



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 2026

Term 1 ~ Tuesday 3 February to Thursday 2 April
Term 2 ~ Monday 20 April to Friday 3 July

Term 3 ~ Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September
Term 4 ~ Monday 12 October to Thursday 17 December

Click here for - [Website](#) - [Facebook Page](#) - [Calendar of Events](#) - [School Uniform Order](#)

Newsletter

8 May 2026

Week 3

Term 2

Calendar of Events			<p>Alan's quote of the week:</p> <p>He rau ringa e oti ai.</p> <p>Many hands make light(er) work!</p>
Sunday	10 May	THE ANNUAL ST JOSEPH'S BOOK FAIR!	
Monday	11 May	Hoiho School Karakia	
Tuesday	12 May	Board Meeting 5:15pm	
Thursday	14 May	Pink Shirt Day	
Monday	18 May	Takahē School Karakia	
Thursday	21 May	SCHOOL PHOTOS	
Monday	25 May	Moa School Karakia	
Monday	1 June	King's Birthday NO SCHOOL	
Tuesday	2 June	Pīwakawaka School Karakia	
Tuesday	16 June	Reconciliation 3:30pm - 4:30pm	
Tuesday	23 June	Board Meeting 5:15pm	
Tuesday	30 June	Moa Market Day	
Friday	3 July	Last Day of Term 2	
Monday	20 July	First Day of Term 3	

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.

REMINDER

If your child is going to be absent or late to school, can you please let the Office know. You can contact us by calling 03 4428224, email office@stjosephsqt.school.nz or go to the SkoolLoop app. Also if any of your contact details have changed, please give your new information to Karen as soon as possible. Thank you.

BOOK FAIR INFORMATION

ANNUAL SCHOOL BOOK FAIR - SUNDAY 10 MAY 2026

Please spread the word! Our annual School Book Fair (a huge community event and our major school fundraiser each year) is on this Sunday, 10 May. All the information you need to know is included below...



St. Joseph's School Iconic
BOOK FAIR
SUNDAY 10 MAY 10-2PM

BAKING STALL

*St. Joseph's P.T.A. are asking **all families** to bake something for us to sell at the Baking Stall on the day of the Book Fair. Cookies, Cakes, Biscuits, Bread ... all treats welcome!*

*Please drop your baking off to the school library on **Saturday, May 9, before midday** to allow us to set up. (We will still accept before 8.30am on Sunday morning).*

Please include an ingredients list with your baking - make a special note if it is egg, dairy or gluten-free.

*Any questions please contact Bing on 021 1357621
Thank you in advance for your help.
The success of the Book Fair relies on everyone contributing.*

St Joseph's School

BOOK FAIR

THANK YOU

We would like to thank these local businesses
for their generous support of this year's Book Fair



Thanks also to every other business and family, big or small, who have contributed

PTA Pulse – Book Fair Update 📖✨

Two sleeps to go! The excitement is building for this Sunday's Book Fair, and we can't wait to see our school community come together for one of the biggest days on the calendar.

A few important reminders as we head into the final countdown:

- **Sponsorship opportunities are still available!**
We have a limited number of spaces left, ranging from **\$200 to \$1000** - a fantastic way to showcase your business while supporting our fundraising efforts. If you or someone you know might be interested, now's the time to jump on board.
- **Silent Auction is LIVE** 🛠️
Our silent auction is now open! Be sure to check it out and **share it far and wide** with friends, family, and colleagues, near and far. The more eyes on it, the better the results for our school. Follow this link to bid: <https://galabid.com/bookfair26>
- **Baking contributions** 🍰
Please ensure all baking is delivered **by Saturday at lunchtime** so we can get everything ready for the big day.
- **Raffle tickets** 🎟️
Don't forget to return all raffle tickets **to Karen's office this week** - every ticket sold makes a difference.
- **Bring your own** ♻️
Help us reduce waste by bringing your own **cups, bags, and containers for baking** on the day.
- **Weather watch** ☀️☁️
We're keeping a close eye on the forecast, but rest assured - **rain, hail, or shine**, the fair will go on!
- **Volunteers** 💛
A huge thank you to our amazing team of **100+ volunteers** - we are beyond grateful for your time, energy, and support. Whether you've supported us with time, money, baking, vouchers or books - we see you and this event simply wouldn't happen without you.

