



# 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 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

24 November 2023 Week 7

Term 4

Calendar of Events			<b>Principal's quote of the week:</b>  "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."  Jeremiah 29:11
Sunday	26 November	First Holy Communion, 9am Mass	
Monday	27 November	Hoiho Class School Prayers	
Tuesday	28 November	Board Meeting 5:15pm	
Thursday	30 November	Moa Market Day	
Monday	4 December	Ruru Class School Prayers	
Monday	4 December	School EOTC Week	
Thursday	7 December	There will be no Sushi Available Today	
Monday	11 December	End of Year Mass	
Thursday	14 December	Last day for Ordering Lunches for 2023	
Thursday	14 December	Graduation and Prize Giving 5pm	
Thursday	14 December	Whānau Picnic and BBQ 6pm	
Friday	15 December	Junior Nativity Play 2pm	
Tuesday	19 December	Last day of School for 2023 <b>(12pm finish)</b>	
Wednesday	31 January	First Day of Term 1 for 2024	
Thursday	8 February	Ezlunch Orders will Resume for 2024	



## Sleeps til Santa ..... 30



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

Kia ora whānau. Ngā mihi o te wā ki a koutou kātoa.

We regularly have visitors to our school for a wide range of reasons, and consistently I am told how wonderful our school is. People speak of the warm and welcoming feeling they experience here, of the positive learning focus in our classrooms, of the kindness they see and hear and feel, of the joy and laughter they hear as they move around the school. It's great to take a fresh look from time to time at our 'normal' and to see it through new eyes. Often the richest treasure is hidden in plain sight. I'm reminded of this story that I heard for the first time a few years ago:

*In 1957 an entire Monastery in Thailand was being relocated by a group of monks. One day they were moving a giant clay Buddha when one of the monks noticed a large crack in the clay. On closer investigation he saw there was a golden light emanating from the crack. The monk used a hammer and a chisel to chip away at the clay exterior until he revealed that the statue was in fact, made of solid gold.*

*Historians believe the Buddha had been covered with clay by Thai monks several hundred years earlier to protect it from an attack by the Burmese army.*

In the busy-ness of our everyday, it's easy to lose sight of the gold and to become distracted by the clay of the hustle and bustle and the ordinary. Let's take time to remember to see the gold.

Our week started with a beautiful karakia led by Piwakawaka class. The students reminded us in words and song and pictures that we are all beautifully made in the image and likeness of God (cf. Genesis 1:27). Our youngest students then shared with us some of the reasons why they are wonderful. What a fantastic invitation we were given - to spend time reflecting on what it is that makes us the wonderful people we are.

As we prepare for the end of year celebrations I would like to invite all of you to join us on Thursday 14 December for the Graduation and Prize Giving from 5pm in St Joseph's Church and our Whānau Picnic and BBQ from 6pm in the school grounds. The Graduation and Prize Giving focuses mostly on our Year 8 students, celebrating their time at St Joseph's School and their contribution to our community. ALL ARE WELCOME! This is a community celebration. At the conclusion of the Graduation and Prize Giving we will gather in the school grounds for a Whānau Picnic and BBQ - an opportunity for families from throughout the school to have fun together celebrating the end of the school year. ALL ARE WELCOME! Both of these events are WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS for all who belong to our school community. Please join us!

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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## EOTC WEEK ... 4-8 DECEMBER

We are all looking forward to an exciting week of learning activities outside the classroom coming up in Week 9 (4-8 December). This week you will receive a letter home with more details about what this week will look like for your child. Please read it carefully and ensure that you have all the required gear organised. We cannot run this week successfully without the support of parent helpers, please let us know as soon as possible if you are available to help. We would appreciate any adults, grandparents, aunts and uncles etc. The costs for the week have been finalised and will be charged to your school account. We would appreciate this being paid before the end of term. The costs are: Year 0-4 students \$15, Year 5-6 students \$45 and Year 7-8 students \$55. Thank you for your support.

Our Positive Behaviour for Learning focus again next week will be:

### **‘Return to Class Quickly’**

We expect that students will:

- Return to class quickly and sensibly after going to the toilet.
- Return to class quickly and sensibly when the bell rings at the end of a break time.
- Return directly to class without distraction.
- Use break times to go to the toilet, have a drink, and fill up drink bottles.

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**





## ENROLMENTS FOR 2024

At this time of the year lots of energy goes into planning for the new school year, 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 2024 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.

The numbers at this stage show that we will start 2024 with more students enrolled than we had at the beginning of 2023. 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 2024!

