

JHC

JAMES HARGEST COLLEGE KEEP FAITH

7 March 2025



**Road Patrol**  
**Junior Campus**

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Partnership to keep our tāmāhiri safe

## Principal's Comment



Mike Newell  
Principal

### **Kia ora e te whānau,**

Over the past couple of weeks there have been various groups that have visited both campuses and as we have taken them on their tours, all have commented on the calm and focused nature of the classes. Our Year 7 and Year 9 students in particular have made a good impression. These year levels are key transition points on their JHC journey.

Another group that visited JHC this past weekend was the class who graduated at the end of 1975. Over 40 classmates came together for a 50 year reunion, some of whom went to kindergarten together and ended up flatting together. There were many wonderful stories and anecdotes told and it was an absolute pleasure to be in their company. Our Head Students and Prefects made a strong impression as they showed the groups around the College on Saturday. It was a reminder to all that the time spent at school is very short but it is a very influential time at a key developmental stage in our lives.

With the aforementioned positive start to the year, we see numerous trips and activities taking place. The weather eventually played its part for athletics days for both campuses, Ōmāui and Deep Cove camps are in full swing on the Junior Campus. We had a group that visited the National Matatini Kapa Haka championship in New Plymouth last week. Reports back tell of an awe-inspiring experience for our students, staff and parents that attended. I can't thank our staff enough for all of the wonderful

opportunities they provide and facilitate for our students outside of the classroom.

This month we welcome our Thai short stay international students. Our International Programme is well established and an important feature of JHC. I would like to sincerely thank all of our homestay families, you are the key factor in a positive experience for the students. If anyone is wanting to find out more about becoming a host family please contact Kylie Hodson, our Homestay Coordinator.

Lastly, we are excited to be celebrating the achievements of some of our students at next week's Excellence Assembly with parents and whānau. This will be the inaugural presentation of our prestigious Pounamu awards for the Year 11 Brigadier's Diploma.

Ngā mihi  
Mike Newell  
Principal

## James Hargest College NZQA Scholarship Recipients 2024



**Charlotte  
Dassen**  
Media Studies  
Outstanding  
Classical Studies  
English



**Gavith  
Mohottallage**  
History



**John  
Chesney**  
Music



**Irene  
Tendean**  
Classical Studies  
(in Year 12)

*Congratulations! JHC Students earned  
6 Academic Scholarships in 2024.*

# PTA Report



Jo Wilson  
PTA Chairperson

## Kia ora from the PTA!

We held our first meeting of the year last week and it was great to see a few new faces. We welcome Cathryn, Sally and Judith to the team.

We discussed the success of the uniform buy in and sale that we held in December 2024 and January 2025. We have added some new items to our list such as hats, beanies and ties. As part of our discussion we looked at ways to improve the evening. We are always open to any suggestions that you may have.

We set the dates for the meetings for the year, with the open day date to still be confirmed. We would really like to see some more new faces come along. It was agreed by the team to ask for a student representative to join us at our meetings. This not only provides us with the students voice on the funding applications we get but opens up another leadership role for a senior student. We believe this will very valuable to both us as a team and the student body.

We are able to fund so many amazing opportunities for the students and the best part is NO FUNDRAISING.

*Ēhara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini*

*Our strength is not made from us alone, but made from many*

We are so excited about the year ahead and the requests that will be presented to us.

Ngā mihi  
Jo Wilson and the PTA Team

## 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.

**Thursday 22 May (AGM and meeting)**  
**Thursday 21st August**  
**Thursday 6th November**

## Staff Welcome Senior Campus



### Ratham Hlupeni

We are thrilled to welcome Ratham Hlupeni to the Mathematics Department. Ratham has joined us from South Africa where he has taught Maths for many years. He has a passion for Mathematics, loves problem solving and teaching students how to develop their critical, logical and abstract thinking. Outside of the classroom, Ratham likes playing chess, walking, running, going to the gym, playing volleyball and researching. Welcome to N2, Southland and James Hargest College, Ratham!



JAMES HARGEST  
COLLEGE

# JHC PTA

WANT TO HAVE YOUR SAY?  
JOIN THE PTA!

- 1 MEETING PER TERM
- 1 AGM PER YEAR
- 1 OPEN DAY PER YEAR
- 2 UNIFORM 'BUY & SELLS' PER YEAR

**NO FUNDRAISING!**

JHC PTA IS FUNDED BY A \$15 DONATION PER STUDENT, PER YEAR

# Whānau Report



Matua Neitana Tane



**Tēnā tātou,**

Kua ea te kaupapa o Te Matatini ki te Ao!! Hard work and patience culminated in three staff accompanying 23 students and our six parent supporters to Te Matatini (Kapa Haka World Championship) at Pukekura Park in Ngā Motu/New Plymouth. Highlights included Parliament House, The National Library (where we saw the original treaty documents, the declaration of independence (Te Whakaputanga)), Te Papa, Rātana Pā, the Dury Hill Elevator, and, the final day of Matatini. After all of that, a flat tire promoted an extended stay in Wellington as we missed our check in time. With a contingency fund in hand and some students who didn't want the journey to end, we stayed at the Brentwood hotel and treated ourselves to a restaurant meal. A huge thank you to all of you who have supported us! We are looking forward to the next one.

Hei kona mai.  
Matua Neitana



## International Students

International Student Sports Day was held recently at Stadium Southland. There were over 200 students involved from 11 schools competing in squash, basketball, volleyball, cricket, badminton, pickleball, cycling and futsal. This was a great opportunity to try something new and make new friends.



# Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Duke of Edinburgh is a fabulous organisation that teaches rangatahi the value of passions, skills, service and challenges. Duke of Edinburgh builds confidence, resilience, accountability and organisation. To join or find out more, see Ms Smith at the Senior Campus.



Congratulations to the following students who have recently received their Silver awards:

Finn Edwards  
Ella McEwan-Franks



**CULTURE DAY**  
**20th March**  
**Showcase of cultures at JHC**  
**Bake Sale at interval Parade at lunch**  
**in the gym**  
**Wear Traditional Clothing,**  
**Flag Colours, or casual clothing**  
**Gold coin donation**

SPECIAL REPORT

## Social Media & Comparison Culture

A SchoolTV topic supporting modern-day parenting

### WHĀNAU KŌRERO

Young people today are growing up in a world where exposure to other people's lives is constant. Through social media and other platforms, they are regularly presented with curated highlights - from flawless holiday photos and academic milestones to the latest fashion trends and fitness achievements. This continuous stream of idealised content fuels what is known as comparison culture, where self-worth is often measured by how someone stacks up against others.

For children and adolescents, who are still figuring out who they are, this culture can be particularly damaging. Constantly comparing their appearance, achievements, or social standing to friends, influencers, and even strangers can lead to unrealistic

expectations and a skewed sense of self-worth. This relentless need to measure up can contribute to feelings of inadequacy, self-doubt, and anxiety - undermining both confidence and emotional wellbeing.

It's vital that parents and caregivers understand how deeply comparison culture can influence a child's self-perception and sense of value. Left unchecked, it can foster perfectionism and a dependence on external validation, where a 'like' or comment becomes the measure of their worth.

