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JAMES HARGEST COLLEGE KEEP FAITH

3 November 2023



**JAMES HARGEST COLLEGE DUX 2023**

**Benjamin Elder**

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**Declan Crombie**

**Hasnula Hewa Babaranda**

## Principal's Comment



Mike Newell  
Principal

### Kia ora e te whānau,

As we come to the end of Week Four in Term Four, it is a great time to reflect on all of the wonderful things that have been happening in our kura. At the start of the term we embarked on a series of classroom visits and sent surveys to all of our stakeholders, students, staff and whānau at all year levels. This was part of our ongoing mahi with Poutama Pounamu from the University of Waikato. Our Mission is to “equip all our students to create the best possible future for themselves and their world” and we want to do this in partnership with whānau and our community. To this end, the data gathered is being analysed and will help to inform our next steps. Thank you very much to those of you who took the time to share your thoughts with us.

We were visited earlier this term by NZQA and NZCER who are working on a study entitled “Equity and University Entrance”. NZQA have identified a small number of schools at which University Entrance (UE) attainment for Māori and/or Pacific students is higher than other schools of a similar Equity Index who have sustained this higher attainment over 3 to 4 years. Researches came to JHC to talk to staff, students, the BOT Presiding Member and whānau about what we do to support rangatahi Māori to achieve University Entrance. We were the only school in the South Island selected for this research and sustaining this important pathway is something for us to be very proud of.

We also welcomed back Seniorita Fernandez and Ms Megan Smith with their group of students who learned a lot from their trip to Spain. The

memories these students have made will last them a lifetime. The pictures were all hermoso (beautiful) and the students were fortunate to be immersed in a culture and a language that will help them grow their understanding of the world around them enormously. Trips to Japan, France and Italy are all currently being organised for next year. These trips require significant commitment from the staff involved and we thank all of our staff who make these awesome opportunities available for our students.

The LEO Club hosted the first ever Haunted Hargest to raise funds for Unicef. This was a great success and we were thrilled to both organise a fun, family community event and raise significant funds for such a great cause. Thank you to our student leaders for their bravery in trying something new and their mahi in setting it up and seeing it through. Thank you also to our community for supporting this student run initiative, and we certainly hope the children who attended had fun.

The last two weeks have seen some significant celebrations of outstanding students achievements. It is both humbling and rewarding to see the amazing achievements of our rangatahi in so many areas. The Blues Awards evening was a real highlight where we recognised the passion and dedication which has led to achievements at the highest level in sporting, cultural and service endeavours. Our guest speaker, alumni Morgan Hunter spoke about her journey to an American College Basketball Scholarship, and she was both inspiring and powerful in her narrative about the dedication required to reach these heights. An excerpt from her speech can be found in this newsletter, along with an engaging analogy.

I have also attended the annual Youthmark Awards Ceremony and the Southland Secondary Schools Sports Awards in the last two weeks. These occasions have been superb and highlight the wonderful skills and accomplishments of students in our kura. These award winners are profiled in this newsletter as well. They are superb role models and demonstrate an immense commitment to our values and their aspirations. They are to be celebrated and commended on their wonderful achievements.

This week we held our Senior (Year 11 - 13) Prize Giving and Graduation Dinner. Our Prize Giving was a wonderful evening, well supported both in person and via

live stream. My thanks to Miss Caroline Raynes, Associate Principal for her assured stewardship and organisation of this wonderful celebration of the year. Liam Devery was our Valedictorian speaker and he did a fantastic job of sharing his learning from the last 7 years at JHC. An excerpt from his speech is in this newsletter. I particularly liked the line where he said to his fellow students, “Life is like looking for your phone, most of the time it is in your hand.” Graduation Dinner was also a lovely occasion where staff, students and whānau were able to enjoy each others' company and reflect on the celebrations and stories of the Class of 2023.

I ended my address at Prizegiving with the following whakatauki, “Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini” - Success is not the work of an individual, but the work of many. To all of our staff, whānau and students, thank you for the work you do for others. Make sure you take the time to say thank you to those who help you along the way, and make sure in turn you help others as well.

