



# 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

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Newsletter 15 May 2026 Week 4 Term 2

Calendar of Events			<p><b>Karen's quote of the week:</b></p> <p>It always seems impossible until it's done.</p> <p>Nelson Mandela</p>
Monday	18 May	Welcome to School Liturgy 2pm	
Thursday	21 May	SCHOOL PHOTOS	
Monday	25 May	Moa School Karakia	
Monday	1 June	King's Birthday <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	
Tuesday	2 June	Takahē School Karakia	
Monday	8 June	Pīwakawaka School Karakia	
Monday	15 June	Ruru School Karakia	
Tuesday	16 June	Reconciliation 3:30pm - 4:30pm	
Monday	22 June	Hoiho School Karakia	
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	
Friday	25 September	Last Day of Term 3	
Monday	12 October	First Day of Term	
Thursday	17 December	Last Day of Term 4	

### 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](mailto: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.



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★ Bayleys ★ Bella Cucina ★ Bivouac / Outdoor ★ Blanket Bay ★ Body Mind Shock ★ Bombay Palace ★  
★ Brennan Wines ★ Butterfly Creek ★ Caci Clinic ★ Carters ★ Cherry Blossom Cakes ★ Classic Builders ★  
★ Crew Hair Stylist ★ Crowne Plaza ★ Cruzza Leisure ★ Cutting Edge ★ Deer Park Heights ★  
★ Divine Property ★ Eforea Spa ★ Ferg ★ Ferg Bakery ★ Findex ★ Finz ★ Flame ★ Francis Patterson ★  
★ Frankton Pizzeria ★ Fresh Choice ★ Game Over ★ Gems ★ General Kitchen and Bar ★ Giovi ★  
★ Golf Federation ★ Hair on Five Mile ★ Harvey Normans ★ Helicopter Line ★ Heliworks ★ Hellers ★  
★ Hello Play Queenstown ★ Heritage Queenstown ★ Highlands ★ Hirepool ★ Hunting and Fishing ★  
★ Hydro Attack ★ iFLY ★ ITM ★ Jacob's Creek ★ Kennards ★ KFC ★ Kingpin ★ Kiwi Birdlife Park ★ KJet ★  
★ Kottu Kart ★ Lokal ★ Lullaby Grace ★ McKibbons ★ Millbrook ★ Million Dollar Cruise ★  
★ Minus 5 Ice Bar ★ Mr Chimney ★ Mrs Woolly's General Store ★ New World ★ Nomad ★  
★ Nomad Safari's ★ NZ Uniforms ★ Orokonui Ecosanctuary ★ Outerbox ★ PAK'nSAVE ★  
★ Pog Mahones ★ Public Italian Kitchen ★ Pure Milford ★ QLDC Sports & Recreation ★ QMC ★  
★ Queenstown Lions Club ★ RealNZ ★ The Rees ★ Remarkables Tools ★ Resene ★ Ride to the Skies ★  
★ Rugby Planet ★ Ryder Coffee ★ Scenic Circle Hotel Group ★ Seqway on Q ★ Shotover Jet ★  
★ Silks & Circus ★ Silky Otter ★ SITE ★ Skin Glow ★ Skyline ★ Southern Discoveries ★  
★ Southern Lakes Laundry ★ Spotlight ★ Steve Hanrahan-Ray White ★ Stewart Motors ★ Studio Five ★  
★ Sudima ★ Sundays ★ Swannndri ★ The Bathhouse Spa ★ The Beauty Garden ★ The Dreamery ★  
★ The Gut Clinic ★ The Outpost ★ The Remarkable Cookie ★ The Tan Lab ★ The Warehouse ★  
★ Thrill Zone ★ Time Tripper ★ Unichem Remarkables ★ Violet Hair ★ Walk in Wardrobe ★  
★ Waxing by Reef ★ Willowbank ★ Wolf Hospitality ★ World Bar ★ Yonder ★ Ziptrek Ecotours ★  
★ Our Teachers ★ Our Families ★ Our PTA ★

## PHOTOS FROM THE FAIR

If you had photos taken at the Book Fair, click on the link below if you would like to order any.

<https://gallery.222photographicstudios.com/GoYTszaBNoKOX>

## ITEMS LEFT AFTER THE FAIR



If any of these are yours, please get in touch so that we can return them to you.

## RAFFLE TICKETS ... WINNERS

Congratulations:

1st Prize: Lael Baleitamani The Bathhouse Spa Voucher

2nd Prize: Ross Chisholm Aryburn Voucher

3rd Prize: Ayala Bowman Highlands Voucher and Go-Kart Rides

The police car ride to school has been won by Franko and Mila Huljich.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Ngā mihi o te wā ki a koutou!