The good news is, families have a powerful role to play in helping young people navigate these challenges. This Special Report will help you empower your child to build the resilience and confidence needed to navigate today's comparison-driven world and embrace their own unique path.

Here is the link to your Special Report  
[https://jameshargest.nz.schooltv.me/wellbeing\\_news/special-report-social-media-comparison-culture-nz](https://jameshargest.nz.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-social-media-comparison-culture-nz)

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# STUDENT ACCOUNTS

These are issued once a term by email, around the 20th of each month.  
We welcome Internet Banking payments - **please use your student's name and 5 digit ID number as a reference**  
**Account Number:**  
**02 0924 0408612 02**

Many families find it easier to make regular payments of \$20 per fortnight or \$10 per week for each child.

We also accept payments by cash, eftpos or credit card at both campuses at any time.

You can also check your child's account at any time by logging into:

<https://jameshargest.school.kiwi/>

JAMES HARGEST COLLEGE PROUDLY PRESENTS

# POPSTARS

THE 90's MUSICAL

HIT ME BABY ONE MORE TIME  
U CAN'T You Get What You Give  
TOUCH LARGER THAN LIFE  
THIS WHO LET THE DOGS OUT, I'M  
**WANNABE** TOO SEXY  
My Heart (EVERYBODY)  
Will Go On BACKSTREET'S  
ACHY BREAKY HEART BACK ALRIGHT  
YOU GOTTA BE **STOP**  
**STEP BY STEP**  
LET'S GET YOUR **BEAUTIFUL**  
MOVING ON UP  
IT'S ALRIGHT  
**BYE BYE BYE**  
BABY GOT BACK  
**WATERFALLS**  
**STOP** ALL STAR  
ALWAYS Believe  
**SELF ESTEEM**  
**GENIE IN A BOTTLE**

Director  
AIMEE MARSHALL

Assistant Director  
CATHERINE FABRE

Musical Director  
SALLY BODKIN-ALLEN

Choreographer  
ANNIE HAVERON

Written by NEIL GOODING and NICHOLAS CHRISTO  
By arrangement with David Spicer Productions [www.davidspicer.com.au](http://www.davidspicer.com.au)

**MONDAY 7TH - THURSDAY 10TH APRIL**  
7.30 PM (DOORS OPEN 7PM)

# Attendance

One of the things we are continuing to focus on in 2025 is student attendance. You will hear us talking about this with you, with our students and it remains a strong subject of conversation in the staff room.

If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of school by 16 years of age. As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance.

All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school.

You must let the school know if your child is going to be absent or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or medical procedure. Family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities (not organised by school) are not acceptable reasons for being absent.

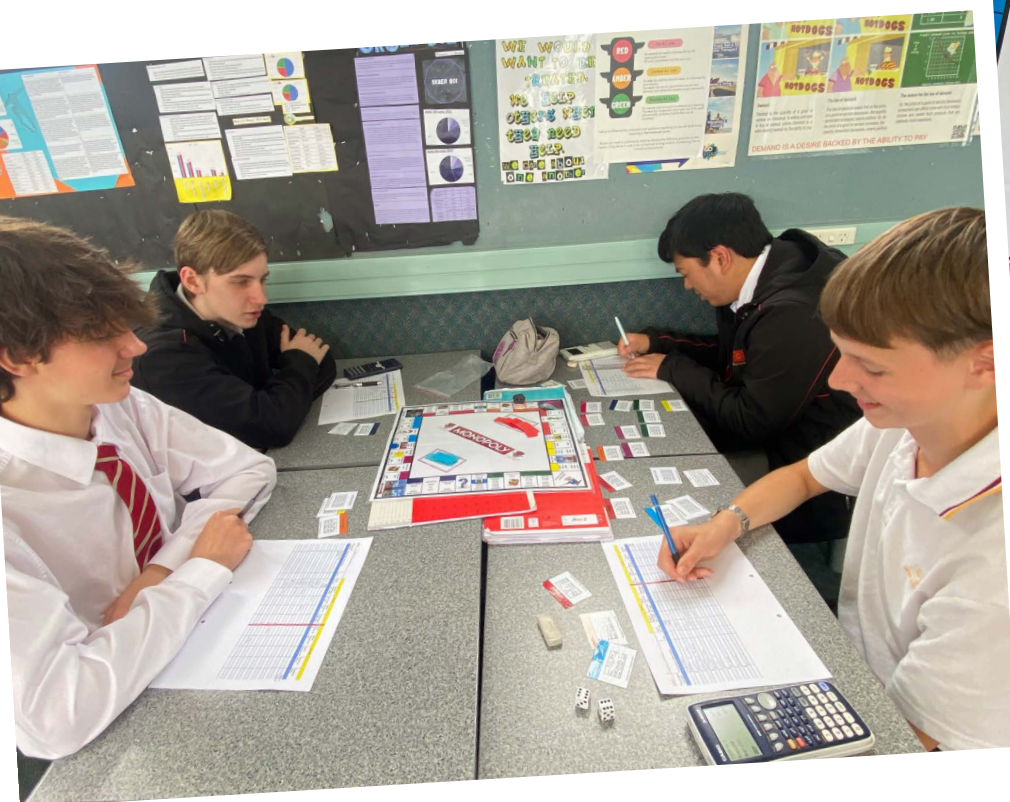
If you are finding it hard to get your child to school, please talk with us so we can work together. Our school is committed to supporting your child to attend school.

Our school continues to build a culture that fosters attendance every day by having:

- School staff who have strong relationships with students and family.
- A school culture that recognises your child and your family for who you are, where you come from and what you value.
- A school whānau that takes all practical steps to make sure your child is at school and progressing in their learning.
- A school that is safe and welcoming for everyone in our school community.

If you have any attendance queries and issues, please contact us so we can work together.

# Year 11 Accounting



Here are Year 11 Accounting students Alex Samson, Ollie Benton, Enzo Cruz and Hugh Walter playing JHC Monopoly. Accounting teacher Mrs Stacey Black has made a JHC version of Monopoly. The purpose is for students to

learn how to record transactions while playing the game. Students are currently using an accounting equation record sheet, and later in the year will be able to practice journal entries. Who will come out on top?



# Hard Materials

## Junior Campus

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Max enjoyed creating this holder for his phone and headphones. He measured the size he needed and carefully glued and nailed the pieces together.

# School Photos

Photolife have emailed your child's unique Key Code to you so that you can go online to view and purchase 2025 School Photos. Please check your trash/spam folders if you can't see their email in your inbox.

