



ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL QUEENSTOWN

Our Vision Statement

Creating confident learners, who, like Jesus, make a positive difference.

Our Values

Walk in Truth
and with Respect.

Term Dates 2023

Term 1 ~ Wednesday 1 February to Thursday 6 April

Term 2 ~ Monday 24 April to Friday 30 June

Term 3 ~ Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September

Term 4 ~ Monday 9 October to Tuesday 19 December

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Newsletter

10 November 2023 Week 5

Term 4

Calendar of Events			Principal's quote of the week: Time is the most valuable thing one can spend. Theophrastus
Saturday	11 November	PTA JINGO NIGHT ... See below for details	
Monday	13 November	Moa Class School Prayers	
Monday	20 November	Teacher Only Day (School Closed)	
Sunday	26 November	First Holy Communion, 9am Mass	
Monday	27 November	Hoiho Class School Prayers	
Tuesday	28 November	Board Meeting 5:15pm	
Monday	4 December	Ruru Class School Prayers	
Monday	4 December	School EOTC Week	
Monday	11 December	End of Year Mass	
Friday	15 December	Junior Nativity Play 2pm	
Tuesday	19 December	Last day of School for 2023 (12pm finish)	
Wednesday	31 January	First Day of Term 1 for 2024	

DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIMES

In New Zealand, the law says that a parent or guardian of a child under 14 must make sure that they make reasonable provision for the care of the child. Here at St Joseph's we can provide such care between 8:20am and 3:15pm. Dropping your child off before 8:20am or picking them up after 3:15pm is not making reasonable provision for their care. Please drop your children off at school between 8:20am (not before that time) and 8:50am, and pick them up between 3pm and 3:15pm (not after that time). Thanks for your support and understanding.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

Kia ora whānau. Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou.

We are blessed to belong to a wonderfully generous community - generous in every respect! I am very grateful for the aroha and manaaki which is given so readily without any limitations or expectations! In many, many ways, members of our community give so that others carry a little less burden. My sincere and most heartfelt thanks to those who are giving so much at this time.

Our Years 5 and 6 students from Hoiho and Takahe classes are away on camp next week (from Tuesday till Friday), heading to Camp Columba. Huge thanks to Elli MacColl and Debbie Healy who are leading the camp and to Dave, Maisy, Gavin, Nicky, Bing, Dan and Craig, the lucky parents who get to spend the week with these awesome young people! Thanks for your generosity!

Tomorrow night our wonderful PTA will host our community "Jingo" night which will be so much fun! We were overwhelmed by the generosity of our whānau for last week's non-uniform, your gifts of food are so very gratefully received! The volunteers who make up our PTA have worked so hard to prepare for tomorrow night to ensure that everyone who comes along can have the best night! Make sure that you get your tickets - door sales are available as are online sales (see this afternoon's SkoolLoop notice or the flyer in this newsletter for the link). There's also an online auction to help this fundraising event with some amazing prizes. Thanks to those who have so generously donated prizes, and thanks especially to our superb PTA for your unwavering dedication to our school community!

There's only 26 school days left now until the end of another school year! Let's enjoy every moment!

Kia pai tō rā whakatā!

Kia tau te rangimārie o te Atua ki a tātou katoa. May God's peace be with us all.

Alan Grant

Tumuaki | Principal
principal@stjosephsqt.school.nz

PB4L

Our Positive Behaviour for Learning focus for next week will again be:

'Solve Problems Peacefully'

We expect that students will:

- Show respect when someone says stop.
- Find a space that they (or the group) can speak privately.
- Calmly explain the problem to others, taking turns to speak.
- Listen to each other without interrupting.
- Brainstorm a solution together.

At St Joseph's we do our best and do our bit.

We act honestly and with integrity, we do the right thing even when no one else is watching.

At St Joseph's we walk in Truth.

GOTCHA WINNERS



HEAD LICE

Unfortunately there have been cases of head lice at school. Would you kindly check your child's hair and treat if necessary as soon as possible to reduce the risk of spread. **Unless ALL parents attend to this NOW the spread is ongoing and we will not be able to stop re-infection.** If your child's hair is long, please make it a practice to ensure it is tied back, in accordance with the uniform guidelines, blue or maroon hair ties, clips or headbands. Thank you.

BROKEN (AN EXCERPT) ... SOFIA STRACHAN

I watch from afar as the waves engulf the place I called home. The stars seem to dim in the horror of the moment. I close my eyes and try to focus on someplace far away, out of reach but the loud crash drags me back to reality.

A house has crumbled under the tremendous weight of the water. I wince, as if the home was a part of me. It was as if the city had been flooded, sunken to the bottom of the enormous body of water. Hours pass and the waves creep their way back into the lake, where they had emerged from with a thunderous roar, and the city rises from the depths. From where I stand, I can see the entirety of the city, well, what used to be the city. Everything that came in its path was destroyed with ease, and unfortunately, every major part of the city was in its way.

The silence closed in on me. There was nothing, no cars, no voices, no nothing. Nothing to be used to distract myself from the terror that was unfolding behind my eyes. I scanned the land, desperate to find some form of life, human or animal, but I knew it was pointless. It was a miracle that I had survived so far, so surely that means I survived for a reason, right?

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to these students who took part in the University of Canterbury Centre for Assessment and Monitoring Spelling Bee last term. Special mention to Hazel who achieved a Merit award and Elton who achieved Excellence, an amazing effort!



LAST WEEK'S JUNIOR AWARD WINNERS ... WELL DONE!



SKI PASS 2024

Local School Ski Pass

The 2024 Local School Ski & Snowboard Passes are available online now.

