



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 | | | 5 June 2026 | Week 7 | Term 2 |
|---------------------------|--------------|--|--|--------|--------|
| Calendar of Events | | | | | |
| Monday | 8 June | Pīwakawaka School Karakia | <p>Alan's quote of the week:</p> <p>"Each generation inherits the task of shaping its own era, of guiding history to become a place where the dignity of every person is safeguarded, justice is promoted and fraternity is made possible."</p> <p>Pope Leo XIV <i>(Magnifica Humanitas, 2026)</i></p> | | |
| Monday | 15 June | Ruru School Karakia | | | |
| Tuesday | 16 June | Reconciliation 3:30pm - 4pm | | | |
| 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 | | | |
| Friday | 31 July | Non Uniform Day for Kiwi Harvest (Details to come) | | | |
| 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 | | | |
| Sunday | 30 August | Confirmation | | | |
| Friday | 25 September | Last Day of Term 3 | | | |
| Monday | 12 October | First Day of Term | | | |
| Thursday | 17 December | Last Day of Term 4 | | | |

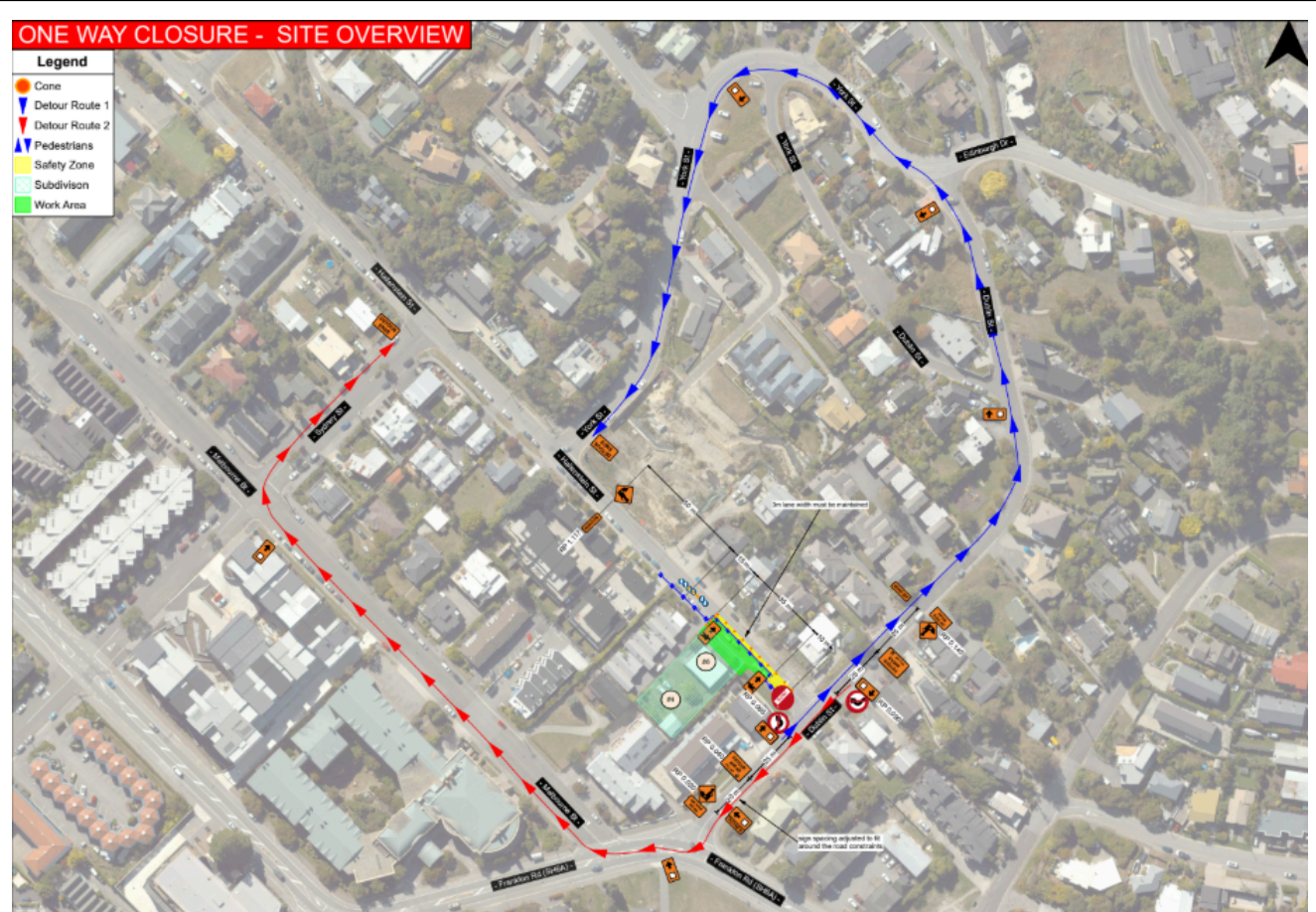
ADDITIONAL DATES - SCHOOL CALENDAR

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@stjosephsq.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.

