



JHC

JAMES HARGEST COLLEGE KEEP FAITH

9 August 2024

**JHC Exchange
Victory!**



Principal's Comment



Mike Newell
Principal

Kia ora e te whānau

It has been great to back at JHC after my sabbatical in Term 2. While I was away I visited a number of schools, coed, single sex, small, large, urban and rural. To see

what other schools are doing and what could be implemented at JHC is always valuable. These visits were also a great reassurance of what we do here at Hargest and the direction we are heading. What was really clear in the high performing schools I visited was the high expectations in every aspect of their schools; academia - achievement and teaching, extra curricular activities, rules and procedures, uniform as an example. I am most grateful to the Senior Leadership Team and other staff who moved into other temporary roles last term.

We have received some positive news, which has been reported on in the media, with regards to our new Science and Student Support Centre building. This project will go ahead and construction is scheduled to begin at the beginning of 2025. It has been a long process but we know our students will benefit from the building we have designed. This building is one of four blocks on the Senior Campus that are deemed end of life due to their condition and should either

be rebuilt or significantly refurbished in the near future. We are looking forward to Open Day on August 18 to be able to show our community the refurbishments that have also taken place on the Junior Campus.

We are still coming to grips with the passing of our treasured colleague and friend Miss Nicky Laird. There is a tribute to Miss Laird in this newsletter which honours her significant contribution to our kura. I would like to thank the many families and other schools in our region who have sent us their thoughts. Your compassion is very much appreciated.

Our staff whakataukī for this week is: "Nā koutou i tangi, nā tatau katoa" - When you cry, your tears are shed by us all. We are all in a season of lament. We are together in mourning.

Nga mihi
Mike Newell
Principal

From the Boardroom



Toni Green
BOT Presiding Member

Kia ora koutou

The Board of Trustees wishes to express our condolences to the whānau of Nicky Laird as well as the staff, students and community of James Hargest College. Nicky has been a part of the staff for almost twenty years and during that time has made a significant contribution to the classroom as well as to outdoor education. We know there are many colleagues and students of Nicky who will be acutely feeling her loss this week and in the coming weeks. Saying farewell is never easy and we know the staff and community will support each other with compassion and care in this difficult time.

In the July meeting we discussed the multitude of projects taking place in the property realm around our school. The approval for "**New Build One**" (pictured below) continues to be an exciting development. Well done to Al Pannett as he continues to work hard behind the scenes to ensure all the requirements are met, as well as maintaining the Hargest aspects of the build. When ground is finally broken on this project it will be testament to his dogged determination and we are very grateful for his tenacity. The new toilet block at the Junior Campus looks great and is well looked after by students who appreciate having a new facility. Work has started on the toilet block at the Senior Campus and it will be great to see that operational in time. The redevelopment of our Junior Campus classrooms has been completed and all classrooms have moved back in to their refurbished spaces. The breakout spaces are light and bright - quite different to what classroom spaces looked like during school days for many of us parents.

We are also very pleased to announce that Jeremy Rees has been co-opted on to our Board. Jeremy stood in the last elections and is a Civil Engineer, bringing extensive experience and a broad skill set to development which is timely given the development going around our Kura. Jeremy is well-versed in asset management, construction observation, project cost estimation, and health and safety in design. While Jeremy has experience from around the country, he is a born-and-bred Southlander who values time with his family and the outdoors. Welcome to the team Jeremy.

I encourage our community to come and have a wander around the Junior Campus during our Open Day on Sunday 18 August. The Campus is looking great.

Ka kite,

Toni Green
BOT Presiding Member



Tribute to Miss Laird

This week we came together as a staff to mourn the loss of our friend and colleague, Nicky Laird. Nicky was a kind, caring, hardworking woman, part of the fabric of our kura. She will be missed enormously. Her wit, banter, regular irreverence and direct manner of communication are the stuff of folklore in our staff room. "Nickyisms" will be used for years to come.

The following excerpts are from staff members and students as they shared their grief and memories in remembrance of Nicky.

"Nicky would spend hours preparing her lessons – her classes would be expected to work hard and do a lot of writing. Nicky was a scrupulous marker. We would have detailed discussions about student's work. Nicky wouldn't let get me away with anything but at least I knew I could send work away for moderation with absolute confidence that we had done the right thing."



"Nicky went away on a lot of field trips. These were great times as she was a passionate Geographer. The following quote from Robert Louis Stevenson in 1905 "I am told there are people in the world who do not care for Geography and Maps – I find that hard to believe" is apt.

"Alongside her teaching, Nicky attended camps, helped students learn ballroom dancing in the lead up to the ball, and participated in House Events - including running the Cross Country each year clad in the bright yellow colours of her Hamilton House."

"She was very organised with her work. She always had everything laid out for our class. She had a quiz for us every week - she always knew all the answers and enjoyed sharing it with us. She liked to tell us funny stories about herself - about things like her university days. We all enjoyed getting to know her and we will miss our wonderful teacher." Year 13 Geography Student.

Her biggest responsibility outside the classroom was being the Teacher in Charge of Yr 9 & 10 Camps. Ten years of checking tents, ropes, counting tent pegs and chasing up teachers who had not returned them to the right place on time. She was always extremely appreciative of the help from her ODR committee and grateful for all staff who attended camps and helped make them the success they are to this day.

Two years ago, Nicky created an entirely new Outdoor Ed experience for our Year 10s - Activity Days. Here Nicky was able to motivate both Staff and Students to get outside their comfort zone and try something new.

Nicky; school and especially the Social Sciences Department won't be the same without you. The relationships you forged with the team in the F Block office won't be forgotten. The impact you made on an entire generation of students is your legacy to JHC. Nicky will be greatly missed by all her family, friends and colleagues - may she now forever rest in peace.



Staff voted Nicky Prom Queen - staff ball gown display 2021

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When you cry, your tears are shed by us all. We are all in a season of lament. We are together in mourning.

how do i descibe miss laird.

She was kind & sweet. She was an amazing teacher and she had a beautiful personality it shined bright. Miss laird was a gift from god. The way she taught me in Social studies was a way i had never seen before. She connected with us explained it beautifully, and i know about the topic friend or foe, and kaitiakitana, and aboriginals. ect. She was a lovely lady and she always knew when i was listening she would look me in the eyes & smile. 😊 i love her she was so nice & patient with our class even tho we were very, very, very, very! annoying, she knew we would do great things and that's why she was so patient. She was an amazing woman, and an amazing teacher i know i've already said it 1,000 times, i keep saying it because it's true 😊 i love you miss laird.

- Year 9 student

PTA Report



Jo Wilson
PTA Chairperson

Kia ora from the PTA

Welcome back to Term 3 and what a cold blast of weather we have had. It's a good reminder to rug up warm and take care of yourself as there are so many bugs going around. Tiaki i a koe anō.

