



# 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

Click here for - [Website](#) - [Facebook Page](#) - [Calendar of Events](#) - [School Uniform Order](#)

Newsletter			12 June 2026	Week 8	Term 2
Calendar of Events			<b>Karen's quote of the week:</b>  Life was much easier when apple and blackberry were just fruits  unknown		
Monday	15 June	Ruru School Karakia			
Tuesday	16 June	Reconciliation 3:30pm - 4pm			
Monday	22 June	Hoiho School Karakia			
Monday	29 June	Tūi 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	Caritas YCC Non Uniform Day			
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			
Monday	3 August	Teacher Only Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>			
Friday	28 August	Teacher Only Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>			
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@stjosephsqt.school.nz](mailto: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.

## WELCOME

We have recently had Evelyn Bolt start in Pīwakawaka Class and we also welcome back Evelyn and Ethan Roy.

## GOOD LUCK TO OUR LIT QUIZ TEAM

We would like to wish our Kids' Lit Quiz team (Jacob, Sienna, Panda and Emelia) the very best of luck for tomorrow's National Final in Wellington!

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Earlier today I emailed to all families a document which explains the changes we've recently made to our written report format. Our teachers are currently preparing mid-year reports for all students in Years 3-8 and a number of anniversary reports for students in Years 0-2 (in these years we provide written reports after every 20 weeks at school). Please have a read through the guide and look at the sample reports provided. The Years 3-8 mid-year written reports will be emailed home on Friday 26 June.

Please remember in your prayers all of the families in our community who are in need at the moment, asking God's grace and loving touch in a special way in the coming weeks.

Have a lovely weekend whānau! Kia pai tō rā whakatā! Good luck to everyone involved in sport over the weekend! See if you can catch a match from the FIFA Football World Cup which kicked off this morning - go the All Whites!!

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](mailto:principal@stjosephsqt.school.nz)

## CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS

While we strive to always be our best, sometimes things don't go to plan and you, our parents and caregivers, may wish to talk with someone at school to share your concerns in relation to a particular aspect of life here at St Joseph's. In the first instance, where you are concerned about something relating to a classroom matter or a specific member of staff, you should arrange a suitable time to meet with the classroom teacher or that staff member to share your concern and allow the staff member to respond.

For more information and to see the Board's full concerns and complaints process, please head to our school website. The concerns and complaints process is included under the "[Communication](#)" heading as an attachment.

Our work in partnership (home and school) should always be oriented towards excellent outcomes for our tamariki, particularly in learning and wellbeing.

Our Positive Behaviour for Learning focus again next week 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.

GOTCHA WINNERS



## SCHOOL PHOTOS

You should have received an email from Photolife with a unique code to view and order your child's photos. If you do not have an email from them, contact the school office as Karen has a copy of your code (please check your junk, spam or promotions folders first). The delivery will be free if your order is placed before midnight on Sunday 21st June.

## FROM OUR MEDIA LEADER ... SIENNA CHILDS

Another week means another day of Hard Tech and Science for the Year 7s and 8s. This week in Hard Tech, students who'd finished their first project started making their own spinning tops. In Science, the Year 7s and 8s looked at if a candle loses or gains weight as it burns, what makes a candle go out, and what a flame actually is.

Four students have been getting ready to go to Wellington on the weekend to compete in the National Final of the Kids Lit Quiz. They will represent the school there. The students are Emelia Shaw, Jacob Armstrong, Panda Morgan, and Sienna Childs. All of them are very excited to go. The Senior School has started doing PE rotations on some afternoons. They've been learning skills related to hockey, netball and tennis.

## FROZEN COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Year 7 and 8 students as they fundraise for Wellington Camp. Delivery day is THURSDAY 18 JUNE from the school library between 2:30-3:30pm. All Year 7/8 families will need to come and collect their frozen cookie dough to deliver to the people they have sold to. We still have 14 extra packets of frozen cookie dough available to purchase (Choc chip x3, White choc cranberry x2 Triple choc x8 and gingerdoodle x1). Please contact Alice, Megan or Karen if you are interested. They are being sold at the special price of \$10 each!



**CHOCOLATE CHIP**



**WHITE CHOC  
CRANBERRY**



**TRIPLE CHOC**



**GINGERDOODLE**

## 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



Congratulations to Arka and Ava. Both received the player of the day award for their netball team on the weekend.



Congratulations to Reagan. She received the player of the day award for her netball team on the weekend.



The Year 5 and 6 Girls' (with a special Year 4 addition!) were awarded the spirit award at the recent Wakatipu Ripa Rugby Competition. This was fantastic to see as the girls joined forces with other girls from Kingsview and Glenorchy Schools

# 2026 Kiwi Spelling Bee



Online competition for  
Primary and Intermediate  
students (Years 5-8)



**Includes:**

**Spelling**

**Vocabulary**

**Grammar**

Designed by NZ teachers for students  
based on NZ curriculum.