If you have any questions in the lead-up, please reach out to the **PTA** on stjosephsqt.pta@gmail.com.

Let's make this year's Book Fair the best one yet. We'll see you all on Sunday!

Ngā mihi,
Rebeca & Juliana, PTA Co-chairs

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

'Use equipment safely and correctly, and return it appropriately'

We expect that students will:

- be responsible for looking after the equipment they use.
- show respect to their own, other people's and school belongings.
- share and take turns with equipment.
- return equipment back to where it belongs (including classroom resources).
- remind others to put play equipment back where it belongs at the end of lunchtime play.
- have no equipment left lying around school 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 and with respect.

GOTCHA WINNERS



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora te whānau! Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou! Warm greetings to you all!

Just a huge THANK YOU to all of the staff, parents, caregivers, PTA volunteers and Board members who have contributed enormously in the last couple of weeks in a wide variety of ways - especially with the final preparations for Book Fair! Amazing! More help is always welcome. There'll be people setting up from 8:30am on Saturday and again from 8:30am on Sunday, as well as the pack up after the Book Fair from about 2pm on Sunday. If you can help, please do. He rau ringa e oti ai. Many hands make light(er) work!

This year our Book Fair again includes an online auction which went live earlier this week. There is a wide range of prizes to bid on - [click on this link](#) and have a look through, there's sure to be something to tickle your fancy! Even better, share the link far and wide - let's engage a wide audience in this fundraising opportunity!

Please do come along on Sunday from 10am till 2pm here at school and bring your friends (and their friends and their friends) to help to raise money for our school! Let's pray for sunshine and a great turn out!

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

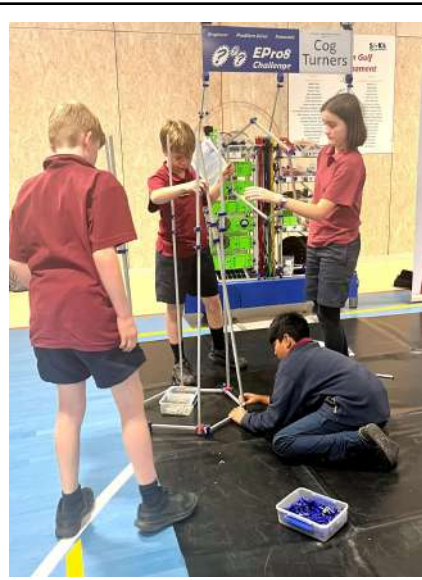
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FROM OUR MEDIA LEADER ... SIENNA CHILDS

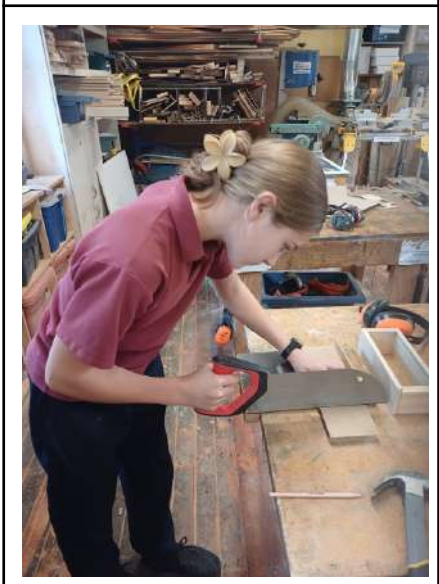
This week the school had some visitors. Roshell and Harold from Life Education came and each class visited their mobile classroom to learn about different topics.

We also had Epro8 this week on Wednesday. 2 Year 7-8 teams went and 2 Year 5-6 teams went over to Cromwell to participate. Epro8 is an engineering based competition where teams of 4 compete by working their way through different engineering challenges. One of the Year 5/6 teams were placed 4th and qualified for the final. One of the Year 7/8 teams placed second and qualified for the Central Otago Grand Final where they were placed 4th. Congratulations!