We will be at our Open Day on 18 August. The PTA enjoy taking part with the warm BBQ providing a little snack as the parents and children walk around and get an insight into the Hargest environment. I have to admit I do enjoy seeing new and familiar faces walking around and seeing the excitement and some nerves on the children's faces.

We also have parent teacher interviews at the Junior Campus. The PTA will have a table set up at these interviews for parents to come and have a chat and find out more about what we do.

As we head into the 2nd part of the year it is a good time to check in with your children, see what they are focusing on, their goals and to see if they need any support or just someone to listen.

To our students, keep doing your best, strive for greatness and continue to be yourself.

*Kia Kaha
Kia Māia
Kia Manawanui*

Be Strong
Be Brave
Be Steadfast

Until next time,
Ngā mihi

Jo Wilson and the PTA Team

Whānau Report

He kai kei aku ringa.
There is food in my hands.

Ngā mihi i tēnei wā tonu mei. Tēnā tātou.

Once again our Kapa Haka stood at Murihiku Marae with another stunning performance to celebrate the Marae Community Day. And again heartfelt thank you to Murihiku Marae for hosting such an encouraging event.

We are very much looking forward to our noho marae at Te Rau Aroha Marae in Bluff this weekend. Keeping our warm connections is a primary function of Te Kapa Haka Tuākana o Hēmi Hākena. Motupōhue tū tonu mai. Ngā mihi.



Matua Neitana Tane

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 20 August

Tuesday 5 November

- The Murihiku Polyfest - Monday 26th to Friday 30th August. ILT Stadium Southland.
- Tour of Southland Opening Ceremony - Kapa Performance - Sunday 3rd November
- Te Matatini (Kapa Haka World Championship) at Pukekura Park in Ngā Motu/New Plymouth, from the 24th of February to the 2nd of March 2025.

Hei kona mai.
Matua Neitana

Interrobang
Creative Arts Magazine 2024

Submissions Now Open!
Due August 30th

Google Classroom: ozx3azf
Email: 18102@jhc.school.nz

Staff Farewell

Senior Campus



Leana Breen

Leana Breen joined James Hargest College in 2020 as the Receptionist and Student Accounts Administrator at our Senior Campus. Leana brought a wealth of experience having worked in schools for 10 years before joining our team. Her experience was obvious as she confidently ran the front desk welcoming and assisting visitors, parents and students to the college.

Leana was a master of conversation, she ensured the atmosphere in reception was welcoming and enjoyable for anyone that visited. Her sense of humour and enthusiasm for reviewing and improving processes made working with her efficient and fun!

For Leana, no two days of work were the same, she wore many hats and thrived in the variety the position offered. From meeting students and families on their first day to farewelling those that were heading off to join the work force, she left a lasting and memorable impression. We wish her all the best in her new position with Southern Cross Health.



Shellee Madden

Shellee joined James Hargest College in June 2017 as the Accounts Assistant/ International Student Administrator at our Senior Campus.

During her 7 years at Hargest, Shellee also had a lot more strings to her bow having also worked as a Teacher Aide and SAC Assistant due to the closure of the border over the covid period. This was a challenge for Shellee juggling multiple job

sets within the school but she handled it with such finesse, a sign of a great team member to her peers. A positive attitude and willingness to help others are strong attributes of hers.

Shellee always loved a yarn, and I am sure that those who had morning tea with her found this out. She always had a story to tell!

Shellee takes her wealth of knowledge to Phoenix Services where we wish her the very best for her next endeavours.

Staff News



Nicky Moreton

Nicky Moreton joins our administration staff in the Senior Campus Office as our new Receptionist and Student Accounts Administrator. Nicky has worked at James Hargest College for 16 years, most recently as our Lead Teacher Aide but she has been involved with our community as both a parent and enthusiastic staff member for a long time.

Nicky's positive attitude and caring nature make her the perfect person to meet and greet our visitors, parents and students. We are excited to welcome Nicky into her new role and look forward to our community getting to know her better!

Staff Welcome

Senior Campus



Kris Horton

Kris joins us at James Hargest College as our Accounts Assistant. Kris brings a wealth of knowledge to our accounts

team having worked for the last few years at McIntyre Dick & Partners as a Senior Business Support Administrator. Her expertise in accounting practices and procedures will be of benefit to our kura.

Staff Welcome

Junior Campus



Treena Brown

Hi, my name is Treena Brown. I have worked as an ESOL tutor and Teacher Aide for 8 years here in Invercargill and Australia. I am looking forward to sharing my knowledge with the James Hargest students and the new challenges that we will explore together. I am a mother of four adult children and have lived in Invercargill for almost 15 years. My interests are baking and crafting.



Emma Clarke

My name is Emma Clarke, and I am thrilled to join the James Hargest Junior Campus team as the teacher for Room 5 on Fridays. As a proud Invercargill local, I live here with my family, including my two children—one of whom is a student at James Hargest Junior. Both of my kids are passionate dancers, which keeps me busy supporting their activities. In my downtime, I enjoy getting outside for a walk or a run and unwinding with a good movie.

Currently, I am in my 8th year as a specialist teacher for Ko Taku Reo Deaf Education New Zealand. Prior to this role, I spent 11 years as a classroom teacher. I'm excited to bring my passion back into the classroom. I am looking forward to connecting with the students in Room 5 and making the most of the rest of 2024 together. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!



David Matthews

Hi, my Name is David Matthews, but most people call me Dave. This used to get a lot of folks jokingly asking me if I was in a band. Ironically enough, I was. I'm Invercargill born and bred. My Mum was raised in Tuatapere and is of Scottish descent, while my father was Māori from the far North, hence my middle name, Hokianga. I first left New Zealand in 1985 to see the world. After a short stint working in Sydney, I spent three months travelling alone in China and hitchhiking through Tibet. I eventually found myself broke in Hong Kong working as an extra in Kung Fu movies until someone suggested teaching English in Taiwan. The rest is pretty much history. Between then and now, I've travelled around quite a bit, and spent many years teaching ESL to kids and adults in the south of Taiwan and now I'm back in New Zealand, working as a Teacher Aide at the Junior Campus.



Dean Millar

Hi everyone, my name is Dean Millar and I am the caretaker at the Junior Campus. I moved to Invercargill last year from Cambridge where I spent ten years as a Corrections Officer. Prior to that I designed and built homes and was a qualified printer. I have four children and three grandchildren. I am passionate about BMX and officiate for BMX NZ. I have a keen interest in cars and enjoy spending time with my family. I am enjoying being part of the JHC team.



