



[Fr Chris Skinner SM](#) composed and recorded the song [Celebrate](#) for Catholic Schools Day 2021

Learning the lyrics and singing along with Fr Christ is a great way to Celebrate CSD 2025.

The lyrics resonate with our theme of 'Shine like stars in the world: E tīaho ana koe hei rama i te ao' as they did in 2022:

“ ... In our teaching and our learning  
May we grow and light the way  
Gift the earth the hope within us  
Blessing all we do and say.”

**[See over page for full lyrics](#)**

## Celebrate

There's a power that unites us  
It's the Spirit of the Son  
And we witness to his presence  
When our voices join as one

Celebrate the life we're living  
Treasure Christian Dignity  
Here we stand and join together  
With our faith community

Celebrate  
God's only Son  
And give praise to his name

Looking out for one another  
Let Christ's love be our guide  
When we choose his life of service  
He is always at our side

In our teaching and our learning  
May we grow and light the way  
Gift the earth the hope within us  
Blessing all we do and say.

Celebrate  
Who we are  
One in Christ the Light of the World  
Whakanūiā  
Kō wai tātou  
Whai tātou ia Hehu  
Te matapuna o te marama.

## Fr Chris Skinner SM

Celebrate (Whakanuia)  
Celebrate (Te oranga)  
Celebrate , Celebrate  
Celebrate (Matauranga)  
Celebrate (Whakapono)  
Celebrate, Celebrate  
  
Celebrate (Turangawaewae)  
Celebrate (Te Ao Turoa)  
Celebrate, Celebrate  
Celebrate (Aotearoa)  
Celebrate (Tatou katoa)  
Celebrate, Celebrate

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Whakanuia  
Ko wai tatou  
Whai tatou ia Hehu  
Te matapuna o te marama.

**(A song for Catholic Schools in Auckland)  
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