



# 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

13 October 2023

Week 1

Term 4

Calendar of Events			<b>Principal's quote of the week:</b>  "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."  Luke 11:9
Monday	16 October	Tui Class School Prayers	
Monday	23 October	Labour Day (School Closed)	
Tuesday	24 October	Board Meeting 5:15pm	
Monday	30 October	Welcome to School Mass	
Monday	6 November	Takahe Class School Prayers	
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	
Tuesday	19 December	Last day of School for 2023 (12pm finish)	
Wednesday	31 January	First Day of Term 1 for 2024	

## WELCOME

This week we welcomed Elise Ferguson and her parents Rebecca and Richard to St Joseph's. Elise has started in Piwakawaka Class.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

Kia ora whānau, and welcome to the new school term, the last term for 2023!

It's been a big start to a big term! Having focussed so heavily on the performing arts last term with our fantastic school production, "Hakitekura", our attention this term focuses in a special way on learning outside the classroom; we've got a variety of camps and trips and of course our "Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) Week" in Week 9, beginning Monday 4 December. This term too we look to finish the school year on a high, celebrating another wonderful year at St Joseph's School with a couple of special school celebrations and of course our PTA Jingo night! With only 46 school days left in 2023, it's sure to be a fun-filled and action-packed 10 weeks!

Keep your eyes and ears peeled for news, notices and information. Check in with your child's classroom teacher if there's information you feel you need and haven't got. Make sure you're regularly receiving and reading the school newsletter (every Friday), you're using our school app (SkoolLoop), and you're regularly visiting our school Facebook page.

Good luck to our Years 7 and 8 students who head off on Monday to Borland Lodge in Fiordland for their 4-day camp, and to the Years 4-6 students of our Kapa Haka group "Te Roopu Teina o Te Kura o Hatu Hōhepa" who will represent the school at next Thursday's Central Lakes Polyfest.

Please remember that if you would like to chat about something that's happening for your child at school, your first point of contact is your child's classroom teacher. You are welcome to either ring or email the school office, send an email directly to the teacher, or arrange to come into school and visit the teacher in person. Of course you are also very welcome to reach out and make contact with me at any time - in person or by phone or email.

Kia pai tō rā whakatā! Have a great weekend! Stay dry!

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

Alan Grant

Tumuaki | Principal  
[principal@stjosephsgt.school.nz](mailto:principal@stjosephsgt.school.nz)

## PB4L FOCUS

Our Positive Behaviour for Learning focus for the first two weeks of this term will be:

### **'Wearing a school sunhat outside at play times'**

We expect that students will:

- know where their hats are and look after them responsibly
- remember to collect hats as they leave the classroom and return after
- ensuring hats are consistently on their heads.

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



## CONGRATULATIONS

These children received certificates in our Junior School Assembly





## SCHOOL BUSES

The School has been informed that under no circumstances can a student take the school bus unless it is their normal bus route and they are eligible for the Ministry's school bus service. If you have changed your address and need us to update your details, please contact Karen in the office.  
Unfortunately this does mean that if you are planning after school activities, you will need to make alternative travel arrangements.

## 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
	

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

## Ngā Kōhatu Touchstones

What are Touch stones? Touch stones can ground us and connect us, they are precious; they were used in European culture to help judge a true measure.

The new Religious Education Curriculum (To Tatau Whakapono) uses touchstones at each curriculum level. Touchstones are to emphasise an aspect of your child's journey through school life. Each touchstone has a nuance of distinction from other year levels and a sense of progression. In the course of up to 13 years of education in Catholic schools young people will spend time with each touchstone on this Gospel-based journey.

### Years 1 and 2 Whakatau Welcomed



Jesus was welcomed at Bethlehem by whānau, shepherds, angels and wise men. He and his family also experienced the pain of not being welcomed.

To think about      I am welcomed      I have welcomed others



### Years 3 and 4 Aroha mai, Aroha atu, Loved



Jesus was loved by his Father in heaven and his whānau on earth. Jesus was a gift of love to us and when he grew up he taught us how to love the giver, ourselves and one another.

To think about      I am loved      I have loved others



### Year 5 and 6 Oho Ake Inspired



Jesus inspired those who followed him. From the beginning of his earthly ministry his words and actions showed people that there was a better way to live, love and believe.

To think about      I am inspired      I have inspired others



### Years 7 and 8 He Iriiranga Called



Those who listened and recognised Jesus were called to be his disciples. And, they responded by following him.

To think about      I am called      I have called





ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL PTA

# Jingo Night

Join us for an evening of **MUSICAL BINGO** and fun

**7pm, Saturday 11 November**  
Doors open at 6.30pm, Jingo starts at 7pm

**Wakatipu Rugby Club Rooms**

Auction and Silent Auction | Music and Dancing | Spot Prizes

**\$35**  
INCLUDES  
FOOD PLATTERS

*Night at the Prom Theme*  
Dress as you did for your prom night!

BOOK ONLINE AT <https://events.humanitix.com/night-at-the-prom-jingo-night>

## 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

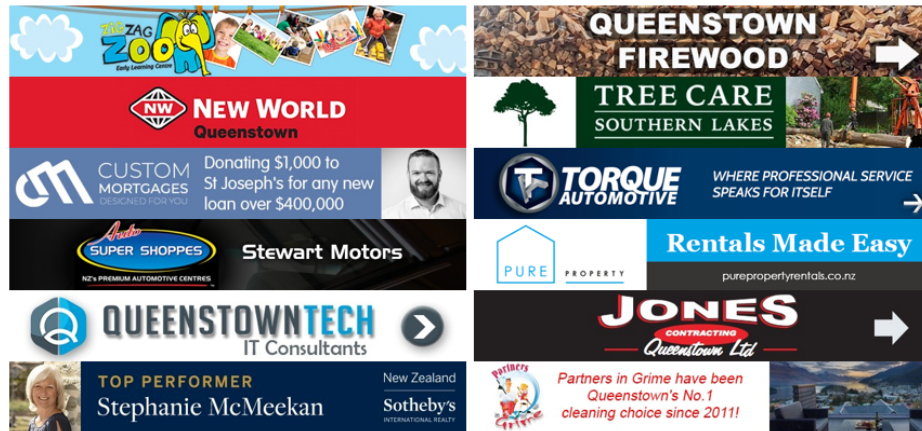
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays: 11 am Mass  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays: 11 am Liturgy of the Word with  
Holy Communion

Check out the latest Parish news on-line:

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

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