



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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Newsletter 6 December 2024 Week 8 Term 4

Calendar of Events		
Monday	9 December	Ruru Class Prayers
Tuesday	10 December	Whole School Fun Day
Friday	13 December	Junior Nativity 2PM
Monday	16 December	Year 8 Graduation
Wednesday	18 December	Last day of School for 2024 12pm Finish
Friday	7 February	First Day of Term 1 2025
Friday	11 April	Last Day of Term 1 2025
Monday	28 April	First Day Term 2 2025

Alan's quote of the week:

You have brains in your head, you have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose.

Dr Seuss

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 e te whānau. Ngā mihi o te Aweneti ki a koutou. Advent greetings to you all.

We started our week sharing karakia, and Hoiho chose to focus this week on Advent. The students from Hoiho shared with us some information about Advent, telling us that this was the first week of Advent. The students told us that Advent is a time to make preparations for the birth of Jesus, to get our hearts ready to welcome Jesus again at Christmas. One of the ways that we can prepare for the coming of Jesus is to be the Good News that Jesus proclaimed during his life on Earth - bringing the Reign of God in Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Showing kindness and being joyful are both great ways to prepare for Christmas.

The rest of my message is just a repeat of last week's message, drawing your attention to some special celebrations in the next 10 days or so. Please have another look through and plan to join us whenever you can. Lots of this information was also captured in a letter that was sent home earlier this week. Remember that **children will need to be collected at 12pm on the last day of school.**

You are all warmly invited to join us for the following celebrations:

- we will gather to celebrate our **End of Year Mass** together on Monday 16 December starting at 9:30am in the church, and during this Mass we will announce our Ākonga Ranagtira for 2025;
- we will gather as a school community for the **Graduation and Prize Giving** for our Year 8 students on the evening of Monday 16 December at 5pm in the church, a whole school celebration focused on our graduating students for 2024, **followed by a whānau picnic and BBQ** in the school grounds;
- we will gather to celebrate the **Nativity** story, our Christmas story, on Friday 13 December starting at 2pm in the church.

Of course you are also all welcome to join us for the Year 8 Speeches on Monday 12 December at 5pm if you wish. All of these are really special opportunities to come together as a community and celebrate another fabulous year at St Joseph's School. Please check in with your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions.

And we're down to only 8 school days left after today! Remember that students are welcome to wear Christmas-themed clothes on the last day of school, Wednesday 18 December.

Thanks whānau. 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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ENROLMENTS FOR 2025 - STARTING OR LEAVING OUR KURA?

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

1. **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).**
2. 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);
3. 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;

SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS AND SCHOOL READERS - AMNESTY!

Thanks for your returns. Please do send back any other school resources you have at home.

HEADING AWAY EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS?

We've been surprised in the last few weeks to learn that lots of our children are finishing school early this year and will not be at school for the last few days or weeks. If you are planning to get a headstart on the Christmas holidays, please email Karen and your child's classroom teacher well in advance with confirmation of your child's last day at school.

The end of the year is a very special time at school and we want to make sure that we don't miss out on an opportunity to farewell each child (and to send home all those wonderful treasures that need to go home). Absenteeism is impactful, for the teachers and for the other students.

Please help us by sharing information with us as early as possible. Thanks again for your support.

CHRISTMAS SHOWS!

A number of our students are working really hard outside of school at the moment preparing for Christmas Shows. Come along and support our students and indulge in some Christmas fun!



PB4L FOCUS

Our Positive Behaviour for Learning focus again next week 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



CONGRATULATIONS



Harper-Rose has been awarded the title of Gymnast of the Year! Outstanding dedication, positive attitude, leadership attributes & role model inspiration to others. Congratulations Harper-Rose.

Miguel Castelano Mezencio has won his first jiu-jitsu competition over the weekend: Miguel's award is for King of the South 7 BJJ Festival/Queenstown. Well done Miguel.



Indigo Cox participated in a swim meet and in the Under 11 year division, won 3x gold medals first in 25M free, 25M butterfly and 25M backstroke and a silver in 200M breaststroke. She has also qualified for 8x races in the long course championships in Dunedin in two weeks time where all swim clubs from the South Island will attend. Good luck Indigo!



Look at our award winners from the Junior school!
Congratulations to all of you.

CATHOLIC CHARACTER

Second week of Advent: Peace

The Jesse Tree

A popular tradition during the Advent Season is the Jesse Tree. This tree, named for the father of David, is one that is decorated throughout the Advent Season with symbols of biblical people that are historically associated with or came before the birth of Jesus Christ. This can include people such as Abraham, Noah, and Moses, as well as Mary and Joseph. By decorating this tree, children can be reminded of historical biblical figures and can also be taught about the preparatory nature of the Advent Season.



PARISH INFORMATION



Queenstown

Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm, Sunday 9 am.
3rd Sunday ~ 7 pm, Filipino Mass.
4th Sunday ~ 7 pm, Portuguese Mass

Arrowtown

1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays: 11 am Mass
2nd 11 am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Check out the latest Parish news on-line:
www.stjosephsqueenstown.co.nz

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) or to the Board Secretary (office@stjosephsqt.school.nz). You can expect a response to your correspondence within five school days.

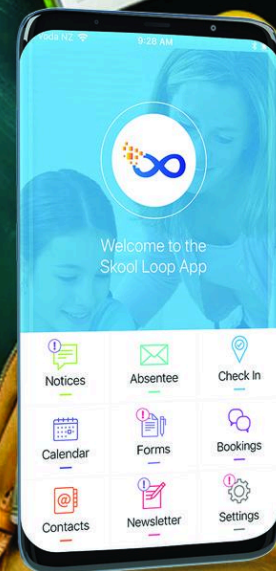
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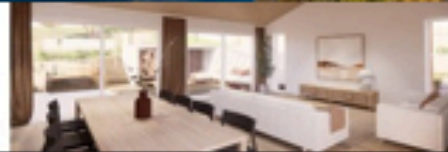


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