This afternoon is the Haka competition at the Junior Campus. This is one of the highlights of the year as the battle for the House supremacy is played out with mana and pono. Who will come out on top this year?

The next month will no doubt be just as busy as the last and I wish all the very best to our students for NCEA exams, camps, activity days sporting competitions and the myriad of other activities and opportunities that JHC happily provides for our ākonga.

Ka kite ano,  
Mike Newell  
Principal

## Term Dates 2023

### Term 4:

**Fri 24 November**  
**Teacher Only Day**

**Thursday 7 December**

**Last day of Term 4**  
**School finishes at 12:00pm**  
**for Year 7 - 10**



# Whānau Report

## Tēnā rā koutou e te whānau whānui o Hēmi Hākena

First and foremost, we would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to all our senior students who recently received prizes at our Senior Prize Giving event. It was a truly remarkable occasion and a highlight for our whānau.

The atmosphere at the Senior Prize Giving was electric, as we celebrated the success of our Hēmi Hākena tauria whānau with waiata and haka. Our kapa and whānau came together to support and acknowledge their peers, performing our traditional haka with immense mana (spirit) and pride. It was a powerful and emotional moment that truly showcased the unity and strength of our Hēmi Hākena whānau students, staff and whānau community.

As we move forward, we would like to wish all our senior students the very best for the upcoming end of year exams. We know that you have the potential to achieve greatness,

and we encourage you to stay strong and steadfast in your preparations. Remember the whakataukī: “Kia kaha, kia manawanui kia eke panuku ai koutou ki te taumata o angitu” (Be strong, be courageous, and you will reach the summit of success). Keep paddling your waka with determination and resilience, for success is a journey we embark upon together.



Matua Neitana Tane

Nā reira, he mihi aroha tēnei ki a koutou katoa. We look forward to sharing more updates and success stories in the future. He waka eke noa – together we can achieve great things!

Ngā mihi nui me ngā manaakitanga, nā mātou ngā kaiako o te akomanga whānau.



Matua Terence O'Brien

## From the Boardroom



Toni Green  
BOT Presiding Member

### Kia ora koutou,

Last month the Board said farewell to our Student Representative, Sewmi Dissanayaka. Sewmi has been with us on the board for the last year and has been responsible, mature and provided valuable insight to the Board at all times. Thank you for your service Sewmi, we have enjoyed working with you and wish you all the very best for the exciting next stage. I am sure you will find university both invigorating and challenging and we certainly look forward to following

your successes in the future. This month we welcomed our new representative on the Board, Ishaan Boon. Ishaan, congratulations on being voted by your peers to this important student leadership role. We look forward to working with you and hearing your perspective on what is important to the students at James Hargest College.

At our October meeting, we heard from Kristine Simpson about all of the work that has gone into Wellbeing strategic planning over the last year. Thank you Kristine for leading the mahi in this important area and using data to drive the next steps. Your multi faceted approach is wide ranging and encompasses many areas. The ongoing benefit of this careful planning and overarching design will ensure that wellbeing is given the weight and mana it requires.

This week I have the privilege of attending the Senior Prize Giving where the huge range of successes of our students is always a humbling experience. Part of the Vision of this school is to encourage “participation, connectedness and whanaungatanga through a range of service, cultural, sporting and leadership opportunities.” No where is it more

obvious that we are getting this right than at Prize Giving. Thank you to all the staff and whānau who provide the support and encouragement, both practical and emotional to our students which allows them to chase their dreams and achieve so highly in their areas of passion.

To the Year 13 students who have had their last day of school at James Hargest College, we wish you well as you embark on the next exciting stage of your journey. Our Mission is “to equip all our students to create the best possible future for themselves and their world.” Wherever you go and whatever you do, the foundations and connections that you have developed during your time at Hargest will serve as a springboard for you. We wish you all the very best.

