CELEBRATING

**Catholic Schools Week 2021 in our School**

The theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is

**Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith and Resilience.**

As we live through an unprecedented time of challenge and

uncertainty, our faith and our resilience can be tested.

We can ask questions like ‘Will things ever be the same

again?’, ‘When can we get back to normality?’, ‘Where is

God in all of this?’ In response to this, we reflect upon how

Catholic schools are communities of faith and resilience. In

Catholic schools, we are called to support each other and to

have faith in the promise of the Good News. Catholic schools

are inspired by the belief that God has created each one of

us with a capacity to give love and receive love. This love is

bound in faith and is more resilient than any virus.

While each Catholic school is such a community, every

Catholic school fosters the holistic development of its

students, promotes their wellbeing and offers them

cultivation of a deeper, loving relationship with God. Jesus

teaches us to love one another as he has loved us. This week,

we celebrate the gifts and talents we have in following Jesus’

teaching. This year we celebrate how we are called to be

communities of faith and resilience, through our thoughts,

words and actions. In doing so, we live out the meaning of

the beautiful hymn *Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est*.

*Where charity and love are, God is there*.

**MONDAY**

Today is the first day of Catholic Schools Week 2021. Today’s theme is about being a Community of Faith. When we think of the school, we think of a community of people. A Catholic school is a special community where we learn about God’s love for us and the way Jesus teaches us to live. We learn to show God’s love to others by being kind in our thoughts, words and actions.

**Lord, help us to live like you taught us to.**

**Together we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us: *Our Father ...***