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Junior Campus Sport and Rec - DEOW

Principal's Comment



Anna McDowall
Principal

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome back to the start of Term Four, which always promises to be a fast-paced, high energy sprint filled with celebrations, milestones, and unique challenges. Great schools give young people different places in which to discover what they are capable of. Our responsibility is to create those opportunities and support every young person as they navigate their unique journey. This multi-faceted discovery is something I believe we do exceptionally well here at James Hargest College. It begins at our Junior Campus, where our Homeroom teachers know their students so well and encourage them to courageously forge their own paths.

Seeing this philosophy in action every week is a privilege, and it continues to make us immensely proud of our place and our people. A perfect example unfolded during our final assembly of last term with our Year 7 and 8 students. We tried a dynamic reflection exercise: as we called out various activities, sports, and cultural milestones from the term, students had to stand and perform a different physical action for every single event they had participated in.

It was a wonderful spectacle. Some students were on their feet constantly, performing a multitude of different actions that showcased just how widely they had immersed themselves in College life. Others stayed seated for the majority of the activity. Beyond being an entertaining challenge, it served as a powerful visual reminder of the huge number of opportunities on offer here. Everyone develops at their own pace, and our goal is to ensure the door remains wide open with fresh opportunities whenever students are ready to step through.

Decades of educational research prove that extracurricular activities provide universal developmental benefits for all children, regardless of their demographic or socio-economic background. Studies consistently show that structured participation outside the classroom fosters a vital blend of academic, social and emotional growth that cannot be replicated by standard school curricula alone. Engaging in sports, cultural activities, arts, or other clubs directly correlates with increased academic achievement, higher attendance rates and a significantly elevated increase in pursuing higher education. Beyond academics, these activities serve as a primary vehicle for building essential life skills including leadership, time management, and resilience, while connecting youth to positive peer networks and mentorship. Ultimately, the research underscores that extracurriculars do not just improve school age performance; they fundamentally shape a child's long term trajectory, equipping them with the soft skills and confidence required for adult career success. We highly value our partnership with whānau in supporting and encouraging students to dive into the myriad of activities available at our place.

That same vibrant energy and willingness to step out of comfort zones was on full display during the final week of last term, thanks to our fantastic Arts Prefects. They organised the very first JHC talent quest in recent memory, and it was an awesome celebration of talent and positivity. The hall was absolutely packed with standing room only, and the atmosphere was incredibly fun and supportive. It truly highlighted our diverse student capabilities and our school spirit. Congratulations to all the students who were brave enough to perform in front of such a massive crowd, you should all be incredibly proud of yourselves.

Our appreciation goes out to Laura Turner and Kristine Simpson, who led a highly successful student trip to Japan over the school holidays. International trips are a significant undertaking for the staff in charge; the meticulous planning, preparation, and fundraising takes months and involves a massive time commitment. We know the immense, life changing value for students who get to experience a different culture and schooling system firsthand. Being able to take the language they have learned in a classroom and apply it in the real world is a phenomenal opportunity, and our students have been absolutely buzzing since they returned. Their growth is significant and ongoing; the resilience, adaptability, and openness gained by travelling and immersing oneself in an entirely different culture are invaluable characteristics these students will carry into many different contexts as they grow. Our significant thanks to Laura and Kristine for organising and taking students on this awesome adventure.

As we hit the ground running this week, there is an unmistakable sense of movement across all year groups. For our senior students the focus shifts sharply toward exam preparation as they head into their final weeks of classes. Meanwhile, our Year 9 and 10 are gearing up for their own end of year adventures. Year 9 classes are preparing for camps which are coming up quickly and this week saw the sign-ups for Year 10 Activity Days. It was a busy and frenetic day in the hall, and it was fantastic to see our students so genuinely excited about trying something new.

Term Four always goes by in a flash, but it stands out as one of the most rewarding times of the school year. Thank you for your continued partnership as we support our young people through this final, frantic, challenging and celebratory stretch.

Board of Trustees Report



Nic Raines
Board Chair

Last month the board had HOD Joe Burns present the Math Department annual report which had pleasing results. Maths is a core subject throughout education and like other subjects has seen a new curriculum in years 9 and 10 that has required a lot of work to embed.

The school will see a lot of scaffolding and 'keep out' tape as our new property maintenance cycle has just begun. Long overdue re-roofing of 1960s buildings at Senior Campus are the obvious upgrades. Nobody likes to see trees come down, but they don't last forever and the large Senior Campus blue gums had become a risk so the iconic trees have been removed. A new fence is being installed at Junior Campus which has required the Layard Street tree line to be removed and once the fence is in new planting will be undertaken.

Well done to the Hargest teams that competed in South Island tournament week last month. These are often a highlight for teams who have completed a long season and finish with the tournament. A trip away with your team and coach is memorable and a definite highlight for the players. Thanks to the coaches and managers who are usually teachers or parents.

PTA Report



Jo Wilson
PTA Chairperson

PTA Meeting Dates

The next PTA meeting will be held in the Brigadier's Room at the Senior Campus, scheduled to start at 7.30pm.

Tuesday 10 November 2026

Kia Ora from the PTA

And just like that Term Three was wrapped up. It has been lovely to see some glimmers of sunny warm days.

We are busy working on our dates for the end of year uniform buy in and sell out, and once we have these confirmed we will get the information out to you.

This month we have had the pleasure on helping one of the Gateway programmes, but helping them purchase the coffee machine that they hire. The benefit of this means they don't have to raise the funds for hiring a machine anymore. This will allow more students to benefit from learning barista skills.

The PTA team hopes everyone had a safe, relaxing and fun holiday. We look forward to seeing what Term 4 brings our way

Ngā mihi

Jo Wilson and the PTA team

Prize Giving Trophies

Please return trophies to Reception as soon as possible. If you are now in Year 9 and have trophies from the Junior Campus, they can be dropped off at Senior Campus Reception.



Whānau Report



Matua Neitana Tane

Mā pango, mā whero, ka oti te mahi.

On the last day of Term Three, the South Island Secondary School's Kī-o-Rahi competition was held for the first time in Waihōpai, Murihiku. It was a well-organised and managed event run by Active Southland. Our Senior Section team consisted of Taylah Hutton, Anahera Unahi, Scarlet Evans, Allis Harrison, Lucas Keating, Samson Parkinson, Amani Te Wiki, and year nines Theo Spooner and Malia Bragg. This was a gutsy performance by a newly introduced team. A huge mihinui to Cooper Gray, Ethan Stark, Blake Curry, Sabin Dillon-McKenzie, Ryan Hyde, Elisabesi Makahununiu, Malia Bragg, and Ariana Bragg for their vibrant, entertaining performance at Murihiku marae, during the prize-giving ceremony. Despite the small group, the performance was outstanding. A huge mihi goes to Pā Greg Houkamau for generously giving his time to help develop the team, and for continuously supporting our students within this space.

Hei kona mai.





Student Representatives Corner

Board of Trustees



Colbie Muir

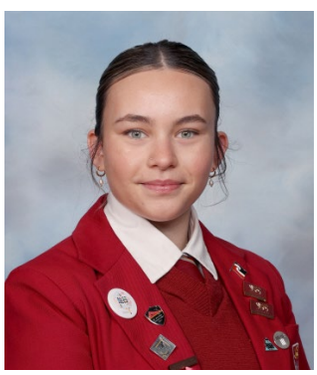
Congratulations to Colbie Muir on his recent election to the Board of Trustees as our student representative. This is an important role ensuring there is student voice in decision making for our kura.

A little about Colbie…Colbie is a Year 11 student taking History, Geography, Food and Nutrition, Maths, Science and English. He is an Air Cadet and works part-time at Pak n Save.

He is very thankful for being elected.

His first experience of a Board Meeting was at the end of Term 3. Colbie indicated it was really interesting and he enjoyed the experience. In particular, it was great to meet the other board members. He is looking forward to representing the students of James Hargest College in this capacity.

Māori Prefect

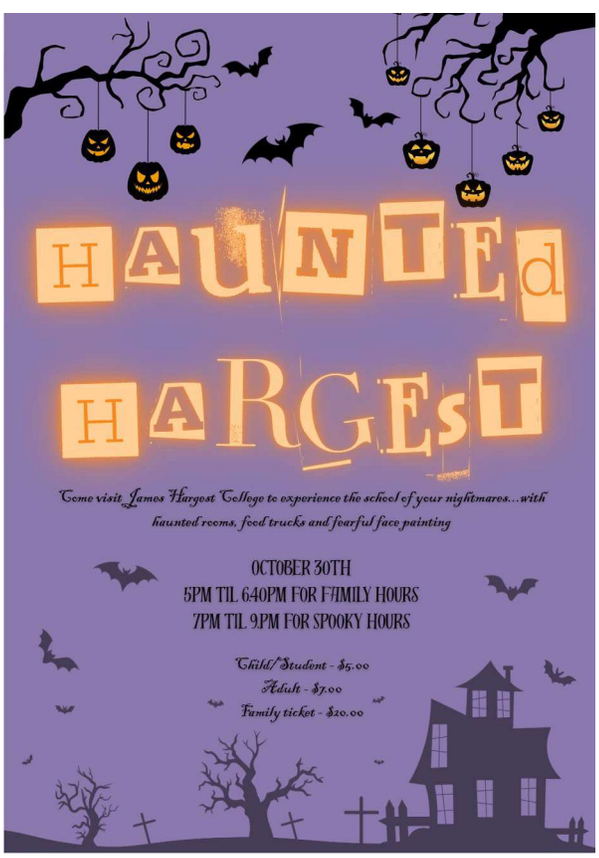


Amelia-Jayne de Thierry-Curry









It was great to have a team in the Kī-o-Rahi competition from Hargest and amazing to see them participating in the challenge. The majority of the kaimahi were also from Hargest which was very cool. Rangatahi were also running a sausage sizzle and fundraising stand. Kī-o-rahi is a bit of a mix of different sports, with a te ao Māori lens. It's structure reflects pūrako, and speed and ball handling skills are important. The students involved learnt lots and loved getting to know and play against Māori youth right across the South Island. Thank you to Active Southland and especially Pa Greg for all of the vision and organisation of this cool experience.

