



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 22 May 2026 Week 5 Term 2

| Calendar of Events | | | <p>Karen's quote of the week:</p> <p>Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible.</p> <p>Dalai Lama</p> |
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| Monday | 25 May | Moa School Karakia | |
| Monday | 1 June | King's Birthday NO SCHOOL | |
| 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 | |
| Tuesday | 30 June | Sharing of Learning Afternoon (Details to come) | |
| Friday | 3 July | Last Day of Term 2 | |
| Monday | 20 July | First Day of Term 3 | |
| Monday | 20 July | Moa School Karakia | |
| Monday | 27 July | Pīwakawaka School Karakia | |
| Monday | 3 August | Teacher Only Day NO SCHOOL | |
| Monday | 10 August | Tūi School Karakia | |
| Monday | 17 August | Hoiho School Karakia | |
| Monday | 24 August | Takahē School Karakia | |
| Friday | 28 August | Teacher Only Day NO SCHOOL | |
| 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 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.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou! Warm, Pentecost greetings to you all!

This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday, when the church remembers the coming of the Holy Spirit. Jesus had promised to send the Holy Spirit, the Helper or Advocate, and when the Holy Spirit came to the Apostles on that first Pentecost, they were transformed. From a group who gathered in secret, hidden away for fear of persecution, they were transformed and filled with courage, going out to all the nations and preaching the Good News of Jesus Christ. This Pentecost, may we too be filled with courage to live the Good News and continue to bring God's Reign on Earth.

The Ministry of Education is continuing to roll out changes and new expectations, and among the most pressing are changes and new expectations around assessment and reporting. We currently report progress and achievement for each child in plain language, twice each year, across the curriculum, and that requirement has not changed. For some years now our Junior School teachers have prepared written reports for whānau 20 weeks after a child starts school and then at 20 week (half-yearly) intervals until the end of Year 3. Our Senior School teachers have prepared written reports for whānau in the middle of the year and at the end of the year (from Year 4 to Year 8). We are making a small change here and will now finish anniversary reporting at the end of Year 2. In 2026, parents and caregivers of children in Years 3-8 will receive a written report in the middle of the year and another written report at the end of the year, and parents and caregivers of children in Years 0-2 will receive a written report after 20 weeks at school and then after each interval of 20 weeks. Teachers provide information for whānau in those reports to indicate their child's progress and achievement in relation to the curriculum content that has been taught - teachers are asked to make judgements against the curriculum expectations for each Year level for the end of the school year. At the beginning of this term we confirmed changes to our report formats to reflect changes to the New Zealand Curriculum - specifically in English and Maths and in "Capabilities" (which have replaced the "Key Competencies"). We will now be using the "Progress Indicators" and "Progress Markers" which the Ministry of Education has provided for schools and expects schools to begin using in 2026. There is some useful generic information for whānau on the MOE "[Parent Portal](#)". Information will be provided with this year's written reports to support whānau in making sense of the language of the MOE and the judgements of our teachers. Teachers are preparing the first of these revised reports now to be distributed before the end of this term. We are of course keen to hear any feedback and happy to meet with you to answer questions and support you to better understand the reports if required.

Kia pai tō mutunga wiki whānau! Have a great weekend everyone! Happy Pentecost!

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 FOCUS

Our Positive Behaviour for Learning focus for the next 2 weeks will be:

‘Be reliable by doing the things you are asked to do’

We expect that students will:

- do what they are asked to do.
- complete tasks and duties they are given.
- show commitment by doing what they say they will do.
- do what is expected of them without needing to be told.
- meet expectations and follow rules and routines carefully.
- follow the St Joseph’s Way.

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



SMALL SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS



1000 BOOKS AT SCHOOL



We LOVE reading!
Congratulations to Ruru class for
this awesome achievement.

WELCOME LITURGY



On Monday we welcomed Astrid,
Weston, Wyatt, Amara and Mrs
Alexander to our school. What an
awesome performance from the
kapa haka group to welcome
them!

FROM OUR MEDIA LEADER ... SIENNA CHILDS

On Monday this week, the school had a Welcome Liturgy to welcome all the new families to the school. The Kapa Haka group did a great job performing a mihi whakatau as part of the welcome.

We also had Nicky from Enviroschools come in to visit each class and talk about the worm farms and composting.

This is the third week that the Years 1-3 students have gone ice skating. They have been walking down to the ice rink every Friday to learn some ice skating skills and are doing an amazing job.

Thursday was school photo day. Photolife came in and took photos of all the students, taking individual photos, sibling photos, class photos and a whole school photo.

The Year 7s and 8s have still been doing Hard Tech and Science each Wednesday. This week they had a look at the different parts of the human heart and even had a look at and touched some deer hearts that the science teacher, Mrs Little, had brought in. They are almost done with their containers that they have been working on in Hard Tech.

Both the Senior School and Junior School had their Team assemblies on Friday afternoon. This is where they share their learning with the different classes and celebrate wonderful work.

YEAR 7 AND 8 SCIENCE WITH MRS LITTLE



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'.

