



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 19 June 2026 Week 9 Term 2

Calendar of Events			<p>Alan's quote of the week:</p> <p>"When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it."</p> <p>Henry Ford</p>
Monday	22 June	Hoiho School Karakia	
Tuesday	23 June	Board Meeting 5:15pm	
Monday	29 June	Tūi School Karakia	
Tuesday	30 June	Moa Market Day	
Tuesday	30 June	Sharing of Learning Afternoon (Details below)	
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 NO SCHOOL	
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@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.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

I've been reminded in recent weeks of the importance of working in partnership, home and school, for the best outcomes for our children. When we get that partnership right, we create the best environment for our children to flourish, enabling and empowering them to be the best versions of themselves. Maslow's hierarchy of needs reminds us that when we attend to our basic needs - our physical needs, our safety needs, our need for love and belonging, our need for self-esteem - then we reach self-actualisation, that space where we can truly flourish and be our best selves.

In John's Gospel (John 10:10), Jesus tells us that He has come that we might have life in abundance, life to the full - we might understand that to be the self-actualisation that Maslow speaks of, flourishing and being the best versions of ourselves.

We were led in karakia on Monday morning by Ruru class who shared with us the importance of a very precious gift we've each been given that we carry with us everywhere we go throughout our whole lives - our names. It was a beautiful prayer time, and we felt really privileged to hear some of the students share the stories of their own names. It was really special to hear students proudly saying their full names and teaching us about the significance of their names. Thank you to Emma and to the students of Ruru class. Atahua! Beautiful! There's a lovely karakia from Emma later in today's newsletter which repeats something that was shared at the end of our prayer time on Monday: we are each called to be the light of Christ in our world. Let's pray that we can use our light for good, to bring joy and peace to those around us.

On Tuesday 30 June we will have our first "Sharing our Learning" afternoon for this year from 2pm. This is a great chance for you to come in and see what your children have been learning about this term and for them to proudly share their work with you. These sharing opportunities are a real highlight of our reporting calendar and our students get very excited about sharing their learning. Please do come along. There's a little more information later in this newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend everyone. Go the All Whites! And the Black Caps! And the White Ferns! And go the mighty Scotland! So much to watch at the Fifa Football World Cup! And go the Anacondas, the Vipers, the Cobras, the Pythons and the Rattles (our school netball teams)!!

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

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.

PB4L FOCUS

Our Positive Behaviour for Learning focus for the last 2 weeks of Term 2 will be:

'Have reasons for the things you say and do'

We expect that students will:

- think before they speak or act.
- make strong decisions.
- know why they are saying what they're saying and doing what they're doing.
- have reasons for the things they say and do.
- give the reasons for the things they say and do when asked.
- choose to use kind hands, kind feet and kind words.

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



SHARING OUR LEARNING AFTERNOON - TUESDAY 30 JUNE

You are warmly invited to visit your children in their classrooms on Tuesday 30 June any time between 2pm and 3pm so that they can share with you their learning journey from this term. You are very welcome to take your children home with you once they have finished their sharing if that works for you. The Sharing our Learning afternoons are part of our reporting programme where children have opportunities to celebrate their learning with their families.

We're really looking forward to seeing lots of whānau at the Sharing our Learning afternoon on Tuesday 30 June! If you cannot come at this time, you are welcome to arrange a suitable time with your child's classroom teacher.

FROM OUR MEDIA LEADER ... SIENNA CHILDS

Over the weekend, four students went to Wellington to represent the school in the National Lit Quiz Final. There were 18 teams competing and our team came tied 11th, tying with another St Joes team (from Timaru). The competition was held in the National Library.

The team did very well and had a lot of fun.

On Tuesday, some students received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time as part of their Sacramental journey.

On Thursday, the Year 8s had a PALs meeting. PALs stands for Physical Activity Leader. The Year 8s went to a workshop day in Term one with PALs, and this was a follow up.

Thursday was also the day that the cookies for the Year 7s and 8s fundraiser for Wellington Camp arrived. We had some helpers to help sort them, then they were given to the students to deliver to everyone who bought cookies off them. The fundraiser did really well and we raised a lot of money to go towards Wellington Camp! Thank you to all the helpers!