We also had a student verses staff Kī-o-Rahi challenge late in Term 3. Again, it was cool to see everyone who was giving it a go, and awesome to see the teachers take the win this year. As part of Te Wiki o te Reo Māori this year some rangatahi joined with some staff for waiata-a-ringa. It was so much fun. Lots of people won't know this, but the staff begin their Wednesday briefing with waiata every week and I've had the privilege of watching them grow over the course of this year.



Head Students



Wow, it's Term 4 already! What a year it has been so far. Hopefully you used the holidays to relax, recover, and reflect on the past three terms to celebrate your achievements and set goals for what's to come. With end of year exams coming up, make sure that you are putting time aside to study and revise. It is really key that you put the mahi in sooner rather than later, as that saves you from cramming when exams come around. Chat to your mates because everyone is in the same boat. Revising as a group can sometimes be much easier than doing it alone! We wish everyone the best with your Term 4 internals, topic tests and end of year exams.

We are also lucky enough to have had some really nice weather lately, and hopefully it continues! Make the most of it- get outside if you can and take it in. Go for a run, walk, bike, or even sit outside and breathe the fresh air! Getting outdoors is a great way to improve mental health and reduce stress, which is especially important at this time of year. Keep looking after yourself. If things are ever feeling overwhelming with tests or other things at home, go see our awesome guidance team and use the resources available to you, they are here to help you. Have a great Term 4 tīma!

Art Prefects



Matilda Vincent

The James Hargest College talent show was a huge success in the last week of Term Three, packing the hall with an enthusiastic audience during morning tea and lunch across both Tuesday and Wednesday. The festivities kicked off on Tuesday with non-competitive performances starting with Alex Sandiford and Ben Wyatt's performance of "There's something between us" at interval, followed by a fiercely contested solo competition at lunch. Abigail Bottger took home first place in the solos with an amazing singing performance of Adele's "Make You Feel My Love," while Jonah Hoorn Boer secured runner-up with an impressive beatboxing set. Wednesday kept the energy high with competitive duos in the morning won by Lily Enoka and Sunny McIntyre for their beautiful performance of "Easy on Me" and wrapped up with a competitive group category at lunch, which saw a thrilling tie for first place between the Filipino Dance Group with Ms Arciaga, Sofia Lina, Hanna Soliven, and Pearl Villacorta's beautiful dance and the group band of James Agnew, Oliver Frew, Will Allen, and Pharaoh Hunter who performed "My Own Summer". Thank you to all the talented performers who shared their skills and made this year's show such a memorable event! We can't wait to see what talent hits the stage next year.







Japan Trip

On 23 September 2026, fifteen students (from Year 10 to Year 13) embarked on a journey to Kumagaya, Invercargill's sister city, to continue our sister-school exchange. Avoiding typhoons and travel delays which had struck thousands of other travellers, we arrived in Tokyo to blue skies and 28°C! After exploring Yokohama and the Haneda area, we arrived in Kumagaya - our home base for the next eight days with Kumagaya Nishi High School. Our homestay experience provided an authentic glimpse into Japanese life and culture, boosting our students' confidence in speaking Japanese. At Kuma Nishi, we participated in special cultural classes, including kyudo, calligraphy and creating our own fans, as well as going on excursions to meet the Mayor of Kumagaya, and visit Kawagoe - a traditional Edo-style town.





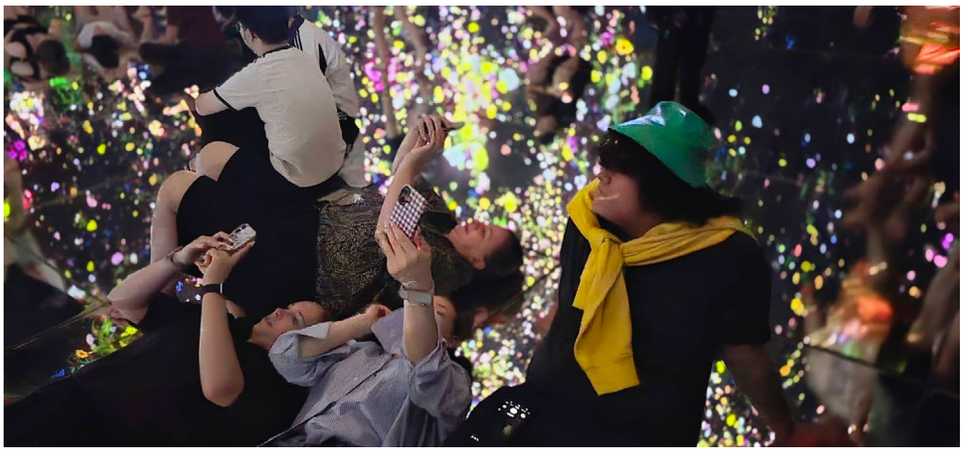
As our time in Kumagaya drew to a close, we bid a sad farewell to our hosts before travelling via bullet train to the vibrant city of Tokyo, our base for the next five days. We marvelled at the history within the city, such as the stunning Sensō-ji Temple in Asakusa, and immersed ourselves in the bustling streets of Harajuku, Akihabara, Shibuya, and Ikebukuro. We ascended the world's tallest tower, the Skytree, and navigated the labyrinthine Tokyo Metro. Our last few days in Japan were filled with fun and unique experiences: cosy cat cafes, lively karaoke sessions, captivating Teamlab (an immersive art installation), endless shopping opportunities, and exciting arcade games.





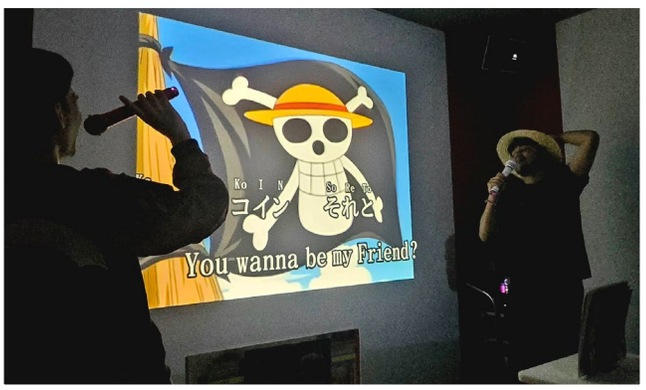
This unforgettable adventure has forged lifelong friendships, and many of us eagerly anticipate returning to this incredible country. It was truly the trip of a lifetime, and we can't wait to welcome Kuma Nishi to our school next year!






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平和の鐘完成記念




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Level 1 NCEA Exams

These exams run from Tuesday 10 November until Friday 4 November. Students will be informed of where they will sit these exams closer to the time. Please follow the link to see when exams are scheduled. 2026 NCEA Exam Timetable

Tuesday 10 November	**Level 1 Maths (11MXT classes only) 9.30am**
Thursday 17 November	**Level 1 English (all Year 11 students) 9.30am**

Brigadier's Diploma

Beginning Te Kākano Tōtara



Proficient Te Mātātipu Tōtara



Advanced Te Kōhure Tōtara



Outstanding Te Māhuri Tōtara



Tōtara Pounamu



Junior Exams

End of year Exams for Year 9 and Year 10 students will take place between Friday 6 November and Friday 13 November. More information about these will be give to students closer to the time. To accommodate the exams a slight change will be made to the school bells.

Year 10

English	Friday 6 November	Period 4 and 5
Science	Monday 9November	Period 1 and 2
Social Studies	Wednesday 11 November	Period 4 and 5
Maths	Friday 13 November	Period 4 and 5

Year 9

Maths	Monday 9 November	Period 4 and 5
English	Tuesday 10 November	Period 4 and 5

Year 13 Graduation Dinner

The Graduation Dinner for the class of 2026 will be held at the Ascot Park Hotel on December 3rd at 7pm. More details including ticketing and seating information will be made available shortly but whanau should be aware that the cost is $55 per person and attendance at the event will be subject to student school attendance minimum attendance requirement (based on the percentage of unjustified absences from the second half of Term 2 onwards). Further questions should be directed to Ms Lara Buchanan (lbuchanan@jameshargest.school.nz).

HARGEST STUDY CENTRE

Senior Campus Library
Tuesdays 3.30 - 5.00pm

Get FREE help with Maths, English, Science, Physics and Chemistry, or any subject you need a hand with.



Teachers, Librarian and Peer Tutors available to help with homework, research, exam study, and classwork.

Tutorials

Attending tutorials is one way students can prepare for success as they study for their upcoming exams. We are very grateful that our teaching staff make themselves available to support their students through these. We encourage students to bring along questions they have, identified areas they realise they don't quite understand, or practice materials they have attempted in order to plug the gaps in their learning.

