



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

27 October 2023

Week 3

Term 4

Calendar of Events			Principal's quote of the week: I never lose. I either win or learn. Nelson Mandela
Monday	30 October	Welcome to School Mass 9:30am	
Wednesday	1 November	All Saints Day	
Friday	3 November	PTA Non-Uniform Day	
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	

FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

Kia ora whānau. Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou.

An exciting, snowy start to the last day of Week 3, a short week of course with Labour Day on Monday. Our teachers are continuing to do a wonderful job of providing rich and varied learning activities and making sure that school is a fun place for our tamariki.

Next week the Church celebrates the feasts of All Saints and All Souls (1 and 2 November). There was a time where these special days were Holy Days of Obligation, days when Catholics all over the world would attend Mass to pray for and remember our tupuna, our ancestors from our Catholic whānau, those canonised as Saints of the Church, and those who hold a special place in our memories too, those in our own families who have died. We are all members of the Body of Christ, the family of the church, children of God who are all called to be Saints by living the lives God calls us to live; lives characterised by compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bound together in love for one another (manaakitanga, awhinatanga and arohatanga).

With only 37 school days left until the end of the year, there's no sign of slowing down and we will inevitably find ourselves being pulled in all sorts of directions. Please continue to be kind and to show understanding. Here at school we'll continue to put our students at the heart of everything we do, prioritising their wellbeing and their learning, continuing to strive for improved student outcomes.

Kia pai tō rā whakatā!

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

PB4L

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

‘Be responsible for rubbish in our school’

We expect that students are:

- Putting their rubbish into their school lunchboxes to take home.
- Picking up rubbish they see lying around (whether it is theirs or someone else) and putting it into the school rubbish bins.

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.

PTA NON-UNIFORM DAY (FOR JINGO NIGHT) - FRIDAY 3 NOVEMBER

On Friday 3 November we will have a “Kiwiana” themed non-uniform day. Children are invited to wear clothes that reflect something of New Zealand culture on this day instead of their regular school uniform - maybe a singlet, shorts and gumboots, maybe some jandals, maybe an All Blacks or Black Ferns shirt (or Silver Ferns or Black Caps or Football Ferns), something ‘Kiwi’. In return, we ask that each child brings a food item suitable for a charcuterie board for the PTA Jingo night - food items such as crackers and cheese and olives.



JUNIOR ASSEMBLY AWARDS ... FRIDAY 20 OCTOBER



MUSICAL PERFORMANCE



On Friday AWE “At the World’s Edge” performed for us. What a fabulous performance!

BORLAND CAMP PHOTOS



MEDIA LEADER

Lots has happened in the last few weeks like the Yr 7 and 8 Borland camp and the Yr 3 camp. On Monday-Thursday last week the Yr 7 and 8s went to Borland Lodge in Fiordland and we did loads of fun things like orienteering, kayaking, low ropes, archery and abseiling, and on Wednesday we went for a 6 hour walk and had to wade through some very deep water! We also did a horizontal bungy and had to try to get a cone further than the other people in our group and some people did very well. One night we played spotlight and kick the can, and one evening we made smores and damper after dinner which was so warm and delicious. The Yr 3s went to their camp on Tuesday-Wednesday and did loads of really cool things around Queenstown like going on a jet boat and gold panning! Thankfully this week was a short week and I hope everyone had an amazing long weekend doing something fun or just relaxing at home. We started doing football on Fridays again this term with Jamie Whitmarsh and it is a great way to finish off the week!

2024 WELLINGTON CAMP FUNDRAISING

Please support our students as they prepare for their Year 7/8 Wellington camp next year. Amazing prizes up for grabs! \$5 per ticket. Please see a Year 6 or 7 student or Karen in the office to purchase tickets. Thank you!

1st Prize: *Glacier Southern Lakes Helicopters* Helicopter flight for 2 to the Remarkables (includes landing!) valued at \$450
The Floral Co voucher to the value of \$250

2nd Prize: *Hilton Queenstown* Mini Break Package voucher for 2. Includes: One night accommodation, breakfast, wine and chocolates (valued at over \$350)
Kennards Hire voucher valued at \$300

3rd Prize:

Life Pharmacy Wilkinsons Gift basket / *Kai Pai* gift box (valued at \$140)
Sofitel breakfast for 2 voucher / \$60 voucher for *Sweetas Trends* online jewellery store

Limited ticket numbers 001-650. Raffle to be drawn on 27/11/23 under Police supervision. All winners to be notified by phone and published in our newsletter and on our Facebook page.

CONGRATULATIONS

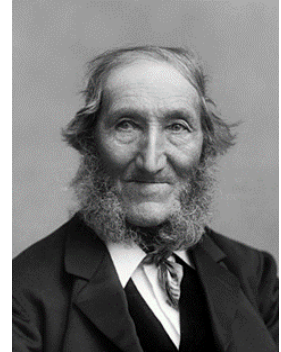
Congratulations to Francisco Strachan and Oisin Cantwell. These two boys picked up the award for player of their grade at the QAFC prizegiving on the weekend. Well done! Ka mau te wehi!



CATHOLIC CHARACTER

Labour Day

Labour Day commemorates the struggle for an eight-hour working day. New Zealand workers were among the first in the world to claim this right when, in 1840, the carpenter Samuel Parnell won an eight-hour day in Wellington. Labour Day was first celebrated in New Zealand on 28 October 1890.



Let us pray

Loving God, you guide the hands of all who labour, as they work to build, create, and produce. Thank you for the gift of strong bodies and astute minds that allow them to accomplish so many great things. Give to them assurance of a good income and provide for them all the resources, strength, and support that they need. Gracious God, you bless all in so many different ways. Shower all of your children, as they labour, with your blessing and love. Amen

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) 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
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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
www.mykindo.co.nz

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

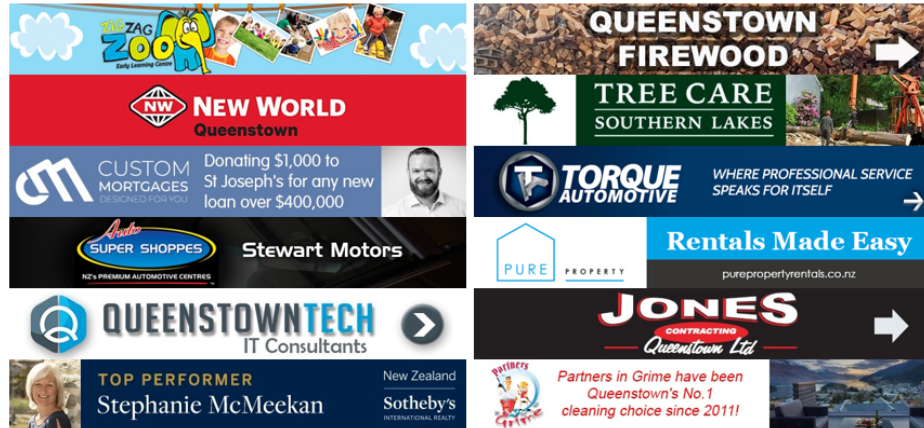
PTA

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



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