**FREE DELIVERY EXPIRES  
MIDNIGHT SUNDAY 16 MARCH 2025**



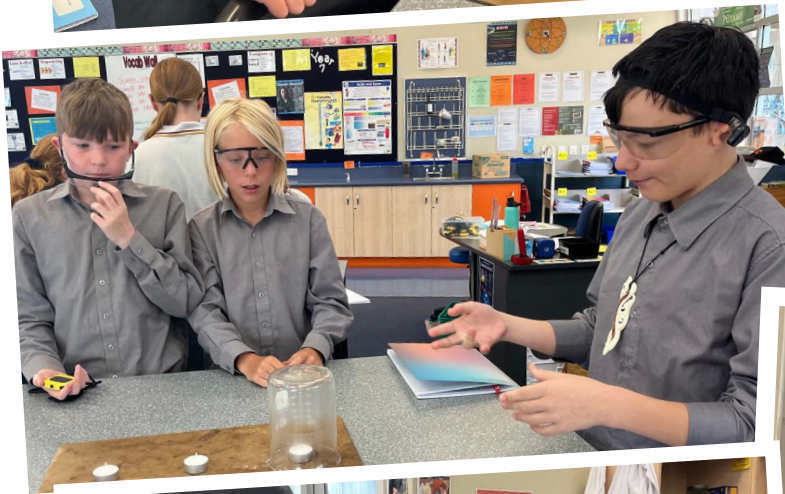
# Karapu Raranga - Weaving Club

## Junior Campus

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A new club has started at our Junior Campus this year. On a Wednesday lunchtime students are able to come and learn how to weave harakeke (flax). Students will have the opportunity to practice weaving techniques, karakia, learn how to harvest correctly and tikanga around harvesting and weaving.





# Science

## Junior Campus



Our scientists have been busy engaging in a range of experiments in the lab. They have enjoyed getting hands on with their scientific learning.



# Ōmāui Camp

## Room 7


Room 7's adventure to Camp Ōmāui in Week 4 was packed with excitement and discovery! We paddled through the calm waters while kayaking, felt the adrenaline rush of abseiling down the tall tree, and focused our aim during archery. We were so fortunate to have the support of our incredible parent helpers, and the amazing Year 13 students, who were fantastic role models. Their help made every activity more enjoyable and memorable. We want to thank them for coming and helping us!



# Assessment Procedures

*Look out for this at home and discuss it with your child!*





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**Student Handbook for  
NQF Assessment  
Year 11, 12 and 13  
2025**

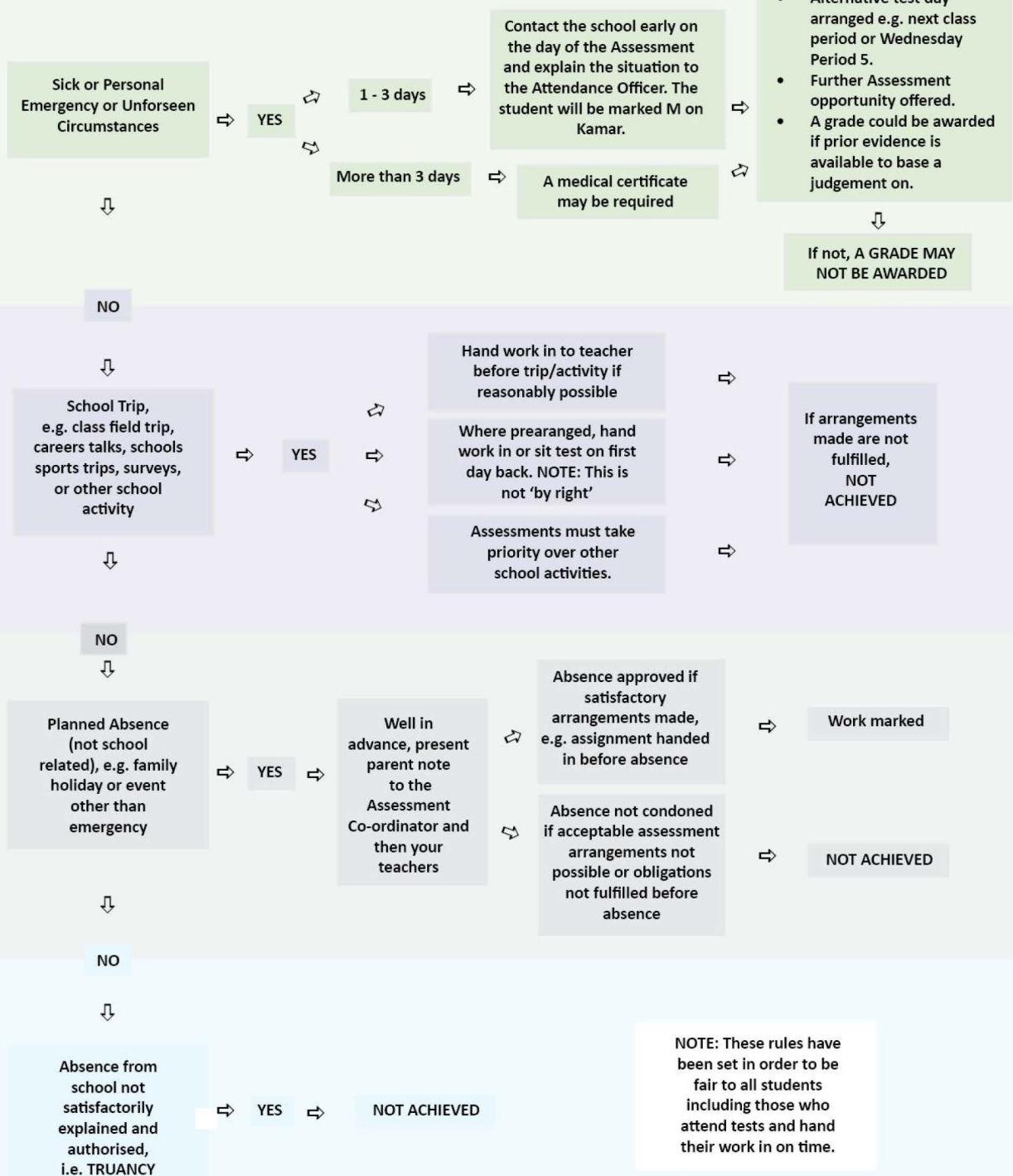
The information in this handbook gives a simple explanation of the official school policies which must be followed by students and staff to make sure that our assessments are **FAIR, ACCURATE** and **VALID**.

- Read this information carefully.
- Ask questions if you are unsure.
- Sign the declaration sheet to show that you understand and will follow the rules.
- Take this home and discuss it with your parents.
- Keep it for further reference.

For a successful year, you must know your **RIGHTS** and your **RESPONSIBILITIES** and **EXERCISE** them.



## FLOWCHART FOR ABSENCE FROM A TEST or ABSENCE FOR AN ASSESMENT DEADLINE



## FREE PERIOD PRODUCTS

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JHC has opted into the Period Products in Schools programme. Students can access these products from sickbay or the front office. If you would like us to prepare a package for you to collect, please email [office@jameshargest.school.nz](mailto:office@jameshargest.school.nz)

## Physio Clinic

### Senior Campus

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Twice a week SportsMed runs a Physio Clinic at the Senior Campus for injuries covered by ACC. Please contact Lisa Martin in Student Admin to make an appointment [attendance@jameshargest.school.nz](mailto:attendance@jameshargest.school.nz)



Banyuhay Aotearoa is bringing back Sabayang Pagbigkas this year to commemorate and celebrate Buwan ng Wika (Filipino Language Month) in 2025. They have two categories and prizes to award the deserving teams who will be able to showcase their knowledge and mastery of a Filipino language or two! For more info visit:

<https://www.banyuhayaotearoa.org/sabayang-pagbigkas-25>

## World Vision

### 40 Hour Challenge

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World Vision 40 Hour Challenge weekend is on the 13 -15 June. We are looking forward to seeing students seek sponsorship for "40 something".