MATHS

WEEK 4 02-06 November	**Monday**	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
Lunchtime					13CAL

WEEK 5 09-13 November	**Monday**	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
Period 1			13CAL		
Period 2	13CAL				
Period 4			12MAT		
Period 5		13CAL	12MAT		

WEEK 6 16-20 November	**Monday**	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
Period 4			13STA		
Period 5			13STA		

SOCIAL SCIENCES

WEEK 5 09-13 November	**Monday**	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
Period 1	12GEO				13HIS
Period 2			12ECO	13HIS	12ECO 12ACC
Period 3	12ACC				
Period 5			13ECO	SchECO	

WEEK 6 16-20 November	**Monday**	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
Period 1		12HIS		13ACC	
Period 2			12HIS		12ECO
Period 4				12HIS	
Period 5	SchECO	12ECO			

WEEK 7 23-27 November	**Monday**	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
Period 1	12HIS				
Period 2			12ECO		
Period 3	13ACC				
Period 5				12ECO	

SCIENCE

WEEK 2 19-23 October	**Monday**	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
Period 5			11SCI		
Afterschool		STUDY CENTRE 12/13BIO 12/13CHE 12/13PHY 11SCI		12/13PHY	

WEEK 3 26-30 October	**Monday**	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
Period 5			11SCI		
Afterschool		STUDY CENTRE 12/13BIO 12/13CHE 12/13PHY 11SCI		12/13PHY	

WEEK 4 02-06 November	**Monday**	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
Period 5			11SCI		
After School		STUDY CENTRE 12/13BIO 12/13CHE 12/13PHY 11SCI			

WEEK 5 09-13 November	**Monday**	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
Period 1	12/13CHE 13BIO 12/13PHY	13CHE 12BIO 12/13PHY		12/13PHY	12/13CHE
Period 2	12CHE 12/13PHY 12BIO	12/13CHE 13BIO		12/13PHY	12/13CHE 12/13PHY 12/13BIO
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Lunchtime				12/13CHE 12/13BIO	
Period 4	12CHE	12/13PHY 13BIO	12/13CHE 12/13PHY 12/13BIO		12/13PHY
Period 5		12/13PHY 12BIO	11SCI	12/13CHE 12/13BIO	12/13BIO
After School		STUDY CENTRE 12/13BIO 12/13CHE 12/13PHY 11SCI			

WEEK 6 16-20 November	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Period 1	12/13BIO	12/13CHE 12/13BIO	12/13BIO 12/13PHY		
Period 2	12/13PHY 12/13BIO	12/13CHE 12/13PHY 12/13BIO	12/13PHY 12/13BIO		12/13CHE
Period 3	12/13PHY 12/13BIO		12/13CHE 12/13PHY	12/13CHE	12/13CHE
Period 4		12/13PHY	12/13CHE	12/13CHE 12/13BIO	
Period 5		12/13PHY 12/13BIO		12/13CHE 12/13BIO	
After School		STUDY CENTRE 12/13BIO 12/13CHE 12/13PHY 11SCI			

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES (PROGRAMMING AND MEDIA)

WEEK 6 16-20 November	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Period 3	11/12/13DGP				
Period 4		11/12/13DGP			
Period 5			11/12/13DGP		

WEEK 7 23-27 November	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Period 1				11/12/13DGP	
Period 2					11/12/13DGP
Period 3	11/12/13DGP				
Period 4		11/12/13DGP			
Period 5			11/12/13DGP		

WEEK 8 30 November - 04 December	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Period 3	11/12/13DGP				

FOOD AND NUTRITION

WEEK 7 23-27 November	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Period 2				13FNT	

WEEK 8 30 November - 04 December	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Period 2	13FNT				
Period 3			12FNT		
Period 4	12FNT				

DRAMA

WEEK 2 19-23 October	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Period 5			12/13DRA		

WEEK 3 26-30 October	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Period 5			12/13DRA		

ENGLISH

WEEK 4 02-06 November	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	11/12/13ENG		11/12/13ENG		
After School	11/12/13ENG		11/12/13ENG		

WEEK 5 09-13 November	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
After School	11/12/13ENG				

WEEK 6 16-20 November	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	11/12/13ENG				

LANGUAGES

WEEK 5 09-13 November	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Period 3			12/13MAO		
Period 4	12JAP				
Period 5				12/13MAO	

WEEK 6 16-20 November	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Period 1					13/SchJAP
Period 2			12/13FRE	13/SchJAP	
Period 4				12/13FRE	

WEEK 7 23-27 November	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Period 3			12/13MAO		
Period 4				13FRE	

WEEK 8 30 November - 04 December	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Period 1		13FRE	12/13MAO		

NCEA Timetable

2026 EXAMINATION TIMETABLE					
Examinations available digitally shown in blue					
Date	**Session**	**Level 1**	**Level 2**	**Level 3**	**Scholarship**
Tue 10 Nov	AM	Mathematics and Statistics	Geography Latin	Dance	Classical Studies
	PM	Te Ao Haka	Japanese	Digital Technologies Samoan	Media Studies
Wed 11 Nov	AM			English	
	PM	Gagana Tokelau Korean	Te Ao Haka	Cook Islands Māori	Geography
Thu 12 Nov	AM		English		Chemistry
	PM	Physics Earth & Space Science	Chinese	Physics Te Ao Haka	French
CANTERBURY ANNIVERSARY DAY (Fri 13 Nov)					
WEEKEND					
Mon 16 Nov	AM	French	Lea Faka-Tonga Te Reo Māori	Calculus	Samoan
	PM	Te Reo Māori	Chemistry	German History	Statistics
Tue 17 Nov	AM	English			Accounting
	PM	Geography	Dance Korean	Biology	Art History
Wed 18 Nov	AM	History	Art History	Health Japanese	Physics
	PM		Physics	Economics	Psychology
Thu 19 Nov	AM		Mathematics & Statistics	Making Music Spanish	Economics
	PM	Chemistry & Biology	Accounting		Biology
Fri 20 Nov	AM		Biology	Chinese Drama	
	PM	Religious Studies	Cook Islands Māori Drama	Chemistry	Agricultural & Horticultural Science
WEEKEND					
Mon 23 Nov	AM	Japanese	French	Latin Psychology Te Reo Rangatira	English
	PM	Spanish	Business Studies	Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Earth & Space Science
Tue 24 Nov	AM	Commerce	Agricultural & Horticultural Science	Statistics	Te Reo Rangatira
	PM		History	Geography	
Wed 25 Nov	AM	Health Studies	Te Reo Rangatira	Lea Faka-Tonga	Calculus
	PM	Science	Classical Studies	Accounting	Drama
Thu 26 Nov	AM	Digital Technologies	Media Studies	Te Reo Māori	
	PM	Vagahau Niue	Health	Media Studies	Chinese
Fri 27 Nov	AM	Reo Māori Kūki ʻĀirani	Economics	Music Studies	Spanish
	PM		Digital Technologies	Art History	History
WEEKEND					
WESTLAND AND CHATHAM ISLANDS ANNIVERSARY DAYS (Mon 30 Nov)					
Tue 1 Dec	AM	Social Studies	Earth & Space Science	Classical Studies	Te Reo Māori
	PM	Lea Faka-Tonga	Music	Home Economics	Digital Technologies
Wed 2 Dec	AM	Agricultural & Horticultural Science	German Social Studies	French	Japanese
	PM	Gagana Sāmoa		Earth & Space Science	Religious Studies
Thu 3 Dec	AM	German	Home Economics	Korean	
	PM	Chinese	Education for Sustainability Samoan	Business Studies	
Fri 4 Dec	AM		Spanish	Social Studies	German

Shakespeare Reading Competition 2026 - Junior

"Be not afraid of greatness."

At the 2026 Junior Shakespeare Reading Competition that was held in Week 10 of Term 3, we had 6 Year 9 and 10 entrants who were indeed not afraid of greatness.

Students prepared a reading for the first round. This year, students had choices from Romeo and Juliet, The Tempest, Merchant of Venice, Julius Caesar, and A Midsummer Night's Dream. We saw some phenomenal presentations of the Bard's words in this category, wowing the judges with the range of emotions and expressions in each piece.



Back row, left to right: Declan Lawton-Dutt, Miss Erin Pickering, Amélie Halleux
Front row, left to right: Trixie Campbell, Keziah Walker, Will Allen, Mrs Kirsten Kean, Miss Charlotte Sherriff

Then, it was on to the impromptu round! Our competitors were given a choice between two different monologues - a Beatrice monologue from Much Ado About Nothing, and a Macbeth monologue from Macbeth.

Our panel of judges had a great time discussing the broad range of skills on show throughout both readings, and how each participant interpreted not only the language, structure and subtext, but also the drama and humour of each piece - especially one particular falsetto reading of Beatrice in the impromptu.

Congratulations to our placegetters for 2026:

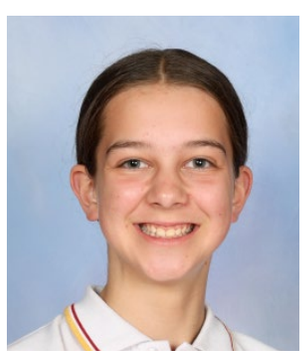
Prepared Reading:
First Place: Declan Lawton-Dutt
Second Place: Amélie Halleux
Third Place: Will Allen

Impromptu Reading:
First Place: Amélie Halleux
Second Place: Declan Lawton-Dutt
Third Place: Will Allen

Overall Junior Shakespeare Reading Winner: Declan Lawton-Dutt



Declan Lawton-Dutt



Amélie Halleux

SLA International Literacy Day Competition

A huge congratulations to Year 10 students Zanthie Knight and Gemma Phillipson, who were placed first and second respectively in the Year 9 and 10 Category for their stories in the SLA International Literacy Day competition. These students wrote from a visual prompt given to them by the Southland Literacy Society. Their work was celebrated at a prizegiving held at the Invercargill Public Library recently. Well done!



Gemma Phillipson and Zanthie Knight



Visual prompt the students were given to inspire their writing entrees.

Dan Davin 2026

The Dan Davin is a fierce competition every year in the Southland world of writing, and this year was no different. Our students did particularly well in the Junior Section, with three placings:

- **Commended:** Kate Sim, Year 10, with Saving Sullivan
- **Third Place:** Shia Kim, Year 7, with her piece entitled The End of Time
- **First Place:** Congratulations to Ellim Kim, Year 9, who won the section with her creative writing, The Orbit Between Him and Her. Enjoy the opening extract showcasing Ellim's stunning skills:

The Orbit Between Him and Her

Many people confuse them as the same thing, but one is sweeter to look through than the other. The two, similar yet different, have different hearts. Different priorities. And one possesses every record and number in the expanding universe.