Diane Slaughter

Hi everyone, I am Diane. I've been a teacher aide for about 8 years, primarily working in early childhood until now which means there are a few children I know from kindy coming into the Junior Campus. I am looking forward to getting to know the students and teachers and being a part of the Hargest Team. In my spare time you will find me on some type of adventure with my two golden retrievers named Norman and Teddy or in the kitchen cooking delicious goodies. I also love a good book so if you know any, let me know.

Curriculum Update

The James Hargest College staff wish to thank our community for their support during Term Two as we closed early on a Thursday to work on our Year 9 Curriculum proposals. This time was extremely valuable for Departments to work together consistently and work through a process of evaluation and reflection of what is currently offered for Year 9 students, and how we can shape what we do to ensure we are always striving to achieve our Mission Statement: to equip all our students to create the best possible future for themselves and their world.

Departments have thoroughly analysed community voice, student voice and staff voice to look at what works well in their Departments and what could be improved. This feedback was the basis for developing redesigned courses for Year 9 in 2026. At the end of the term, Departments submitted their proposals to our leadership team who worked through to look at curriculum coverage and the balance between student choice and non negotiables. There are a lot of exciting courses being proposed by teachers who are leaning in to their areas of passion and in areas students are engaged.

At the start of this term students in Years 7, 8 9 and 10 were presented with slides outlining the proposed new courses. Teachers helped them understand what these new courses will look like and how they will work together. This week students have been asked to rank the courses in order of their choices and our wonderful people who form team timetable are working with the numbers to consider how it can work together. If your child is in Years 7 - 10, we encourage you to talk with them about the courses they have seen and what they have selected as their top choices. This has been a significant process of evaluation and creation and we are excited by what the future holds for our curriculum at James Hargest College. We thank all of our staff for their mahi through this period. When we work through the next steps, we will be hosting a whānau information evening where you will be invited to come along and hear what we are planning as well as ask any pātai. In the meantime, if you would like any further curriculum information, the email address is curriculum@jhc.school.nz

Brass Band

Huge congratulations to the talented Megan Gooding (pictured) for placing second in the highly competitive Open Slow Melody during the recent National Contest held in Manukau, Auckland. The competition has both solo and party events (duets/ensembles) and band events. This year Megan competed with Waitakere Auckland Brass, both in the band events and as a soloist. Results:

- 2nd Open Slow Melody
- 5th Open Duet
- 10th Championship Cornet

John Chesney, Yr 13 also competed as a soloist in the Junior Cornet and Junior Slow Melody representing the Ascot Park Hotel Brass of Invercargill
Ka mau te wehi!



Pipe Band News

Congratulations to Cameron Fraser who is going places with his music, literally! Cameron was selected in the New Zealand Youth Pipe Band who travelled to Vancouver in the holidays with JHC alumnus Finn Cruikshank, also a member of the Band (pictured together, right). They were taking part in the biggest summer school for pipe bands in the Northern hemisphere, hosted in the stunning SilverStar Mountain area. Cameron plays the Bass Drum, an instrument he moved to three years ago after playing the snare for seven years. The New Zealand Youth Pipe Band players were fortunate to have five days of tutoring both with classes and individual lessons from top players.

Cameron's Pipe Band journey started as a little boy when he saw the Invercargill Pipe Band performing at the Christmas Variety show. He liked what he saw and asked his family if he could get lessons. It has taken him a long way already - we can't wait to see what he gets up to next!



Musical Staff News

Ka Pai tō mahi (great work) to kaiako Emma Jarman for being selected for the Good Tech Leadership in the Arts: Awarded to an individual who has voluntarily steered groups or individuals to success and has inspired and empowered those around them through leadership, management or administration. Mrs Jarman is HOD of Music at Hēmi Hākena and is involved in leading a wide range of ensembles in our kura and regionally including jazz bands, concert bands, chamber music groups, a choir, musical theatre productions, rock bands, and roles in music education at a national level.

And tau kē (well done) to past James Hargest kaiako Jonathan Tucker for being selected for the Sono Sound Lifetime Achievement Award - Awarded to a person or group who has consistently shared their time, energy, knowledge and skill for the betterment of the Arts in Murihiku. Jonathan's contribution to Hēmi Hākena is immeasurable – generations of ākonga have benefitted from his passion and expertise in drama. He even wrote a play about the life of James Hargest for the school's 50th anniversary in 2008. The wider Southland community has also significantly benefitted from Jonathan in his role mentoring aspiring and established thespians, and directing shows for a variety of events, notably at The Repertory Theatre on many occasions throughout his decades of service to Murihiku.

Mā mua ka kite a muri, mā muri ka ora a mua

Those who lead give sight to those who follow, those who follow give life to those who lead.

JHC kaiako are multi-talented and this was also showcased at the awards with Hoodaki taking out Radio Southland Song of the Year for their song 'John the Dog' and Sono Sound Band of the Year. The current band line-up band comprises of kaiako Mr Jago Byatt on vocals and guitar, Mr Paul Burrows on bass guitar and backing vocals, and JHC whānau Brendan Monaghan on drums and backing vocals, and special mention to past JHC kaiako Mr Simon Richardson who still regularly plays for the band. Kei runga rawa atu koe!

Te toi whakairo, ka ihiihi, ka wehiwehi, ka aweawe te ao katoa. Artistic excellence makes the world sit up in wonder.

OPEN DAY 2024

This will be held at the
Junior Campus on
Sunday 18

August
12.30 - 2.30pm

Students at both campuses will
be asked to help.

This is a great way for students
to participate in helping others
get to know our school.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

*For parents of students new to
Hargest in years 7 to 9,
Monday 19 August in the
Junior Campus Library at
5.30pm.*

TOURS OF THE SCHOOL

*Tuesday 6 August to
Thursday 22 August
Junior Campus: 9.00am
Senior Campus: 10.00am*

**PLEASE PHONE 217 9250
TO BOOK**



ShowQuest Junior Campus

We are so proud of our James Hargest Junior ShowQuest team for their results in the National Finals. They were awarded:

- Highly Commended for use of Drama
- Liam Templeton won National Whetū Rangatahi (Star of the Show).

We loved representing Murihiku on the National stage!



Year 13 Tourism

Late last term, the Level 3 Tourism classes visited Queenstown to study the impacts of tourism on the local community, the range of attractions and activities Queenstown provides and the opportunities offered for future employment. We visited Skyline Gondola and the Luge where fierce battle royales emerged as we raced down the tracks. After lunch we visited Queenstown Resort College to hear about tertiary study options

for their Hotel Management and Adventure Tourism courses. The afternoon continued with a visit to AJ Hackett's Kawarau Bungy site. Miss McDonald, Mr Schroder and a large number of students chose to take the plunge by Bungy Jumping off the historic Kawarau Bridge while many others hit the Zipride. A great day out was had by all.