WOW! What a wonderful celebration of community and fun and books on Sunday at the annual St Joseph's School Book Fair! Thank you to everyone who came along and supported in such a wide range of ways. The sense of manaakitanga, whanaungatanga and kotahitanga was wonderful! A massive

**THANK YOU!**

to the dedicated parents and friends who are our St Joseph's School PTA. Your commitment, determination, perseverance and hard work has resulted in another fantastic Book Fair! Many of you have worked long hours for this event, and many of you put in big shifts on Sunday - at school from 8am until after 5pm in some cases! Thank you! A special mention to Juliana Fullerton-Smith and Rebecca Barnes, the co-chairs of our PTA, who together coordinated everyone's efforts to the same end. Thanks also to Gavin Bartlett for his work in the logistics space, to Bing Judprajong-Cantwell, Gemma Murray, Katy Twycross, Renee Shaw and Emma Sullivan who worked tirelessly both in preparation for and on the day, to Ewan Allcorn for his electrical handy work, to Catkin Bartlett and Oragh Allcorn who personally handled almost every single book on Thursday and Friday, and to everyone who contributed so much on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday (included the big pack-down on Sunday afternoon). A special thanks too to the partners and families and friends who provide their support in a range of ways and often end up roped in to help in a multitude of different spaces. A huge THANK YOU to our wonderful staff and students who committed so much time to contributing to the success of the Book Fair both in preparation for Sunday and of course on Sunday itself. Special mention to Karen Osborne, our wonderful Office Manager, who worked closely with the PTA in preparation for the Book Fair this year, particularly with the raffle and the prizes. Megan Alexander and Taylah Vinson and the students of Moa and Takahē classes committed a huge amount of time during the first 3 weeks of this term to prepare to host stalls at the Book Fair and they did a stunning job. Ka rawe to mahi! Of course, the Book Fair is more than just a fundraiser, it's a chance to come together as a community and celebrate who we are. Thanks to everyone who came along on Sunday.

Kia pai tō mutunga wiki. Good luck to everyone who's playing winter sports over the weekend - work hard, do your best, kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui!

Please continue to hold in prayer those in our community who are experiencing hardship at the moment. We pray that they experience God's grace in the loving warmth of whānau, friends and community. May we all be blessed with strength and peace.

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

Our Positive Behaviour for Learning focus for next week 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



## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

On Friday 9th May, the Year 5&6s went to Pak'n'Save as part of the Food for Thought programme. We learnt about how eating different coloured fruits and vegetables help our bodies grow. We also did an investigation on which foods were 'sometimes' foods, and which foods were healthy to eat. We learnt how to read the labels on foods to make good choices. By Milly Ji



## FROM OUR MEDIA LEADER ... SIENNA CHILDS

On Thursday this week, our school participated in Pink Shirt Day. Students wore pink clothing to school instead of their school uniforms. Pink Shirt Day started in Canada and is meant to raise awareness against bullying.

Today students in Years 5-8 went to the Small Schools Swimming competition, where they chose which stroke and race they wanted to do and then compete. Students were competing from students in their own year from other schools as well as against St Joseph's.

PINK SHIRT DAY- Celebrating kindness



## YEAR 7 & 8 PE



Our Year 7 & 8 students enjoyed PE at the rugby fields after their visit to the public library this week.

## 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**



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**TRIPLE CHOC**



**GINGERDOODLE**

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# Order lunch Be in to win

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

Terms and Conditions apply.

## 2026 SNOWSPORTS PROGRAMME (YEARS 4-8)

**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.

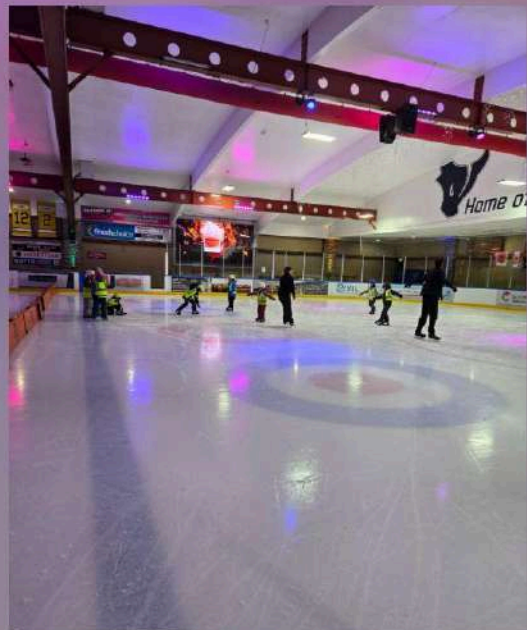
**Please note:** any child who attends our school is eligible for the reduced price of a Local Schools' Season Pass regardless of whether or not they are attending a school 'camp'.