One values knowing—the act of knowing everything beneath its fingertips. Every strand of hair on a fair maiden, every eroded rock turned into a grain of sand, the stripes of a Siberian beauty, every first breath of a newborn child and the last breath of a well-lived life. Even the number of stars that illuminate the navy sky, he knows. He spends every last minute with a spreadsheet and a pen, counting and keeping track of everything in his calloused hands.

The other says knowing and understanding are different. She listens to the cries of the shot deer, the praises of the sparrows, a child's heavy heart and an adult's blackened mind. Comforting the shot deer, who did nothing short of living a righteous life, she kneels on the damp grass beside its cooling body.

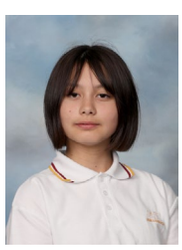
"There's something better waiting for you, fawn."

Cradling the fawn's lolling head, she brushes her gentle thumb across its brow. Before the fawn prepares to leave its home, it blinks. A warm tear rolls down into the ground—not of fear, nor pain, but of gratitude, for she understands.

He is the finger to your lips, the tension of a lost one, and the lump in your throat. The quieting of a herd of rowdy schoolers, of a teacher who demands silence. The receiver of a cutthroat threat down an unlit alleyway. The absence of sound, the reasons for good and bad. He is the silencer in the back of a young girl's mind before a catty retort, the preventer of a rolling snowball. But he is also the suffocating conductor of a silence so tense you can't bring yourself to inhale at the cold body of a mourned one. The wife looks at her late husband, heartbroken. Clutching her obsidian brooch, she holds her tears back like a dam. He wraps his hands around her mouth in silent support. She cannot afford to break in front of her daughter.

Check out the rest of Ellim's story on the Dan Davin website: https://www.dandavin.org.nz/2026-literary-award-winners.html


Ellim Kim


Shia Kim


Kate Sim

Interrobang Magazine

Kia ora e te whānau!
We are excited to share with you how the Interrobang team is getting on. It has been a privilege watching this team of students gather, consult and create our beautiful 2026 Hēmi Hākena Creative Arts Magazine.



They have spent months gathering the best that Hēmi Hākena has to offer. We have loved the effort and care that ākonga have had in crafting content for this. It has been a tough process and though we wish we could accept every piece, we must be selective.

Please join us for the 2026 Interrobang Launch Party on Tuesday, the 3rd of November at 5:30 pm in the Senior Campus Library. We look forward to seeing you there!



Cambridge International Education

Our Year 11 IGCSE students have begun their exams. It has been fabulous to see the push they've given themselves and each other to succeed, attending tutorials in the holidays, running study groups, undertaking practice papers, emailing questions and more. A lot of dedication and hard work has gone in and we couldn't be more proud of them all.

Our Year 10 IGCSE class have their first exams approaching, and these are a good taste of how well their organisation this year has supported them. Cambridge is content heavy, and therefore organisation becomes very important: the notes you keep, how well handouts are managed (whether glued in or kept in a folder), like-content is kept with like-content, homework completed, and aspects that haven't been understood well along the way have been addressed. It is also a time where study skills are put to the test, as students endeavour to commit knowledge to long term memory with the ability to retrieve it when required.

It was fabulous to see so many families at the Year 9 Cambridge Information hui late in Term 3, with applications in by the end of term. Interviews are currently being held and we are thoroughly enjoying getting to know the students who are keen on this pathway, how they see it might contribute to their future, and how they see themselves as learners.

If you would like to find out more about how Cambridge works in New Zealand, have a look at their website: https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/nz/

Please do not hesitate to contact us via curriculum@jhc.school.nz with any questions.

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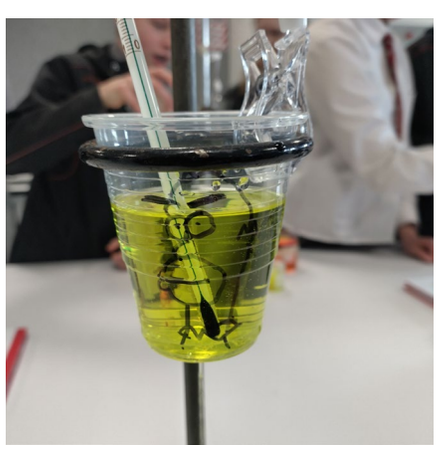
Balancing Act: Year 10 Cambridge Science Master Homeostasis

In Year 10 Cambridge Science, students have been diving into the world of homeostasis—the body's remarkable ability to keep internal systems balanced at a steady set point. To bring this complex biological concept to life, today's practical challenge had a very special subject: "Homer-o-stasis."

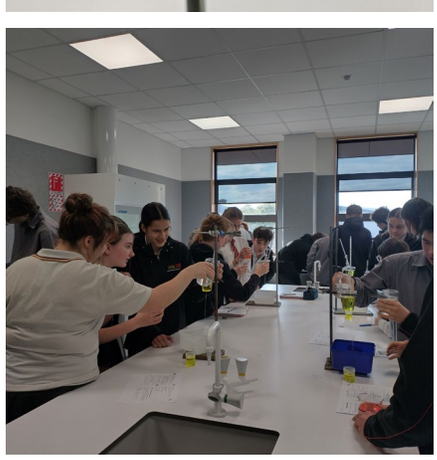
The mission was simple, but intense: keep "Homer" alive and thriving. Students had to actively manage his body temperature by adding hot or cold water, monitor his glucose concentrations (gauged by how yellow he became), and maintain his fluid levels, keeping the liquid at Homer's eyebrows —all while Homer constantly leaked a constant stream of water throughout the experiment!

It proved to be a fast-paced, hands-on, and fun way to appreciate just how hard the human body works every second to keep us functioning. And don't worry—we had total faith in our young scientists, and no Homers were harmed in this practical investigation!









Celebrating Excellence in Chemistry: 2026 RACI International Chemistry Quiz

James Hargest College students recently put their critical thinking and problem-solving skills to the test in the 2026 Royal Australian Chemical Institute (RACI) International Chemistry Quiz, achieving impressive results across both the Senior and Final Divisions. It is awesome to see growing enthusiasm for this competition, with our young scientists joining participants across 38 countries to test their skills on a global stage.

A special mention goes to David Hardy, Benjamin Geilik, Natalie Snoek, and Anuthmi Edirimuni, who all earned Distinction awards for placing high in the percentile rankings across New Zealand.

Key Award Highlights

Final Division (Ages 17–18)

- Distinction: Benjamin Geilik, David Hardy, Natalie Snoek
- Credit: Olivia Scarlett
- Participation: Amelia Cameron, Sofia Campbell-Wall, Rashini Fernando, Cora O'Rourke

Senior Division (Ages 16–17)

- Distinction: Anuthmi Edirimuni
- Credit: Movindee Risathma Dharmapala Kanattha Kankanamalage

The RACI International Chemistry Quiz provides a fantastic opportunity for students to benchmark their knowledge on a global scale and stretch their understanding of real-world chemical concepts.

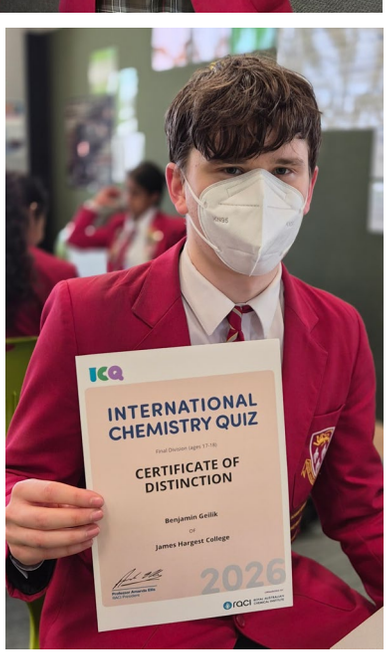
Congratulations to all the students who took on the challenge and represented James Hargest College so brilliantly!











2026 Southland Mathematics Competition (SMAC)

James Hargest College students delivered an outstanding performance at the 2026 Southland Mathematics Competition (SMAC), showcasing exceptional problem-solving skills, speed, and mathematical teamwork. Competing against the finest young minds from schools across the region in our Senior Gym, our students represented the college with immense pride, grit, and enthusiasm.

With spectacular results spanning Years 7 through 10, highlighted by title-winning first-place victories in every single year division, our teams once again demonstrated the remarkable talent and dedication within our Mathematics Department. Huge congratulations to all our participants and place-getters on these brilliant regional achievements!





SMAC 2026 Results by Year Level

Year 7
1st Place: Matthew Truman, Patrick Sales, Ezra Smith, and Lucas Warnock
2nd Place: Quade Boutcher, Yumo Shi, Dexter Turner-Fong, and Sikan Xiao





Year 8
1st Place: Sam Lyness, Vinny Frisby, Miheli Liyanage, and Cooper Ward
3rd Place: Evelyn McClintock, Meththani Kurukulaarachchi, Luke Checketts, and Jamie Middleton

Year 9
1st Place: Jaxon Black, Chris More, William Wishart, and Heeje Han
3rd Place: Tia Boutcher, Sunny Kim, Emma Jolly, and Bella Hackett





Year 10
1st Place: Keaton Lyness, Matthew Banzuelo, William Simpson, and Wenxin Li
2nd Place: Krisha Anqui, Jonti Dillinger, April Richardson, and Amelie Halleux
3rd Place: Luke Payne, Ava Gerrard, Thomas Turrell, and Alex Morrison







Gateway Students Honoured at Great South Vocational Awards

At the end of Term 3, three of our ako went to the ILT Stadium Southland for the Great South Vocational Awards—a special event dedicated to celebrating the commitment and dedication of students pursuing vocational learning pathways.

We are incredibly proud to share that three of our Gateway students were celebrated on stage for their achievements:

• **Holly Duston** – The Emerging Talent Award

• **Courtney Hargest** – Highly Commended Award

• **Jaxon Jones** – Highly Commended Award

These awards reflect the exceptional effort, professionalism, and initiative shown by Holly, Courtney, and Jaxon throughout their placements. Their success highlights the strength of our Gateway program in bridging school learning with hands-on industry experience.