ONE WAY CLOSURE/DETOUR EFFECTIVE MONDAY 8 JUNE



A one way detour will be put in place for site clearing works at 6 Hallenstein Street, commencing Monday 8th June. This closure will be in place for approximately 2 weeks. We apologise for any inconvenience caused but this is beyond our control.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

I would like to provide you with a bit of an update on things that are keeping our teaching staff busy at the moment.

As you know, the New Zealand Curriculum is being refreshed, and we are currently teaching from the refreshed English curriculum and the refreshed Mathematics and Statistics curriculum, and from the 2007 New Zealand Curriculum for the other 6 learning areas. In the refreshed curriculum, the way that curriculum content is organised is very different from the 2007 curriculum, as is the content itself and the way that it is expected to be taught. Our teachers are working very hard to understand the new curriculum and the new expectations and to deliver an engaging learning program which meets the needs of our learners. The other areas of the New Zealand Curriculum (2007) are continuing to be delivered while the Ministry of Education work continues on refreshing them. The next refreshed learning areas (Science and Social Sciences) are required to be taught from 2027, and the remaining 4 areas from 2029. It's important to note that we do not yet have the Science and Social Sciences curriculum content - the MOE has said it will be available in mid-2026. Aside from the content itself, the curriculum refresh requires that all teachers use "Structured Literacy Approaches" in all classrooms. Our staff are working to develop a deep understanding of Structured Literacy Approaches and to employ those approaches in our classrooms across all curriculum areas.

The Ministry of Education has also introduced a range of new expectations for reporting and have asked that schools begin to engage with these expectations from 2026. We have developed a new written report format for our school and are introducing some of those "common components" from the MOE. Schools are required to report to parents twice per year in plain language on progress and achievement across the curriculum. At our kura, students will receive "anniversary reports" after every 20 weeks at school until the end of Year 2, and then will receive a mid-year and end-of-year report from Year 3 till Year 8. Teachers are in the thick of writing reports at the moment and we're hoping that you will enjoy reading them. Next week I expect to be able to share a guide to our new report format with information which will help you to make sense of it.

And in amongst all of that, our teachers are continuing to work really hard to provide rich learning experiences for our tamariki, making sure that learning is fun and engaging and stimulating! In addition to the fundamental learning in Religious Education and English and Maths, we are committed to continuing to provide awesome learning activities in art and science and health and PE, and to providing amazing learning experiences outside the classroom too including ice skating and snowsports and water safety.

We are blessed with a talented and dedicated teaching staff!

Have a lovely weekend everyone! Good luck to everyone who is involved in winter sports this weekend - have fun! Remember to look out for the All Whites at the football world cup in the coming weeks - including their warm up friendly this Sunday against England!

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:

‘Move around the school safely and sensibly’

We expect that students will:

- walk in our school sensibly and safely, facing forward.
- walk on the left hand side when in the hallway, on the inside stairs and on the stairs by the sandpit.
- open doors carefully and wait patiently if other people are walking through.
- use inside voices and quiet feet when moving around in classrooms and hallways.
- use the correct route to their classrooms.
- return to class quickly after breaks or when going to the toilet.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS WEEK’S GOTCHA WINNERS!



FROM OUR MEDIA LEADER ... SIENNA CHILDS

This week was a short week with King's birthday holiday on Monday.

On Tuesday, those students who qualified in Swimming Sports went to the Wakatipu Schools Swimming Champs. Those who went had a lot of fun and did quite well.

The Year 7s and 8s did Hard Tech and Science again on Wednesday. Some people actually got to finish and take home their container project from Hard Tech. In science, students learnt about Chromatography - and used it to solve a crime!

On Thursday, the school was visited by a teacher and a Year 12 student from Wakatipu High School. They talked to the Year 8s about going to high school and answered some questions from the students.

The junior students have still been doing ice skating and learning more skills to help them.

This afternoon the school has Whānau Group games. The four Whānau groups will go through rotations, each led by different Whānau leaders.

LOST AND FOUND ... SCHOOL POLAR FLEECEES

We have a collection of school uniform polar fleeces that are named but the names are illegible, so we cannot return them to the rightful owners.

If your child has lost their school polar fleece, please call into the school office and have a look.

CONGRATULATIONS



Beau was named Player of the Day for the Year 6 Wolves Rugby team last weekend.



Congratulations Zuri. Zuri received the player of the day award for the Anacondas netball team.

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

The "Three Gates" of Speech


In our busy lives, words fly fast. Between rushing in the morning, organising dinner, and managing after school activities, it's incredibly easy for impatient, or grumpy words to slip out before we even realize we've spoken them. Pope Francis often reminded families that three simple phrases can change the entire dynamic of a home: *"Please," "Thank you,"* and *"Sorry."*

To help our kids put this into practice, there is a beautiful old Christian tradition that imagines our mouth as having **Three Gates**. Before any sentence leaves our mouth, it has to pass a security check at all three gates. If it fails even one, the gate drops, and the words stay inside!