## TAHITIAN SCHOOL VISIT

On Wednesday the Year 6 students hosted a group of students visiting from Tahiti. They showed us their national dance and sang for us. We showed them the school haka and sang too. We taught them how to play tricky tag. We enjoyed spending lunchtime with them and playing with them. Some of the students spoke a little bit of English but most of them only spoke French. It was great that we had Lisa to translate! It was really fun with them, they were awesome. By Lara R



ICE SKATING



# 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

## CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to AJ who received the player of the day award for his rugby team in Alex over the weekend.  
Well done AJ.



Lucas attended the annual prize giving event for Queenstown Swimming Club over the weekend. He has had an incredible year in the water and was presented with the following awards to mark his achievements over the past 12 months.

- 🏆 11 year old boys club champion 2026
- 🏆 under 13 400m freestyle winner
- 🏆 Coaches award for most improved swimmer 2026



Ailbe received 'player of the day' for his rugby team, Wakatipu Lions, last Saturday in Alexandra.

## The Ascension

This Thursday marks the Feast of the Ascension. It's the moment Jesus returned to Heaven, 40 days after His Resurrection. For 40 days after his resurrection on Easter Sunday, the Bible says that Jesus travelled and preached with his apostles, preparing them for his departure from Earth. Ascension Day marks the moment Jesus literally ascended into heaven before his disciples, at the village of Bethany, near Jerusalem. While it might feel like a "goodbye" story, it's actually the ultimate "I've got your back" story. Jesus didn't leave because He was finished with us; He ascended so that He could be present to all of us, all the time, through the Holy Spirit.

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### A Family Prayer for the Ascension

"Lord Jesus, as You ascended into Heaven, You promised to be with us always. Bless our family as we go about our week. When we feel overwhelmed, remind us to 'look up' and find peace in Your presence. Help us to be Your hands and feet here on Earth today. 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> , 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays: 11 am Mass 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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)

Tēnā koutou.

Our School Board held our third meeting of this year on Tuesday, May 12.

We were delighted to begin our meeting with presentations from two of our staff. Alice Dunstan spoke about our Structured Literacy programme and Emma Sullivan spoke about *Tō Tātou Whakapono – Our Faith*, our new Religious Education curriculum.

We voted to begin publishing the minutes of our board meetings, once ratified, on our school website. These are currently available on request but this decision will make them more accessible. They will be available under the 'our school' tab on [stjosephsq.school.nz](http://stjosephsq.school.nz). This will commence after our next meeting.

We have appointed a committee to focus on the work of recruiting a new principal for our school. We will keep the community updated as this work progresses.

You will find information earlier in this newsletter regarding SchoolDocs. Our school works with SchoolDocs to maintain, update and review our school policies. We encourage you to visit and familiarise yourself with this site and to offer feedback.

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](mailto:board@stjosephsq.school.nz)) or to the Board Secretary ([office@stjosephsq.school.nz](mailto: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](mailto: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, June 23 at 5:15pm.

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:**

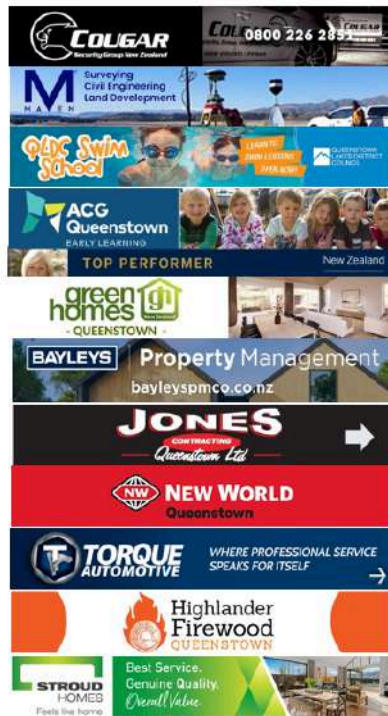
1. Go to the 'Settings' tile in the bottom right hand corner of the Home Screen
2. Go to 'Subscribe to groups'
3. Tap to select the group/s you would like to receive notifications from
4. You're good to go - you will now receive all notices sent to the groups you have subscribed to

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