For example:

- Bake 40 cupcakes and take them to an aged care facility.
- Walk / bike / run 40 minutes for 40 days.
- Read 40 books by June 23
- Go 40 hours without a screen
- Go 40 hours without furniture
- Do 40 acts of kindness

If just 400 of us raised \$20 ... that comes to \$8000

Come on Hargest .. Let's do this!

Details about how to set up your online sponsorship page coming soon.

All funds raised this year go to Timor Leste.

## Your Online Access to Teaching Staff at Hargest

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The age of e-mail contact has had the effect of making teacher/parent and teacher/student communication much easier, and, as a result, much more frequent! Generally this has been very positive for all of us.

Whilst staff accessibility is encouraged, we have recognised the need for some guidelines in order to allow staff to "switch off" after normal work hours. (Part of being a "Good Employer").

### Guidelines/Expectations

- We recognise that parents often send e-mails in evenings or weekends. (When they have time to attend to parenting issues!) However, staff are not expected to read or reply to e-mails after hours (ie during evenings, weekends or holidays).
- Staff response time will be **variable** according to their workload and teaching pressures. They are expected to acknowledge your email the next working day, and, where required, follow up with a more detailed response as soon as practicable (generally within two more days).
- Online accessibility of teachers by students follows the same guidelines, ie:
  - queries and questions may not be read or answered "after hours"
  - response times will vary
  - responses will be made as soon as practicable

# Otago University Maths Competition 2025

Students in Years 9 to 11, who enjoy a challenge, are invited to enter the Otago University Maths Competition, by paying \$5 to the main office by Friday April 25.

This is a challenging competition for students who enjoy problem solving and who are able to communicate their working clearly.


This year the competition will be held in a single part, paper based competition. This is a change from the format from 2024, and is due to temporary technical restrictions. This year, the date of the competition is Wednesday May 7. You may enter the competition by Friday April 18.

If you have queries please contact Mrs Song ([jsong@jameshargest.school.nz](mailto:jsong@jameshargest.school.nz)).

You're invited to our  
**SCHOLASTIC Book Fair**

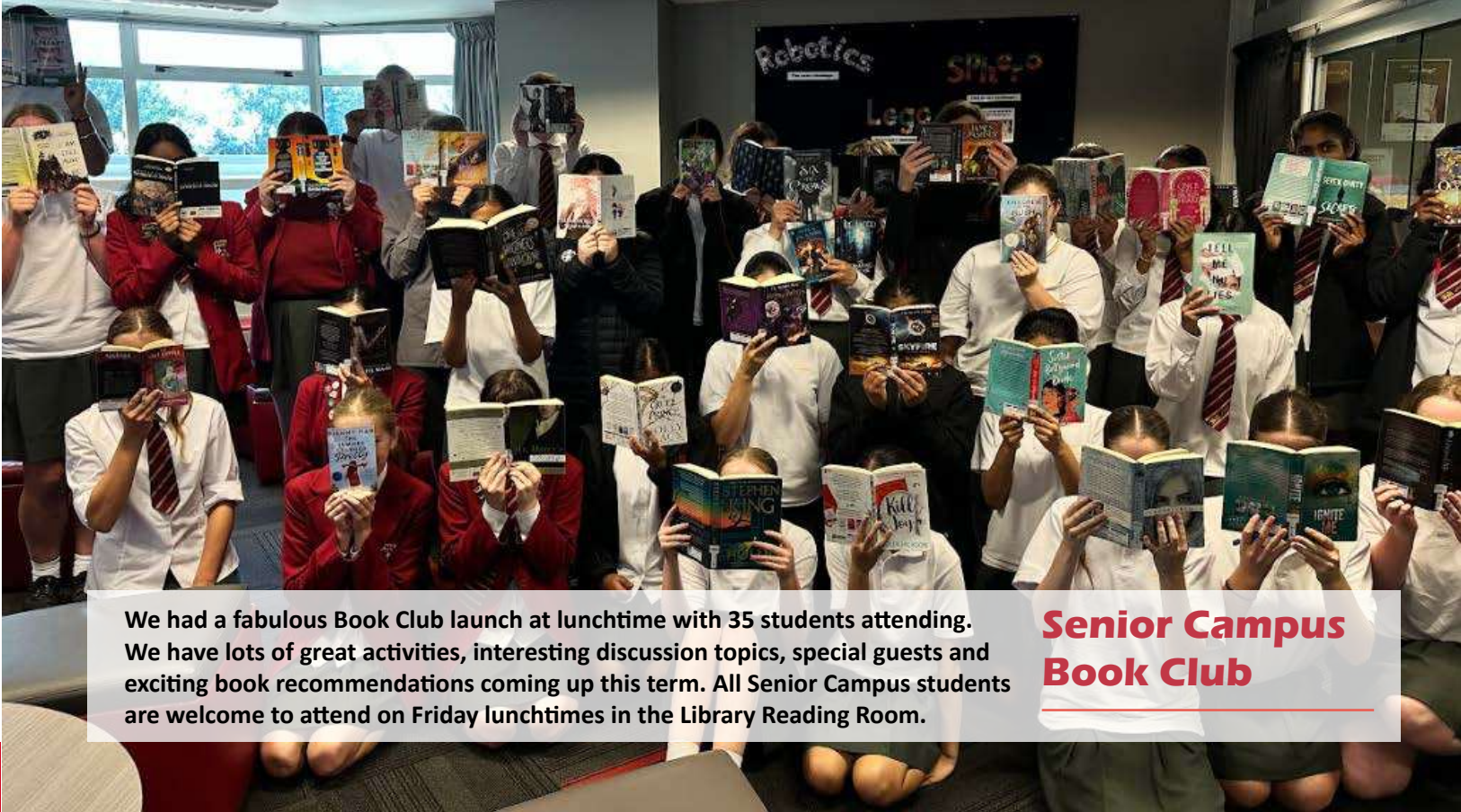
**Junior Campus Library**  
**Monday 31 March - Friday 4 April 2025**

**Monday & Wednesday - 4:00pm**  
**Tuesday & Thursday - 5:30pm (Student conferences)**  
**Friday - Interval**



Our Year 12 Food and Nutrition students were accompanied by their teachers Miss Thomas and Mrs Baird on an action packed field trip to Wilson's Veges and Blueberry Country. The focus was looking at sustainable food practices and the importance of sourcing food locally. The students got to experience first hand the work and knowledge around the processes involved in growing produce. Eating fresh food straight from the farms was enjoyed and the blueberry ice cream was a highlight too.





We had a fabulous Book Club launch at lunchtime with 35 students attending. We have lots of great activities, interesting discussion topics, special guests and exciting book recommendations coming up this term. All Senior Campus students are welcome to attend on Friday lunchtimes in the Library Reading Room.

## Senior Campus Book Club



## Year 12 Biology

On a Saturday in February a group of Year 12 Biology students hiked from Brod Bay to the alpine section of the Kepler track. This was an enhancement activity for those students interested in learning more about patterns in ecological communities. They took measurements of abiotic factors at every 100m of altitude gain and observed the changes to the plants and animals. The amazing views once they hit the end of the tree line at about 1000m were pretty spectacular!



# Year 10-13 Parent Teacher Interviews

Bookings will open Friday 14 March.