You can choose to pay for the pass in full or in 6 instalments. The price for the pass is exactly the same as the 2023 pass - \$139.00 for primary school children. Access the pass through [Local Primary School Season Pass](#)

Here is the website

<https://shop.coronetpeak.co.nz/shop/product/199>

MEDIA LEADER

This week was very quiet and non-hectic after a few weeks of lots happening. On Wednesday, Laura came to do rippa rugby skills with us and we played a game of rippa rugby. We learnt some new rules that have been added into it like uncontested scrums and lineouts. The people that do the HPV vaccine came to school on Wednesday as well and some of the Yr 8s got it, and now have very sore arms! Jump Jam continued to be on Tuesday and Thursday with the whole school joining in the morning to dance!

2024 WELLINGTON CAMP FUNDRAISING

Please support our students as they prepare for their Year 7/8 Wellington camp next year. Amazing prizes up for grabs! \$5 per ticket. Please see a Year 6 or 7 student to purchase tickets. Thank you!

1st Prize: *Glacier Southern Lakes Helicopters* Helicopter flight for

2 to the Remarkables (includes landing!) valued at \$450

The Floral Co voucher to the value of \$250

2nd Prize: *Hilton Queenstown* Mini Break Package voucher for 2. Includes: One night accommodation, breakfast, wine and chocolates (valued at over \$350)

Kennards Hire voucher valued at \$300

3rd Prize:

Life Pharmacy Wilkinsons Gift basket / *Kai Pai* gift box (valued at \$140)

Sofitel breakfast for 2 voucher / \$60 voucher for *Sweetas Trends* online jewellery store

Limited ticket numbers 001-650. Raffle to be drawn on 27/11/23 under Police supervision. All winners to be notified by phone and published in our newsletter and on our Facebook page.

CATHOLIC CHARACTER

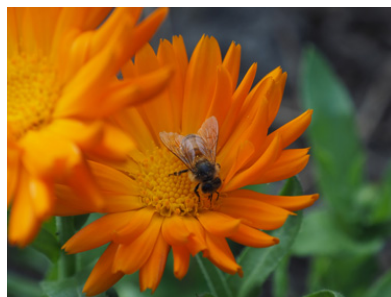
Last days of Spring



Spring is a time of change. Some changes we joyfully await, and some we dread. Some changes we plan and others arrive unexpectedly. To all changes we ask for the gifts of, hope, and rebirth.

May the sunlight and the rain be reminders that You are at work renewing the earth before the coming of summer. God of renewal, continue to renew and invigorate our lives to help us be ready for the joy and life of summer.

Open our eyes to the needed changes from Spring to Summer. Awaken us to new life and perspective as we journey through the term. Amen



BOARD CORNER

Tēnā koutou.

At our last Board meeting, a group representing Aukaha made a presentation, sharing the cultural narrative of the “He Pae Mauka” artwork for the retaining wall on Melbourne Street and Beetham Street. We found the sharing provided an extremely valuable insight and context which was educational, thought provoking, inspiring and simply very interesting. It was delightful to have a window into the wonderful skills, gifts, and talents that the artists have so generously shared. The Board shared its desire to work Aukaha and the various contributing artists for the ceremony next year to celebrate the artwork. At this stage we are expecting the installation of the concrete panels of the retaining wall to begin in the next few weeks.

Our School Board usually meets twice each school term and the Board warmly invites parents and caregivers to attend. We meet in the Takahe classroom on Tuesday evenings from 5:15pm. The date for the next meeting is published each week in the newsletter.

All correspondence to the Board is to be sent either directly to the School Board (board@stjosephsqt.school.nz) or to the Board Secretary (office@stjosephsqt.school.nz). You can expect a response to your correspondence within five school days.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Catkin Bartlett
Board Presiding Member
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PARISH INFORMATION



Queenstown Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm, Sunday 9 am.
3rd Sunday ~ 7 pm, Filipino Mass.
4th Sunday ~ 7 pm, Portuguese Mass

Arrowtown 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays: 11 am Mass
2nd & 4th Sundays: 11 am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Check out the latest Parish news on-line:
www.stjosephsqueenstown.co.nz

EZLUNCH

Order (or cancel) **any time before 9am** on the day or schedule in advance. Lunch will be delivered to school at lunchtime. Our ezlunch suppliers are:

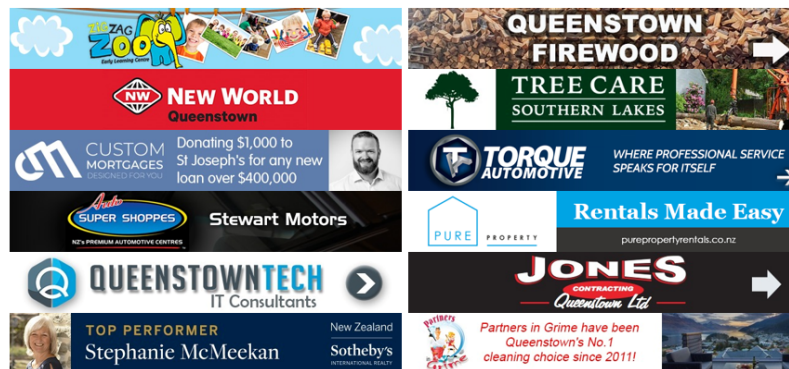
Tuesday	Thursday

www.ezlunch.co.nz
www.mykindo.co.nz

Please note that our last day for ordering lunch for 2023 is Thursday 14th December. It will resume again on Thursday 8th February 2024.

St Joseph's School Queenstown


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