



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 25 October 2024 Week 2 Term 4

Calendar of Events			<p>Karen's quote of the week:</p> <p>Ko taku reo taku ohooho, ko taku reo taku mapihi mauria</p> <p>Translated: My language is my awakening, my language is the window to my soul</p>
Monday	28 October	Labour Day NO SCHOOL	
Tuesday	29 October	Hoiho Class Prayers	
Tuesday	29 October	Board Meeting	
Friday	1 November	All Saints Day	
Friday	1 November	Halloween Ice Skating Disco (details below)	
Monday	4 November	Tui Class Prayers	
Tuesday	5 November	Talent Quest (details below)	
Monday	11 November	Hoiho Class Prayers	
Monday	18 November	Piwakawaka Class Prayers	
Sunday	24 November	First Eucharist (First Holy Communion)	
Monday	25 November	Moa Class Prayers	
Tuesday	26 November	Moa Market Day	
Monday	2 December	Hoiho Prayers	
Tuesday	3 December	Board Meeting	
Monday	9 December	Ruru Class Prayers	
Monday	16 December	Year 8 Graduation	
Tuesday	17 December	Whole School Fun Day (TBC)	
Wednesday	18 December	Last day of School for 2024 12pm Finish	
Friday	7 February	First Day of Term 1 2025	

ADDITIONAL DATES - SCHOOL CALENDAR

The above dates are just a snapshot of what we have happening at school.
 If you wish to view all activities planned for all of our students, [please click on this link](#) - this will take you to the school calendar on our school website.

SLEEPS 'TIL SANTA



WELCOME

This week we welcome Āwhina Gee and her parents Alana and Nathan to St Joseph's. Āwhina is in Piwakawaka Class.

PHOTOS FROM OUR WELCOME MASS



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora whānau! Ngā mihi nunui ki a koutou!

I am feeling very grateful as we come to the end of Week 2 in the last term of the 2024 school year. I am grateful for our wonderful staff and their dedication to our tamariki. Our teaching staff and support staff are working very hard to provide rich learning activities both inside and outside the classroom which our students will love getting involved in. Lots of our staff are pouring energy into camps at the moment - the Year 3 camp was held earlier this week, the Years 7 and 8 Wellington camp is in Week 5 and the Years 5 and 6 Dunedin camp is in Week 6, and all of the various camp programmes look amazing!

I'm grateful too for the wonderful contributions our whānau make to our community here at Hato Hōhepa. We had 5 fantastic parents who supported our staff and students at our Year 3 camp this week (in fact, across all 3 camps, we've had more offers of help than we can take), and we've got a group of whānau who are currently supporting our kura by reviewing some draft material around proposed changes to our school values.

I'm grateful for our new whānau whom we celebrated this week and I'm grateful for the warmth we showed them in our Welcome Mass on Monday.

I'm grateful too for the teaching staff who are working so hard to keep pace with the changes coming out from the Minister of Education and the Ministry of Education. It is amazing (or outrageous) to think that when the 2007 New Zealand Curriculum was introduced, schools had 3 years to prepare for its implementation, and yet here we are in October 2024 and we're being asked to implement 2 areas of a refreshed New Zealand Curriculum in Term 1 2025 and we don't yet have the final versions of those 2 learning areas we're supposed to be implementing!

I'm grateful for the opportunity to work with teaching staff today on our latest Ministry of Education Teacher Only Day to explore the draft curriculum content that is currently available for the implementation of the English curriculum for Years 0-6.

I'm grateful for the energy that staff are giving to planning for 2025.

I'm grateful for the generosity of some of our school families who contribute a little extra to support others in our community who find it challenging to manage the financial demands of family life.

I'm grateful for the long Labour weekend and a chance to remember that there's life outside of school too!

With only 37 school days left now in 2024 we are racing towards the end of the year. Please make sure you're staying well informed. Reach out to your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions about what's coming up. Ask your children what's coming up and help them to stay informed too. Please also remind your children that whilst there is lots of exciting things to look forward to and to prepare for, we can still be fully present and we can still meet the high expectations we set for ourselves - everyone doing their best and doing their bit as our Dominican charism tells us, walking in Truth and with respect. Even in its busiest times, our school is a place of learning, and we are all striving towards improved outcomes and towards our full potential.

Kia pai tō rā whakatā! Have a great weekend!

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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ENROLMENTS FOR 2025

Planning for 2025 is well underway now, 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 2025 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 2025 with more students enrolled than we had at the beginning of this year. 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 2025!

PB4L FOCUS

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

Care and respect for God's creation, the gardens and plants in our school.

We expect that students are:

- Looking after our gardens by going around them
- Letting our plants and flowers grow as God created them to
- Admiring the flowers by looking, not picking
- Doing your bit to keep the gardens litter free
- Playing carefully in areas where plants are growing

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



JUNIOR SCHOOL WALK

On Wednesday the Junior School walked to the gardens to look for signs of spring, have lunch and play in the playground.



PHOTOS FROM YEAR 3 CAMP





The Year 3 students had a fabulous time at camp this week. Thank you to everyone who made this camp a great success.

Special Catholic Character Acts of Service

A big part of our special Catholic character is giving to others, just as Jesus did. This term we have chosen three different organisations to support which are close to our hearts. Some of these days are just to raise awareness and one is a focussed fundraiser for us. Here is some more information below:

Week 3: Friday 1 November- Gumboot Friday

Wear your gumboots to school and raise awareness of the amazing work the I Am Hope organisation does to support young people in New Zealand with free counselling. Since 2019 they have supported 100 000 young people with free counselling. You are welcome to bring along a donation but it is certainly not expected. School uniforms are still required.

Week 5: Thursday 14 November- World Diabetes Day

Dress in Blue and raise awareness of all the amazing people living with diabetes in New Zealand! You are welcome to bring along a donation but it is certainly not expected.

Week 8: Wednesday 4 December- Nano Nagle Trust non-uniform day

The Nano Nagle trust supports students in Catholic Schools across New Zealand. On this non-uniform day please bring along a donation to support this organisation so they can continue to support others!





Term 4 ezlunch Promotion

Every week for the first **five weeks** of term 4, customers who order ezlunch will be in the draw to win one of two \$50 ezlunch vouchers! Staff can order too! All ezlunch orders placed for delivery between **Monday 14th October and 15th November** will automatically be entered.

Look out for our important **end of year questionnaire** early November.

CATHOLIC CHARACTER

A Prayer for Life

Father and maker of all,
You adorn all creation
With splendor and beauty,
And fashion human lives
in your image and likeness.

Awaken in every heart
reverence for the work of your hands,
and renew among your people
a readiness to nature and sustain
your precious gift of life.

Grant this through our Lord
Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in
the unity of the Holy Spirit.
God forever and ever.

Amen

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, 4th and 5th Sundays: 11 am Mass
 2nd 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,

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 Board Presiding Member
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