Japanese Speech Competitions

Students of Japanese participated in the Southland Interschool Japanese Speech Competition on 2 July. Congratulations to all students who participated and especially to those who were placed.

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Year 9 Section

2nd – Parks Laverty & Andrew Tytler

Year 10 Section

1st – Araya Kilgour-Phillips

Year 11 Section

1st – Cissie Lung

Year 12 Section

1st – Twizel Corrales

3rd – Ben Richardson

Year 13 Section

1st – James Ano

2nd – Ishaan Boon

The Mayor's Award for Expression

Senior Section – Eviah Kennedy



Dunedin-Otaru Sister City Society Annual Japanese Speech Competition

This competition was held in Dunedin on 30 July. Congratulations to the following Hargest placegetters.

Senior Section

1st – James Ano

Junior Section (Up to Y11)

1st – Cissie Lung

Alternative Section

3rd – Keely Anderson

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PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS YEARS 9-13

ONLINE INTERVIEWS

Thursday 15th August
2:30pm - 7:00pm

To make appointments please scan the QR code or go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the following code:

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Please calendar your schedule of times in your diary. The email confirming your bookings includes the links to connect with the teachers. You will need an internet connected phone, tablet or laptop. We highly recommend your son/daughter also join the interview, so together you can work with us to set goals and develop plans around achieving them.

Bookings close at 9:00am on Thursday 15 August.

School will close at 1:30pm on Thursday 15 August.

Social Science Fair

Junior Campus

Last Term the Junior Campus Social Science Fair Enrichment Group entered the Social Science Fair held at the Workingmen's Club. We had a huge number of students enter the fair and we came away with a tremendous amount of prizes. Congratulations to the following prize winners:



Student	Project	Prize
Jamie Oosterbroek	Impact of Technology	1st: Year 7 and 8
Myah Knight	How Vaping Affects Us	1st: Health 2nd: Year 7 and 8
Lucus Thompson and Leon Toms	The Effects of War on Ukraine and Russia	1st: Conflict
William Simpson and Lachlan Arthur	Behind the Scene at Invercargill Airport	1st: Transport
Sam Tengco	Barriers for Children in Sports Participation	1st: Sport
Eli Burgess and Krisha Anqui	New Mall Challenges	1st: Industries
Alex Morrison and Harry Clarke	Impact of Oversized Loads	2nd: Transport
Taylor Lemm and Caitlin Checketts	Where are you Ziggy?	3rd: Year 7 and 8
Nethuki Perera	How does Alcohol Affect Teenagers Today?	Merit: Year 7 and 8
Avé Valoa-Jack	Aere Ra	Merit: Year 7 and 8 Merit: Other Cultures
Teegyn Dillinger and Liam Templeton	Hearing Colours and Seeing Sounds	Merit: Year 7 and 8
Benjamin Elder	Phones Away	Merit: Year 7 and 8
Mehul Girhotra	Twist, Turn, Solve	Merit: Hobbies
Wenxin Li and Sean Clark	The Great War	Merit: Conflict
Sunny McIntyre	A Place to Call Home	Merit: Other Cultures
Dante Feaver	Disabilities Acceptance of Society	Merit: Health
Kyra Bonthuys	E Transport	Merit: Transport
Tia Boutcher	Fight for Kidz	Merit: Sport
Nico Wandless	Chasing Dreams	Merit: Sport





EIS Technology Challenge

Junior Campus

Two teams from James Hargest Junior Campus competed in the Year 7/8 EIS Technology Challenge at Waianiwa School. Both teams completed 2 challenges and showed amazing problem solving, creativity and teamwork skills. Congratulations to the 'James Hargest 2' team of EJ, Violet, Aanya and Mehel, who were placed second overall.

JINGO
JHC Boys 1st XI
7th August 2024
6:30pm
Waikiwi Tavern
 Fundraising for South Island Secondary School
 Johnson Cup Hockey Tournament in Nelson



The Art Club gathers on Thursday afternoons. Creativity abounds!

WHĀNAU KŌRERO

Trauma in children significantly disturbs their sense of safety and normalcy, leading to substantial emotional and behavioural changes. Such disturbances often result from exposure to traumatic events, which may be exacerbated by continuous media coverage. This exposure can trigger stress, anxiety, and trauma, with varying recovery timelines due to the unpredictable nature of trauma's impact. Observing young people grappling with these effects can be highly distressing for parents and caregivers.

It's important to establish a nurturing environment to help restore a child's sense of security to help promote resilience. Active involvement in their recovery is essential, as is recognising the unique, personalised needs of each child in responding to trauma. Depending on their age, children may present with different symptoms, such as regressive behaviours in younger ones or withdrawal and agitation in older children and teens.

It is important to monitor and manage the type of information children may access to reduce their emotional distress.

The brain stores traumatic events as powerful emotional memories, influencing behaviour through mechanisms beyond a child's conscious awareness. By providing young people with support and equipping them with coping mechanisms to handle uncertainty, parents and carers can greatly enhance a child's capacity to recover and build long-term emotional resilience.

This Special Report will help you identify a child experiencing trauma and how you can support them to overcome it.

Here is the link to your Special Report:

https://jameshargest.nz.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-trauma-recovery-nz



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Whānau Kōrero

IMPORTANT DATES

CALENDAR

KAMAR PORTAL

WELLBEING PORTAL

NEWS & NEWSLETTERS

Digital Technologies

Huge Congrats to Our GirlBoss Students!

Amanda Henderson, Hannah Wilson, Irene Tendeau, Tihara Fonseka and Shalom Naitau (L-R, Digital Technologies Level 2 Programming students) were accepted into the incredible GirlBoss Edge: Tech for Good program in July. This fully-funded online course was a fantastic opportunity for them to develop tech skills, gain mentorship from inspiring leaders, and connect with a supportive community. We're so proud of their ambition!

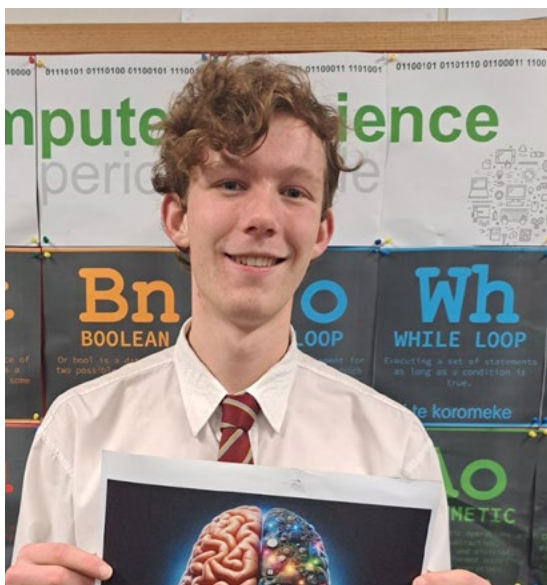
Congrats Tequin Lake!