The Senior School has also been continuing to have PE rotations on Thursday afternoons.

SENIOR SCHOOL ASSEMBLY



RECONCILIATION



CONGRATULATIONS



Ted received the player of the day award for his rugby team on the weekend.
Congratulations Ted.



Congratulations Ailbie, he received the Player of the day award for his footy team on the weekend in Cromwell.

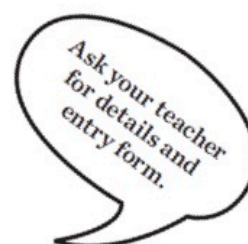


Lucas and Cassie attended the Neptune King's Birthday swim meet in Dunedin. Cassie swam amazingly and achieved her first medal, 3rd place for 25m backstroke.
Lucas got some great PB's and came first in all ten races he competed in for the 11 and under age group.
Well done Cassie and Lucas!

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
31st August – 18th September 2026.

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.

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.

The Winter Sky: A Blanket of Stars

There is something magical about our Otago winter skies. Because the nights are longer and the air is crisp, the stars look incredibly bright right now.

In the Book of Genesis, God takes Abraham outside into the dark night and says, *"Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them... So shall your offspring be."*

When life feels busy, overwhelming, or tightly scheduled, stepping outside into the cold for just two minutes to look at the vastness of the night sky is an instant reminder of how big God is, and how beautifully He looks after the details of our lives.



Creator God,

You light up the night sky with billions of beautiful stars, yet You know each of us by our names. Thank You for the quiet beauty of this winter night. As we go to sleep under the blanket of Your sky, wrap our family in Your protection. Warm our hearts with Your love, and help us to wake up tomorrow ready to shine brightly for You in our school and our community.

Amen.

PARISH INFORMATION



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.

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.

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.

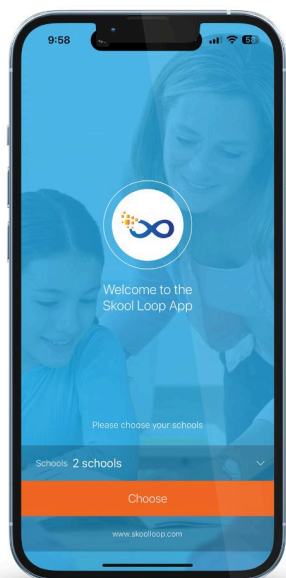
We are still working through the final numbers and look forward to sharing the fundraising total with you soon. In the meantime, thank you for helping us continue to support the school's requests for camps and classroom support, ensuring our tamariki benefit from these valuable opportunities.

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

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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

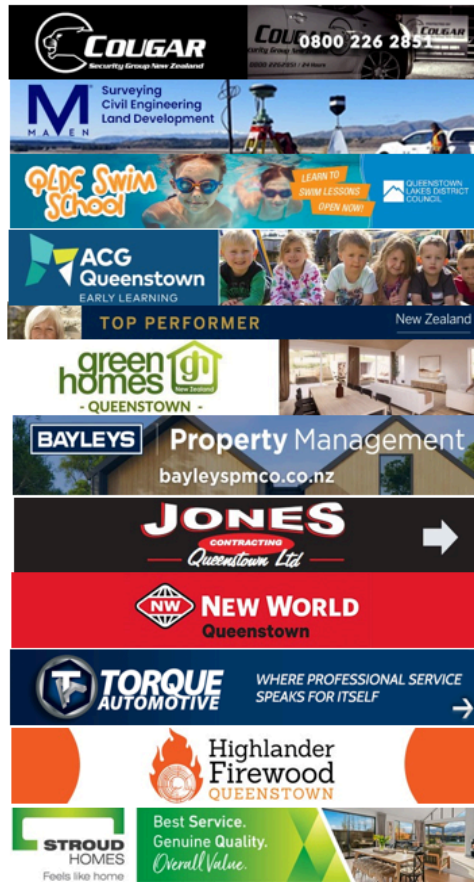
1. Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
2. Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
3. Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side. You can select as many schools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