



# 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>Alan's quote of the week:</b></p> <p>Life doesn't have to be perfect to be wonderful!</p> <p>Annette Funicello</p>
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 o te wā ki a koutou.

Our Years 5 and 6 students have been away this week on camp in Dunedin with Mrs Gale and Mrs Dickson. Huge thanks to Belinda and Ros for organising the camp and to Ros and Lisa for committing to spending the week with our tamariki. Thanks too of course to our wonderful parent helpers attending this camp - Nat Perks, Dan Childs, Greer Ell-Hookey, Belen Chandler, Gavin Bartlett and Orlagh Allcorn. We are blessed to have such generous support to be able to do this kind of thing. There is something really special about taking students away on camp, and it's been great seeing the camp unfold thanks to the photo updates on our school Facebook page.

As you know, Emma Sullivan is preparing for the birth of her second child and will be away from school on parental leave for Terms 1 and 2 next year. Emma is going to be away from school for the rest of this year on the advice of her midwife. We wish Emma all the very best in the coming weeks and look forward to meeting her new baby early in the new year. Please continue to hold Emma and Chris and Corbin and 'Baby' in your prayers.

Congratulations and good luck to our students who will receive their First Holy Communion this Sunday. Special thanks to Emma Sullivan who has helped to prepare our students and has worked with whānau to get ready for this, the final Sacrament in the Sacramental programme - these students have already received the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Penance) and Confirmation this year.

After today there are only 18 school days left this year! We are racing towards the end of another busy year at school! Please keep an eye and an ear out over the next few weeks for all the various end of year celebrations and events - there's lots going on and lots to celebrate! As we move closer to the end of the year, our children will respond to the pace and the pressures in a variety of different ways. Please remember to chat with your child's classroom teacher if you have any concerns or questions or if you've noticed anything you'd like to share or discuss.

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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## 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!

## PB4L FOCUS

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

### **“Showing Appropriate Behaviour in Church”**

We expect that students will:

- Wait patiently in line without touching or talking to others (inside and outside).
- Walk up the stairs into the Church quietly.
- Genuflect before sitting quietly (without touching or talking to others).
- Participate in prayer and singing.
- Use appropriate applause at the right time.
- Genuflect before leaving the Church.
- Walk down the stairs without swinging under the rail.

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!

## CONGRATULATIONS

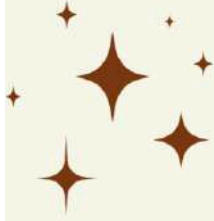


## NUT FREE SCHOOL REMINDER

Remember please that we are a nut-free school. Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. For some with a nut allergy it is not just eating the nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties).

**We cannot have nuts in school in any form.** For example, peanut butter sandwiches, chocolate spreads, cereal bars, cakes/biscuits that contain nuts, anything containing satay, sauces containing nuts.

Please check the packaging of all products before giving them to your child to bring to school. We appreciate that this is an additional thing to check, but we know you understand the importance of it. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

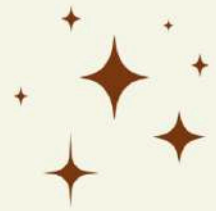


# MOA MARKET

**NOVEMBER 26  
TUESDAY**

**1PM OUTSIDE THE  
LIBRARY**

**BRING COINS TO SPEND**





PHOTOS FROM YEAR 7 AND 8 CAMP



### The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On this Feast of the Presentation of Mary in the Temple by Joachim and Anne. They, of course, are the grandparents of Jesus. Jesus was also presented in the Temple.

This is also the Feast Day for St Peter Chanel School in Green Island. It is a school that has Nano Nagle, the founder of the Presentation Sisters.



#### 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.

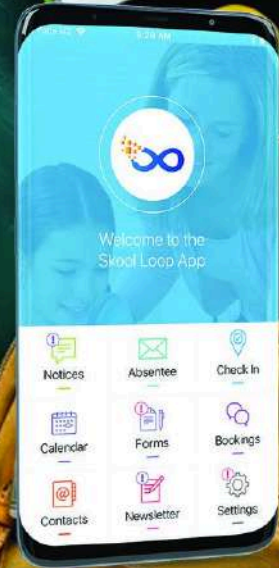
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