

IDEAS TO GET YOU THINKING: Whenever possible incorporate this year's theme into your activities



Develop and express artistically, for display, the theme for CSD (see nzceo.org.nz/csd25/).

In senior primary and in all levels of secondary break open and discuss the information on the CSD theme (see nzceo.org.nz/csd25/).

Run a speech competition based on the CSD theme. Invite the three best to share their speech at assembly and send to NZCEO to be shared on their website.

Organise a small service project where students can contribute to the community, such as making care packages for local families in need, Women's Refuge, Vinnies etc.

Promote CSD in advance at Sunday Masses. Have students involved in parish Masses the Sunday before CSD. Provide and join parishioners for morning tea after Mass.

Invite national and diocesan Catholic education staff to your school to meet students and staff and engage in activities.

Organise for staff and students to bring canned or dried foods to donate to those in need.



Write an article about your school, for your local or regional newspaper or get in touch with commercial radio stations, iwi and Pasifika radio.

Arrange for students, the principal, and a parent to talk on local radio about Catholic education.

Create a special CSD newsletter for your school, parish and community, highlighting the wonderful things that have been happening in your school.

Create a display in your school, local library or shopping mall to promote your school, or celebrate the history of Catholic schooling in your area.

Join with other Catholic schools in your region to take out a common feature in your local newspaper.

Write thank you cards for leaders in your parish thanking them for their service.

Write a prayer to acknowledge the gratitude you have for your school.



Create virtual tours of the school to promote it. Place the tour/s on your school's website and show the tour/s wherever possible.

Send a message to other Catholic schools, wishing them well.

Form a student group to help plan and organise celebrations and activities. Involve the parish and/or parent-school groups also.

Teach students uplifting songs that reflect the theme of CSD. Listen to and learn Fr Chris Skinnners' song Celebrate that he wrote for CSD. This is on the NZCEO website.

Make banners/posters to hang in prominent public places to promote CSD. Decorate the school's front gate and fences, an area in the Church foyer, and/or the school administration area with banners/posters to celebrate CSD.

Organise a student forum to discuss how the class/school could live out the theme of CSD.



Invite the Bishop to visit your school, to speak to students, visit classrooms and meet with staff.

Recognise staff for their years of service to the Catholic school community.

Plan and organise a special liturgy, entertainment, and other celebratory activities based on the theme of CSD to mark CSD.

Invite politicians, kaumatua and kuia, or other local leaders, or prominent former students to join you in your celebrations.

Go on a 'Catholic school evidence walk' to find what identifies the school as Catholic. Discuss and plan what could be added to your school environment.

Create a 'Catholic treasure hunt' of the school. Invite another class to complete the hunt.