



# 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 9 August 2024 Week 3 Term 3

Calendar of Events			<p><b>Alan's quote of the week:</b></p> <p>Happiness is like honey - you can't spread it around without getting some on yourself.</p>
Monday	12 August	Moa Prayers	
Monday	19 August	Tui Prayers	
Monday	26 August	Takahe Prayers	
Monday	2 September	Ruru Prayers	
Tuesday	3 September	Moa Market Day	
Tuesday	3 September	Board Meeting	
Monday	9 September	Hoiho Prayers	
Saturday	14 September	PTA Jingo Night (details to come)	
Friday	27 September	Last Day of Term 3	
Monday	14 October	First Day of Term 4	
Wednesday	18 December	Last day of School for 2024	

### 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.

### WELCOME

This week we welcome Sameera Maduragada Gamage Don and Dineshika Perera and their children to our school. Sanuth has gone into Moa Class, Sanudi into Piwakawaka Class and Sanuli into Ruru Class.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

Kia ora whānau!

We've got some interesting and exciting 'work streams' underway at school at present, particularly around wellbeing and belonging. What we know and what we are often reminded of is that our children learn best when they feel safe and valued at school. Our wonderful staff work really hard to make sure that school is a safe and fun place to be, where our children (and indeed our staff and our whānau) feel known and valued. We are very grateful for the support we receive to this end too from you, our whānau. Alice Dunstan, as part of her Kahui Ako inquiry in Mātauranga Māori, recently surveyed our staff and our senior students about whanaungatanga (connections/relationships) at school and we're looking forward to analysing that data as we plan ahead. We've also recently completed our annual wellbeing survey of both staff and students. Again, we're looking forward to analysing these responses and using that analysis as we plan for the future. We are proud to be "the small school with a big heart" and we know that this doesn't happen as a matter of course.

Today, one quarter of our student population is away from school. I hope that everyone quickly returns to good health.

Also today, 39 of our 68 Years 5 and 6 students are taking part in the small schools swimming sports - congratulations to these 39 students who brought a growth mindset and a positive attitude to this opportunity and had a great time representing our school and having fun! Special mention to those students who really challenged themselves to do something they find really difficult and didn't really want to do.

I'm away next week attending a coaching and wellbeing retreat. In my absence Alice Dunstan will be relieving principal. I'm very grateful to our School Board and to our Leadership Team for supporting me with this initiative, and to NZEI and the previous government who prioritised coaching and wellbeing in principalship when negotiating the principals' collective agreement last year.

Have a lovely weekend everyone. Stay well.

Mā te Atua tātou e manaaki, e tiaki hoki. May God bless and care for us all.

Alan Grant

Tumuaki | Principal

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

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

PhotoLife has sent you an email. This email contains your child's unique Key Code to go online to view and purchase 2024 School Photos. If it is not there then please check your spam or junk mail or contact Karen in the office.

**\*\*\*FREE DELIVERY EXPIRES Midnight Sunday 25 AUGUST \*\*\***

## PB4L FOCUS

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

### **“Making good choices during winter lunchtimes”**

We expect that students will:

- Respect property belonging to themselves, others and the school
- Make positive choices about appropriate activities to take part in
- Think about how their behaviour impacts others so that inside lunches are enjoyable for everyone
- Show integrity to do the right thing during winter weather

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



## ATTENDANCE

We know that regular attendance at school is an important factor in children's success at school. The current government published earlier this year that its target is that 80% of students be present for more than 90% of the term by 2030. In Term 1 this year we had 65% "regular attendance" (up from Term 1 2023) and in Term 2 this year we had 62% "regular attendance" (also up from Term 2 2023). The Ministry of Education is using the term "regular attendance" for students who are absent for "fewer than 5 days across a term".

Victoria from the Whakatipu Youth Trust recently shared a great website with local schools and in turn I'm happy to share it with you, our whānau. The website is called "[Get There NZ](#)".

