



**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 01 December 2023 Week 8 Term 4

| Calendar of Events |             |  | <b>Principal's quote of the week:</b><br><br>"We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails."<br><br>Dolly Parton |
|--------------------|-------------|--|--|
| 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 <b>(9:30am start)</b>           |  |
| Thursday           | 14 December | Last day for Ordering Lunches for 2023           |  |
| Thursday           | 14 December | Graduation and Prize Giving <b>(5pm start)</b>   |  |
| Thursday           | 14 December | Whānau Picnic and BBQ <b>(6pm start)</b>         |  |
| Friday             | 15 December | Junior Nativity Play <b>(2pm start)</b>          |  |
| Tuesday            | 19 December | Last day of School for 2023 <b>(12pm finish)</b> |  |
| Wednesday          | 31 January  | First Day of Term 1 for 2024                     |  |
| Thursday           | 8 February  | Ezlunch Orders will Resume for 2024              |  |

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|  | <b>Sleeps 'til Santa ..... 23</b> |  |
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| AND THE WINNERS ARE ...  |
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| <p>Thank you so much to everyone who supported our Year 7&amp;8 Raffle for Wellington Camp fundraising by donating prizes and buying raffle tickets.</p> <p>Thank you to Constable Shute for drawing the raffle on Monday. Congratulations to the following lucky winners:</p> <p><b>First Prize: Sofia Strachan</b><br/> <b>Second Prize: Quinn Farrell</b><br/> <b>Third Prize: Melanie Medura</b></p> |

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

Kia ora whānau. Ngā mihi o te Raumati ki a koutou! Summer greetings to you all!

We started our week sharing karakia, and Hoiho chose to focus this week on Advent. The students from Hoiho shared with us some information about Advent, telling us that this Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. The students told us that Advent is a time to make preparations for the birth of Jesus, to get our hearts ready to welcome Jesus again at Christmas. One of the ways that we can prepare for the coming of Jesus is to be the Good News that Jesus proclaimed during his life on Earth - bringing the Reign of God in Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Showing kindness and being joyful are both great ways to prepare for Christmas.

Our PTA is a group of volunteers; wonderful parents and caregivers from our school community, who commit themselves to 2 key tasks - to raise money for the school, and to build community. They are amazing, and we are very fortunate to have such a generous group of volunteers working for our school. Tonight, the PTA are hosting Christmas drinks for our whānau at Surreal Bar & Restaurant from 7pm. Drop in and say hi, stay for a drink, and meet other parents and caregivers from our school. This is a great chance to celebrate the Christmas season and the end of another wonderful year at the small school with a big heart!

Next week is our EOTC Week (Education Outside the Classroom). There are lots of comings and goings, and we need lots of parent/caregiver support - thanks to those who have already volunteered to join us! Please help your children to prepare for each day by planning ahead and making sure that they have what they need. Information has been sent home by each classroom teacher - if there's anything you're not sure of please email your child's classroom teacher.

Thanks whānau. Kia pai tō rā whakatā! Only 10 school days left after today! Wow!

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](mailto:principal@stjosephsqt.school.nz)

## PB4L

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

### **‘Keeping Track of our Personal Belongings’**

We expect that students will:

- have clothing named.
- pick up polar fleeces when they take them off in the playground.
- take all personal belongings home at the end of the day.
- keep the cloak bay and deck areas clear of personal belongings at the end of each day.

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



## EOTC WEEK ... 4 - 8 DECEMBER

We are all looking forward to an exciting week of learning activities outside the classroom coming up next week. Last week you received a letter home with more details about what this week will look like for your child. Please read it carefully and ensure that you have all the required gear organised. We cannot run this week successfully without the support of parent helpers, please let us know as soon as possible if you are available to help. We would appreciate any adults, grandparents, aunts and uncles etc. The costs for the week have been finalised and will be charged to your school account. We would appreciate this being paid before the end of term. The costs are: Year 0 - 4 students \$15, Year 5 - 6 students \$45 and Year 7 - 8 students \$55. Thank you for your support.

## 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](https://shop.coronetpeak.co.nz/shop/product/199)

Here is the website

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

## JUNIOR ASSEMBLY ..... LAST WEEK'S AWARD WINNERS



## MEDIA LEADER

This week was busier than the last few weeks as we are nearing the end of the year. On Monday the Year 8 leavers started their artwork for the graduation, which included making a personalised graduation cap. We also painted a canvas that represented us and then stuck a photo on top of the paint and they look amazing! On Wednesday, 5 students from Yr 5 to Yr 8 went to Alexandra for an orienteering competition with other schools from Central Otago. We had these tags that we had to scan on the points of the course to complete it and some of them were very hard to find. It was very hot and dusty but Men Love Berries ice cream was there to save the day! Also on Wednesday, in the afternoon, was the talent show, and we had loads of participants, all showing their talents. The prizes were not given on the day but some thank you gifts were given to the judges. We held another Moa Market Day on Thursday and we had lots of biscuits, ice blocks and other things to sell! Today we are expecting Mrs Ferg gelato at lunchtime which will be very delicious!

## PTA ... END OF YEAR CATCH UP

Each year we like to have a catch up prior to Christmas. This is a great opportunity for parents to get to know each other and to finish off the year.

Please see the details below.

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec

7pm onwards

Surreal Rooftop bar.

All parents are welcome.

Nothing super formal, come and grab a snack, a soft drink, a beer. Whatever suits you. They have set aside an area for us. They also will have live music playing on the night.