Ka kite.  
Toni Green  
BOT Presiding Member



## PTA Report



Jo Wilson  
PTA Chairperson

### Kia ora from the PTA

Here we are a couple of weeks into our final term for 2023. This term has a lot going on for students and staff. All you have to do is check out how busy the upcoming events table is at the bottom of this newsletter. It is important to have a read over this and mark those important dates into your diaries.

Just a little reminder that there is a Teacher Only Day on Friday 24 November.

While the end of the year can be stressful as the students' head into exams, it's important to also take the time to reflect on what a fantastic year this has been. The PTA wishes all students the best of luck with their exams, remembering to do the best they can.

The Year 8 students have chosen their subject choices for next year and are in the swing of Senior Campus visits and senior students are coming down to pass on advice and wisdom before their big transition.

We would like to acknowledge all the behind the scenes work the staff do this term. It truly is an honour to have such dedicated and passionate people working with our children.

***Kāhore taku toa I te toa takitahi, he toa takitini***

*We cannot succeed without the support of those around us.*

We are looking for parents to come along and join our PTA, the next meeting is 7th November 2023. This is such a great opportunity to be involved in the school community and to really help our students and staff with so many things throughout the school year. Just remember NO FUNDRAISING!!

Ngā Mihi  
Jo Wilson and the PTA team

### PTA Meeting Dates

The next PTA meeting will be in the Brigadier's Room at the Senior Campus at 7.30pm on:

**7 November 2023**

**Uniform buy in and sell out:**  
12 December 2023  
23 January 2024

## Welcome Senior Campus

### Taryn Shaw

We are delighted to welcome Taryn Shaw to the role of SENCO at James Hargest College Senior Campus. Taryn comes to us from her previous role as a Special Education Advisor in the Ministry of Education's Behaviour Team. She has the strength and ability to analyse and coordinate support and influence change. Her philosophy of education is geared towards creating an environment where the increasingly diverse needs of students, whānau, school and the community are recognised and valued. Fundamental to her approach is a strong belief that the intertwining of positive relationships within schools, early identification of needs and a collaborative approach to the sharing of knowledge and information, will help to promote successful outcomes for all students. We are thrilled to have you on our team Taryn and know the students you are working with are fortunate to have you in their corner.



## Head Students 2024

### Congratulations

We are thrilled to announce our Head Students for 2024.

We know they are all outstanding role models who will do a fantastic job. Mīharo mahi e koutou katoa.

Head Boy: Devon Pirini

Deputy Head Boy: Ryan McAllister  
(Back row from left)

Head Girl: Keita Ruwhiu

Deputy Head Girl: Jess Ballantyne  
(Front row from left)



# Southland Secondary School Sports Awards

We would like to congratulate all the Hargest students who were nominated for the Southland Secondary School Sports Awards recently, including those who were not named as finalists. Your achievements and service were exemplary. Special congratulations to the following students who were recognised as finalists at the award ceremony:

## Participation In Sport Award

Finalist: Holly Cunliffe

Overall Winner: Caitlin Crawford (*pictured below*)

## Contribution to Sport

Finalist: Ryan Smith

## Senior Sportswoman of the Year

Finalist: 'Onevai Pita

## Senior Sportsman of the Year

Finalist: Marshall Erwood

Highly Commended (Runner Up):

Levi Stout (*pictured middle below*)



# 2023 Future Champions

The following students were recognised as Future Champions for 2023. These awards are for students nominated by the Regional Sports Bodies and/or Southland Secondary School Sport, as the best athlete in that sport for the 2023 year.

Badminton	Blake Griffiths
Basketball	Holly Cunliffe
Cricket	Charlotte Morris
Cycling	Marshall Erwood
Football	Maisy McDonald
Hockey	Mya O'Connor
Mountain Biking	Katie Lawrence
Squash	Ingamar Siegruhn
Smallbore Rifle	Flyn Russell
Shooting	

Artistic Swimming	'Onevai Pita
Surfing	Katie Oliver
Table Tennis	Lauryn Fleming
Volleyball	Sophie Parata

For the awards, schools are invited to nominate an individual who has been involved in sport in the school over a period of time, so that they may be recognised and thanked. This year Hargest nominated Mr Evan France.