The booking code is: 9bxjy



## Year 10-13 Parent Teacher Interviews

These will be held on Thursday 27 March from 3pm - 7.30pm at the Senior Campus.

Senior Campus classes finish at 1:30pm.

Make appointments by scanning the QR code or going to

[www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)

and entering the event code.

## Road Patrol

### Junior Campus



Constable Rosie came and spent a morning with the Junior Campus road patrollers getting them all equipped and ready for action for the new roster. Thank you to those tamariki who have signed up and offered to help out with the crossing duties.



## First Foundation Scholarships

Every young kiwi deserves the same opportunities. Unleash your potential with life-changing education and support. Socio-economic status shouldn't stop young people from achieving their dreams. Many bright students simply don't have the financial resources and professional networks most people rely on to get started in their careers.

First Foundation provides targeted support in Financial, Mentoring and Paid Work Experience areas.

Visit <https://firstfoundation.org.nz/> for eligibility criteria and information.

## JUNIOR CAMPUS ROAD PATROL PARENT HELPERS

Thank you to the wonderful parents who have offered to help our road patrol teams. There are plenty of spots still open for any other parents who wish to help us either before or after school. If this interests you please contact Kristine Simpson on [ksimpson@jameshargest.school.nz](mailto:ksimpson@jameshargest.school.nz)

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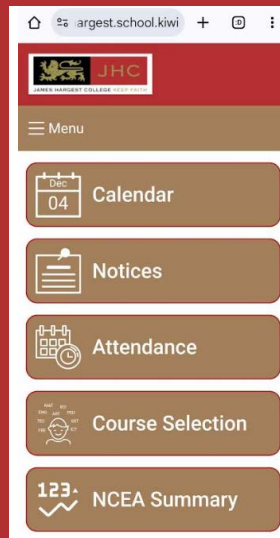
FIRST FOUNDATION



# 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.



## Term Dates for 2025

### Term 1:

Friday 11 April: Last day of Term

### Term 2:

Monday 28 April: Start of Term 2

Monday 2 June: King's Birthday – school closed

Friday 20 June: Matariki – school closed

Friday 27 June: Last day of Term 2

### Term 3:

Monday 14 July: Start of Term 3

Friday 19 September: Last day of Term 3

### Term 4:

Monday 6 October: Start of Term 4

# Year 9 Teacher Interviews

The interviews are held on:

**THURSDAY 20 MARCH,  
4:00pm to 6:30pm.**

To book interviews with the teachers you wish to speak to log on to [schoolinterviews.co.nz](https://schoolinterviews.co.nz) using the code

**hna2v**

**BOOKINGS OPEN  
Friday 7 MARCH**

Year 9 Parent Teacher Interviews are happening on Thursday 20 March. These interviews are face-to-face and five minutes long. You can make appointments by scanning the QR code or going to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and entering the event code **hna2v**. You can view, change or cancel your bookings by clicking the link in the email and entering the event code **hna2v**. You will receive an email confirming your bookings. If you find you have further or additional aspects to discuss, or are unable to attend, feel free to email staff.



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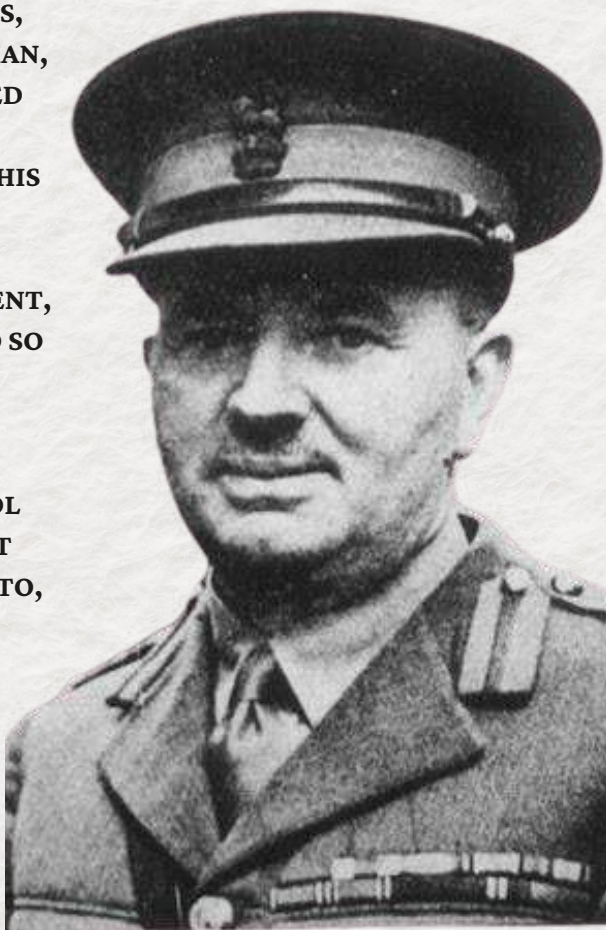


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1958

# BRIGADIER JAMES HARGEST, WE REMEMBER HIM

**BRIGADIER JAMES HARGEST 1891  
- 1944, CBE, DSO & TWO BARS,  
MC, VD, MP WAS A STATESMAN,  
A FARMER AND A DECORATED  
WAR HERO. OUR SCHOOL IS  
PROUD TO BEAR HIS NAME. HIS  
LIFE STORY HAS INSPIRED  
GENERATIONS OF OUR  
STUDENTS, PAST AND PRESENT,  
AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO  
LONG IN THE FUTURE. HIS  
ACHIEVEMENTS AND  
CHARACTERISTICS ARE  
CELEBRATED IN OUR SCHOOL  
VALUES, OUR SCHOOL CREST  
AND IN OUR SCHOOL'S MOTTO,  
KEEP FAITH.**

These Pou, carved by sculptor John Wishart, have been created in consultation with Waihōpai Rūnaka and are an ancestral acknowledgement of our place, our whenua and our whakapapa. They honour the spirit of Brigadier James Hargest and his enduring importance to our kura.



The first Pou appropriately started life as a tōtara farm strainer post. Strainer posts are considered the most important posts in the fence line. They carry the strain of the fence and support the gates. The tōtara strainer posts from which the Pou began represent the strength of character and unwavering cornerstone of support that the Brigadier was to the men who served under him in WW2. The "pintle" or gate hinge is both a literal nod to the Rakauhauka farming background of the Brigadier, and also a metaphorical symbol of the opportunity within all of our rangatahi to determine their own path. A pintle hinge has all the benefits of a higher safety profile, demonstrating the secure base of manaakitanga and whanaungatanga we provide for all ākonga as well as the greater range of movement which represents the multitude of opportunities within and beyond our school gates. The rifle embedded in the sculpture is an Enfield 303, standard issue to troops under his command. It references his military contribution in both World Wars and the leadership, mana and tenacity he demonstrated in every circumstance.

The second Pou was carved from one piece of 100 year old wood. It stands as a metaphorical nod to the Brigadier as a warrior with the Tewhatewha standing proudly.



