



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 2024

Term 1 ~ Wednesday 31st January to Friday 12 April

Term 2 ~ Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July

Term 3 ~ Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September

Term 4 ~ Monday 14 October to Tuesday 18 December

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Newsletter

12 April 2024

Week 11

Term 1

Calendar of Events		
Monday	29 April	Start of Term 2
Monday	29 April	Hoiho Prayers
Friday	3 May	Teacher Only Day No School
Saturday	4 May	Junior Netball starts
Monday	6 May	Welcome Mass
Wednesday	8 May	Book Character Dress up Day
Monday	13 May	Takahe Prayers
Tuesday	14 May	Board Meeting
Friday	17 May	Pink Shirt Day .. Details to come
Sunday	19 May	The School Book Fair
Monday	20 May	Ruru Prayers
Monday	27 May	Tui Prayers
Wednesday	29 May	School photos
Thursday	30 May	School photos
Friday	31 May	Teacher Only Day No School
Monday	3 June	King's Birthday No School
Monday	10 June	School Cross Country
Friday	21 June	Teacher Only Day No School
Tuesday	25 June	Wakatipu High School Enrolment & Open Evening
Friday	28 June	Matariki Holiday No School
Wednesday	18 December	Last day of School for 2024

Alan's quote of the week:

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 13:34-35

FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou! Easter Blessings to you all!

Nice and short from me today - I hope you all enjoy the school holidays!

I pray that this Easter season, the Risen Jesus continues to bless us, that we be a “Resurrection People”, known for our faithful lives of service, beacons of light, bringing the Reign of God on Earth, living with Joy and Hope and Love!

Stay safe, stay warm. We'll see you all again in a couple of weeks!

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

TEACHER-ONLY DAYS IN TERM 2

A letter was sent home earlier this week detailing the 3 teacher-only days which will be held next term. These are days where the school is closed.

As I noted in that letter, I understand how impactful it can be to close the school for a teacher-only day, and I understand too that having three teacher-only days in reasonably quick succession may prove challenging for some families. I hope that our work to spread these days throughout the term, and the early notification regarding these days, gives you enough time and space to be able to make the necessary arrangements. There may be opportunities to support one another across our school community so please do reach out to one another if you need support or are able to offer support.

Be assured that our children are our first priority, and that these decisions are child-centred decisions, made in the interests of excellent outcomes for our tamariki, our taonga.

I am very grateful for the support that is consistently shown by our whānau here at St Joseph's Queenstown. Thank you again in anticipation of your support and understanding for the term ahead.

ADVANCE NOTICE - ANNUAL SCHOOL BOOK FAIR - SUNDAY 19 MAY 2024

Please save the date and spread the word! Our annual School Book Fair (a huge community event and our major school fundraiser each year) will be held on Sunday 19 May this year and we will need lots of helpers.

Please consider helping out in one of the following ways in particular - sorting books on Thursday 16 May, setting up on Saturday 18 May, and staffing stalls on Sunday 19 May. We will require around 50 or 60 helpers in total in addition to the members of our school PTA and our staff and Moa class students!

More information to come, but in the meantime give thought to how you can help!

PB4L FOCUS

Our Positive Behaviour for Learning focus for the first 2 weeks of Term 2 will be:

“Understand personal space”

We expect that students will:

- give each other personal space
- understand when you are too close to others and how this might make them feel.
- keep our bodies to ourselves

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



Deja Vu

Sometimes I feel a fleeting emotion of something that I already know would happen.
It catches me by surprise, like a car running you over in the road.
I know what this person's going to say, where the wind will blow,
and where the bird will perch.
Then the feeling just goes away.
It comes in as forceful as a truck and goes out like a leaf falling from a tree.

By Maxx

Anger

Anger is bad for you.
It takes over your body,
It kills you from the inside.
It makes you blood thirsty and revenge seeking
Until you are satisfied with what you have done.

By Jerusha

River

The river is a roaring, ferocious lion
From the pond to the lake
From the lake to the sea
I wish I had this river all to me
Splish! Splash! Splosh!
Everytime I go down to the river
The nostalgia makes me shiver
The fish and birds, eels and crawfish
Are all peacefully living
Environmental education is a free learning system
Natures ways will give you a lot of wisdom

By Igor

ROAD SAFETY WEEK

Ahead of Road Safety Week (20-26 May 2024) I invite you to do something of a car safety stocktake. Think about what you do to make sure that your children are safe in your car. Here's some questions to consider:

1. Do you know the regulations, rules and recommendations from experts with regards to child restraints and child safety in vehicles?
2. Is your child seated in a car seat or booster seat appropriate for their age and size?
3. Is your child seated in the safest part of the car?
4. Do you wait until your child has securely fastened their seat belt before you start driving?
5. Does your child stay seated with their seatbelt securely fastened while you are driving?
6. Do you know "best practice" with regards to car safety and child restraints?
7. Do you talk with your child about car safety?