Congratulations to Courtney, Holly, and Jaxon on these well-deserved honours! We look forward to following your future success as you continue along your vocational pathways.









Year 9 Camps - Term 4

Year 9 Camp Dates 2026		
Week 3 - Term 4		
	Class/Teacher	**Class/Teacher**
27- 29 Oct	T9MSH (8.30am)	M9CB (8.30am)
28 - 30 Oct	W9CSF (7.30am)	M9GME (8.30am)
Week 4 - Term 4		
2 - 4 Nov	W9JBT (7.30am)	M9KD (8.30am)
4 - 6 Nov	W9CAA (7.30am)	T9PB (8.30am)
Week 6 - Term 4		
16 - 18 Nov	H9TLT (7.30am)	T9RHI (8.30am)
18 - 20 Nov	H9TNU (7.30am)	H9JHX (8.30am) 9Whānau (8.30am)

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

A huge congratulations to Piper Pagnelli on achieving her Bronze. Duke of Edinburgh's Award!

Congratulations on your fantastic achievement! Your dedication to volunteering and resilience through challenges have been inspiring—well done!



Southland Secondary Schools Debating Competition

Superb results for JHC from the end of term Inter school competition. Three shields up for grabs and ALL THREE came home to JHC!!

Our students competed against CSC, SBHS, SGHS and Verdon for the Southland Shields.

This year the adjudicators created a new twist to the Senior Category. Three moots were presented, each team got to veto one moot and if needed used paper, scissors, rock to select the moot.

Three rounds then finals.

Each round had a theme like sports & games or hypothetical. There were links to The Matrix film (would you take the red pill?) and Penelope, Queen of Ithaca (would you remarry after Odysseus left?)

How would you have argued the following moots?
- "This house would penalise sports teams for poor behaviour of their fans"
- "This house would prefer a world in which members of parliament can only serve until the age of 30."
- "This house as Great South regional development agency, would promote and support the development of hyper-scale AI data centres in Murihiku Southland"

Unfortunately JHC 1 had to battle JHC 2 in the third round, ruling one team out of the final. This is always a tough watch, with JHC 1 breaking with top points into the final round.

There was an overall team winner and best speaker in each category with highly commended going to the top 5 speakers in each category.

JHC results are as follows:

Senior Category winners (11-13)
JHC 1 - Natalie Snoek, Jared Snoek, Yashas Singh

Best Senior Speaker (and overall best speaker of the tournament)
Natalie Snoek

Jared Snoek - 4th Senior Speaker

Intermediate Category winners (Years 9 and 10)
JHC 5 - Marina Sales, Krisha Anqui, Ashar Khan

Krisha Anqui - 2nd Intermediate Speaker

Junior Category winners (Years 7 and 8)
JHC 8 - Sam Lyness, Daniel Scott, Dexter Feaver

Best Junior Speaker
Sam Lyness

Enoch Han - 2nd Junior Speaker
Daniel Scott - 3rd Junior Speaker
Jemima Suharjonno - 4th Junior Speaker

The students were fabulous and had a fun day. It was such a pleasure to spend the day with them.



















Southland Interschool Speech Competition

Our Year 7 and 8 students worked tirelessly for this year's Speech Competition, delivering an impressive lineup of speeches that entertained, informed, and inspired at every stage of the event.

A massive congratulations goes out to all of our talented speakers who competed through the class, syndicate, campus, cluster, area, and grand finals.

Special Recognition:

• Eva Ridley took out 1st place at the Grand Final with an exceptional speech on "Tā Moko", filled with passion, depth, and cultural awareness.

• Cooper Ward achieved 3rd place, delighting the audience with his cleverly crafted and highly entertaining speech, "The Complete and Specialist Guide to PE".

We are immensely proud of everyone who took part and represented our school with such confidence and flair!





Head Students for 2027

We are very proud to announce our James Hargest College Head Students for 2027: Mason Evans, Ella Neylon, Hannah Dick and Sam Walker. Late last term they were congratulated by three of our 2026 Head Students. They are all outstanding ambassadors for our kura.







Talent Show















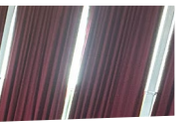


















Peacehaven Outreach

Members of our concert band and Ancora, along with some senior music students visited Peacehaven care home this month for a musical Outreach. It wasn't a concert in the traditional sense, but rather an afternoon of shared music making. Our students chatted with the residents and sang *with* them, rather than *at* them. Our song list was made up of older songs, known to the residents, so that they could join in with the singing. It was lovely to watch the connections forming between our students and these older members of our community.

We are grateful for the funding from the Outreach Singing Trust to cover the cost of the bus.













Southland Music Awards



Congratulations to all our past and present kaiako and ākonga who are being celebrated in the ILT Southland Music Awards.

Current students and teachers include:
- Frank Prattley Award Winner recognising Southland's Rising Talent - Lara Kerr
- Hoodaki - featuring kaiako Jago Byatt and Paul Burrows are finalists in the EP of the Year and Band of the Year.
- Lachlan Checketts (Year 13) and kaiako Megan Gooding are finalists in the Instrumentalist of the Year.
- And our student teacher Hanna Ott is a finalist for Bass Player of the Year.





The Little Mermaid JR - Year 9 and 10 Production

We are very proud of all the ākonga who have been working so hard at rehearsals for The Little Mermaid JR. This week we got to see how things looked with the backdrops and some of the costumes. We can't wait to share this fabulous show with you!

Tickets on sale - General admission $10

Monday October 19th, Tuesday October 20th, Wednesday October 21st starting at 7pm















Sing Out 2026

On the night of Thursday 17 September 2026 we had 40 students from the Junior Campus Choir performing at the 80th celebration of 'Sing Out'. This event involves several schools from around Invercargill performing some massed songs together and each school also performing their own item. Our Junior Choir had two soloists involved in the massed songs - Summer Anderson and Shia Kim. We also had a dance crew performing for one of the songs including; Shia Kim, Willa Ellis, Rylee Kingipotiki, Miheli Liyanage, Annabel Findlater and Erika Williamson.
For our own choir item we performed a medley of Cyndi Lauper songs with solo singing from; Erika Williamson, Willa Ellis and Vicky Chen. It was a fantastic night with lots of great songs and amazing performances by our team and all of the schools involved. We look forward to being involved again next year.







Irish Dancing Nationals





Lachie competed in the Traditional Irish Dancing Association National competition in the holidays. Lachie placed 2nd in his section, 13 - 15yr old boys. Fantastic achievement, dedication and hard work. Lachie's school is based in Christchurch and he learns through zoom! Super proud.

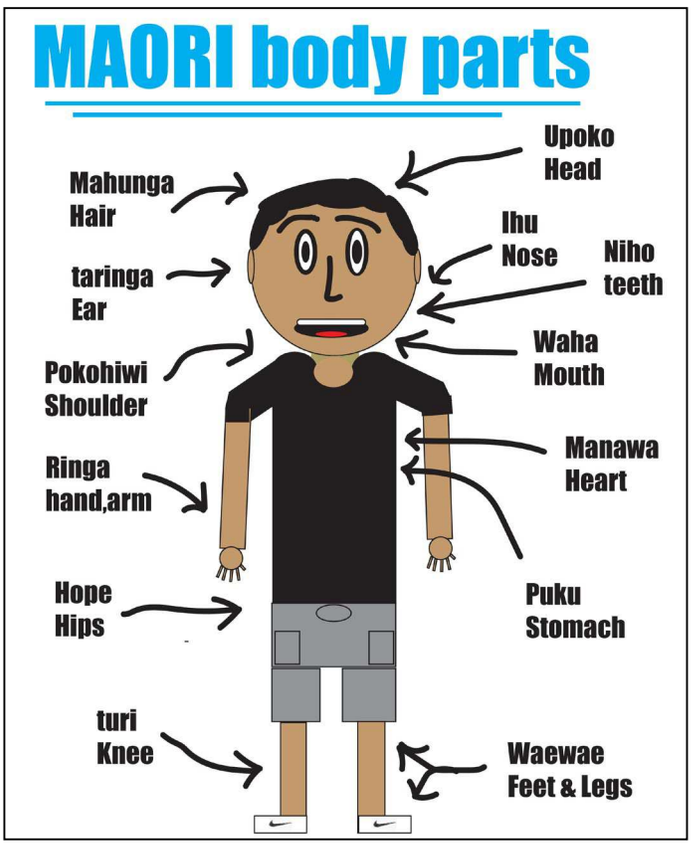


Māori Language Week

Digital Technologies at Hemi Hakena celebrated Māori Language Week by creating some awesome outcomes on Illustrator.



Maori Language Week notebook cover created by Dustin Rohde





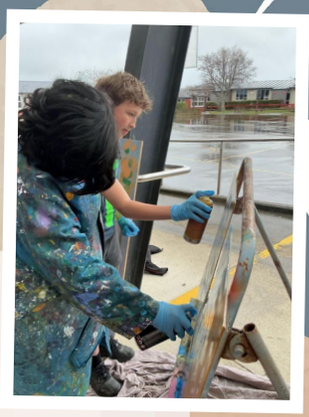


Junior Campus Sport and Rec Term 3

Over the past term the DEOW Junior Campus sport and rec group has had the privilege of learning under the guidance of Invercargill's top street mural artist and director/founder of South Sea Spray. The workshops covered several of the many and varied aspects involved with mural painting, from how to scale up an image the size of a phone to wall size through to how to cut a perfect stencil and how many different effects can be achieved with a spray can. There was plenty of kōrero around what a mural at the Junior Campus might look like and how it would be done.

