

We are presently working on the God Strand

God

Te Atua – Io Matua Kore
“the Father almighty”

Mark 12: 30-31

Enduring Understandings



God is Creator

Students will recognise that God created the universe out of nothing and keeps it in being.

God is Present in the World

Students will be able to describe how God is present everywhere in the world through creation.

God is Faithful

Students will develop an understanding of God's constant faithfulness despite, at times, people's unfaithfulness, so that continually God is calling people to be reconciled in relationships with self, others, creation and God - Te Atua.

God's desire for Humanity

Students will recognise that all creation, seen and unseen, is graced by God and redeemed, and therefore even though it is affected by sin it has its own *tapu* and *mana* which must be respected.

God the Creator is holy and the source of all life, grace and holiness. People are created in the image and likeness of God and are called to believe in God; to adore Him and share in His wonderful creation.

- We are now back in Ordinary Time and the liturgical colour is green. Green reminds us of Christ's promise of eternal life. You will see this colour on our cross and in our classroom prayer spaces.
- This is a time of hope and new life. We are encouraged to spread the good news like the Apostles, with the Holy Spirit in and around us, sharing love and joy and hope to all who believe in God, Creator of all that is seen and unseen.

Questions parents could ask children

- How are we being a guardian (kaitiaki) of God's creations? Share how you as parents care for the things God created.
- What are some of God's best creations?
- Share the Creation Story from the Bible and other cultures.
- Talk about being grateful for the gifts God has given you and your family.
- Talk about the different names for God – heavenly father, Abba ...