



# ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL QUEENSTOWN

**Our Values**  
Walk in Truth  
and with Respect.

**Our Vision Statement**  
Creating confident learners, who, like  
Jesus, make a positive difference.

### 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

03 May 2024

Week 1

Term 2

Calendar of Events		
Saturday	4 May	Junior Netball starts
Monday	6 May	Welcome Mass
Wednesday	8 May	Book Character Dress up Day
Monday	13 May	Takahe Prayers
Tuesday	14 May	Board Meeting
Friday	17 May	Pink Shirt Day .. Details to come
Sunday	19 May	The School Book Fair
Monday	20 May	Ruru Prayers
Monday	27 May	Tui Prayers
Wednesday	29 May	School photos
Thursday	30 May	School photos
Friday	31 May	Teacher Only Day <b>No School</b>
Monday	3 June	King's Birthday <b>No School</b>
Monday	10 June	School Cross Country
Friday	21 June	Teacher Only Day <b>No School</b>
Tuesday	25 June	Wakatipu High School Enrolment & Open Evening
Friday	28 June	Matariki Holiday <b>No School</b>
Wednesday	18 December	Last day of School for 2024

### Karen's quote of the week:

The  
greatness of  
a man is not  
in how much  
wealth he  
acquires, but  
in his  
integrity and  
his ability to  
affect those  
around him  
positively.

Bob Marley

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

Kia ora te whānau! Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou! Warm greetings to you all!

I would like to begin by sharing my gratefulness for your support for the Teacher Only Days planned for this term, starting with our day today. The professional learning and development opportunities for staff are critical in ensuring we are consistently doing our best to meet the needs of our tamariki and to provide an environment which promotes holistic growth towards full potential and high expectations and aspirations in progress and achievement. Today's workshop, "Understanding Behaviour, Responding Safely" should give us opportunities to explore current effective practice in responding to challenging behaviours in such a way as to protect and enhance the mana and tapu of all concerned, prioritising the safety and wellbeing of all concerned.

I hope that you all had a lovely, joyful school holiday break. It's been great hearing holiday stories again. Your children have certainly made an enthusiastic start to the new term and it's great to see the school buzzing again as we begin Term 2.

There's no shortage of things going on at the moment for our school community so please keep your eyes and ears peeled for information - notices, newsletters, SkoolLoop and Facebook.

There are lots and lots of people making a positive difference at the moment as we make preparations for the School Book Fair! There is a lot of information in this newsletter about the Book Fair so please do take some time to read through - make sure you read the messages from Juliana and Rebeca in the "PTA Pulse" section later in the newsletter. It'd be great to have a beautiful sunny day and a huge crowd on Sunday 19 May at school - be there, and bring a friend! My sincere thanks to everyone who is working to ensure the success of this huge school fundraiser! Thank you! Thank you!

Please feel very welcome to reach out and make contact with me at any time - in person or by phone or email.

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)

## WELCOME

This week we welcomed Souleah and Zurielle Fuchs and their parents Sarah and Julian to our school. Soul joins Takahe Class and Zuri Piwakawaka Class.

## RAFFLE TICKETS FOR THE BOOK FAIR BACK BY 13TH MAY

Please return all book fair raffle tickets to school by Monday 13 May sold or unsold (preferably sold). Thank you.

## TEACHER-ONLY DAYS IN TERM 2

A letter was sent home late last term detailing the 3 teacher-only days which will be held in Term 2, the first of which of course is today. These are days where the school is closed.

As I noted in that letter, I understand how impactful it can be to close the school for a teacher-only day, and I understand too that having three teacher-only days in reasonably quick succession may prove challenging for some families. I hope that our work to spread these days throughout the term, and the early notification regarding these days, gives you enough time and space to be able to make the necessary arrangements. There may be opportunities to support one another across our school community so please do reach out to one another if you need support or are able to offer support. Be assured that our children are our first priority, and that these decisions are child-centred decisions, made in the interests of excellent outcomes for our tamariki, our taonga.

I am very grateful for the support that is consistently shown by our whānau here at St Joseph's Queenstown. Thank you again in anticipation of your support and understanding for the term ahead.

## ANNUAL SCHOOL BOOK FAIR - SUNDAY 19 MAY 2024

Please save the date and spread the word! Our annual School Book Fair (a huge community event and our major school fundraiser each year) will be held on Sunday 19 May this year and we will need lots of helpers.