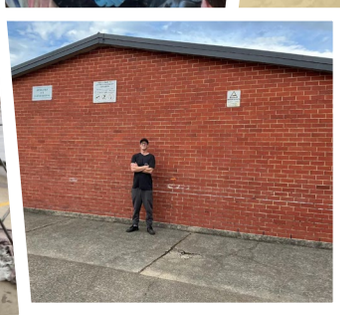
DEOW will begin painting the mural design on the west wall of Room 4 (facing Queens Drive) in the weeks to come when the weather allows. We are excited to watch the progress and know we will all enjoy the completed work immensely.

We want to take this opportunity to thank DEOW for sharing his knowledge and skills with us and for gifting the Junior Campus with a copy of the beautiful South Sea Spray book (take a look at it next time you're in the Junior Campus library) and to the PTA for their generous support with this project.



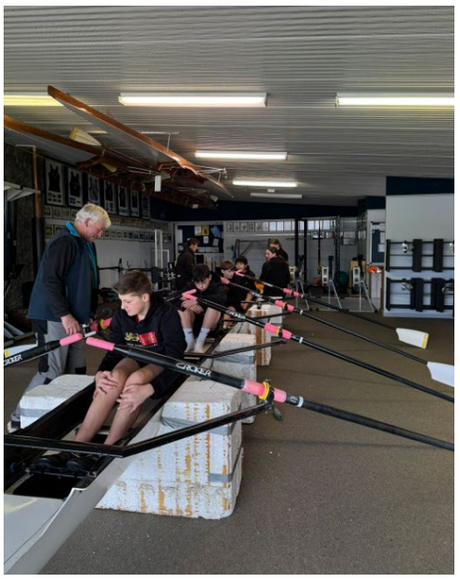


























Friday 18 September 2026 saw the end of this year's sport and rec rotations at the Junior Campus. Several new options were added, such as rowing and developing a mural with the renowned street artist DEOW to name a couple.

Sport and Rec continues to be a highlight for our Junior Campus students, and everyone loves getting out and about, even when it is pouring with rain - just ask the Wahine on Wheels group!

Update from Senior Campus Sports Office

Gold A Netball Tournament

SISS Netball Tournament for our Gold A Netball team was held in sunny Nelson. 75 teams competed at this tournament with the JHC girls playing some fantastic netball in A Grade.
The girls won 5 games against St Peter's, St Kevin's, Kaiapoi, Geraldine and Queens and suffered 2 very close losses against Waitaki and Marlborough, and another to St Margaret's. This unfortunately saw them finish in the bottom 16. It was tough knowing how close they were to securing a higher position as they won their last 2 games by more than 20 goals. They showed plenty of grit and determination right to the last whistle.
Coach Veronica Baird and manager Nikki Shaw were so proud of the commitment, sportsmanship and growth shown throughout the tournament. Lots of fun memories were made and the girls really did play their best netball of the season making both themselves and their families proud of their achievements.
Special mention to our amazing Year 13s who have displayed outstanding commitment to the team values and helped set a fabulous team culture. We wish our Co-captains Aneeka Fosbender and Elly Baird, as well as Caitlin Crawford and Lilah Jack all the very best for their future endeavours. They have been outstanding!!



Girls Football Tournament

The James Hargest College Girls Football Team had a fantastic week competing at the Lotto Sportswear Tournament in Invercargill, finishing 9th overall out of 18 teams. Competing together in winter tournament week for the first time, the squad showed incredible hard work, connection, and teamwork through challenging weather and muddy conditions.

• Day 1: Overcame a weather delay to make a start strong with a 10–0 win against Aparima College. Later faced a tough St Hilda's side, fighting through heavy hail in a 0–5 loss.
• Day 2: Dominated possession against Craighead Diocesan, narrowly conceding a 0–1 loss on a first-half penalty.
• Day 3: Bounced back with a spirited 2–0 derby win against rivals SGHS, with goals from Maegan James and Lexi Knight backed by a clean defensive performance.
• Day 4 (9th/10th Playoff): Wrapped up the tournament with an impressive 8–1 win over South Otago. In a special moment, the Year 13 students moved up to attack for the final 10 minutes of their last JHC game. Goals came from Maegan James (2), Ella Rohan (2), Ellie-May Boniface (2), Cora O'Rourke, and Lexi Knight.

Congratulations to Maegan James, named Overall Player of the Tournament for her exceptional skill, leadership, and versatility playing both centre-back and attacking midfield throughout the week.

An incredible achievement and a proud week for JHC Girls Football!





Cycling

SISS/NZSS Track Cycling

It was an outstanding two days on the velodrome for the James Hargest College Track Cycling team! Coming fresh off the back of the grueling Junior Tour of Southland, our dedicated squad of nine riders put in a massive effort at the South Island and New Zealand Secondary Schools Track Cycling Championships.

The team brought home an incredible stack of national and regional medals, and to top it all off, JHC was named the top overall SISS team.

Individual Results

- Hudson Garrett (U13 Boys): Silver (SISS) | Bronze (NZSS)
- William Wishart (U14 Boys): Silver (SISS) | Silver (NZSS)
- Zach Hibbs (U16 Boys): Bronze (SISS) | Bronze (NZSS)

Team Events

- Yr 7 & 8 Boys Team Sprint (Hudson Garrett & Mason Jefcoate): Silver (SISS) | Silver (NZSS)
- U16 Boys Team Sprint:
  - Sean Clark & Zach Hibbs: Gold (SISS) | Silver (NZSS)
  - Heeje Han & William Wishart: Silver (SISS)
- U16 Boys Team Pursuit (Heeje Han, William Wishart, Hudson Garrett, Mason Jefcoate): Silver (SISS)
- U20 Men's Team Sprint (Sarah Hartstonge, Jack Madden, Alex Borrie): Bronze (SISS)
- U20 Men's Team Pursuit (Zach Hibbs, Jack Madden, Alex Borrie, Sean Clark): Silver (SISS)

A massive thank you to all the parents and supporters who volunteered, managed gear, cheered from the stands, and supported the team throughout the event. We couldn't do it without you!









NZSS Road Cycling Champs

James Hargest College student Zach recently delivered an outstanding performance at the New Zealand Secondary Schools (NZSS) Road Cycling Championships. Competing against a highly competitive national field, Zach demonstrated remarkable endurance and skill to secure two impressive top-ten finishes. He earned a commendable 6th place in the U16 Points Race and followed it up with a strong 9th place finish in the U16 Road Race.



SISS Basketball Tournaments

The Senior Girls Basketball team competed in the Southern Cup Tournament in Dunedin. We all had so much fun. We played against some tough teams but everyone showed great teamwork and determination. Going to the Southern Cup tournament was an awesome opportunity to represent JHC, spend time together as a team and make memories that will last forever. Huge thank you to Bert Tobia for all the hours he has spent with us over the season, we learnt heaps and appreciate him very much! Overall it was an awesome experience and we all can't wait to play again next year.
Millie Wallace


Millie Wallace

The James Hargest College 1st five attended the South Island Secondary Schools Basketball Tournament in Christchurch between the 2nd and 6th September 2026.

Over the four days we had 3 losses; Christ's College, Otago Boys High and to the eventual tournament winners St Andrew's College. We recorded 5 wins over Waimea College from Nelson, Marlborough College, Middleton Grange, Burnside High and Rolleston College from Christchurch. The team played well to exceed expectations and secure 17th place. It was an excellent result for the Year 13 players leaving the team this year and a great experience for the young players coming through.

A big thank you to our coach Richard Hamilton for volunteering his time throughout the season and to our manager Mrs Donna Cowie for keeping us well fed and very organised.
Flynn Wyatt

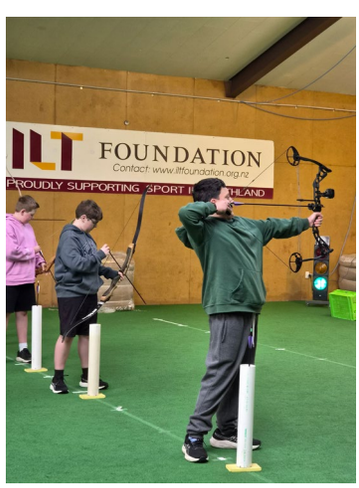

Flynn Wyatt

Hargest Archers Hit the Target at Secondary School Competition

On 12 September 2026, six of our students competed in the Invercargill Secondary School Archery competition hosted by Deep South Archery. Our archers put on an impressive display of focus and skill on the range, bringing home top honors across three major divisions:

- **Best Senior Girl: Amélie Halleux**
- **Best Junior Boy: Henry Stevenson**
- **Best Para Archer: Darcey McDowall**

A huge congratulations to all six competitors who represented the school so well!









Winter Tournament Results for the Hockey 1st XI teams

Leading into the tournament, both the boys and girls teams had a goal of making Top Two so each team could progress up to the Tier 1 and 2 competition for 2027.

Both teams had success in each of their pools and at the end of pool play, both JHC teams were in the semi finals (top 4!!).

Boys	Girls
vs Dunstan 7-0 (win)	vs Avonside 2-1 (win)
vs Waitaki 4-1 (win)	vs Marlborough Girls College 1-1
vs Ashburton 4-1 (win)	vs Burnside High School 4-0 (win)
vs Christchurch Boys High School 2-4 (loss)	



Thrilling and nail-biting times were ahead for the semis!

The boys were up against Shirley Boys and both teams scored goal for goal. JHC got their equalizer on full time (3-3). This meant penalty shootouts. Unfortunately the boys went down 2-3 but showed true grit throughout the whole game, leaving everything out on the turf. They played off for 3rd place against Cashmere High School and the final score was 2-1 to the opposition.



The girls were up against Marian College for their semi. Marian scored in the first quarter and the score remained like this for more or less the rest of the game. JHC pulled Hannah out of goal in the last few minutes of the game to get an extra field player. With 20 seconds to fulltime, our girls scored (1-1). This resulted in penalty shootouts for the girls too! Hannah Dick was outstanding and kept a clean scorecard. We got what we needed in the goal thanks to Jessica and Ella (2-0). This secured our position into the Grand Final against Villa Maria. Villa Maria played very well and won this 3-0. There are very exciting times ahead for the Girls 1st XI who will now play for the Federation Cup and Marie Fry Trophy in 2027.