## Evan France

Evan has been actively involved in the sporting life at Hargest since he arrived at the school in 1994. He was the Hargest Centre Manager (similar to today's Sports Coordinator role) initially, and this meant he was involved in many different sports including the 'minor' sports which he looked after and promoted. He took many teams away on trips and was always available to help out and to cheer Hargest athletes on.

In the 1990's Evan moved into a teaching role and this enabled him to become involved in the two sporting codes he is still actively involved in today. He has fulfilled many roles as Teacher in Charge of Rowing over the last 30 years – he has been a coach, a manager, a trip leader and an avid supporter. Evan has contributed many, many hours and lots of energy to this sport and we are very grateful for the enthusiasm and passion he has always demonstrated while working with our rowers. The students have been appreciative of his cheerful, positive manner and the caring way he has encouraged and supported them over the years.

Evan's other passion has been volleyball and, again, his contribution spans nearly 30 years. He has coached many teams over this time, both senior and junior, through tournaments, interschools and the local competitions. Again, his positive energy and enthusiasm have been appreciated by the huge number of students who have benefitted from his coaching and his genuine interest in seeing them grow and develop as young people.

Hargest has been very lucky to have Evan involved in our sporting programme for so long. His passion, high expectations, long term programmes and the relationships he forms with all the students in his teams are second to none and all of the Hargest students involved (past and present) reflect on their sporting adventures with Evan with warmth, praise and affection.



The Junior Girls Volleyball team came second at the recent Southland Champs. The final against Verdon was a closely fought contest with Hargest going down 15 - 13 in the deciding set. It was a good workout for the team who will be off to the South Island Champs in 3 weeks time. (*pictured with Mr France and his assistant coach*)



# Senior Prize Giving 2023 Special Awards

## Celebrating Excellence

For achievements in 2023



### Joint Top Scholar Of Year 11

**Samuel Elder** (pictured Opposite, far right)  
**Megan Wheeler** (pictured right, 2nd from top)

### Top Scholar of Year 12

**Sarah Hay** (pictured right, 3rd from top)

**The Cultural Trophy** – to the student who has consistently aided cultural activities in the school.  
**Lydia Blomfield** (pictured top right)

**The Dickson Cup for Service** – to the student who has shown concern for his fellow students through school based activities and

**The Edwards Cup** – to the Year 13 girl for all round ability and contribution to school life in the academic, sporting and cultural fields:  
**Caitlin Hartley** (pictured top left)

**The Keep Faith Trophy** – in memory of Sara Loo, a Year 13 student who died in 2010 after a courageous battle with Meningococcal Septicemia. Sara was a young woman of faith and spirit who was faithful to her own values and those of our school. She had a spirit of positivity, generosity, determination and humour. This award is presented to the Year 13 student who best exemplifies these attributes:

**Ryder Mikkelsen**

**The Johnstone Cup** – to the Year 13 boy for all round ability and contribution to school life in the academic, sporting and cultural fields:  
**Liam Devery** (pictured left, middle)

**The Brigadier's Plate** – to the student who exemplifies moral strength of character:  
**Ruby Bath**



Left, L-R: Rider Mikkelsen, Neve Waddel, Ruby Bath, Sean Bath



**The Hargest Memorial Scholarship** for consistent contribution to the Sporting, Cultural and Academic life of the school during their time at James Hargest College  
**Ryder Mikkelsen**





### **JOINT PROXIME ACCESSIT**

**Declan Crombie**

**Hasnula Hewa Babaranda**

### **THE JAMES HARGEST COLLEGE DUX 2023**

- Distinction and 2nd English
- Distinction and 1st= Calculus and the Rive Prize
- Distinction and 1st Biology and the Biology Prize
- Distinction and 1st Chemistry and the Lineham Cup and the NZ Aluminium Smelter's Prize
- Distinction and 1st Physics and the NZ Aluminium Smelter's Prize
- Industry