The Tewhatewha is carved with representations of a hammerhead shark. In te ao Māori, the hammerhead shark is one of the main kaitiaki or guardians in the ocean. The innate characteristics represented by the hammerhead of strength, determination, strong will and fighting spirit are all epitomised by Brigadier James Hargest and are attributes we want to encourage in our students. The Pou is also carved with whātero (a poking out of the tongue). The whātero is a symbol of fearlessness and strength that's become an iconic part of New Zealand's heritage. It is used as an act of defiance and a warning to enemies. The Pou symbolises the importance of recognising our role of guardianship for our rangatahi, both as protectors and as caretakers.

In 1958 James Hargest Memorial High School was opened as a living tribute to the exceptional Southlander Brigadier James Hargest. These Pou will guide our kura as we seek everyday to fulfil our Mission "to equip all our students to create the best possible future for themselves and their world." We are grateful for the lessons and the guiding force our namesake has gifted us. His name, tenacious resilience and responsibility are a taonga we value highly.

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# Class of '75



Last weekend more than 40 of the original 70 James Hargest 1975 seventh form students came together in Invercargill for their 50-year 'Class of '75' reunion. They came from as far afield as Vienna, Dublin, Australia and the Far North. They enjoyed dinners together and a tour of our school by our Head Students and Prefects.

The class of '75 are a pretty talented bunch who have achieved some impressive things in their careers. Four of their 1975 teachers came to the reunion as well. It was a great weekend and they are already talking about planning the next one! Hopefully our new Science Block will be complete and we will be able to show that off to them.



*Above: Associate Principa Caroline Raynes with Judge Christine French in front of Christine's Rhodes Scholar picture in our foyer.*



*Below left: James Hargest Class of 1975. From left front – Mark McKenzie, Jill Evans, Lynne Couper, David Boyd, Shona Skelt (Anderson). Rear from left – Alison Broad, Scott Gilmour, Graeme Todd, Peter Verstappen and Christine French.*



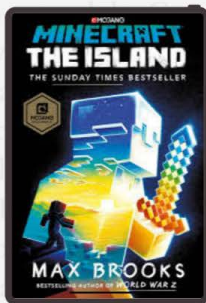
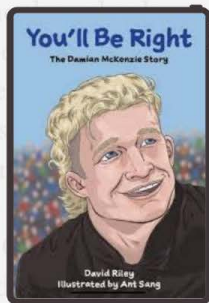
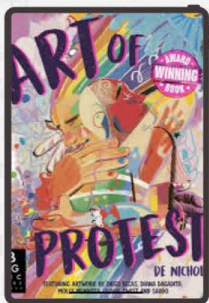
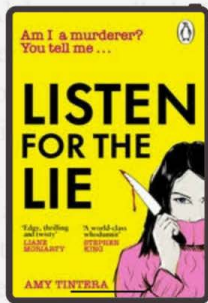
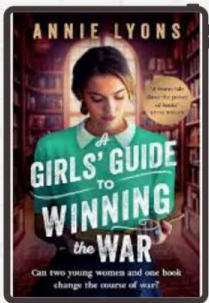
*Above: 1975 James Hargest 7th formers, from left front, Graeme Todd, Jill Evans and Robyn Rodgers, about to leave on AFS exchanges to the US. From left rear, Lynne Couper, Judy Rea, Shona Anderson, Debbie Bullivant, Diane Cawley and Sue Tomkinson.*



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## Year 9 Camps

Borland Lodge

### Kia ora whānau,

At James Hargest College, Year 9 students have the exciting opportunity to attend camp at Borland Lodge in Term 4. These camps run for three days (two nights) and include a range of engaging activities.

We see the camp programme as part of an ongoing journey of personal and outdoor development, building on the skills and confidence many students began developing in Primary School. This experience further enhances their knowledge and abilities in a supportive and challenging environment.

Students will participate in various activities throughout the camp, including caving, bushcraft, camping out, tramping, rock climbing, and kayaking. Safety is our priority, and all high-risk activities, such as rock climbing, caving and kayaking, will be led by qualified instructors from Adventure Southland.

### Parent Help

We are reliant on parent help on all camps to ensure a good student-to-adult ratio.

We would like you to contribute to the camp in whatever role you see yourself as having expertise or interest in. School policies require us to submit a police vetting application for any overnight trips. The vetting process could take up to 4 weeks and is valid for 3 years. Police vetting forms will be available from your child's form teacher in Term 3

### Cost

The cost of camp is: **\$275.00** to be paid BEFORE camp. Payment arrangements can be made with Nicky Moreton at [office@jameshargest.school.nz](mailto:office@jameshargest.school.nz). More information will be available soon.

NOTE: Cost of camp covers transport, food, accommodation, specialist instructors, equipment hire, and replacement.

We look forward to an adventurous and rewarding experience for all!

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## Debating

### Southland Regional Tournament

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Congratulations to our Debating Club who all conducted themselves beautifully. The debates were fiercely contested and all students should be very proud of their efforts.

#### Overall Best Speaker of competition:

**Natalie Snoek**

Natalie Snoek was also selected for the Southland Regional Team and will be off to compete at Nationals in May (pic.right on right).

**Congratulations to the following students have been selected for the Southland Development Squad:**

**Lilly Kingipotiki**

**Logan Jordan**

**Roisin Dyer**



## Business Studies

### YES Spark Tank.

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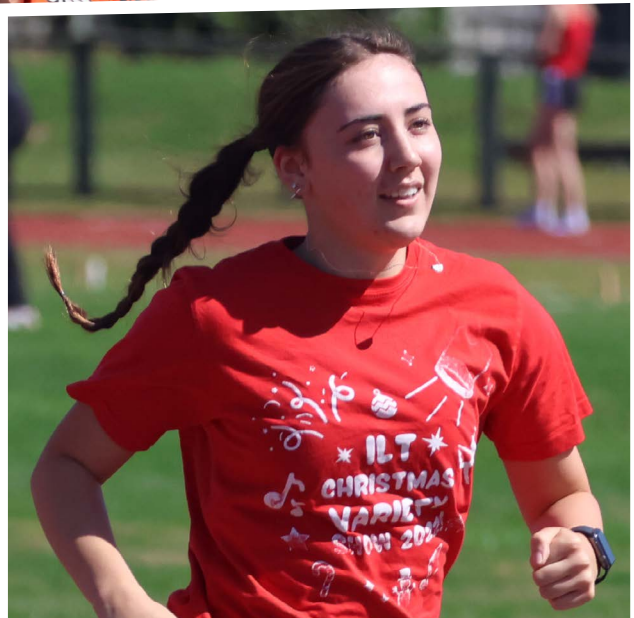
On Tuesday 4 March, 43 L2 Business Studies students took part in the YES Spark Tank, which was run by Young Enterprise and the Southland Business Chamber. This was an opportunity to share their business ideas with local business people who may be able to provide them with help over the next three terms while the students take part in the Young Enterprise Scheme. A range of product ideas have been put forward by the groups, including painted glasses, ice cream, apps, and chilly bins. The afternoon involved speed coaching and students gained valuable advice on how to continue to grow their ideas. Students came back excited and ready to start developing their ideas further. They will continue to validate their ideas over the remainder of the term, in conjunction with the writing of their business plans.

