



# 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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Calendar of Events			<p><b>Karen's quote of the week:</b></p> <p>Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, you'll find one at the end of your arm.</p> <p>Audrey Hepburn</p>
Monday	18 November	Piwakawaka Class Prayers	
Sunday	24 November	First Eucharist (First Holy Communion)	
Monday	25 November	Moa Class Prayers	
Tuesday	26 November	Moa Market Day	
Monday	2 December	Hoiho Prayers	
Tuesday	3 December	Board Meeting	
Wednesday	4 December	Non Uniform Day (Details Below)	
Monday	9 December	Ruru Class Prayers	
Tuesday	10 December	Whole School Fun Day	
Monday	16 December	Year 8 Graduation	
Wednesday	18 December	Last day of School for 2024 <b>12pm Finish</b>	
Friday	7 February	First Day of Term 1 2025	

### 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.

### SLEEPS 'TIL SANTA



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora whānau. Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou.

This week I've been blessed to be able to be on camp in Wellington with Alice Dunstan and the 28 students of Moa Class - and it's been fantastic! We've had a very, very busy week, including an opportunity to stand in Suzanne Aubert's resting place and a sleepover at Wellington Zoo! Planes, trains and buses and a huge amount of footsteps - a very special week!

During our camp, the theme of history has emerged - we have thoroughly enjoyed discussing and reflecting on our history. Ricky, the educator at Pukeahu National War Memorial, spoke with us about history and said, "History is not the past, it's our attempt to explain the past". We visited the New Zealand Police Museum and remembered some of the more disturbing events of our history - from the Erebus disaster to the sinking of the Rainbow Warrior to the mass murder at Aramoana. On our journey, our hikoi, we've seen monuments and memorials to mark some significant moments in history, from "Hinerangi" and "The Unknown Warrior" at Pukeahu to "He Toa Taumata Rau" at the New Zealand Police Museum. We've seen the creative genius of Richard Taylor and Tania Rodger at Wētā Workshop. We sat together in the waka huia (the wooden treasure box) at He Tohu inside the National Library where we listened to kōrero about 3 iconic constitutional documents; the 1835 "He Whakaputanga o te Rangatiratanga o Nu Tireni - Declaration of Independence of the United Tribes of New Zealand", the 1840 "Te Tiriti o Waitangi - Treaty of Waitangi", and the 1893 "Women's Suffrage Petition - Te Petihana Whakamana Pōti Wahine". We saw the original documents from these critical pieces of our living history.

On our journey we reflected lots on the histories of the places we were visiting and the stories they represented, and we remembered that our history is remembered in the stories we are told and go on to tell - from the Gospel writers to the historians and archivists, from our grandparents and their grandparents to our saints, from photographs and paintings to songs and poems. We are living in a time and place in history, and we too will be remembered in photographs and songs and stories. And we are on a journey, a hikoi through that history too. We have consistently been complimented on our engagement and great behaviour (including a special shout out on the plane on our arrival in Te Whanganui-a-Tara), and our students have consistently expressed their gratitude. We've been hosted by some very special people too along our hikoi. It's been a very special week, a very special moment in history.

A huge thank you to Sis Vasconcelos, Gian Silva, and Gisela Hardman, who have joined the hikoi to Wellington and have added so much to the camp experience for our students. Thanks too to the families who have supported us and who have enabled us to get to Wellington Camp. And a special thanks to our wonderful Alice Dunstan, who has worked tirelessly all year (and especially this week), coordinating fundraising efforts, making bookings, and preparing and executing an excellent camp programme overflowing with amazing experiences, enabling huge growth for our young people!

Have a lovely weekend everyone. 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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Our Positive Behaviour for Learning focus for the next two weeks will be:

**Being responsible for the rubbish that you create.  
Clean up after yourself - Recycle**

We expect that students to:

- put their waste paper into the recycle bins in their classroom.
- put their lunch rubbish into their school lunchboxes to take home (including sushi packaging and gotcha ice block wrappers).
- pick up rubbish they see laying around (whether it is theirs or someone else's) and put it into the classroom rubbish bin or recycle bin (Kaitiakitanga - Stewardship).
- clean up areas where they may have been eating or cutting up paper by putting the rubbish in the appropriate place.

**Kaitiakitanga - act as a guardian**

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



## LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING

### **Special Catholic Character Acts of Service**

A big part of our special Catholic character is giving to others, just as Jesus did. This term we have chosen three different organisations to support which are close to our hearts. Some of these days are just to raise awareness and one is a focussed fundraiser for us. Here is some more information below:

#### **Week 8: Wednesday 4 December- Nano Nagle Trust non-uniform day**

The Nano Nagle trust supports students in Catholic Schools across New Zealand. On this non-uniform day please bring along a donation to support this organisation so they can continue to support others!

## TRIATHLON

Well done to the teams who participated in the Wakatipu Triathlon on Tuesday. Our Year 6 girls team came 5th and have qualified for the Central Otago Event.