If you'd like to discuss any concerns you have around your child's attendance at school, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

## HEAD LICE

It is very important that you check your child's hair for head lice regularly. We have had more cases of Head Lice reported.

### How do I keep them away?

- If one person in the house has head lice, it is a good idea to check everyone for them. Use the detection combing method.
- Brush hair regularly. Brushing or combing can remove head lice before they have the chance to lay many eggs.
- Tie up long hair to help prevent head lice spreading.
- Avoid sharing hair ties, hats and helmets, or bedding. Head lice do not live very long away from a head however, so are not often transferred from one person to another this way.
- Notify the school if you have head lice, so that parents can be reminded to check for them.
- Use the detection combing technique regularly.

## CONGRATULATIONS



At Rugby prize giving Ailbe received the Spirit Award. This award is given for being a great team member, playing hard, but fair. Congratulations Ailbe.



Beau was awarded the most improved player award for the Year 4 Thunder team at Rugby prize giving last weekend.



Congratulations Harper-Rose for your amazing results from the weekend at Southern Champs Gymnastics Competition in Invercargill.

1st 🏆 Overall, 1st 🏆 Bars, 1st 🏆 Floor, 3rd 🏆 Vault, 3rd 🏆 and 4th Beam.



Kiwa received an award for the Most Improved Player for his Rugby team.

Robbie received an award for Top Try Scorer for his Rugby team.



Oisín and his team (Wakatipu u11's) won the 7's tournament in Millers Flat on Saturday - it was a regional tournament for Otago Southland where 19 teams played.

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## St Dominic's Feast Day

Yesterday we celebrated St Dominic's Feast day as a school with a Mass and learning about our school's Charism and history.

Our school was founded by the Dominican Sisters in 1883.

Our Dominican charism is based on learning, prayer, community, and service.

We live out our charism at St Joseph's School by:

Being honest, Learning, Listening to God's message, Doing our best, and Doing our bit.

## A Dominican Blessing

May God the Father bless us.

May God the Son heal us.

May God the Holy Spirit enlighten us,

and give us

eyes to see with,

ears to hear with,

hands to do the work of God with,

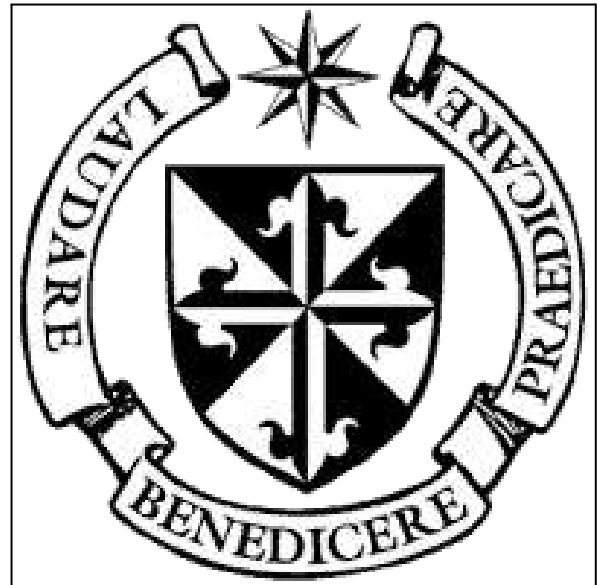
feet to walk with,

a mouth to preach the word of salvation with,

and the angel of peace to watch over us and

lead us at last,

by our Lord's gift, to the Kingdom. Amen.



## 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)

## 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](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)

## PTA PULSE

Kia ora koutou,

Make sure you keep Saturday 14 September free (at the Wakatipu Rugby Club Rooms) for a fun night of musical bingo with food, drinks and a silent auction. We start planning in Term 3 but think about silent auction prizes!

Ngā mihi,  
Juliana Fullerton-Smith & Rebeca Barnes,  
Co-chairs of the PTA

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