**Benjamin Elder**



Above L-R: Declan Crombie, Benjamin Elder, Hasnula Hewa Babarnada

**Liam Devery gave a moving Valedictorian speech. Liam spoke about gaining the confidence to be yourself. Here is an excerpt from his speech:**

Sometimes the door to opportunities appears shut, or as if people are blocking the entrance. It feels heavy or hard to open. The weight of others' opinions and the fear of judgment can serve as a barricade. The omnipresent fear of going viral as a source of ridicule can be as effective as a concrete wall without windows. I think growing up, my biggest barrier was my



fear of judgment. I used to obsess over what other people thought of me. I felt like I had to do better, hide away anything that might be remotely different to

the norm, blend into the crowd. My door was definitely locked. I didn't realize I had the key all along. I used to think if I tried too hard at school I'd

be called a nerd, if I did productions I'd be called a drama kid. And I was right, I was. A quote I like which sums up my key message concisely is:

Life is like looking for your phone; most of the time it is in your hands. As you take the next steps forward, Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui.



# ILT Scholarships

ILT’s desire is to provide the opportunity to undertake tertiary education, or equivalent learning, to assist students to be better prepared for their chosen career pathway. The scholarships are valued at \$6000 over three years.	Congratulations to the following JHC students who have been awarded ILT Scholarships for 2024.	Michael Clinckett Hazel Gray Benjamin Scott Ruby Stewart Darika Abeyasinghe Meadow Bodkin-Allen Daniel Brienesse Conrad Clark Lydia Condon	Declan Crombie Liam Devery Rachel Eckhold Benjamin Elder Melanie Hart Caitlin Hartley Hasnula Hewa Babaranda Hayley Hyde Katie Melgren	Ryder Mikkelsen Joseph Nicol ‘Onevai Pita Lilly Stotzer Levi Stout Neve Waddel
	James Bath Ruby Bath Sean Bath Lydia Blomfield			

# 2024 House Captains

Congratulations to the follwing students:

Hamilton	Menzies	Thomson	Watson
Sophie Byrne	Tess McGregor	James Fleming	Ethan Tanner
Sarah Hay	Carlos McRae	Robson McKee	Jasmine Marshall
Caleb McNaught	Claire Phillipson	Lucy Cooper	Brooke Cross
Emily Oliver	Isla Reynolds	Paige King	Sam Schol

# IMPORTANT CHANGE of BANK ACCOUNT

All school payments to go James Hargest College bank account:  
**02 0924 0408612 02**  
 From 1 January 2024 we will be closing the 01 bank account.



# Farewell Year 13s

It was a picturesque, if chilly day to bid farewell to the class of 2023. The Graduation Dinner was a lovely occasion to celebrate, reminisce and look towards the future. We wish them all the very best with the next stage of their journey.





## PLAYWRIGHT'S MESSAGE

The story of Noah is almost as old as time itself and appears in both the Bible and the Quran. This makes it relevant to some of the world's major religions and therefore worthy of comment.

In all the works that have been written over the years, no-one has considered the perspective of the animals in all of this and this show aims to put that right.

It also aims to answer one of life's great mysteries – whatever happened to the unicorns?

The cast worked hard, and I hope had some fun in the process, to bring this original take on a very well known tale. My thanks to all of them and a special mention to my co-director Emerson Dahldavis who worked tirelessly and brought many new insights and ideas.