## 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>

## JUNIOR ASSEMBLY ..... LAST WEEK'S AWARD WINNERS





## CAMP COLUMBA

Last week on Tuesday the Years 5 and 6 students went to Camp Columba near Gore. They did a lot of fun activities like kayaking, abseiling, rock climbing, archery, raft building and orienteering. They learnt that the outdoors is very fun and you can do lots of things. They would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who came to camp and an especially big one to Miss MacColl and Mrs Healy who organised everything. The weather was fine except for the last day when it was very rainy and slippery. Some children got hurt, (but not badly) but they quickly recovered, still being able to do all of the fun activities. Camp Columba is a fun place to go in the holidays, and you will enjoy it so much like the Years 5 and 6 enjoyed it.

By Poppy Bartlett and Raquel Barbosa



## MEDIA LEADER

This week was very relaxed with a teacher only day on Monday and a non uniform day on Tuesday. Our non uniform day was a fundraiser for the Nano Nagle Charitable Trust, a trust to help families in Catholic schools. We raised \$181.10. Next week some students are going to an orienteering competition in Alexandra, and on Thursday afternoon they went to a training course to get used to what it would be like on the day, and it was very helpful!

## CONGRATULATIONS



Lottie and Harper-Rose Reid attended a gymnastics competition last weekend. Both girls came away with a number of awards! Well done girls.

Lucas won athlete of the week at Remarkable Runners and also got 3 personal best records. Well done Lucas.

# BREAKING NEWS

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# MOA MARKET DAY

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Baking and toys for sale.

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EVERYTHING FROM \$1 TO \$2  
This Thursday  
In Front of the  
School Library

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Fundraising for 2024  
Year 7/8  
Wellington Camp

## DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIMES

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.

## PTA ... END OF YEAR CATCH UP

Each year we like to have a catch up prior to Christmas. This is a great opportunity for parents to get to know each other and to finish off the year.

Please see the details below.

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec

7pm onwards

Surreal Rooftop bar.

All parents are welcome.

Nothing super formal, come and grab a snack, a soft drink, a beer. Whatever suits you. They have set aside an area for us. They also will have live music playing on the night.

Also wanting to remind those parents that are not yet on our Parents of St Joe's Queenstown Facebook page. This is a great way for us to communicate and update anything that is happening at the school or any questions (eg. Updates on fundraisers, what are the kids up to, and reminders for special days) Please see the link below.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/349254293172066/>

## 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](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

Board Presiding Member

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## 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](http://www.ezlunch.co.nz)

[www.mykindo.co.nz](http://www.mykindo.co.nz)



## CATHOLIC CHARACTER

### World Youth Day

This year World Youth Day is on Sunday the 26th of November. World Youth Day is celebrated in many countries around the world on different dates, however, there is also a global event, known as World Youth Day. World Youth Day 2023 gathering was held in Lisbon from the 1st to the 6th of August and is a recurring Catholic festival held every three years.



The World Youth Day observance was established by Pope John Paul II in 1985; it was originally celebrated on Palm Sunday, but in late 2020, Pope Francis moved it to the Sunday of the Feast of Christ the King.

*Dear Lord,*

*Give us the grace and courage to step forward in faith and hope on the road ahead. Open our eyes to see your face in all those we encounter. Open our ears to hear your voice in those who are often ignored. Open our hearts that we might be faithful disciples of mercy and truth.*

*Amen*

## PARISH INFORMATION

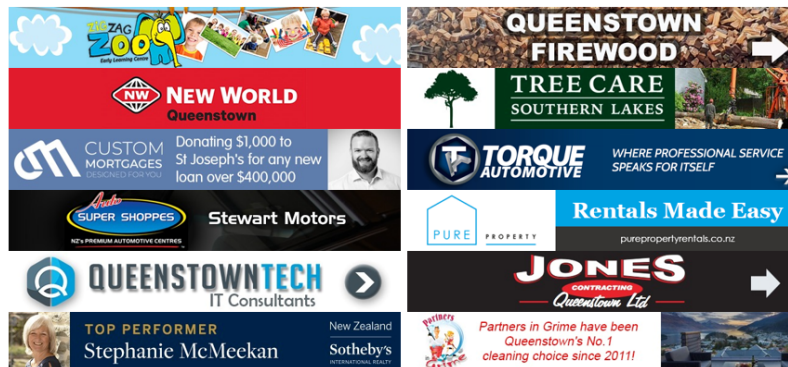


Queenstown	Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm, Sunday 9 am. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday ~ 7 pm, Filipino Mass. 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday ~ 7 pm, Portuguese Mass
Arrowtown	1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , and 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays: 11 am Mass 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays: 11 am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Check out the latest Parish news on-line:  
[www.stjosephsqueenstown.co.nz](http://www.stjosephsqueenstown.co.nz)

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