



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 03 November 2023 Week 4 Term 4

Calendar of Events			Principal's quote of the week: Happy are they who hope in the Lord. Psalm 39:5
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	

DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIMES
<p>In New Zealand, the law says that a parent or guardian of a child under 14 must make sure that they make reasonable provision for the care of the child. Here at St Joseph's we can provide such care between 8:20am and 3:15pm. Dropping your child off before 8:20am or picking them up after 3:15pm is not making reasonable provision for their care. Please drop your children off at school between 8:20am (not before that time) and 8:50am, and pick them up between 3pm and 3:15pm (not after that time). Thanks for your support and understanding.</p>

FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

Kia ora whānau. Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou.

We're fast approaching the halfway mark in Term 4 and there's lots that we're feeling excited about here at school.

We're busily planning our end of year celebrations - our EOTC Week activities, our whole school fun day, our end of year Mass, our Year 8 Speeches and Leavers' Dinner, our Prize Giving and Graduation, our whānau picnic and BBQ, our Years 5 and 6 Camp at Camp Columba, our Junior Nativity Play, so many exciting things! As well as all of these wonderful celebrations, our fantastic teachers are doing a great job planning interesting and engaging rich learning activities for our students, ensuring that our classrooms continue to be stimulating learning environments.

In all of the busy-ness of celebrating the end of a year and planning ahead towards a new year, it's really important to remember to centre ourselves in who we are: the small school with a big heart, St Joseph's Catholic School in Queenstown where we "Walk in Truth, and with respect." Please continue to remind your children at home as we do at school about the importance of using kind words, kind hands and kind feet, and of serving others, working and playing together peacefully and respectfully, of doing our best and doing our bit.

We've really enjoyed seeing all the "Kiwiana" themed clothes at school today! Thank you for supporting our PTA Jingo Night with your very generous donations of food. Remember to get your tickets for next Saturday night: [Night at the Prom Jingo Night | Humanitix](#). Wakatipu Rugby Clubrooms, 6:30pm for a 7pm start, Saturday 11 November. Thanks to our amazing PTA for organising this event. Should be great fun!

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
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SKI PASS 2024

Local School Ski Pass

The 2024 Local School Ski & Snowboard Passes are available online now.

You can choose to pay for the pass in full or in 6 instalments. The price for the pass is exactly the same as the 2023 pass - \$139.00 for primary school children. Access the pass through [Local Primary School Season Pass](#)

Here is the website

<https://shop.coronetpeak.co.nz/shop/product/199>

HEAD LICE

Unfortunately there have been cases of head lice at school. Would you kindly check your child's hair and treat if necessary as soon as possible to reduce the risk of spread. **Unless ALL parents attend to this NOW the spread is ongoing and we will not be able to stop re-infection.** If your child's hair is long, please make it a practice to ensure it is tied back, in accordance with the uniform guidelines, blue or maroon hair ties, clips or headbands. Thank you.

MEDIA LEADER

On Monday we had a welcome mass to celebrate the new students coming into our school. The whole school gathered in the church for a morning mass to welcome them. The authors Jaqueline Harvey and R.A Spratt came on Tuesday to show the whole school their books and what they do, and we got to ask them some questions about themselves. Friday was Kiwiana day everyone dressed up in something that represents New Zealanders and brought a yummy food item for a charcuterie board!

PB4L

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

‘Solve Problems Peacefully’

We expect that students will:

- Show respect when someone says stop.
- Find a space that they (or the group) can speak privately.
- Calmly explain the problem to others, taking turns to speak.
- Listen to each other without interrupting.
- Brainstorm a solution together.

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.

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 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.

OCTOBER STATEMENTS

Students' financial statements were emailed out in October. If you have not received yours, please contact Karen in the office.

CATHOLIC CHARACTER

Wednesday All Saints Day and Thursday All Souls Day

The root word of Halloween is "hallow," which means "holy." The suffix "een" is an abbreviation of "evening." Halloween refers to the Eve of All Hallows, the night before All Saints' Day, the Christian holy day that honours saintly people of the past. All Souls' Day is a day to pray for all souls. It is the day that we especially remember all those who died.

We stop to remember all who have died, especially our relatives and friends.

We pray for those who taught us good things and made sacrifices for us.

We pray for those who prayed for us while they were on this earth.

We pray for the most forgotten souls.

We pray for those who had great responsibilities while they were on earth.

At Mass we pray for all souls that have hastened their journey to God.



Ruru Class researched saints and then painted a picture of one who inspired them. They used things such as symbols and special colours to make them recognisable. They then made a display to see if others can tell who they painted.

PTA NON UNIFORM DAY



Thank you for the donations!

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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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

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

Please note that our last day for ordering lunch for 2023 is Thursday 14th December. It will resume again on Thursday 8th February 2024.

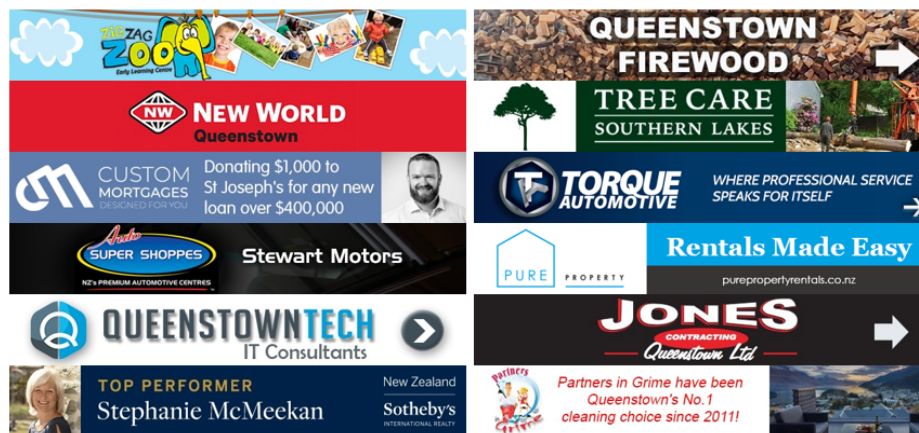
PTA

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



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