The Three Gates Challenge: Next time a disagreement breaks out over a toy, a game, or the last biscuit, challenge the kids to run their words through the three security guards:

1. **Gate 1: Is it TRUE?**
2. **Gate 2: Is it NECESSARY?**
3. **Gate 3: Is it KIND?** (Would I want someone to say this to me in that tone of voice?)

PRAYING
Teaspoon (tsp) Prayer



Thank you What can you thank God for today?

Sorry What do you want to confess or say sorry for? What makes you sad about the way humans treat each other and our world?

Please What do you want God to do for you, other people, your community, or our world?

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

SCHOOLDocs - OUR ONLINE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES SPACE

SchoolDocs is an online policy platform for schools in Aotearoa. Our school works with SchoolDocs to provide a website for maintaining, updating, and reviewing our school policies. Our SchoolDocs site contains policies that are specific to our school and can be accessed by the whole school community. SchoolDocs updates policies in response to changes in legislation and Ministry guidelines, reviews/requests from schools, and regular research from the SchoolDocs team. Our school board has the opportunity to view changes/additions and comment on them before they are implemented. We will advise you when policies are up for review and how you can take part in the review.

We invite you to visit the site at <https://stjosephsqt.schooldocs.co.nz> (note that there's no "www."). Our **username** is **stjosephsqt** and **password** is **veritas**.

Related policies are grouped together on SchoolDocs, with links to supporting information and resources.

- To find a policy, type a keyword into the search bar, or browse the site using the table of contents. Click the black arrows to open each section.
- Search for Quick links for staff and Quick links for parents and whānau, which provide links to useful policy information.
- For more information about using SchoolDocs, see the Help tab at the top of your SchoolDocs site.

Reviews and feedback

Start your review

All SchoolDocs schools follow a 3-year review cycle to keep policies up to date. For review information each term, see **Current Review** at the top of the site.

- You can provide **content feedback** to suggest changes to improve the content of a policy.
- You can provide **implementation feedback** about how the policy is implemented at your school.



If you find information that's incorrect during a review (e.g. location of first aid supplies), **do not** submit this through the review tool. Let the principal or board know that it needs to be updated.



If you'd like to comment on a policy that's not under review, you can use the **feedback button** to send an email to your school. This feedback is not sent to the SchoolDocs team.

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.

PTA PULSE

A huge thank you from the PTA to everyone who helped make this year's **Book Fair** such a huge success. From selling raffle tickets and donating prizes, to baking, setting up, packing down, helping on stalls, and supporting in countless other ways - we are incredibly grateful for the generosity and energy of our amazing school community.

We were chuffed to see so many families there on Mother's Day, enjoying the atmosphere and supporting the event. It truly was a special day and a wonderful reflection of our school community spirit.

We are still working through the final numbers and look forward to sharing the fundraising total with you soon. In the meantime, thank you for helping us continue to support the school's requests for camps and classroom support, ensuring our tamariki benefit from these valuable opportunities.

A special shout out and big aroha to our fellow PTA members - you deserve a huge pat on the back. So much work goes on behind the scenes to make events like this happen, and we are incredibly proud of what we achieve together.

Ngā mihi,

Rebeca & Juliana

Co-Chairs, St Joseph's PTA



We would like to thank the following for their generosity

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★ 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 ★

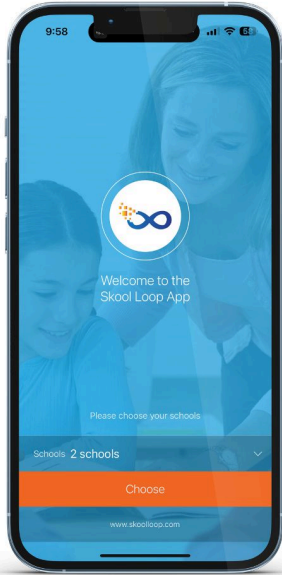
★ The Gut Clinic ★ The Outpost ★ The Remarkable Cookie ★ The Tan Lab ★ The Warehouse ★

★ 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 ★

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

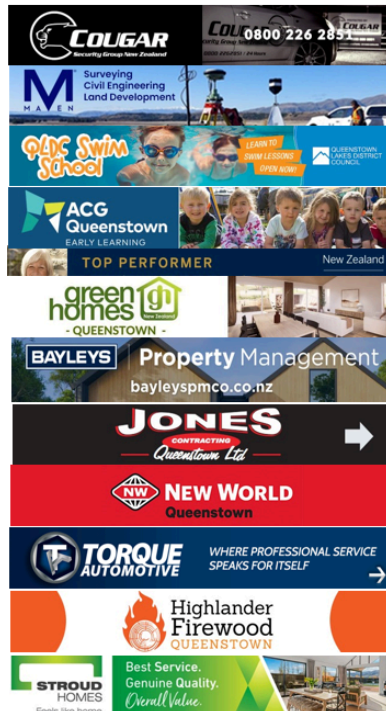
1. Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
2. Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
3. Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side. You can select as many schools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

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