Also wanting to remind those parents that are not yet on our Parents of St Joe's Queenstown Facebook page. This is a great way for us to communicate and update anything that is happening at the school or any questions (eg. Updates on fundraisers, what are the kids up to, and reminders for special days) Please see the link below.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/349254293172066/>

## BOARD CORNER

Tēnā koutou.

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](mailto:board@stjosephsqt.school.nz)) or to the Board Secretary ([office@stjosephsqt.school.nz](mailto: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](mailto:catkinb@stjosephsqt.school.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  |
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[www.ezlunch.co.nz](http://www.ezlunch.co.nz)

[www.mykindo.co.nz](http://www.mykindo.co.nz)

### Hakarametea- Sacrament

There are seven sacraments of the Church which are the signs and instruments of God's Grace. A Sacrament is a visible sign of invisible grace. The sacraments are divided into three groups; Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, the Eucharist), the Sacraments of Healing (Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick), and the Sacraments of Service (Marriage and Holy Orders).



Last Sunday, seven of our students celebrated the sacrament of First Holy Communion. They had worked hard and prepared alongside parents and teachers. Afterwards they had a party to signify the importance of the day.



### 1st Week of Advent - HOPE

This Sunday, the 3rd of December is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent comes from the Latin word '*adventus*' which means 'coming'. The readings and prayers place emphasis on the coming (advent, arrival) of Christ. It is a period of joyful preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas (the Incarnation) and for his Second Coming at the end of time. You may

like a special prayer space in your home, perhaps with an Advent Wreath and calendar so that each night you can be drawn away from the media hype that leads into the celebration of Christmas and drawn into prayerful preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ.

## PARISH INFORMATION



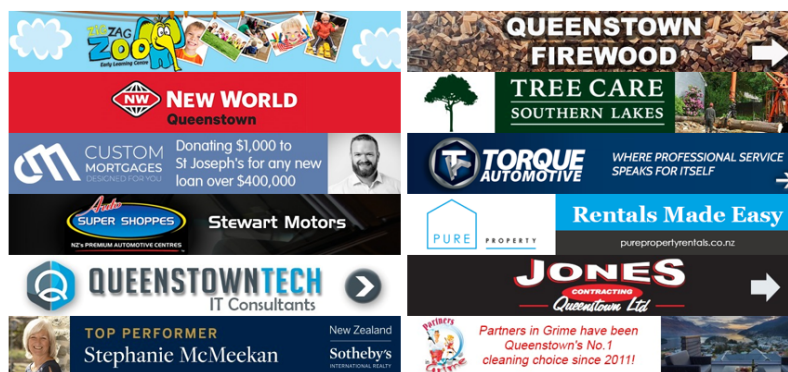
Queenstown Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm, Sunday 9 am.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday ~ 7 pm, Filipino Mass.  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday ~ 7 pm, Portuguese Mass

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

Check out the latest Parish news on-line:  
[www.stjosephsqueenstown.co.nz](http://www.stjosephsqueenstown.co.nz)

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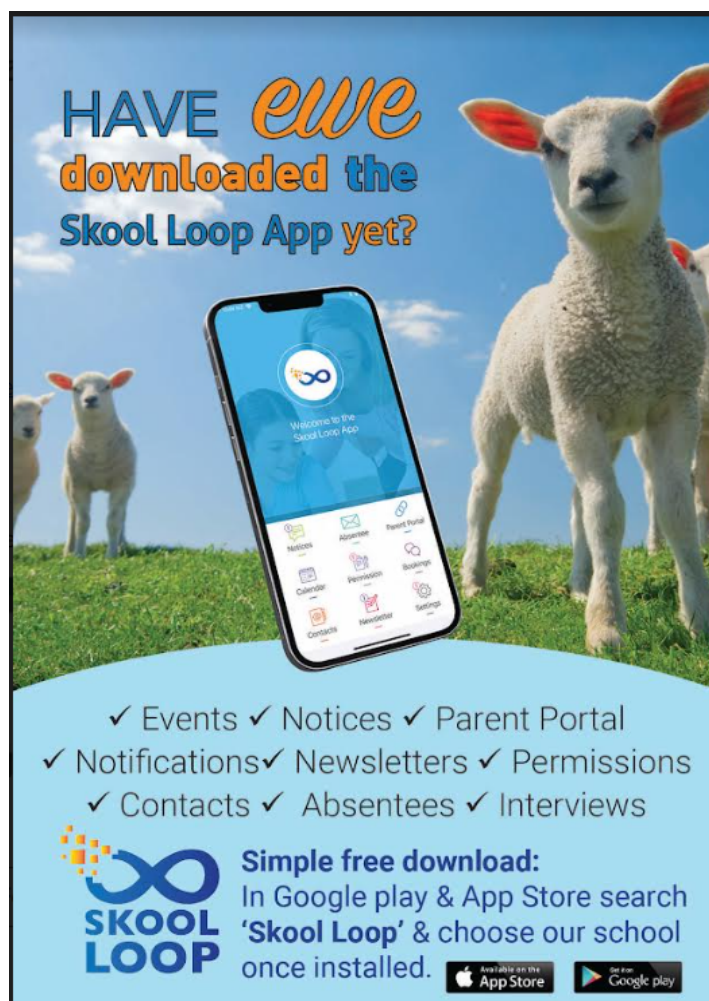


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