' life.*
2) Kia Noho Hahi Being Church *with a focus on God's family - the Church.*

Year Levels	RE Focus	Resources
Whole School	Revised School Houses	*To Tatou Whakapono/ Our Faith*
Yrs 1 & 2 (PL 1) Yrs 3 & 4 (PL 1-2) Yrs 5 & 6 (PL 2)	*TE RONGO PAI GOOD NEWS continued Yrs 1 & 2 (PL 1) *Title: Hehu Karaiti Yrs 3 & 4 (PL 1-2) * Title: Ways Jesus Shared The Good News Yrs 5 & 6 (PL 2) *Title: God CAlls Everyone	

Yrs 1 & 2 **Yrs 3 & 4** **Yrs 5 & 6**	***KIA NOHO HAHI BEING CHURCH** **Yrs 1 & 2 (PL 1) *Title: God's Family** **Yrs 3 & 4 (PL 1-2) *Title: Sacraments** **Yrs 5 & 6 (PL 2) *Title: Catholic Social Teaching and Jesus**	
Karakia: *Jesus, I am like a pizza.* *I am usually where people are having a good time.* *You have given me gifts that make others happy,* *A quick wit like spicy sausage,* *gentleness like soft mushrooms,* *loyalty to friends like sticky cheese,* *and common sense like bread.* *Thank you for making me the combination that I am.* *Amen.*		

Blessings to our children and their whanau!
Mrs R Furivai