



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

17 November 2023 Week 6

Term 4

Calendar of Events			Principal's quote of the week: We aren't great because we haven't failed; we are great because failure hasn't stopped us. Confucius
Monday	20 November	Teacher Only Day (School Closed)	
Tuesday	21 November	Non-Uniform Day (gold coin donation please)	
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	
Thursday	7 December	There will be no Sushi Available Today	
Monday	11 December	End of Year Mass	
Thursday	14 December	Last day for Ordering Lunches for 2023	
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	
Thursday	8 February	Ezlunch Orders will Resume for 2024	



Sleeps til Santa 37



WELCOME

This week we welcome Ayanija and her parents Tharanga and Chamadara from Sri Lanka. Ayanija joins Hoiho Class. We also welcome back Grace Duncan to Tui Class.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

Kia ora whānau. Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou.

On Monday school is closed for a Teacher Only Day - the Ministry of Education has given each primary school around the country 2 Teacher Only Days in 2023 and another 2 in 2024, all to give teachers time to learn more about Te Mātaiaho (the refreshed New Zealand Curriculum). On Monday our teaching staff will work together to revisit the purpose and principles of Te Mātaiaho, and will then focus on the new Mathematics and Statistics learning area - following our maths professional learning and development this year with Viv from the University of Otago, we are looking to develop a new vision for teaching and learning in maths and the Teacher Only Day on Monday will be another excellent step on this journey for our school.

Yesterday I worked with the students of Tui class to explore 'Happiness and Holiness'. We shared ideas about holiness first, particularly the idea that we are holy when we live the way that God wants us to, the way that Jesus taught us and showed us to. We then made the connection that when we are holy we feel happy and we bring happiness to those around us. This is the mission of the church and our mission - to bring the reign of God on Earth by being holy and spreading happiness. Awesome, Tui class! Well done! We read a great story for this time of year too called "Room for a Little One: A Christmas Tale". The Kind Ox showed kindness and his kindness spread - others copied his good example and showed kindness too, including making room for Tired Donkey with Mary and Joseph too. When we are holy and bring happiness to others, we give them opportunities to be holy too and in turn to bring happiness to others too.

I would like to again thank our wonderful PTA for doing such a fantastic job organising the Jingo night last Saturday night! The rugby clubrooms looked amazing, and those who came had the best time! Our dedicated team of volunteers made sure that the event was a roaring success and a great fundraiser (including an online auction which raised lots of money too)! Special mentions to Juliana and Rebeca, our co-chairs, and to Gemma, Bing, Maisy, and Bernadita who spent lots of their weekend (and the weeks before) preparing for this major fundraiser. The money raised will help to provide learning support throughout the school. We are very lucky to have such generous, hard-working people in our school whānau who commit themselves to building community and raising money for our children! Thank you! Thanks to those who bought tickets, who came along and joined the fun, to those who donated prizes, and to those who spent money for our worthy cause! Ka rawe to mahi!

I'm sorry to report that the temporary fencing on the convent lawn will stay in place longer than expected - I learned last week that because of a variety of delays the fencing is likely to remain in place until the end of Term 1 2024.

There's only 21 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
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MEDIA LEADER

This week on Tuesday Takahe class went to Camp Columba and it has been very quiet without them! In their absence Ruru class moved into Takahe classroom while their room was having new ventilation put in. On Friday the Year 8s went to the high school for the orientation day, to get sorted into their house groups, do some tests, and familiarise themselves with the school. We tried some new jump jam songs this week which took a bit of time to learn but we eventually got the hang of it!

NON-UNIFORM DAY - NANO NAGLE CHARITABLE TRUST - TUESDAY 21 NOVEMBER

On Tuesday 21 November we will join other Catholic schools around Aotearoa New Zealand in having a "Lighting The Way" non-uniform fundraising day for the Nano Nagle Charitable Trust - a trust which helps families in Catholic school communities whose children are unable to attend a Catholic school because of financial hardship.

Children are invited to wear clothes that are different from their school uniform on this day and are asked to bring a gold coin donation to raise money for the Nano Nagle Charitable Trust.

You can learn more about the work of the Nano Nagle Charitable Trust at their website [here](#).



PB4L

Our Positive Behaviour for Learning focus for the next 2 weeks will be:

‘Return to Class Quickly’

We expect that students will:

- Return to class quickly and sensibly after going to the toilet.
- Return to class quickly and sensibly when the bell rings at the end of a break time.
- Return directly to class without distraction.
- Use break times to go to the toilet, have a drink, and fill up drink bottles.