Please consider helping out in one of the following ways in particular - sorting books on Thursday 16 May, setting up on Saturday 18 May, and staffing stalls on Sunday 19 May. We will require around 50 or 60 helpers in total in addition to the members of our school PTA and our staff and Moa class students!

More information to come, but in the meantime give thought to how you can help!

## PB4L FOCUS

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

### **“Understand personal space”**

We expect that students will:

- give each other personal space
- understand when you are too close to others and how this might make them feel.
- keep our bodies to ourselves

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



## ROAD SAFETY WEEK

Ahead of Road Safety Week (20-26 May 2024) I invite you to do something of a car safety stocktake. Think about what you do to make sure that your children are safe in your car. Here's some questions to consider:

1. Do you know the regulations, rules and recommendations from experts with regards to child restraints and child safety in vehicles?
2. Is your child seated in a car seat or booster seat appropriate for their age and size?
3. Is your child seated in the safest part of the car?
4. Do you wait until your child has securely fastened their seat belt before you start driving?
5. Does your child stay seated with their seatbelt securely fastened while you are driving?
6. Do you know "best practice" with regards to car safety and child restraints?
7. Do you talk with your child about car safety?

There's a lot of information available (and lots of thoughts and opinions too) about child restraints and car safety for children. If you'd like to know more, click on the links below:

[Waka Kotahi | NZ Transport Agency - Requirements for child restraints](#)

[Whānau Āwhina | Plunket - About car seats \(child restraints\)](#)

[AA - Vehicle safety for children](#)

[SitTight - NZ child restraint legislation](#)

## BOOK CHARACTER DAY

Wednesday, the 8th of May, is our Book Character Day. This is a day for students to dress as a book character and bring in some prizes for our upcoming Book Fair. There will be a parade and prizes for the best dressed, most effort and most original.

Please bring in a gourmet grocery item for our hamper and a scratchie ticket for the scratchie tree.

*We can't wait to see all the fabulous costumes!*



## ARTERIAL ROUTE ROAD WORKS - UPCOMING WORKS

Karen has emailed today an update from Kā Huanui a Tāhuna advising some upcoming works at the intersection of Sydney Street and Melbourne Street which will significantly impact our community. For approximately six (6) weeks starting on Monday 13 May, there will be changes to the way that we access the church car park and the lower part of the school. Parts of the Sydney Street and Melbourne Street intersection will be closed and Melbourne Street will only be accessible from one direction which will be different at different times. Please read the email carefully if you plan to access the school or church from Melbourne Street between 13 May and 24 June.

I am sorry to inform you too that the 'temporary' fencing on the convent lawn which was initially going to be removed in September/October 2023 will probably now remain in place until the end of this term.

Be assured that the School Board is advocating very strongly on behalf of the school community and is pleading that the perspective of the school community is considered.

## CONGRATULATIONS

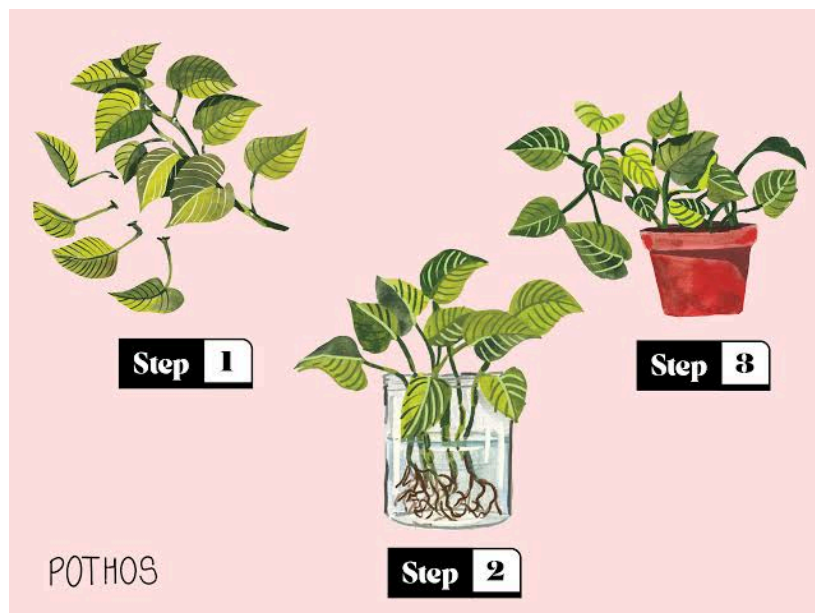


Congratulations to Robbie Apolosi who received the Player of the Day award for his Rippa game on the weekend. He scored 7 tries!