*David Pottinger*

THE NOT SO MAJOR  
PRODUCTION

BY DAVID POTTINGER

# HARD







## CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE Blues Awards 2023

*Sporting and Cultural Blues are a recognition of success at the elite level in each field. The criteria differs for each activity and all those celebrated have achieved significant success in their chosen field.*

### Sporting Blues

<b>Aerobics</b>	Brooke Acker Pyper Brown Lucy Cooper Katelyn Street-Wilson
<b>Artistic Swimming</b>	Ruby Goodall 'Onevai Pita
<b>Athletics</b>	William Berkers Bea Christie Lucas Huia
<b>Hockey</b>	Ryan Smith
<b>Badminton</b>	Paige Raines
<b>Basketball</b>	Holly Cunliffe Libby Crawford James Fleming Ryder Mikkelsen Jacob Mussen Clark Devon Pirini Tane Wilson Charlotte Morris
<b>Cricket</b>	Ruby Bath Jonathan Blyth Conrad Clark Finn Edwards Marshall Erwood George Manson Kate Russell Zadie Scott Hamish Wallace
<b>Cycling</b>	

### Football

James Fleming  
Luca Hook  
Ryder Mikkelsen  
Ben O'Connor  
Riley Satherley-Shea  
AJ Wilson

### Harriers Hockey

Benjamin Scott  
Ben O'Connor  
Carter Dougherty  
Madeleine Lawlor  
Robson McKee  
Mya O'Connor  
Ryan Smith  
Tylah Templer

### Mountain Biking

Blake Cooper  
Katie Lawrence  
Zadie Scott  
Holly Cunliffe  
Libby Crawford  
Brooke Cross  
Caitlin Hartley  
Tequin Lake  
Callum Stratford  
Hannah Tufui

### Netball

### Rowing

Declan Crombie  
Sophie Cundall  
Holly Keary  
Ella Norman  
Tane Wilson  
Sophie Cundall  
Ethan Wishart

### Rugby

### Squash

### Swimming

### Table Tennis

### Tennis

### Water Polo

Ingamar Siegruhn  
Liam Devery  
Amelia Black  
Laurny Fleming  
Ingamar Siegruhn  
Libby Crawford  
Amelia Black  
Hamish McKenzie

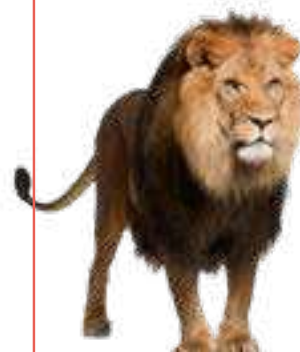
### New Zealand Representatives

### Artistic Swimming

Ruby Goodall  
'Onevai Pita  
Marshall Erwood  
Brooke Acker  
Pyper Brown

### Cycling

### Aerobics





### *Service Awhina*

Darika Abeysinghe  
Sewmi Dissanayaka  
Caitlin Hartley  
Roland Cameron  
Hasnula Hewa Babaranda  
Ryan Smith  
Neve Waddel  
Samara Beck  
John Chesnev

**Brass Band**

### Chamber Music

Daniel Saunders  
John Chesney  
Lachlan Calvert  
Luke Hartley  
Jotaro Matsuo  
Daniel Saunders  
Tiana Turnbull  
Hasnula Hewa Babaranda  
Roland Cameron  
Lydia Blomfield  
Emily Blyth  
Meadow Bodkin-Allen  
Draven Booth  
Emerson Dahldavis

**Chess**  
**Debating**  
**Drama**

## Song Writing

Samantha Nelson  
Ingamar Siegruhn  
Michael Clinckett

### Technical

## New Zealand Representatives

**Brass Band**

Samara Beck  
John Chesney  
Daniel Saunders  
Meadow Bodkin-Allen  
Lydia Blomfield

**Drama**

*We were delighted to welcome back Morgan Hunter as our guest speaker for the Blues ceremony. Morgan was a Head Student in 2012. The year after leaving school Morgan was selected for the Junior Tall Ferns for their 2013 campaign. From there, she was one of the first female athletes in the country to move to America to take up a basketball and academic scholarship at a university in North Dakota. She continued to excel both on the court, but notably off it as well as her academic career progressed. Here is an excerpt from Morgan Hunter's speech:*

Effort is something I have always believed in because you get out what you put in. During my gap year I created a highlight tape of all of my games, did some research on American colleges and sent an email to coaches at about 50 schools in America. I think I had mentioned briefly to my parents that I was looking at going overseas but I don't think they really believed me. But lo and behold I got offered a 4 year scholarship to North Dakota for basketball and was set to leave in August.