This talented Digital Technologies student secured a spot at the competitive Grapple24 event! His diverse coding and electronics portfolio, as well as his home projects impressed the judges.

At Grapple24, Tequin joined 20 other young innovators for a week (July 13 - July 19) of tech creations & challenges in Christchurch! Grapple24 aims to assemble Aotearoa's top young innovators, uniting them to tackle real-world problems. Over an intense seven days, Tequin grappled with a problem presented to him and his team at the beginning of the week. The theme for this grapple was World Tech Economic Crisis: no imports or exports permitted to New Zealand. Tequin and his team had to work to maximise their points across the judging criteria, while receiving coaching and mentoring from 4C staff and industry experts.

Their end of the week pitch event provided an exciting opportunity for participants to showcase their skills to the fullest and impress our judges. The pitch also offers a great chance to connect with future employers present at this event!

During his stay, competitors had 24 hour access to the 4C makerspace – equipped with 3D printers, laser cutters, CNC machines, iPads with Procreate/animation software, robotic equipment and a range of other creative and digital makerspace tools.

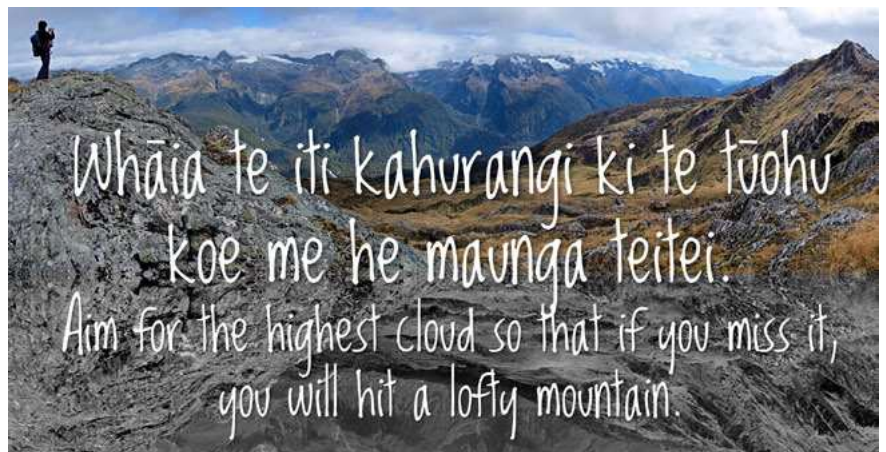


Poipoia kia puāwai

How schools support ākonga Māori and Pacific students to attain University Entrance

Report from NZCER

Researchers came to Hēmi Hākena and spoke to staff and ākonga about what helps them succeed at our place. Six schools were asked to take part in the study. Each selected school had more than 100 Year 13 students, of whom around 20% or more were Māori and/or Pacific. At each school, UE attainment for these groups of students had been at least 10% higher than their Equity Index (EQI) band average for at least 3 of the past 4 years. These statistics are a credit to all of us and while we consistently seek to improve, creating opportunities for all ākonga is something of which we can all be very proud. See if you can spot the voices of Hēmi Hākena in [here!](#)



Duke of Edinburgh

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is designed to challenge young people between the ages of 14-24 to attain standards of achievement and endeavour in a wide variety of active interests – to serve their communities, experience adventure and to develop and learn outside the classroom. Congratulations to the following students who have gained their awards.



SILVER
Roisin Dyer



SILVER
Millie Hackett



SILVER
Annie Tran

Brigadier's Diploma






This Diploma provides the framework against which students are assessed in Year 11. It maintains and protects academic rigour, while incorporating wider holistic educational goals. Year 11 is an important year where students are gaining the skills and knowledge to achieve to the best of their ability in NCEA Level Two the following year.

Diploma Structure

Each Subject counts towards the total academic score. The total maximum score per course is 8. The six scores are added to create a score out of 48. The table converts the score to a Diploma Level. The Diploma may also be endorsed with important aspects such as Sports, Cultural or Āwhina contribution.

Assessment towards the Diploma

There are common assessment opportunities in each subject. They can consist of projects, presentations, tests, homework, examinations, checkpoints and planning materials. These will be dependent on the course. Assessments contribute to a total score for the course.

Total academic score	Diploma Level	Attendance requirement	Hargest Way Grades
0-16	Beginning Te Kākano Tōtara  KĀKANO		
17+	Proficient Te Mātātīpu Tōtara  MĀTĀTĪPU		
27+	Advanced Te Kōhure Tōtara  KŌHURE	Less than 5% unjustified absences	Average Hargest Way Grades above 3.5
37+	Outstanding Te Māhuri Tōtara  MĀHURI	Less than 3% unjustified absences	Average Hargest Way Grades above 3.75
44 - 48	Tōtara Pounamu  TŌTARA POUNAMU	No unjustified absence.	Average Hargest Way Grades of 4.



Celebrating Excellence

In the last week of last term we welcomed back our scholars from the class of 2003. This ceremony celebrated what they had achieved and showed our Year 12 and 13 students in the audience what can be achieved with a goal, determination and hard work. We are very proud of their academic successes as well as their wide ranging extra curricular success. Ben Elder and Meadow Bodkin-Allen both addressed the assembly and we have included excerpts from their wonderful speeches below. Both spoke very deliberately about the need to have balance and joy in your life. Something for us all to think about!

Excerpt from Ben Elder's speech:

Most people think that in order to achieve highly, you have to have some outstanding, genius plan and have 'no life' and commit all your hours to studying. In reality, all you need is just hard work. I didn't do significantly more study during exam time than others, but my difference was that throughout the year I made sure I was keeping up with the work. Rather than doing a massive amount of hours during exam time to understand stuff, I spread these hours out throughout the year. Small amounts throughout the week to revise areas that didn't make sense (or possibly relearn if I wasn't paying attention) goes a long way at the end of the year, which I found to be very effective. I always made sure I understood the basic and underlying concepts for a topic, and I learnt how to then apply this knowledge rather than rote-learning a bunch of model answers over and over. This made it far easier in exams when there was the typical NCEA horror questions, as I could apply this knowledge. In terms of how I studied, for me, I could never sit down to study unless I'd done some exercise. I found that getting some fresh air and blood pumping through the body gave me a clear mind, and I was able to properly sit down and get a solid chunk of work done.