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 or [this link](#) 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

PAINT + SIP

JOIN US FOR A FUN EVENING OF PORTRAIT PAINTING
TO RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR YEAR 7/8 WELLINGTON CAMP

WHEN: FRIDAY, JUNE 19 AT 6.30PM
WHERE: YONDER, CHURCH ST
PRICE: \$60 (INCLUDES PAINT SUPPLIES AND A DRINK)


TO BOOK YOUR TICKET EMAIL GEMMA MURRY AT gem_miller1983@hotmail.com

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

🔥 What is Pentecost?

This Sunday, we celebrate **Pentecost**, which happens exactly 50 days after Easter. It marks the moment the Holy Spirit came down upon the disciples like "tongues of fire" and a rushing wind. Before Pentecost, the disciples were terrified, hiding behind locked doors. After the Holy Spirit arrived, they were filled with so much courage that they threw open the doors and started preaching in different languages!

Church Fact: Pentecost is considered the official **Birthday of the Church**. It's the day the Church went from a small group of scared friends to a global movement of faith and love.

When the Holy Spirit arrived like wind and fire, the disciples didn't just get a sudden burst of generic energy—they were instantly equipped with these exact 'gifts' to help them build the Church from scratch.

| 🎁 THE 7 GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT (SCHOOLYARD STYLE) ✝️ | |
|---|---|
| THE GIFT | HOW IT LOOKS AT ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL |
| 💡 WISDOM | Choosing to forgive a friend who accidentally ruined a game, because you know their friendship matters more than the score. |
| 🤝 UNDERSTANDING | Noticing a classmate sitting alone at lunchtime and going over to sit with them because you know how that feels. |
| 🕒 COUNSEL (Right Judgment) | Making the right choice to stop certain conversations, even when everyone else in the group is doing it. |
| 🛡️ FORTITUDE (Courage) | Standing up for what is right, even when it's scary or hard. Telling someone to stop, or admitting to a teacher when you've made a mistake. |
| 📖 KNOWLEDGE | Realizing you are really good at art or math, and using that skill to help a classmate who is struggling. |
| 🙏 PIETY (Reverence) | Taking a deep breath and being genuinely quiet and respectful during morning prayer or school Mass. |
| 🌟 FEAR OF THE LORD (Wonder & Awe) | Looking at a beautiful sunset, a clear night sky, or a newborn baby and thinking, 'Wow, God is amazing.' |

Pentecost shows us that the Holy Spirit doesn't wait for us to be perfect or "ready." Just like He did for the ordinary disciples in that locked room, the Spirit meets us and our kids right where they are, giving them the exact gifts they need to handle the challenges of their own daily lives.

PARISH INFORMATION



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| 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.

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 stjosephsqt.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@stjosephsqt.school.nz) or to the Board Secretary (office@stjosephsqt.school.nz). You can expect a response to your correspondence within five school days.
2. You can email the Board (board@stjosephsqt.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.



We would like to thank the following for their generosity

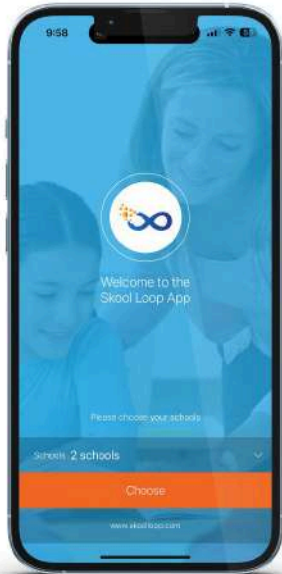
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★ Golf Federation ★ Hair on Five Mile ★ Harvey Normans ★ Helicopter Line ★ Heliworks ★ Hellers ★
★ Hello Play Queenstown ★ Heritage Queenstown ★ Highlands ★ Hirepool ★ Hunting and Fishing ★
★ Hydro Attack ★ iFLY ★ ITM ★ Jacob's Creek ★ Kennards ★ KFC ★ 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 ★
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★ 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 ★
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★ Our Teachers ★ Our Families ★ Our PTA ★

Downloading the Skool Loop app a step by step guide



**NEED MORE HELP OR INFORMATION?
Call Skool Loop on 0800 238 379**



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

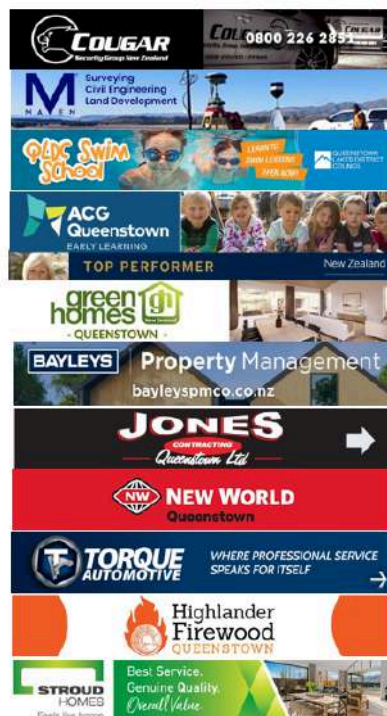
1. Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
2. Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
3. Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side. You can select as many schools 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

St Joseph's School Queenstown

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