Southern Sports Exchange

On Thursday the 17th of September, the Junior Campus hosted the third Southern Sports Exchange. This year we had entries from Dunedin North Intermediate and Tahuna Intermediate, Maruawai College, Tokanui School, Northern Southland College, Aparima College, Ascot Primary, and Central Southland Schools Combined.

The students competed in Boys and Girls Basketball, Netball, Football and Hockey, utilising the fantastic sporting venues we have in Invercargill - ILT Football Turf, Hockey Southland Hockey Turf and the ILT Stadium to ensure we could play regardless of the weather. With a little rain forecast, we were prepared, however it cam to nothing and the sun shone all day!

Our teams competed superbly and finished with some awesome results:
1st Football
1st Netball
2nd Boys Basketball
2nd Hockey
3rd Girls Basketball

We would like to thank all the visiting schools, the venues that hosted us, the student army of referee and umpire volunteers from the Senior Campus, and the staff from the Junior Campus who ran each sport.




















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JHC Football



The JHC football program reached an exciting milestone this season, fielding five teams—three boys' squads and two girls' squads—in the local Southland College League. This expanded representation highlights not only the sport's growing popularity across all year levels, but also the school's commitment to active participation, physical fitness, and healthy competition. Wednesday afternoons quickly became a highlight of the school week as players geared up to represent their school colours against secondary schools from across the region. Travelling to local grounds, adapting to varying pitch conditions, and testing their skills against regional rivals helped build deep camaraderie, school pride, and valuable life skills in teamwork and perseverance well beyond the pitch.

The three boys' teams provided a structured pathway for developing talent across various age groups and skill levels. The Black Team set the benchmark for the program, putting together a stellar eight-game campaign to finish second overall in the league. Meanwhile, the Gold and Red teams fought hard in every match, securing fifth and sixth places respectively in a highly competitive division. On the girls' side, participation surged at every session. The Blue Team proved to be a dominant force at the top of the table, pushing SGHS Red all the way in a thrilling title race. The Green Team showed immense resilience, building momentum as the season progressed to push for a top-three spot before narrowly finishing fourth after a tough battle with SGHS Blue.

The James Hargest College Girls 1st Football Team achieved a remarkable 9th-place finish out of 18 teams at the Lotto Sportswear Tournament in Invercargill. Competing in their first winter tournament week in many years—and playing together as a unit for the very first time—the team demonstrated outstanding commitment, growth, and cohesion through demanding weather conditions throughout the week. Central to their overall success was Maegan James, who was named Player of the Tournament for her exceptional versatility, leadership, and skill, whether anchoring the defense at center back or driving play in attacking midfield.

The tournament began on Day One with a rain-delayed match against Aparima College, where the girls delivered an incredible 10–0 victory to showcase their immediate on-field connection. Later that afternoon, they battled hail and a tough opponent in St Hilda's, fighting right to the final whistle despite a 5–0 defeat. On Day Two, the Lionesses controlled much of the play against Craighead Diocesan in heavy mud, but an unlucky first-half penalty ultimately handed Craighead a narrow 1–0 win.

The girls bounced back brilliantly on Day Three, controlling their derby against local rivals SGHS to earn a 2–0 victory. Goals from Maegan James and Lexi Knight, combined with a resolute defensive effort, earned the team a clean sheet. On the final day, JHC faced South Otago in the playoff for 9th place, putting on an energetic performance to seal a dominant 8–1 win. Multi-goal performances came from Maegan James, Ella Rohan, and Ellie-May Boniface, alongside strikes from Cora O'Rourke and Lexi Knight.

In a memorable finish to the tournament, the team moved their Year 13 students into attack for the final ten minutes to celebrate their last appearance for JHC, closing out a brilliant week for the school's football program.

Beyond local league play, the flagship JHC Lions put on an extraordinary display of heart, tactical quality, and relentless energy at this year's Linwood Cup in Dunedin. Facing bitter Antarctic conditions—sleet, snow, rain, and howling winds—the squad adapted to condensed 20-minute halves brilliantly on the turf, playing some of the most dominant, high-tempo football of the entire competition. Across six high-intensity matches, the Lions proved they could go toe-to-toe with the region's best. Even in narrow defeats against clinical counter-attacking sides like Logan Park, SBHS, and Dilworth, the Lions consistently dictated the tempo, setting up camp in opposition territory and controlling as much as 76% of possession.

The Lions' attacking brilliance was on full display throughout the tournament,





carving open backlines to rack up 15 total goals through rapid one-touch passing combinations and lethal wide play. This dominance was headlined by back-to-back clean-sheet masterclasses where the team piled on 11 goals against Dunstan and Waitaki Boys. Individual honours reflected this outstanding team effort.

Will Fleming, Cohan Cameron and Ollie Milne-Warren earned the Golden Boot with three goals each. The Playmaker Award for most assists was shared between Will Fleming and Darren Chen for their exceptional vision in the final third. Furthermore, Ollie Milne-Warren earned Tournament MVP recognition for his elite tactical versatility across multiple positions and leadership, while Cohan Cameron provided unforgettable tournament highlights with a 25-yard dipping worldie against Dunstan and a towering header against Trident.

Looking ahead, the future of JHC football looks remarkably bright. With five squads regularly taking the field, a strong foundation has been laid for long-term athletic success and community engagement. The dedicated support from staff, volunteer coaches, and cheering parents continues to drive the program forward. The players represented the school with immense pride, played attractive, brave football, and demonstrated that the future of Lions football is in very capable hands.















Rugby

Recently the 2026 Rugby Southland Supporters Club Community Rugby Awards were held.

Congratulations Hargest Rugby whānau!

• Jonty Carran Shield Most Promising Southland U16 Boy (Shared) - Mason Evans
• Rugby Southland Referee Community Champion Award - JJ Morgan
• Rugby Southland Teenage Rugby Volunteer of the Year - Kelly Godsall Folster







Gymnastics

The 2026 XP Gymnastics Nationals were recently held in Tauranga, and three of our JHC students represented Southland. A standout result was Walter Gibbs winning a bronze medal on Parallel Bars and getting 5th in the country for Level 5 All Round!
Congratulations to Walter and to Eva Hughes and Mia Kerr on their beautiful performances on the national stage, after months of hard work. Ka pai to mahi!

Results :
Walter Gibbs - Level 5 Mens Artistic Gymnastics
Parallel Bars - 3rd
Pommel Horse - 5th
Horizontal Bar - 6th
All Round - 5th

Eva Hughes - Step 6 Womens Artistic Gymnastics
Uneven Bars - 8th
Balance Beam - 12th

Mia Kerr - Step 7 Womens Artistic Gymnastics
Floor - 16th





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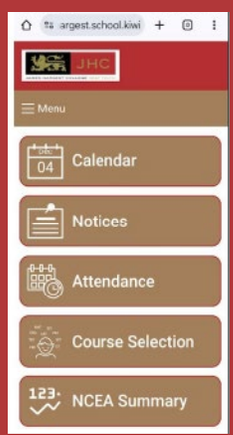


With: **Shirley Pastiroff**, Counsellor MNZAC. Author of The Mindful Parent



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School App and Portal



Using the portal enables you to keep up to date with the following aspects of your child's education:

- School reports
- Absences and timetables
- School daily notices
- Academic results including NCEA results
- Contact details
- Account information

The portal can be accessed by both apple and android devices, or a direct web address: https://jameshargest.school.kiwi/

Instructions for logging in have been sent via email.

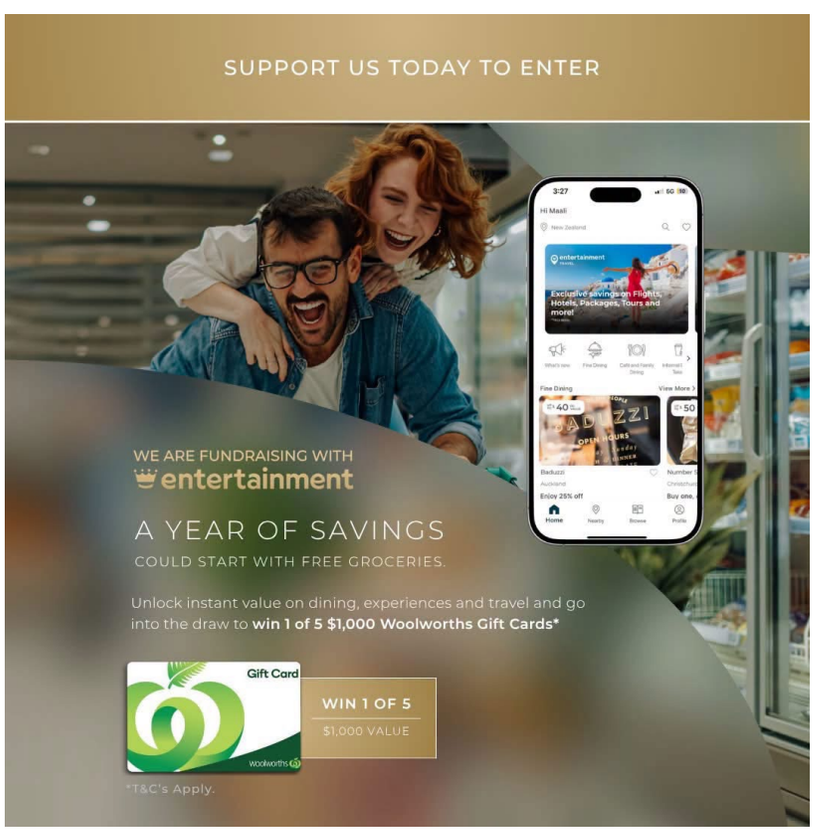
Once you are logged in:
On an Android device click on the three bars in the top right and choose "Add to Home Screen"

On a Apple device, click on and "Add to Home Screen".