However, one of the key things I believe really helped me was maintaining a great work-life balance, and is something I strongly encourage everyone to have, no matter what you are trying to pursue in life. I see it as something that you need in life, in order to prevent yourself from becoming burnt out or struggling with motivation. If you don't have a good balance, you'll end up pushing yourself way too far, and the resulting burn out that may occur will leave you being far too

harsh on yourself, or just not enjoying things the way you used to. I balanced a part time job, football and squash, and service commitments like Leo Club co-president and house captain, and I found this gave me a wide variety of things to do that kept me busy. In doing so, this helped prevent me from getting bored when I needed to study. Without a balance, you have nothing else in life to enjoy or take perspective from except the pursuit of excellence, regardless of what area that pursuit is. It wasn't all great though as the high amount of commitments I undertook came with one of the only struggles for me. I found it hard to find time to juggle everything, and this taught me that there is a fine line between balance and overcommitment.

A piece of advice I recently received upon starting uni in Canterbury was that my achievements do not define me. This was a wise piece of advice and really stuck with me, as I believe that it's important to know your own worth and who you really are rather than just basing your worth on your achievements. If you don't know who you are upon going out into the world, it is quite easy to feel lost and overwhelmed if all you base your worth on is your achievements. It's so important that you don't let this happen, because if you don't reach one of your goals or you feel overwhelmed upon reaching university, you'll be far too hard on yourself. While yes, it's great if you achieve your goals, whether it's academic, sporting, cultural or other, there's absolutely nothing wrong if you miss the mark. Don't let your achievements consume you as there is more to everybody than just what they've accomplished in life. Instead, find worth elsewhere; through your many relationships in life, your family, friends and more.

When I was in Parliament receiving my award in May, Chris Luxon gave some words that really resonated with me, and I'd like to leave them with you all. As generic and basic as it sounds, he said don't be afraid to make mistakes, and surround yourself with like-minded people, no matter where you are or what you're doing in life. But what really connected with me was this; don't just pursue academic excellence, pursue a life of meaning, filled with value and purpose. Because at the end of the day, what's most important is not succeeding, but succeeding with a purpose that makes it worthwhile.

Excerpt from Meadow's speech:

What a privilege it is to stand up here and speak to you all. It feels like yesterday I was sitting in the audience listening to Halle Faherty speak about her academic experiences. She inspired me and I hope I can do a wee bit of that for you today.

I'm not going to stand up here and say that my time through NCEA was easy and that I always prioritised my study because I didn't. My life became a balancing act when NCEA hit. I was working multiple jobs to hopefully support my further study, managing extra curricular activities that I valued, trying to be a part of my local theatre community, something that was extremely important to me and then on top of that keep up my school work. I know many of you will relate to that and maybe you don't but I am sure you can understand how things can take priority.

My passion did not lie in all my academic subjects. It did for some, like music and drama. Doing Scholarship music in year 12 pushed me far beyond what I thought I was capable of. I thought that once I got to year 13 I wouldn't care so much for my results but it was quite the opposite. After achieving my academic goals in year 11 & 12, I didn't want to just give up in year 13. I kept working and almost studied more that year than I ever have before. But this isn't to say that I didn't burn out, I did, many times. It was hard to





Congratulations to Year 11 student Lachlan Checketts for his fantastic maha piping in Sir Ashley Bloomfield who was the invited guest speaker at the annual Eat Talk Connect (ETC) charity business lunch, held at the Ascot Park Hotel.

find where my energy should go and I was trying to let it go everywhere at once. My passion lies in the performing arts and it always has. I chose subjects that connected to that like music and drama but then also challenged myself with statistics and classics. I loved all my subjects which certainly helped ignite the desire to achieve at a high standard. However passion and certainty can take time. You need to feel ok with the fact that your plans may change. You may have no clue what you want to do with your life right now, and of course you don't!! None of us do.

What is important is doing something that you love, following what will make you happy, not what will make someone else happy. It's easy to get convinced in what society may tell you you have to do but you don't need to listen to that. Year 13 is about keeping your options open, figuring things out and trying to have a bit of fun before "adulthood".

I thought from the age of 6, that I knew what I'd be doing when I left school and I tell you, it wasn't taking a gap year! But things change. I became flexible. I learnt how to dream. In just over a month I am moving to Melbourne. I plan to follow my passion for musical theatre but also study early childhood teaching. This is huge for me and wasn't an easy decision to make. But I listened to my heart. I gave myself a break and a feeling of relief to have some time to decide what I really wanted to do.

But who knows if it will work out, I have to believe and hope it will. But I also need to be aware that my plan might change. That's how all of you need to feel getting ready to decide your next steps.

I hope you all have a feeling of believing in yourselves going into this academic year, you never know what might happen if you just put a wee bit more effort in. But also be prepared for change, it isn't a bad thing, just something to help you learn.

I really hope each and every one of you one day find your passion and dream big.

We look forward to following the successes of the class of 2023, we are sure they will all do great things!

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Welcome

International Students

A warm welcome to our new International Students. We know this will be a life changing experience for you and hope you enjoy getting to know the NZ way of life.



We look forward to also learning about your culture! I would like to thank all the buddies who have so willingly offered their time to make these new students feel welcome.

Lotte Hoffmann (Germany)
Kian Mattausch (Germany)
Finn-Lukas Schmitz (Germany)
Johnny Koehn (Germany)
Ingeborg Solbakken (Norway)
Minyi Xia (China)
Camy Zhang (China)
Suwen Zhou (China)

Homestay spotlight

Our wonderful community has again opened their homes and their hearts to our wide range of International Students. We are so very grateful for your hospitality.



2024 Term Dates

Term 3: Friday 27 September: Last day of Term 3

Term 4: Monday 14 October: Start of Term 4
Monday 28 October: Labour Day
(public holiday)



Kumagaya International Friendship Association (KIFA) Homestay Programme 2024

Earlier this term we welcomed 24 students and 3 staff from Kumagaya, Japan for the 29th exchange programme. They were warmly greeted with a mihi whakatau and then connected with their host family who would look after them for the next 10 days. This programme started in 1992 and the official Sister City signing was in 1993. It didn't operate in 2003 (SARS), 2009 (Swine Flu) and 2011 (Tsunami) however these are still counted in the 29 years as they were planned. The programme did not run between 2020-2022 due to covid and these years are not counted. We feel very fortunate to have such a long standing relationship which truly has stood the test of time. Some pictures of their adventures are included overleaf.

SYDNEY 2000 km
KUMAGAYA 9632 km



Our visitors from Kumagaya enjoyed their exploration of James Hargest College and the wider community.