There's a lot of information available (and lots of thoughts and opinions too) about child restraints and car safety for children. If you'd like to know more, click on the links below:

[Waka Kotahi | NZ Transport Agency - Requirements for child restraints](#)

[Whānau Āwhina | Plunket - About car seats \(child restraints\)](#)

[AA - Vehicle safety for children](#)

[SitTight - NZ child restraint legislation](#)

CONGRATULATIONS

An amazing day in Alex! We have quite a clever team on our hands.

They won three out of four of their games! And just narrowly missed out in the semi finals.

They are spreading out beautifully now and our shooting was so accurate! Exciting things to come and a pleasure to coach. Greer Ell-Hookey.



BOOK CHARACTER DAY

Wednesday, the 8th of May, is our Book Character Day. This is a day to dress as a book character and bring in some prizes for our upcoming Book Fair. There will be a parade and prizes for the best dressed, most effort and most original.

Please bring in a gourmet grocery item for our hamper and a scratchie ticket for the scratchie tree.

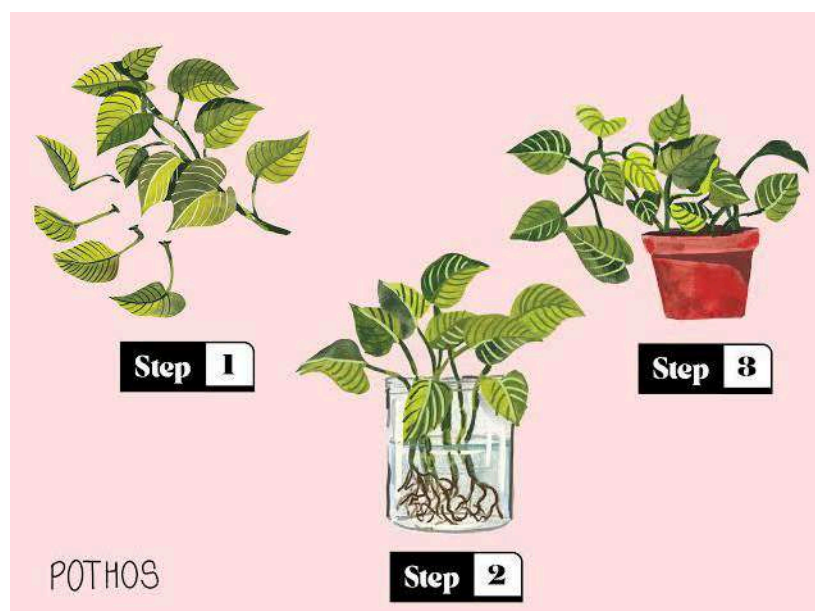
We can't wait to see all the fabulous costumes!



PLANT CUTTINGS AND PLANTS FOR THE BOOK FAIR

If you have any healthy plants that you could please take cuttings of for the book fair please can you start that now. Cut them then place in water to grow roots. These will be sold in pots decorated by the kids at the fair. Bring to school beginning of Term 2. If you have any plants to donate would be much appreciated too.

Thank you 🙏



CATHOLIC CHARACTER

On Monday the 8th of April we celebrated the feast of the Annunciation.

This day celebrates the appearance of the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to announce the birth of Christ. Mary does not understand the announcement but has faith and accepts God's trust in her and the difficult journey ahead. How often do we need to have faith and trust even though we may not completely understand? The Church recognises Mary's courage in this feast.



Have a wonderful holiday.

Lord God, Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts, during these holiday days. Grant us refreshment of mind and body. We ask this through Christ our Lord.



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

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 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

PTA PULSE

Kia ora from Juliana & Rebeca,

It's all about the RAFFLE as we close out Term One! This has gone home with all students and it would be great if it can be shared with family, friends and colleagues over the holidays. Thanks to RealNZ, Lullaby Grace Photography and SUNDAYS for their generous contributions here.

Things will get busy for the Book Fair as soon as we return in Term Two so please think about how you can help over the holidays! We still need lots of prizes, big and small for the Book Fair's silent auction so please email us on stjosephsqt.pta@gmail.com with any prize details.

Ngā mihi,

Juliana Fullerton-Smith & Rebeca Barnes (Co-chairs of the PTA)

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Wakatipu
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ENROLMENT & OPEN EVENING

An evening for Year 8 students, their parents/caregivers

Tuesday 25 June

Wakatipu High School | 47 Red Oaks Drive | Frankton