SchoolAppsNZ is an app that allows you to report your child is going to be absent from school (please remember to give the reason), as well as links to the portal, daily notices, school alerts, and news. Download SchoolAppsNZ and choose James Hargest College.

Feeling the pinch on groceries?

https://www.kiwilunchbox.co.nz is a free tool built by an Auckland parent. It plans a week of school lunches around whatever is on special at Woolworths and New World, shows what the week will cost, and gives you a prep plan. No account needed, nothing for sale.



Healthy Study Habits

In today's world, where distractions are abundant and the pressure to excel is high, guiding children to develop healthy study habits is more important than ever. As students aspire to achieve academic success, the cornerstone of that achievement lies not just in their intelligence or drive, but in the study habits they cultivate.

It's essential for students to recognise that good study habits aren't merely about spending extra hours hitting the books. It's more about quality over quantity and having a more balanced approach. Emphasising the value of a routine is essential. Consistent study times establish a sense of structure and discipline, turning studying into a natural part of their daily routine rather than a burdensome task.

Additionally, how students approach their study sessions is equally important.



Taking regular breaks is a crucial part of this process in maintaining focus and preventing burnout.

Maintaining a healthy lifestyle that includes sufficient sleep, a balanced diet, and consistent physical activity are indispensable elements that will significantly impact your child's ability to study effectively. Fostering these healthy habits is one of the most valuable gifts we can offer children, paving the way for a lifetime of learning and achievement.

This Special Report will help you support your young person as they embark on studying for exams.

Here is the link to this topic http://jameshargest.nz.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-healthy-study-habits-nz

Importance of Connection

Strong, supportive connections play an important role in a young person's mental health, wellbeing and development. Feeling connected to family, friends, school and community can provide children and adolescents with a sense of belonging, security and acceptance, helping them feel valued and supported as they grow.

As young people navigate friendships, increasing independence, social pressures and the digital world, maintaining meaningful connections can sometimes become more challenging. Positive relationships and a strong sense of belonging can help protect against loneliness and isolation, while building resilience, confidence and emotional wellbeing.

This edition of SchoolTV explores the importance of connection and offers practical strategies to help strengthen relationships, foster belonging and ensure young people feel supported, understood and connected.



Here is the link to this topic http://jameshargest.nz.schooltv.me/newsletter/importance-connection-nz



Missed the recent SchoolTV webinar?

Part III of Understanding Anxiety & Depression to Foster Resilience is now available to watch on replay.

This session explores how parents and carers can help build resilience through strong foundations and everyday wellbeing habits, with practical guidance for supporting neurodivergent children from a strengths-based perspective.

Watch the webinar:

Understanding Anxiety and Depression to Foster Resilience (Part III)

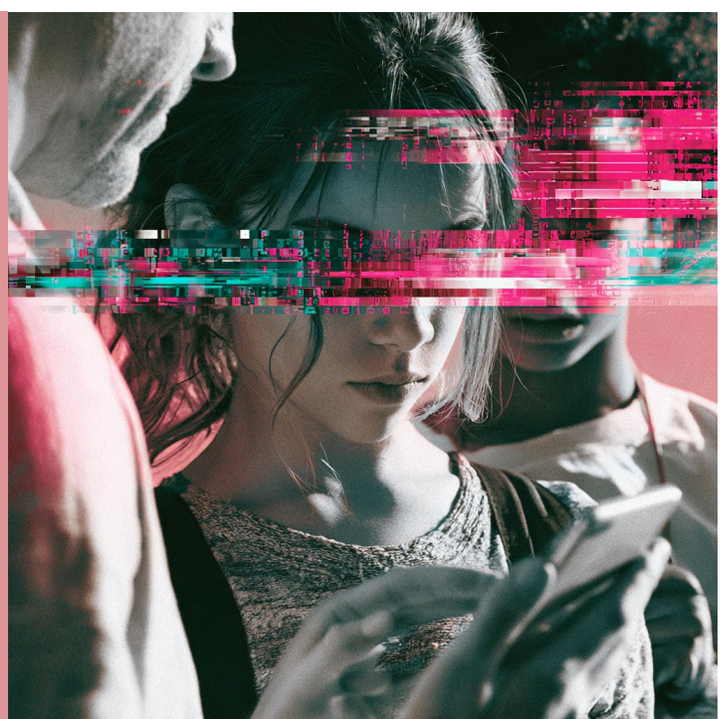
You can also download the KEYpoints Flyer for practical takeaways to help support conversations at home.

Introducing The Smartphone Readiness Project

There is no need to waste money on a dumb phone.

A dumb phone costs real money, can't often run the school app, and gets your child laughed at. A year later, you buy the smartphone anyway. There is another way, and you probably already own it. The Smartphone Readiness Project flips the whole argument.

You stop defending a "NO". Your child researches what they are asking for, writes a proper business case, and presents it to you out loud on a set date. Then you answer together with yes, yes with conditions, or not yet. Then we show you, tap by tap, how to turn the smartphone already in your drawer into a starter phone. It looks like everyone else's phone and does only what you have agreed to: calls, messages to approved people, camera, music. You hand the rest back one stage at a time, as your child shows you they are ready.



What's inside:

The Complete Parent/Carer Workbook

Four printable worksheets

Phone or App Business Case Workbook that can be used more than once

Parent/Carer Presentation Checklist and Questions to ask on the day

Family Digital Access Agreement you all sign.

Start Small, Release Slowly – step-by-step setup for iPhone and Android, including Google Pixel and Samsung Galaxy, using the built-in family and accessibility settings. The Stage Ladder – five stages from starter phone to full independence, with readiness signals for each step up and what to do when trust is broken (back one stage, never back to zero).

What to say – scripts for the handover, the step-ups and the step-backs, plus answers on school apps, group chats, AI apps, passcodes and privacy.

The Starter Phone Stage Record – a one-page document to staple to your agreement so everyone knows exactly what was agreed.

The Smart Phone Readiness Project extends to apps and works for every request after the first one. Use the same workbook if they ask for Snapchat, Discord, Roblox, or an AI companion. "Great.

Available in Australian, UK and US editions. Instant download, single-family licence, print the worksheets as often as you need.

Here is the link to this website https://www.safeonsocial.com/

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Phone

03 217 6129

Parent, Caregiver, Whānau and Community Engagement

At James Hargest College we are always interested in engaging with our community and listening to parents, whānau and the wider community. If you have any good ideas or there is something special that has happened regarding Hargest, or there are issues, concerns or complaints we should be aware of,
please contact the school office
Senior Campus (2176129) or
Junior Campus (2179250) or via email,
office@jameshargest.school.nz
You will be put in contact with an appropriate staff member

Information Updates

If you have any changes to your details (e.g. address, phone numbers, medical details, emergency contacts, etc), please let the school know as soon as possible in order to keep our records up-to-date.

Please email Mrs Moreton (Senior Campus) with any changes at
office@jameshargest.school.nz

or phone 2176129

or Mrs Cribb (Junior Campus) at
juniorcampus@jameshargest.school.nz

or phone 2179250

E-mail Newsletters

The next newsletter will be issued via email on Friday 27 November 2026. Hard copies of the newsletter will be available from either the Junior or Senior Campus office.
You can view the newsletter on the Hargest web site www.jameshargest.school.nz



Coming Events for 2026

Senior Campus

October

Sat	17	1989 School Reunion Tour
	19-21	Year 9 and 10 Production - 7pm Hall
Tues	20	Youthmark Awards
Mon	26	Labour Day
Tues	27	Year 9 camps begin
		Film Festival - 6.30pm Hall
Wed	28	Senior Art Exhibition - Art block
Thu	29	BOT hui
Fri	30	Haunted Hargest from 5pm

November

Tues	03	Interrobang Launch - Library 5.30pm
		Blue Awards - Hall 7pm
Wed	04	Southland Sports Awards 6pm
Thu	05	Last Day Year 13s
Fri	06	Last Day Year 12s
		Optional classes for Year 13s
		Junior Exams begin
Sat	07	Election Day - Voting in Library
Tues	10	NCEA Begins
		PTA hui - 7.30pm
Fri	13	Year 8 Orientation morning
Mon	16	Last day Year 11s
Fri	20	Teacher Only Day
Thu	26	BOT hui
		Year 10 Activity Day
Fri	27	SIT Taster Day

December

Wed	02	Senior Prize Giving
Thu	03	Graduation Dinner
Tue	08	Junior Prize Giving
		Last day of Year 9 and 10

Junior Campus

October

Mon	12	First Day of Term 4
Mon	26	Labour Day
Thu	29	BOT hui
Fri	30	Teacher Appreciation Day

November

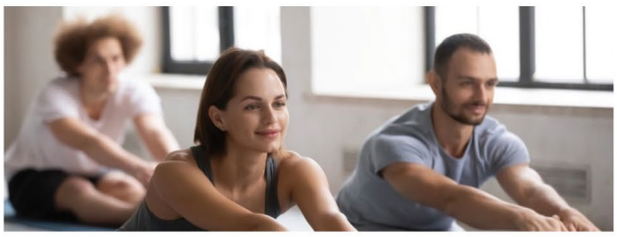
Tues	10	PTA Hui (7.30pm in the Brig)
Thu	12	Book Day
Fri	13	New Entrant Day
		Year 8s visit the Senior Campus for the morning
Fri	20	Jonty Carran Rugby Tournament
		Teacher Only Day - School closed for instruction
Tues	24	Ngā Pūtangitangi Competition
Thu	26	BOT hui

December

Tues	01	Year 7 Picnic
Wed	02	Year 8 Social
Thu	03	Sporting Excellence Prizegiving
Fri	04	Year 8 Picnic
Mon	07	Year 7 and 8 Merit Assemblies
Tues	08	Excellence Prize Giving
Wed	09	Last Day for 2026







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