Literacy and Numeracy Common Assessment Activities update

This week the results have been released for the Common Assessment Activities for Literacy and Numeracy which students sat in June. Some students will be delighted to have achieved these important credits and others will be disappointed. These assessments are intended to demonstrate that students have foundational reading, writing and numeracy skills. It is now an essential part of any NCEA qualification. While students can still progress through their NCEA journey, they must achieve the literacy and numeracy co-requisite to gain NCEA. Students can achieve the requirements any time over their time at school, and can try to achieve the requirements many times throughout their NCEA journey. Students need to meet literacy and numeracy requirements once only. If you would like more information about these activities, click:

<https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/subjects/litnum/>

If your child did not pass one or more of these assessments, they will get another opportunity later this term. Here are some things they can be doing at home to help them prepare and feel more confident going into the next assessment event:

Practice completing some of the past papers - you can find resources for **Writing** here: <https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/subjects/select-subject/literacy-writing/>

Reading here: <https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/subjects/select-subject/literacy-reading/>

Instructions for students on how to access **past papers** here: <https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/ncea-exams-and-portfolios/external/digital-exams/find-past-digital-exams/>

There are also some good **workbooks** being produced which can help students prepare for these assessments. We are using this one at school:

<https://cengage.co.nz/product/title/literacy-essentials-workbook/isbn/9780170477581>

and some students may benefit from working through it at home as well.

There is also this book available to support preparation for the **Numeracy CAA**: <https://cengage.co.nz/product/title/walker-maths-numeracy-practice/isbn/9780170474474>

Regular reading also makes a big difference and we encourage all learners to visit our libraries and make sure they are continuing to develop their reading ability with something they enjoy. If you have any queries about the CAA, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us: curriculum@jhc.school.nz



A personal trainer called Leo who blows a whistle (done with code), counts your reps, and does sit-ups right alongside you - built by Japanese student Takumi Aoki.

Cambridge International Education Update

James Hargest College has completed the application process to become a Cambridge International provider school. We were visited by a representative of the organisation last week who has endorsed our application. This is an exciting new development for our kura and will provide an alternative pathway for students who would like to explore an internationally recognised qualification. If you want to find out more about Cambridge, check out their website <https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/>

Later this term we will be holding a whānau hui to tell you more about how Cambridge will work for us as well as ask for expressions of interest from students currently in Year 9 to join a Cambridge class next year. If you have any queries in the meantime, please don't hesitate to send them through: curriculum@jhc.school.nz

Dance NZ Made

On Wednesday 31st July, 33 students from Senior and Junior Campuses took part in the Dance NZ Made competition held at ILT Stadium Southland. The day started at 9am, with workshops and rehearsals prior to the competition in the evening. The team had a fantastic day and had a lot of success in the competition. Many thanks to dance maestro Pip Paulin for her superb organisation of the day, also to Steph at the Junior Campus as well as the staff who came down to help out. Thank you to all the parents and dance teachers who put hours of work into creating choreography, hair and makeup, costumes and music! It was a fabulous day!

Year 7/8 Team

1st Runner Up = Sophie Howe, Maddison McLeod, India Cranstoun, Sophie Purdon, Samantha Smith, Kaitlyn Madden

Year 7/8 Duo

2nd Runner Up = Samantha Smith and Teegyn Dillinger-Waldron

Year 7 Solo

2nd Runner Up = Maddison McLeod

Year 8 Solo

2nd Runner Up = Teegyn Dillinger-Waldron
Champion = Liam Templeton

Director's Award = Johran Dillinger-Waldron

Year 9/10 Duo

Champions = Brooke McIntyre and Tamzyn Dillinger

Year 9 Solo

2nd Runner Up = Tamzyn Dillinger
1st Runner Up = Sophia Gray

Year 10 Solo

2nd Runner Up = Mercedes Checketts
1st Runner Up = Brooke McIntyre

Year 11-13 Duo/Trio

2nd Runner Up = Natalie Smith and Olivia Thomas

Year 11 Solo

1st Runner Up = Natalie Smith

Year 13 Solo

Champion = George Shirley

Nominations for Nationals to win an LA Tour

Liam Templeton (Year 8)

George Shirley (Year 13)

Golden Tickets

Opportunity to go to Palmerston North and participate in workshops learning 8 pieces of choreography, then audition and go through elimination rounds to win \$1000 towards their dance training.

Liam Templeton (Year 8)

Sophie Purdon (Year 8)

George Shirley (Year 13)

Grace Warren (Year 12)

Brooke McIntyre (Year 10)

Maddison McLeod (Year 7)

Ivy Turner (Year 13)

Dance
NZ made
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Rugby News

Southland Hinds Squad 2024

Congratulations to Sophie Hika and Natasha Santos-O'Connell who have both been selected for the 2024 squad. A massive achievement, well done ladies!

Southland Metro U18 Wider Group 2024

Awesome mahi Camron Riwhi, Jack Seeler, Tane Wilson and Carter Middlemiss! Congratulations on your selection in the Metro U18 Wider Training Group.

Southland U16 Team

Congratulations to Flynn Elder and Harlan Te Wiki on making the Southland Under 16 team.



Oamaru Exchange Junior Campus

JHC had a successful trip to Oamaru and came away winners of the annual exchange, winning 8-4. We won volleyball, boys and girls basketball, swimming, boys netball, football, hockey and e-sports.

A draw for touch rugby.

Our rugby, chess, year 7 and year 8 girls netball all had close losses.

A very successful trip all round!

Māori Rugby Camp

Natasha Santos-O'Connell, 17, attended a New Zealand Māori under-18 rugby camp. The camp, for under-18 players, was held in Wellington after a trial back in April. She was one of two Southland players who attended. "The camp was really good. I learnt a lot of new skills there and made a lot of new connections throughout the camp. The coaches and mentors were incredible and they had a lot of knowledge to give to us players."

She also learnt more about her Māori culture. "Just to connect with my Māori culture and do my ancestors proud as well by playing rugby – it's a great opportunity for us Māori girls to have our own camp."

Credit: Stuff



Cycling

A massive congratulations to Riley Faulkner who has broken the NZ U19 Women's Flying 200 All Comers Record at the 2nd round of the National Track Series in Cambridge in her build up to Junior Track Worlds.

Riley has set a new record this morning of 11.38 beating the old record which was 11.41.

Well done Riley.



NISS & SISS Championships

The South Island Road Cycling Champs were held in Christchurch at the Euromarque Motosport Park. Senior Campus has 5 students representing James Hargest, all with impressive efforts.

Zach Hibbs came third in the U14 boys individual time trial, where Alex Borrie, Jack Madden, Hayley Stark and Benjamin Wyatt all had strong performances within their age group. Zach Hibbs kept the momentum going in the Road Race, again coming in third.

Further up North JHC had Finn Edwards and Fino Youngdaeng competing in the North Island Track champs. Finn in the U20 Boys with some outstanding results coming an impressive third in the standing 250m. Fino competed well and is improving every event he competes in, his progress is to be commended.