## PLANT CUTTINGS AND PLANTS FOR THE BOOK FAIR

If you have any healthy plants that you could please take cuttings of for the book fair, please start that now. Cut them then place in water to grow roots. These will be sold in pots decorated by the kids at the fair. Bring to school beginning of Term 2. If you have any plants to donate would be much appreciated too.

Thank you 🙏



## CATHOLIC CHARACTER

### ARBOR DAY NUMBER.



NEW ZEALAND.—EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

## The School Journal.

PART III.—FOR CLASSES V AND VI.

At least one copy of each Part should be filed in the school as a School Record.

Vol. X.—No. 6.] WELLINGTON. [JULY, 1916.



FOR BLUE OF STREAM AND BLUE OF SKY;  
FOR PLEASANT SHADE OF BRANCHES HIGH;  
FOR FRAGRANT AIR AND COOLING BREEZE;  
FOR BEAUTY OF THE BLOOMING TREES—  
FATHER IN HEAVEN, WE THANK THEE!

This week is the anniversary of the first New Zealand School Journal being published. In 1907 New Zealand pupils were for the first time able to read a schoolbook published in their own country. It is believed to be the longest-running serial publication for children in the world, the *School Journal* continues to provide seven- to 13-year-olds with reading material that is relevant to their lives. We thank God for all the people who had the vision and dedication to make this possible for our children over so many years.



*Dear Lord,*

I thank you for your word today.  
I ask that you would increase my wisdom and understanding as I read.  
Speak to me through your word, Lord.  
I pray that your word would create in me a clean mind and a renewed heart.  
Hide your words in the folds of my heart for times of need by myself or others.  
In Jesus Name,

Amen  
[Melodye Reynolds  
com](http://MelodyeReynolds.com)

## 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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Teriyaki Chicken 4 piece	\$7.40
Teriyaki Chicken 6 piece	\$9.60
Crispy Chicken Uncut Roll	\$6.80
Crispy Chicken 4 piece	\$7.40
Crispy Chicken 6 piece	\$9.60
Tuna Uncut Roll	\$6.80
Tuna 4 piece	\$7.40
Tuna 6 piece	\$9.60
Vegetarian Uncut Roll	\$6.80
Vegetarian 4 piece	\$7.40
Vegetarian 6 piece	\$9.60
Salmon Uncut Roll	\$7.40
Salmon 4 piece	\$7.90
Salmon 6 piece	\$10.60
Mixed 4 piece sushi	\$7.70
Mixed 6 piece sushi	\$10.10
Teriyaki chicken on rice	\$9.20
Crispy chicken on rice	\$9.20
Japanese curry rice with crispy chicken	\$10.20
Gluten Free soy sauce 10 ml	\$0.60
Wasabi	\$0.40
Fish soy sauce	\$0.30

## 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 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  
[catkinb@stjosephsqt.school.nz](mailto:catkinb@stjosephsqt.school.nz)



## PTA PULSE

Kia ora all,

Send in your books, hustle with the raffle tickets and get ready to help because the Book Fair is in 16 sleeps!

Thanks to SUNDAYS, Lullaby Grace and RealNZ for their incredible raffle prize donations. The winner will be drawn next Wednesday 8 May so there is still time to spread the word. Extra raffle books can be collected from Karen.

We're still looking for prizes for the Book Fair! Does anyone manage, own or have access to holiday accommodation or baches in Queenstown & surrounds? These work really well in the silent auction so hit us up if you can to [stjosephsqpt.pta@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephsqpt.pta@gmail.com).

Ngā mihi,

Juliana Fullerton-Smith & Rebeca Barnes (Co-chairs of the PTA)

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# ENROLMENT & OPEN EVENING

An evening for Year 8 students, their parents/caregivers

**Tuesday 25 June**

Wakatipu High School | 47 Red Oaks Drive | Frankton