



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

20 September 2024 Week 9

Term 3

Calendar of Events			<p>Karen's quote of the week:</p> <p>“The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese”.</p> <p>Unknown</p>
Sunday	22 September	Confirmation Mass, St Joseph's Church, 9am	
Monday	23 September	Piwakawaka Class Prayers	
Wednesday	25 September	Art Exhibition	
Friday	27 September	Last Day of Term 3	
Monday	14 October	First Day of Term 4	
Monday	14 October	Hoiho Class Prayers	
Monday	21 October	Welcome Mass	
Friday	25 October	Teacher Only Day NO SCHOOL	
Monday	28 October	Labour Day NO SCHOOL	
Tuesday	29 October	Ruru Class Prayers	
Tuesday	29 October	Board Meeting	
Monday	4 November	Tui Class Prayers	
Monday	11 November	Hoiho Class Prayers	
Monday	18 November	Piwakawaka Class Prayers	
Sunday	24 November	First Eucharist (First Holy Communion)	
Monday	25 November	Moa Class Prayers	
Tuesday	26 November	Moa Market Day	
Wednesday	18 December	Last day of School for 2024	
Friday	7 February	First Day of Term 1 2025	

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.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Kia ora Koutou

It was an unexpected surprise to have a shortened week last week due to Friday's snow day! It has been a while since we have had one, in fact it was Mr Grant's first experience of school being closed for a snow day after all his time in Queenstown.

This week we celebrate Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, Māori Language Week. The theme for Te Wiki 2024 is 'Ake ake ake – A Forever Language'. It represents the resilience, adaptability and endurance of our language. It also reflects the commitment New Zealanders have to embracing and learning te reo Māori long into the future.

At our kura we are challenging ourselves this week to embrace our te reo name, Te Kura o Hato Hōhepa ki a Tāhuna. It is great to see ākonga and kaiako giving it a go and gaining confidence and pride in who we are.

A big thank you to everyone who came along and had an amazing night at the PTA Jingo fundraiser last Saturday. A huge amount of time and effort went into the preparation and organisation, the event itself, as well as the tidy up. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed. We greatly appreciate the support and funds that were raised to benefit our tamariki.

We hope to see you all at school on Wednesday to view our Art Exhibition. Everyone has been busy creating and we look forward to sharing these amazing artworks with you! More details below.

Only one more week of school to go! As the end of term approaches, tamariki are getting tired so it is a good time to remember to keep looking after each other showing manaakitanga and whanaungatanga as we head into the holiday break.

Ngā mihi
Alice Dunstan

ART EXHIBITION



Please join us on Wednesday from 2pm as St Joseph's is transformed into an art gallery! Come and view the amazing artworks children have created on display. The afternoon will run much like the Sharing of Learning afternoons. Visit your child's classroom and take them on tour as you explore each classroom. Children are welcome to go home with whānau when ready.

UPDATE YOUR DETAILS

If you change your email address, phone number or physical address can you please let the school know, so that we can update our records. Thank you.

PB4L FOCUS

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

Remain seated at lunch and eat enough food to help you work and play

We expect students will:

- Remain seated during lunchtime
- Will have their lunchbox, drink bottle and sunhat
- Sit in the designated lunch area to eat your lunch without sports equipment
- Eat enough food to help you work and play
- Invite others to sit with you
- Use good eating manners
- Year 4-8 stay seated until you are released
- Year 0-3 show a teacher your lunchbox
- Put everything back into your lunchbox and then put your things away
- Eat your own food, not other peoples

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 2025

We have started our planning for 2025, 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 2025 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 2025 with more students enrolled than we had at the beginning of this year. 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 2025!

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Igor and Samuel. They were part of the team that won a futsal tournament on the weekend.

NUT FREE SCHOOL REMINDER

Remember please that we are a nut-free school. Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. For some with a nut allergy it is not just eating the nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties).

We cannot have nuts in school in any form. For example, Peanut butter sandwiches, Chocolate spreads, Cereal bars, Cakes/biscuits that contain nuts, Anything containing satay, Sauces containing nuts.

Please check the packaging of all products before giving them to your child to bring to school. We appreciate that this is an additional thing to check, but we know you understand the importance of it. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

HEAD LICE

Unfortunately there have been several cases of head lice in our school. Would you kindly check your child's hair regularly and treat it if necessary to reduce the risk of spread.

Unless all parents attend to this the spread is ongoing and we will not be able to stop re-infection.

If your child's hair is long, please make it a practice to ensure it is tied back, in accordance with the uniform guidelines.



CATHOLIC CHARACTER



The 19th of September is the anniversary of women in New Zealand winning the right to vote

When the governor, Lord Glasgow, signed a new Electoral Act into law in 1893, New Zealand became the first self-governing country in the world in which women had the right to vote in parliamentary elections.

Women's suffrage memorial, Christchurch (Jock Phillips, Te Ara Encyclopedia of New Zealand)

A Prayer for Women's History

We remember those women whose courage paved the way for so many. Thank you for all the cherished women in our lives and in our histories. God, may women across the globe continue to be empowered, knowing the love you offer.



Amen



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

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) or to the Board Secretary (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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PTA PULSE

Colours of the World Jingo Night

We would like to thank the following for their generosity ...

- John Jones (Duty Manager) • Tuki Huck (Lighting and Displays) • Dan Childs (Photobooth) • QLDC (Tables and Chairs) •
- Daragh Cantwell, Custom Mortgages (Paid for Licence) • Rebeca Barnes, Custom Mortgages (Jingo Hosting) •
- Southern Lakes Laundries (Table Cloths) • Gavin Bartlett (Wakatipu Rugby Club) • Orlagh Allcorn (Graphic Design) •
- Mountain Club (Galabid Silent Auction Sponsor) • Mitch Martin (Auctioneer) • Emma & Alan and all the teachers • PTA Members •

... and these sponsors of prizes, food and drink

- AJ Hackett • Amy Maxwell Personal Training • Bernadita Covos • Bivouac Outdoor • Bunnings •
- Chris Sullivan • Findex • Francis Patterson • Fresh Choice • Groundhogg Coffee • Hawkshead Wines • KFC •
- Li'l Flick Fireworks • Kinross Winery • Lewis Road Creamery • Lullaby Grace • Millbrook Resort •
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