Following the NISS Track event Finn moved to the Road and competed in the North Island Road Champs, results didn't go his way this event but we know Finn will bounce back for events coming up later in the year.

Well done to all cyclists who competed, keep working hard for the South Island and National Track meet which is being held in Invercargill in October.





Taieri College Exchange

Recently we hosted Taieri College for our annual sports exchange. Games were played in great spirits and there were some intense battles!

Results

Senior Girls Basketball	76-28	JHC
Senior Boys Basketball	97-55	JHC
U15 Boys Rugby	34-14	JHC
Rugby Girls	29-19	Taieri
Mixed Hockey	7-2	JHC
9A Netball	27-12	JHC
Jnr Boys Basketball	60-20	JHC
Senior Boys Football	0-0	-
First XV Rugby	42-5	Taieri
Senior A Netball	40-27	JHC
Debating	2-1	JHC

Final Result

JHC 8 - Taieri 2







Southland Sports Car Club Junior Driver of the Year

Congratulations to Blake Cooper who was named Southland Sports Car Club. Junior Driver of the Year for 2023/2024. Blake achieved tremendous success in ClubSport in an older car last season. He gained more and more confidence as the year progressed and consequently joined some illustrious names on the Ladies Committee Trophy.

Southland Hockey Reps

During the school holidays, Ben O'Connor, Caleb Devery, Ryan Smith, Reihana Unahi and Robson McKee represented Southland at the Vantage National U18 Men's Hockey tournament in Napier. The girls who represented Southland at the Vantage National U18 Women's Hockey tournament in July in Christchurch were Emily Kean, Madeleine Lawlor, Anita White, Tylah Templer and Charlotte Morris. They all had a great time away playing against other regions and developing their skills.

INC Netball

Congratulations to the following students who were selected for the 2024 teams:

Year 9A Rep Team

Imogen Burdon
Christabel Billcliff
Caitlyn Sharp
Michaela Pryde
Sophie Baron

Year 9C

Ariana Bragg
Lani Brand
Madison Harvey
Trinity Duncan
Training Partners
Emily Hewett
Elisapesi Makahununi
Marley Watts

Year 10A

Lucy Crawford
Ana McWilliam

Year 10B

Rhiannon Jensen



Year 9B Rep Team

Isla Scott
Charlotte Lindsay
Scarlett Evans
Joy Choi

Netball INC U18

Congratulations to 6 of our talented Senior Gold A players who proudly represented INC at the u18 Netball Nationals this week in Dunedin. A fantastic effort by all placing in the top 16 from 32 teams! Ka pai Hannah Tufui, Cait Shaw-Ryan, Katie Oliver, Libby Crawford, Brooke Cross and Elly Baird



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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 6 September 2024. 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

Te Reo classes pānui

Kia hiwa rā! We're excited to announce our new Basic Te Reo Māori classes for our Hargest community, starting Week 4 of Term 3! Join us every Thursday night to learn the basics of Te Reo Māori me ōna tikanga and embark on a journey to appreciate the beautiful language and culture of Aotearoa.

WHEN: Thursday Nights 5:15-6:00pm

WHERE: James Hargest College Senior Campus, Whānau room (P1)

WHO: Parents and staff - beginners welcome!

STARTS: Week 4, Term 3 Thursday 15th August (For the remainder of this term, 7 weeks)

LIMITED TO: 20 participants

COST: Free!

GOAL: Learn the basics of Te Reo Māori me ōna tikanga

If you are interested, please email Matua Tere at tobrien@jameshargest.school.nz. As numbers are limited, it will be first in, first served. Spaces are limited, so don't miss out! Sign up today and become part of our vibrant learning community. Let's celebrate and preserve our culture together!

Coming Events for 2024

Senior Campus

August

Mon	12	Classics Trip hui 5:35pm Library Week starts
Tue	13	Year 11 History Trip
Tue-Fri	13-16	Tours of the school
Wed	14	Year 13 Dress Up Day
Thu	15	Parent Teacher Interviews (online) 2.30pm - 7.00pm School closes at 1:30pm Big Sing Cadenza
Fri	16	School closes 1:30pm - Open Day setup
Sun	18	Open Day, Junior Campus 12:30 - 2:30pm
Mon	19	Parent Information Evening, Junior Campus Library, 5:30pm
Tue	20	BOT meeting in the Brig, 5:15pm, Senior Campus PTA meeting, 7:30pm, Brig, Senior Campus
Tue-Thu	20-22	Tours of the school Swimming Sports
Mon	26	Polyfest Week
Thur	29	SMAC Maths, Hall

September

Sun	1	Father's Day
Mon	2	Winter tournament starts Classics Trip hui 5:30pm
Tue	3	Japan Trip hui 7:00pm
Thu	5	Junior Production in Hall, Senior Campus Jazz Festival, 7:00pm
Tue-Sun	6-11	Southern Jam, Blenheim
Tue	10	Year 8 Subject Selection Evening, 4:30pm, Senior Campus
Wed-Wed	11-18	Evidence Exams
Mon	16	Te Wiki onTe Reo Māori
Thu	19	BOT meeting in the Brig, 5:15pm, Senior Campus
Sat	21	Invercargill Secondary Schools Debating
Sun	22	Japan Trip departs
Mon	23	Classics Trip hui Election - BOT Student Representative
Tue	24	Year 10-12 Subject Selection Evening 4:30 - 6:00pm
Wed	25	House Haka Competition Southland SMAC Maths Competition
Thu	26	Classics Trip departs

Junior Campus

August

Tue	13	Student Learning Conferences 3.30pm - 5.30pm
Tue-Fri	13-16	Tours of the school
Thu	15	Student Learning Conferences 1.30pm - 5.30pm (12:50pm finish for students)
Fri	16	School closes 1:30pm - Open Day setup
Sun	18	Open Day, Junior Campus 12:30 - 2:30pm
Mon	19	Information Evening, Junior Campus Library, 5:30pm
Tue	20	BOT meeting in the Brig, 5:15pm, Senior Campus PTA meeting, 7:30pm, Brig, Senior Campus
Tue-Thu	20-22	Tours of the school
Thu	22	Whānau Hui at 5pm
Fri	23	Teacher Only Day postponed until 2025 - school as usual
Mon	26	Polyfest Week
Tue	27	Polyfest performance at 2.00pm

September

Sun	1	Father's Day
Wed-Thu	4-5	Junior Production in Hall, Senior Campus
Tue	10	Year 8 Subject Selection Evening, 4:30pm, Senior Campus
Wed	11	Singout at the Civic
Thu	19	BOT meeting in the Brig, 5:15pm, Senior Campus
Wed	25	Southland SMAC Maths Competition

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