YEAR 7 & 8 TECHNOLOGY CLASS



PINK SHIRT DAY ON THURSDAY



On Thursday we encourage everyone to wear a pink shirt to support Pink Shirt Day. There is no need to bring in any money, we simply want to raise awareness about this important day and the message that it represents - Speak up, stand together and stop bullying.

Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness. It's about creating a community where everyone feels safe, valued and respected.

We continue to build a movement of Upstanders - people who use words and actions to help someone being bullied. We teach tamariki about the impact of bullying, and how to create a culture of kindness.

Pink Shirt Day is the day Aotearoa comes together to take a stand against bullying. The [Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand](https://www.mentalhealthfoundation.org.nz/) (MHFNZ) has run the campaign since 2012, inspiring tangata to Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!

YEAR 7 AND 8 WELLINGTON CAMP FUNDRAISING

Year 7 and 8 students and their whānau continue to work hard to fundraise for their Wellington Camp in Term 4. Over the next few weeks they are selling frozen cookie dough through the Go Raise It website. Please chat with a Year 7 and 8 student to make a purchase through their account, or use the QR code below to make a purchase through the school account. Orders close on 31 May and frozen cookie dough pick up day is 18 June. Thank you for your support!



CHOCOLATE CHIP



WHITE CHOC
CRANBERRY



TRIPLE CHOC



GINGERDOODLE

SchoolDocs is an online policy platform for schools in Aotearoa. Our school works with SchoolDocs to provide a website for maintaining, updating, and reviewing our school policies. Our SchoolDocs site contains policies that are specific to our school and can be accessed by the whole school community. SchoolDocs updates policies in response to changes in legislation and Ministry guidelines, reviews/requests from schools, and regular research from the SchoolDocs team. Our school board has the opportunity to view changes/additions and comment on them before they are implemented. We will advise you when policies are up for review and how you can take part in the review.

We invite you to visit the site at <https://stjosephsqt.schooldocs.co.nz> (note that there's no "www.").

Our **username** is **stjosephsqt** and **password** is **veritas**.

Related policies are grouped together on SchoolDocs, with links to supporting information and resources.

- To find a policy, type a keyword into the search bar, or browse the site using the table of contents. Click the black arrows to open each section.
- Search for Quick links for staff and Quick links for parents and whānau, which provide links to useful policy information.
- For more information about using SchoolDocs, see the Help tab at the top of your SchoolDocs site.

Reviews and feedback

Start your review

All SchoolDocs schools follow a 3-year review cycle to keep policies up to date. For review information each term, see **Current Review** at the top of the site.

- You can provide **content feedback** to suggest changes to improve the content of a policy.
- You can provide **implementation feedback** about how the policy is implemented at your school.



If you find information that's incorrect during a review (e.g. location of first aid supplies), **do not** submit this through the review tool. Let the principal or board know that it needs to be updated.



If you'd like to comment on a policy that's not under review, you can use the **feedback button** to send an email to your school. This feedback is not sent to the SchoolDocs team.

ezlunch.

Order lunch Be in to win

5 x \$50 Kindo Credits to be won,
every week for 4 weeks!

Terms and Conditions apply.

It's time to make your bookings!

Students need to have BOTH a season pass AND a Year Group Camp booking in order to attend. The total cost is \$380 per child.

St Joseph's Snowsport dates are as follows:

- Year 4: 26-28 August 2026
- Years 5 & 6: 12-14 August 2026
- Years 7 & 8: 5-7 August 2026

It is important that you select the correct camp date when making a booking for your child. The Local Schools' Camps and Passes can be purchased at <https://shop.coronetpeak.co.nz/shop/product/249>.

Please refer to the letter emailed to parents of Yr 4-8 regarding the NZSki Local School's Passes and Camps for further information. We hope that every student will take part in the snowsports programme. If you need financial assistance with paying this cost please talk with Alan Grant.

Please note: any child who attends our school is eligible for the reduced price of a Local Schools' Season Pass regardless of whether or not they are attending a school 'camp'.

ENJOY A MASSAGE

AND HELP OUR YEAR 7 & 8 STUDENTS
GET TO WELLINGTON CAMP

Book to receive a 60 or 90 minute massage at
Body Sanctum in Queenstown or the Beauty Lounge in Frankton
during the month of May and a \$50 donation from each booking
will go towards fundraising for the Wellington Camp.