# Sisters' big break in showbiz

PHILIP CHANDLER

TWO young Queenstown sisters are overjoyed they've been picked for major roles in Invercargill Musical Theatre's production of the hugely popular *Matilda the Musical* next year.

Rhiannon Hookey, who's just 8, will be one of three girls who'll rotate in the title role of Matilda, who's said to combine "astounding wit, intelligence and psychokinetic powers".

And Tatum, 11, who like her sister attends St Joseph's School, is one of two girls who'll share the role of Alice.

The girls' mum, Greer Ell, says though they only moved from Auckland two and a-half years ago — where Tatum had

roles in *The Sound of Music* and *High School Musical* — the girls have had more opportunities here than they'd have got in the big smoke.

Vocal coach Margaret O'Hanlon's had Tatum under her wing since she arrived, and both girls have thrived in Teresa Swain's Wakatipu Conservatoire of Ballet.

"There's an underbelly of creative energy here, and everyone wants to support each other," Ell says.

She adds she and husband Dave Hookey "said to each other we'd consider any options if something came up, and *Matilda* was literally the dream".

They were also aware director Stephen Robertson had also directed *Matilda* in

Christchurch to rave reviews.

Ell says the girls performed well under pressure during the exacting three-day audition process.

Tatum, who got addicted to *The Sound of Music* when she was only 3, has also been a big longtime fan of *Matilda* — "I would watch the movie and I'd think, 'gosh, she's cheeky'."

Ell says they'll move to Invercargill for the entire second term next year as rehearsals ramp up — the season will take up almost all of July in the iconic Civic Theatre.

Tatum says they're delighted the staff of St Joseph's intend going down to see it.



Sister act: Tatum, at top, and Rhiannon Hookey start rehearsals for *Matilda the Musical* in January

PICTURE: ZZZ PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIOS

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## CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations Tilly on receiving an award for athlete of the week.

## ENROLMENTS FOR 2025

Planning for 2025 is well underway now, particularly in relation to school organisation and classes. In order to assist with this work, I ask the following:

1. Please complete a new enrolment form if you are intending to enrol a younger sibling at St Joseph's School (Karen can help with that);
2. Please encourage friends who are considering enrolling at St Joseph's School in 2025 to make contact with either myself or Karen to arrange a visit or to receive an enrolment pack;
3. Please let us know at the earliest opportunity if you are planning to withdraw your child(ren) from St Joseph's School (for example if you are moving overseas).

The numbers at this stage show that we will start 2025 with more students enrolled than we had at the beginning of this year. We do have a number of spaces for preference enrolments but we are under increasing pressure with regards to non-preference enrolments. You can view our [enrolment policy](#) from our school website. Thanks for your support as we plan for 2025!

## The Nano Nagle Charitable Trust

The Nano Nagle Charitable Trust (NNCT) was established in New Zealand by the Presentation Sisters and Friends of Nano in 2009 to support children unable to attend a Catholic School because of financial hardship.

**Venerable Nano Nagle**, was born into a wealthy family in Ballygriffin, Ireland in 1718. Because of the Penal law system which prohibited Catholic education she was educated in France. Disturbed by the plight of the people in Ireland she dared to begin Catholic education in Cork despite significant personal danger. She became a pioneer of Catholic education in Ireland. In 1775 she founded the Presentation Sisters and continues to inspire Presentation Sisters and Associates throughout the world.

The Presentation Sisters first came to New Zealand in 1950 and opened schools in Taita, Paraparaumu and Green Island. The Sisters are now involved in a variety of ministries with poor and disadvantaged people. Nano Nagle was declared Venerable by Pope Francis on 31 October 2013 recognising her as a woman of faith, hope and heroic virtue.

### Nano Nagle Prayer

Lord God,  
You raise up people from age to age  
To speak anew Your Word to us  
And to show us your ways.  
Such is Nano Nagle.  
In days when courage is needed,  
You give us this woman of strength  
to walk before us with conviction.  
In days of great change,  
You present us with a prophet  
whose faith is firm.  
As the light of her lantern brought hope  
into the lives made wretched  
by poverty and oppression,  
so may she inspire us  
to compassionate action  
for those in need around us.



<https://www.nanonagletrust.com>

In Week 8 we are holding a non-uniform day to fundraise for the Nano-nagle Charitable Trust.

## 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)

## 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.

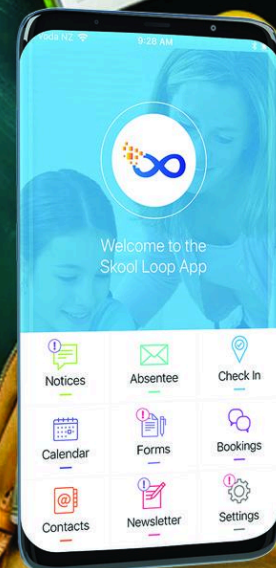
Ngā manaakitanga,

Catkin Bartlett  
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