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



ENROLMENTS FOR 2024

At this time of the year lots of energy goes into planning for the new school year, particularly in relation to school organisation and classes. In order to assist with this work, I ask the following:

1. Please complete a new enrolment form if you are intending to enrol a younger sibling at St Joseph's School (Karen can help with that);
2. Please encourage friends who are considering enrolling at St Joseph's School in 2024 to make contact with either myself or Karen to arrange a visit or to receive an enrolment pack;
3. Please let us know at the earliest opportunity if you are planning to withdraw your child(ren) from St Joseph's School.

The numbers at this stage show that we will start 2024 with more students enrolled than we had at the beginning of 2023. We do have a number of spaces for preference enrolments but we are under increasing pressure with regards to non-preference enrolments. You can view our [enrolment policy](#) from our school website. Thanks for your support as we plan for 2024!

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>

CAMP COLUMBA



BOARD CORNER

Tēnā koutou.

At the last Board Meeting the Board voted unanimously to appoint Heath Copland and Steve Reid as Parent Elected Members to the Board to fill the two vacancies. The Board is delighted to welcome Steve and Heath who bring a wealth of experience and that ever so valuable fresh perspective to our decision making. They are currently undergoing our Board Induction process and they will introduce themselves to you over the next couple of 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
catkinb@stjosephsqt.school.nz

World Day of the Poor

Pope Francis has declared Sunday the 19th of November 2023 to be the seventh World Day of the Poor, with the theme of “Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor” (Tobit 4:7)

World Day of the Poor, created by Pope Francis, to indicate the importance of the fight against poverty.

God of the poor, God who is with us, always.

Inspire in us your spirit of fraternity, that, like Jesus, we might offer ourselves to the poor, sharing their burden with them. May we recognize the poor as a sacrament of your son and say with all truth: “We too are poor.” In so doing, may we understand more deeply to whom we must turn, should we want to know Jesus, should we want to touch him with our hands.

As we work together toward mutual sharing, may the necessary foundations for achieving justice be laid deep in our hearts, and may we act in your name, always.

Amen.



VII WORLD DAY OF THE POOR
19 November 2023

PARISH INFORMATION



Queenstown	Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm, Sunday 9 am. 3 rd Sunday ~ 7 pm, Filipino Mass. 4 th Sunday ~ 7 pm, Portuguese Mass
Arrowtown	1 st , 3 rd , and 5 th Sundays: 11 am Mass 2 nd & 4 th 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

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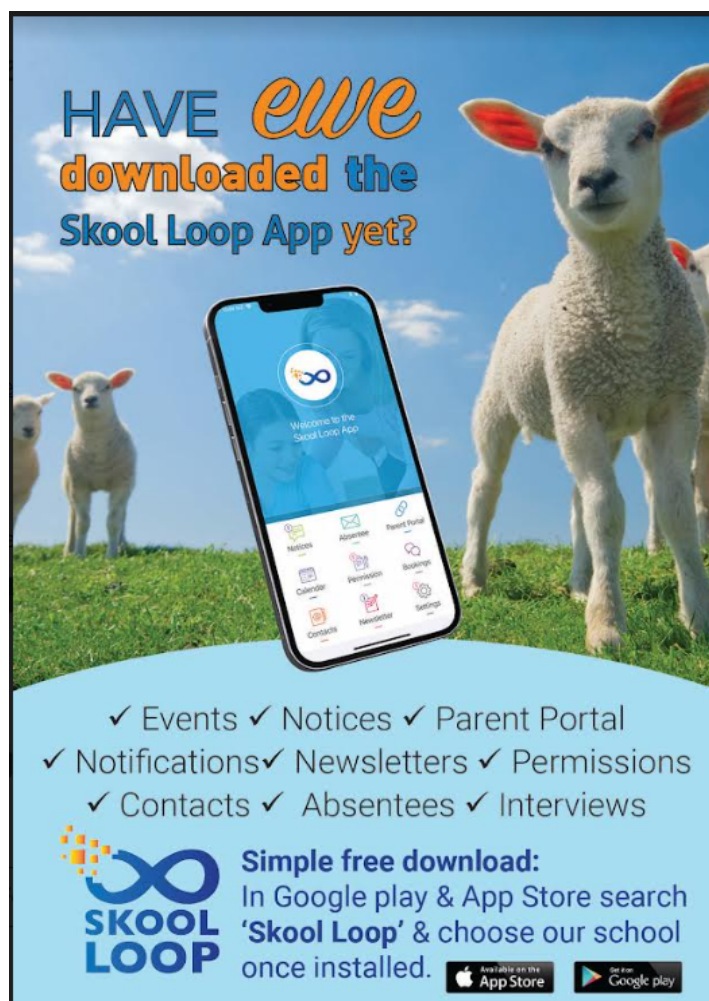
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