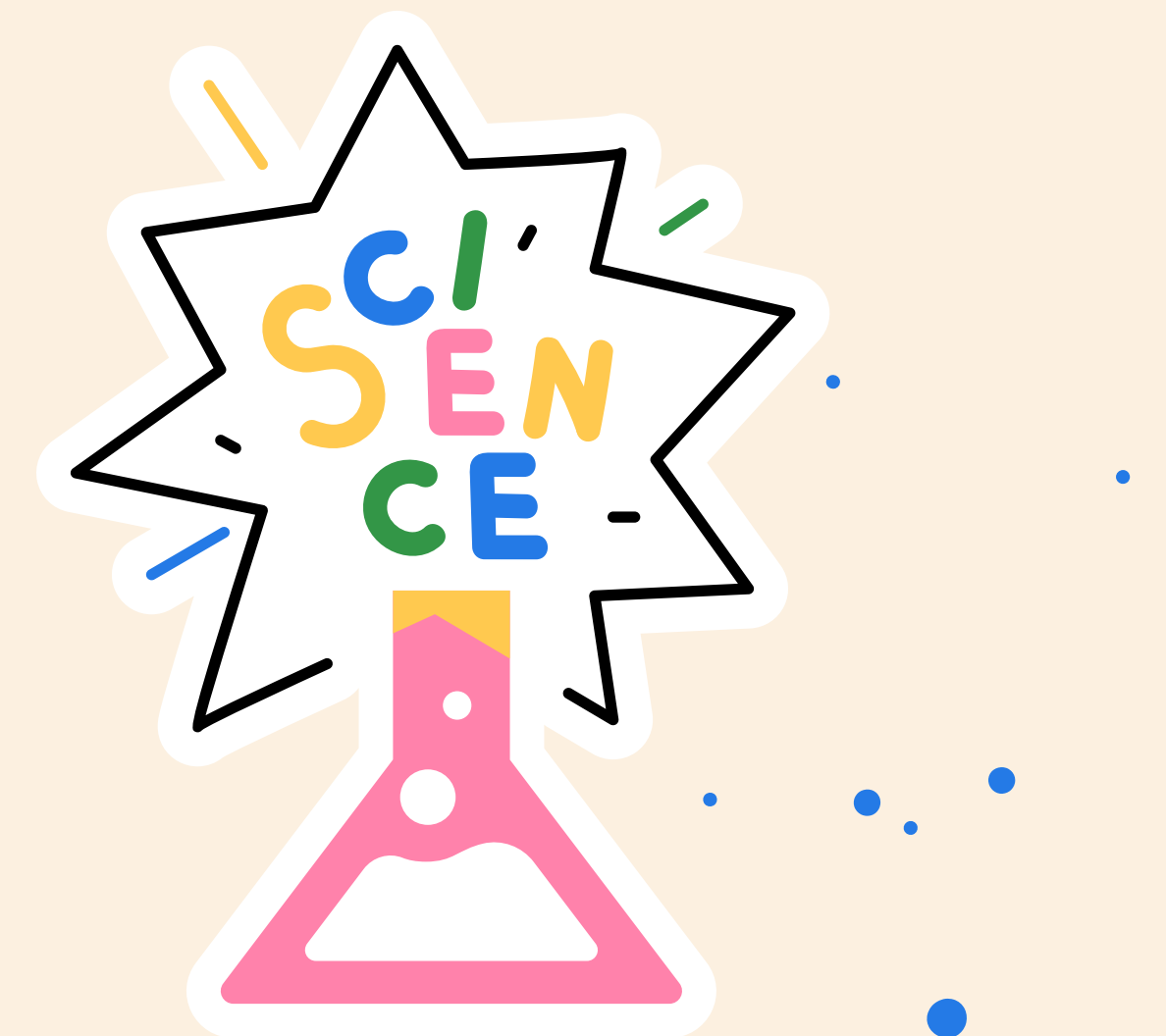


≡ BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING ≡

GOD OF LOVE

As we step into a new year of learning,
we thank you for our classrooms and schools,
for teachers and teacher aides,
for supportive family and whānau,
for principals, school receptionists and dinner ladies.
Thank you for the people who mow the lawns,
who care for our school buildings,
and make our school community a place of welcome.



GOD OF WISDOM,

We thank you for books, smart people,
for devices, computers and the internet,
for pictures of far-away places that blow our minds,
for words that create worlds in our imaginations.

Thank you for mathematical equations, coding and pixels,
creative art and learning different languages.

Help us to discern between fiction and fact,
to use the gift of technology wisely,
as you inspire and enlarge our heart to dream,
and find ways to express ourselves.



GOD OF THE PLAYGROUND

of loud noise, singing, joy and fun,
of pump tracks and scooter rides,
of football games and the school turf,
sports competitions and long runs,
of squashed sandwiches and shared lunches.
We thank you that for fresh air,
laughter, and break times,
and for our classmates: our whānau
on this learning adventure.



GOD OF THIS YEAR,

give us courage to care deeply,
a heart to see how we can make a difference in the world,
loyal friends for the journey,
and the knowledge that we are deeply loved by You.

≡ **AMEN** ≡