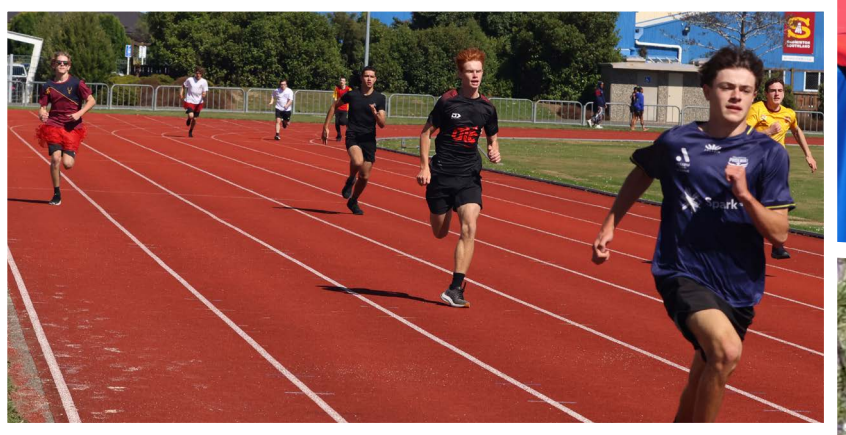




**Senior  
Campus  
Athletics**

Senior Campus Athletics Sports was held in beautiful conditions. The competition was fun and fierce!







## Southland Secondary Schools Softball Tournament

On Sunday, February 16, the Southland Secondary Schools Softball Tournament was held at Surrey Park. JHC was proud to enter two mixed teams into the competition. It turned out to be one of the most incredible summer days of the year—bright and hot with temperatures around 30°C, but that didn't stop our talented players from giving their all on the field.

After a hiatus in 2024, it was wonderful to see JHC back on the tournament circuit with two teams. This was a great opportunity for our students—many of whom are involved in local softball clubs—to connect with their JHC peers, build relationships, and enjoy the camaraderie that comes from playing alongside both older and younger teammates. The day was not only about the competition but also about fostering a strong sense of community between the different teams and clubs, which is one of the key values of the sport.

It was also fantastic to see a number of aspiring female players in the mix, many of them coming off the back of a recent first-place finish in the U15 softball

tournament held over the summer. The growth of women's softball in our region is something to celebrate, and these young players are a perfect example of the rising talent in the sport.

With the heat on their backs, our students played exceptionally well, with each team managing to compete in three games throughout the day. The energy and commitment from everyone, from the players to the coaching staff, were nothing short of inspiring. A huge thank you goes to our amazing parent coaches who stepped up to support the teams: Kerry, Ron, Wendy, and Trevor. Your hard work, patience, and support, especially under the scorching sun, truly made the day possible. A special shout-out to Matt along with the other SSA umpires, who also umpired in the heat, ensuring the games ran smoothly and fairly and last but not least a big thank you to all the whānau and friends who came down and supported us on the side line.

Our JHC Lions team (*pic. top*) showed incredible teamwork, resilience, and skill, topping their pool and advancing to the final. Though they played with heart, they were narrowly defeated by a strong SBHS

team, finishing as runners-up on the day. Their performance was a testament to their dedication and ability, and they represented JHC with pride.

Meanwhile, our JHC Strikers team (*pic. bottom*) faced some tough competition but gave every team a close contest. With a few narrow losses, they showed the spirit of true sportsmanship, proving that they can hold their own against any opponent. Their determination was clear, and each game was a battle that could have gone either way.

As we reflect on a successful day, the sights are firmly set on the 2026 competition. With such a dedicated group of students and supportive coaches, the future of JHC softball looks bright, and we can't wait to see what's next. Here's to even more success in the years ahead!







## Touch

### Junior Campus

It is all go at the Junior Campus on a Wednesday afternoon after school. We are playing Term 1 Touch onsite and we have training for students playing football.



## Sprint Cycling

### NZ National Champs

Congratulations to Year 13 student Riley Faulkner who won the Under 19 Women's Sprint Cycling National title at the New Zealand Champs, and to recent ex student Marshall Erwood who also claimed a national title. Well done to you both!



## Tennis

### Southland Tennis

Southland Tennis Champs were played in Winton in ideal conditions. The boys played a doubles format and the girls singles. Once pool play was completed for the boys there was some great tennis played as teams and abilities evened up. The girls had good tussles and had to work hard during their games. Big thanks to Scott from Tennis Southland for running the day very smoothly. Congratulations to the Girls' winner - Lucy Crawford!



## Mountain Biking

### SSS Champs

Congratulations to Blake Cooper, Jacob Evans and Austin Jones who competed in the Southland Secondary Schools Downhill Mountain Biking Championships. Well done!

## Challenge Wanaka

### Secondary Schools

In February, students competed in the Secondary Schools Challenge section of the Challenge Wanaka Festival! Congratulations to the team of Addison Robertson, Benjamin Wyatt and Lewis Blay, who took out the Secondary Schools section at Saturdays Challenge Wanaka. Congratulations also to Morgan Lau who completed the individual course. Great effort everyone!



## Athletics Champions

### Junior Campus

#### GIRLS

10 Year Champion	Mia Kerr
11 Year Champion	Maia Shanks
12 Year Joint Champion	Maria Clark
12 Year Joint Champion	Rubi Kerr

#### BOYS

10 Year Champion	James Low
11 Year Champion	George Ramsay
12 Year Champion	Craig Iversen

## Records broken (2025)

#### 10 Girls

100m	14.95	27/02/25	Mia Kerr
200m	31.35	27/02/25	Mia Kerr
800m	3.02.63	27/02/25	Mia Kerr
High Jump	1.20m	27/02/25	Mia Kerr

#### 11 Girls

800m	2.50.33	27/02/25	Freya Gilmour
1500m	5.46.26	27/02/25	Freya Gilmour
Long Jump	4.27m	27/02/25	Maia Shanks
Discus	22.50m	27/02/25	Charlotte Main

#### 11 Boys

High Jump	1.64m	27/02/25	George Ramsay
Discus	23.61	27/02/25	George Ramsay

#### 12 Boys

1500m	4.50.31	27/02/25	Craig Iversen
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## NZ Track and Field Athletics Champs

### Southland Reps

A big congratulations to the following Hargest athletes who have been selected to represent Southland at the New Zealand Track and Field Athletics Championships, in Dunedin from the 6 - 9th March.

Well done, and all the best for a successful and enjoyable meet at this elite level!



Will Brown



Ashlee Clay



Bea Christie



Cora O'Rourke

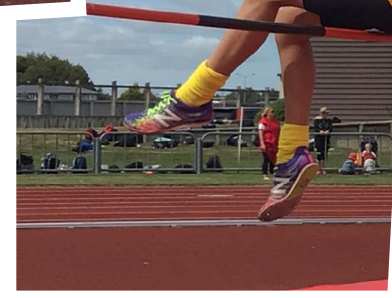
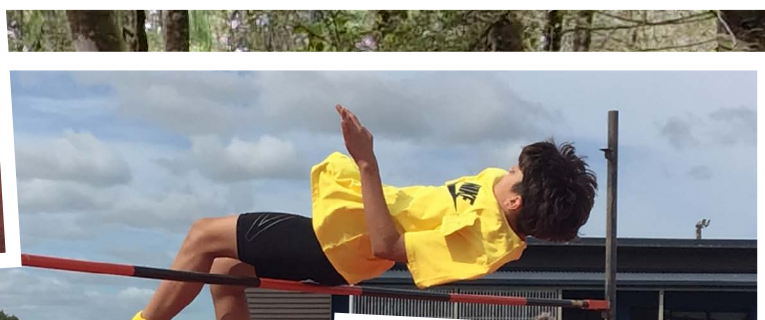


Hector O'Rourke



Cayden Sanginiti

Junior Campus Athletic Sports was a fabulous day out at Surrey Park. The events were competitive and some amazing athletic displays were noted. Congratulations to our age group champions and record breakers!