The competition will run from  
31<sup>st</sup> August – 18<sup>th</sup> September 2026.

[www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam)



Classification: In-Confidence

**Entries due by 4 August. Please see your child's classroom teacher or Karen in the office for an entry form. Cash only for the entry fee please.**

# 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)

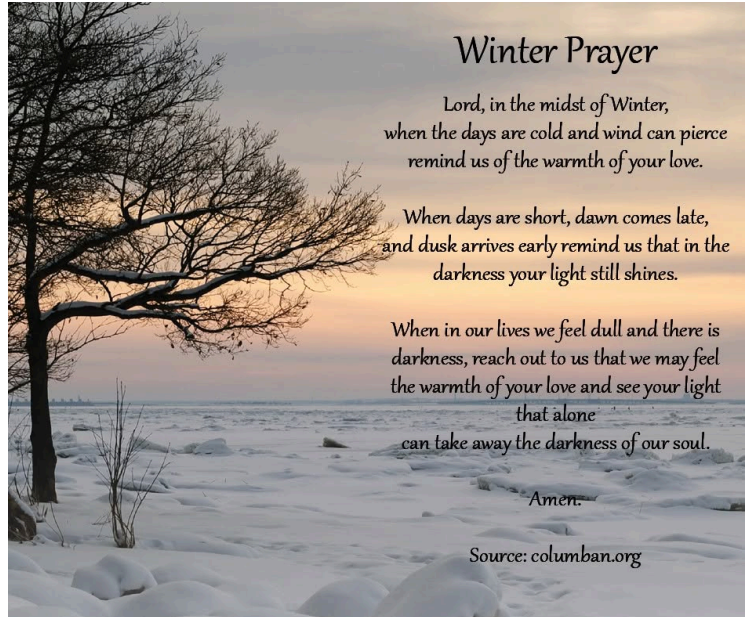
TO BOOK YOUR TICKET EMAIL GEMMA MURRY AT [gem\\_miller1983@hotmail.com](mailto:gem_miller1983@hotmail.com)

## ❄️ Winter: God's Invitation to Slow Down

When winter arrives, it's easy to complain about the icy car windscreens, the muddy sports fields, and the endless layers of washing. But in the grand design of God's creation, winter serves a beautiful purpose.

In the Book of Ecclesiastes, we are reminded that *"For everything there is a season... a time to gather, and a time to rest."*

Winter is nature's Sabbath. God commands the trees to drop their leaves, the seeds to sleep in the soil, and the animals to rest. It is a divine invitation for us to stop rushing, pull our families a little closer, and embrace the coziness of home.



## 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)

## 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.

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](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.
2. You can email the Board ([board@stjosephsqt.school.nz](mailto: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.

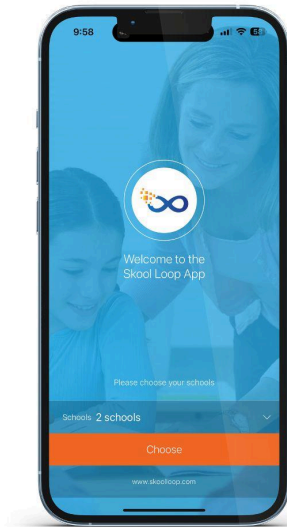
A special shout out and big aroha to our fellow PTA members - you deserve a huge pat on the back. So much work goes on behind the scenes to make events like this happen, and we are incredibly proud of what we achieve together.

Ngā mihi,

**Rebeca & Juliana**

Co-Chairs, St Joseph's PTA

## 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

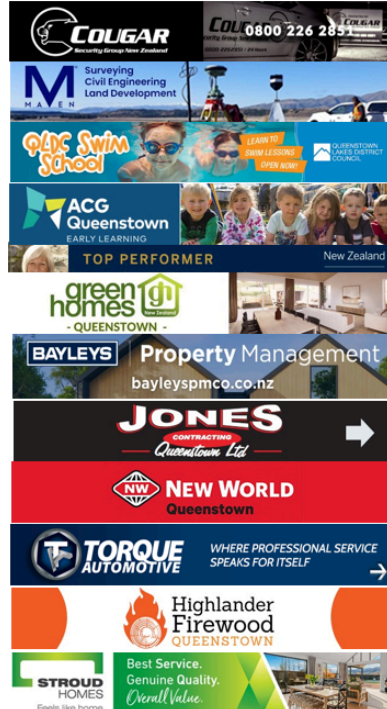
1. Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
2. Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
3. Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side. You can select as many schools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