*NOTE: This offer is for Staff and Parents of St. Joseph's School ONLY.
Please mention that you are a member of our school community when booking.*



BODY SANCTUM
DAY SPA



BEAUTY
LOUNGE

Body Sanctum, Level 1, 10 Athol Street, Queenstown 03 442 4336
Beauty Lounge, Level 1, 1092 Frankton Road, Frankton 03 442 2261

Mother's Day

Welcome to May! In the Church calendar, this entire month is dedicated to Mary. At St. Joseph's, we think it's pretty fitting that Mother's Day also falls in this month. This Sunday, we celebrate Mother's Day. In our Catholic tradition, we have the ultimate role model in Mary.

Whether you are a mum, a nana, an aunty, or a caregiver, you are the "Special Character" in your child's life. You are the one who teaches them about love, forgiveness, and resilience—not through a textbook, but through the way you kiss a scraped knee or cheer from the sidelines.

This week's focus: Let's take a leaf out of Mary's book. She *"treasured all these things in her heart."* Take one moment this week—maybe while your child is sleeping or playing—to just "treasure" them. Forget the messy room for a second and just be grateful for the gift of them.

A Family "Grace" for Mother's Day

If you're having a special meal this Sunday, try this prayer:

"Dear God, thank You for the gift of our Mums and the women who love us like mothers. Thank You for their hugs, their wisdom, and their infinite patience. Bless them today with rest and joy. May they feel Your love wrapped around them like a warm blanket. Amen."



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

Poipoia te kakano kia puawai. Nurture the seed and it will blossom.

The role of the School Board is to ensure that all students achieve their highest possible educational outcomes. In our school, a state-integrated school, the Board (which includes Proprietor's Appointees) must also safeguard and maintain the Special Catholic Character of the school. The Board's role is one of strategic oversight, leadership, direction, and policy setting.

The Board wants to hear from you, our parents and whānau, the community whom we serve. There are 2 ways for you to 'speak' to the board.

1. You can send an email directly to the School Board (board@stjosephsq.school.nz) or to the Board Secretary (office@stjosephsq.school.nz). You can expect a response to your correspondence within five school days.
2. You can email the Board (board@stjosephsq.school.nz) and request an opportunity to speak at a Board meeting.

The next Board meeting will be held in Takahē classroom on Tuesday 12 May, starting at 5:15pm.

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

Alan Grant
Tumuaki | Principal

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH SKOOL LOOP

Downloading the Skool Loop app a step by step guide



Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the below instructions to select your school

1. Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
2. Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
3. Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side. You can select as many schools as required.
4. Tap the 'select schools' button in the top right corner.
5. Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
6. Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.
7. Use the circular arrow button at the top of the main screen to toggle between your chosen schools.

To subscribe to groups as an existing user:

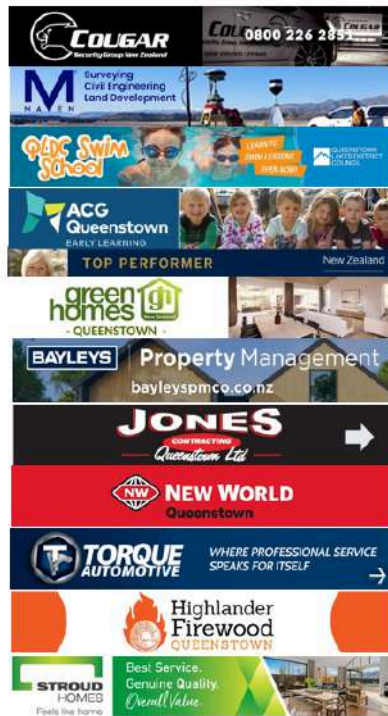
1. Go to the 'Settings' tile in the bottom right hand corner of the Home Screen
2. Go to 'Subscribe to groups'
3. Tap to select the group/s you would like to receive notifications from
4. You're good to go - you will now receive all notices sent to the groups you have subscribed to

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Call Skool Loop on 0800 238 379



St Joseph's School Queenstown

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