# Triathlon

## Senior Campus Results

Well done to everyone who took part!  
Senior Campus results are as follows.

### INDIVIDUALS

#### U19 Boys

1st: Benjamin Wyatt

#### U16 Boys

5th Cooper Gough

#### U16 Girls

4th Addison Robertson

5th Morgan Lau

#### U14 Boys

4th Alex King

### TEAMS

#### U19 Boys

1st: JHC Gold,  
Samuel Dawson,  
Hayden Russell,  
Alexander Sandiford

#### U16 Girls

2nd: JHC Purple,  
Rhiannon Jensen,  
Lucy Crawford,  
Emily Wheeler

#### U16 Mixed

2nd: JHC Red, Ruby Kite,  
Alex Borrie, Odin Bartlett

#### U14 Boys

2nd: JHC Black, Jacob Ultee,  
Zach Hibbs, Zavier Greenwood  
3rd: JHC Green, Quinn O'Boyle,  
Jamie Calvert

#### U14 Girls

2nd: JHC Orange, Sofia  
Smellie, Georgia Webster,  
Helena Davis  
4th JHC Aqua, Zoe Thom,  
Ella Rohan, Iris Edwards  
6th JHC Blue, Katy Gray,  
Greer Barclay, Lola Dean  
8th JHC Pink, Bella Kite,  
Hollie Lock-Schwass, Evie Charlton

#### U14 Mixed

2nd: JHC Yellow, Avé Valoa-Jack,  
Paxton Gilmour, Freya Gilmour



# Swimming

## South Island Championships

Congratulations to Bodie Gilmour on his outstanding efforts at the South Island Swimming Championships held in Invercargill last weekend.

Bodie broke the 12 year old boys 200m Backstroke Southland Record in a time of 2:44.43! Amazing work Bodie!

## Triathlon

### Junior Campus Results

Congratulations on all your amazing results.

#### Individuals

##### Year 8 Boys

- 2nd Rupert Vincent
- 7th Hunter Pope
- 14th Fletcher Pettersson
- 15th Mason Neylon
- 18th Theo Spooner

##### Year 7 Boys

- 4th Tas Wandless
- 5th Jacob Annan
- 11th Finn Dallow
- 14th Mason Jefcoate
- 17th Levi Harper

##### Year 8 Boys Team

- 6th JHC 1, Theo Paganelli, Joshua Robertson, Chris More

##### Year 7 Girls Team

- 6th= JHC 2, Mia Kerr, Amia Knox, Ella Calvert
- 10th JHC 3, Eleanor Hunt, Sophia Ballard, Amelia Thompson

##### U14 Mixed Team

- 2nd - JHC Yellow, Freya Gilmour, Paxton Gilmour, Avé Valoa-Jack



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## Volley South Board Member

The Volley South Board has approved the appointment of Ryne Saldana as the new Co-opted Board Member – Rep Player Representative!

Ryne is a Year 12 student, the Captain of the Volley South U19 Boys team, and a dedicated player in the Filipino Community Team. His passion for the game, commitment to his teammates, and deep connection to the volleyball community make him the perfect voice for the representative players. As an athlete and leader, he understands firsthand the dedication, challenges, and triumphs that come with competing at a high level. Congratulations, Ryne!

## Mainlands Volleyball tournament

The Senior boys' volleyball team attended the Mainlands tournament in Christchurch from 28th February to 3rd March. This was a very demanding tournament that involved 3 games and duty on the first day meaning they were at the courts from 10am through to 9pm, followed by a 8pm finish the following day.

The team won 2 of their pool play games against Rangiora and Central Southland College. Their other matches were against the eventual winners and runner up in Division 2. The final game on Sunday was against Nayland College where they went down 3 sets to 1 and ended up 8th overall in their division.

This was a great experience for the team as there was obvious growth shown in the standard of their play, with moments of brilliance. This is a young team of fantastic young men who have an exciting future ahead. There were lots of laughs and memories made. They should be proud of how they represented the school and their overall respectful behaviour. Finally, thank you to their coach Vine for giving up his time and expertise to help them learn and develop as a team.



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## Parent, Caregiver, Whānau and Community Engagement

At James Hargest College we are always interested in engaging with our community and listening to parents, whanau 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](mailto: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](mailto:office@jameshargest.school.nz)

or phone 2176129

or Mrs Cribb (Junior Campus) at [juniorcampus@jameshargest.school.nz](mailto:juniorcampus@jameshargest.school.nz)

or phone 2179250

## E-mail Newsletters

The next newsletter will be issued via email on Friday 4 April 2025.

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](http://www.jameshargest.school.nz)



# Coming Events for 2025

## Senior Campus

### March

Fri	7	PALs training day
Mon	10	Level 3 Tourism Trip Mihi Whakatau for International Students
Tue	11	Excellence Awards Ceremony, 11:15am
Wed	12	Author Mary-anne Scott visiting Quad Sports Exchange
Thu	13	Southland Touch Quad Sports Exchanges BOT meeting in the Brig - Senior Campus, 5:15pm
Fri-Sat	14-15	Southland Athletics
Tue	18	Whānau Hui, 5:30pm, Junior Campus Library
Wed	19	International Homestay Pot Luck Dinner
Thu	20	Year 9 Parent Teacher Interviews Culture Day
Fri	21	Bronco House Challenge
Wed	26	Weather the Change - Year 13 Geography
Thu	27	Year 10-13 Parent Teacher Interviews
Fri	28	Year 9 Tasters end IFC Ice Skating

### April

Fri	4	House Day
Sat-Sun	5-6	Major Production Dress Rehearsal
Mon-Thu	7-10	Major Production, Hall - Senior Campus, 7:30pm
Wed	9	GRIP Leadership Conference
Thu	10	BOT meeting in the Brig - Senior Campus, 5:15pm
Fri	11	House Day postponement day Term 1 ends

## Junior Campus

### March

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Tue	18	Whānau Hui, 5:30pm, Junior Campus Library
Wed	19	International Homestay Pot Luck Dinner
Thu	20	International Cultures Day
Sat	22	Southland Primary Schools Athletics
Fri	28	IFC Ice Skating
Mon	31	Scholastic Book Fair in the Library

### April

Tue	1	John Parsons is visiting to speak about Cyber Safety
Tue-Fri	1-4	Scholastic Book Fair in the Library
Tue	1	Student led conferences 1:30pm-5:30pm
Thu	3	Student led conferences 3:30pm-5:30pm
Fri	4	House Day
Mon-Fri	7-11	Cycle Safety Week
Tue	8	GRIP Leadership Conference
Thu	10	Haka Competition
Thu	10	BOT meeting in the Brig - Senior Campus, 5:15pm
Fri	11	House Day postponement day Term 1 ends

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