Most people I tell this story too can't believe I moved half way around the world on a one way ticket I purchased myself, to move to a city in another country to attend a college I'd never visited where I didn't know anyone, and I did it all on my own. But the reality is, when you love something and it brings you a sense of purpose, a sense of community, accomplishment, and joy, you'll do just about anything for it.

So I moved to America, played college basketball for four years while studying Psychology. Psychology really intrigued me because as an athlete you're often open to a lot of criticism. There were points throughout my career where people weren't so kind and were very vocal about what they thought of me personally and as a player. That can be really hard to handle when you're a teenager, and there were lots of times I thought about giving up.

I had to battle not getting picked to play, injuries, a new academic grading system and many different personalities. Home definitely looked appealing. But the reality is there are a lot of challenges and many obstacles on the path to success, but how you choose to navigate them will determine your outcome. I chose to adapt and continue on.

When I finished my four years in North Dakota I went on to graduate school where I completed another 3 years specializing in educational psychology. It was during this time that I started researching Grit.

Grit is described as passion and perseverance for long term goals. An individuals ability to sustain interest and effort over long periods of time to achieve a goal. Grit helped me understand the difference between me and the many teammates I had who were far more talented than me but couldn't go the distance. It explained why some people saw me as 'obsessive' and others as 'determined.' It explained how I got to America.

Its far easier to overcome obstacles when you have a good support network. When I was in my first year as an educational psychologist my supervisor told me that keen gardeners do a thing called companion planting. Placing certain plants next to others to help them grow. Among companion plants, the marigold is one of the best: It protects a wide variety of plants from pests and harmful weeds. If you plant a marigold beside almost any garden vegetable, that vegetable will grow big and strong and healthy, protected and encouraged by its marigold.

Walnut trees however have the opposite effect, they can be toxic and poison those around them. Avoid these at all costs. In life you will find both marigolds and walnut trees - if you surround yourself with marigolds and make an effort to be one, you'll find yourself with a strong support network, that can help you overcome anything.

When you make a decision about whether to pursue an opportunity or not, ask yourself this question “Will I look back at this when I’m 80 and regret I didn’t do it?” It’s better to try and fail than to not try at all. Don’t be afraid to be a trailblazer. If the path you want doesn’t exist, make it.





## Youthmark Awards

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JHC is incredibly proud to celebrate our Youthmark Award recipients for 2023. This award is funded by the ILT with the purpose of recognising Southland students who excel. Fifty awards are given out each year and all Southland Secondary Schools are allocated a number of awards based on their Year 13 roll numbers. This year JHC was allocated twelve awards. Excelling in their chosen areas of cultural pursuits, sport and leadership the students demonstrate the school values both in and out of school, on and off the national and world stages.

### Ingamar Siegruhn

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Ingamar is being recognised for his achievements in both music and sport.

Music and sport have been key elements in Ingamar's life, and he has excelled in both.

Ingamar has been a regular performer at the Smokefree Rockquest and has been a three-time regional first place recipient, writer of the best song in 2020, was adjudged one of the top 20 New Zealand bands in 2020 and won the musicianship award in 2023.

Since starting to play squash in 2020, Ingamar is now the second ranked junior player in Southland. He has been a two-time Southland Secondary School's squash champion, was runner up at the Southland Junior Squash Open in 2022 and experienced his first nationally graded competition in 2022 finishing third at the National C Grade Championships. In table-tennis Ingamar is five-time Southland Secondary School Champion and was the 2022 Southland Under 18 and 21 singles and doubles champion.

For Ingamar, success can be attributed to an unwavering work ethic coupled with a desire to work harder than his opposition.

Ingamar intends studying towards a Bachelor of Music at Otago University with a view to teaching music at Secondary School level.



### Holly Cunliffe

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Holly is being recognised for her sporting achievements.

Holly has demonstrated wide ranging aptitude for sport over many years. However, it has been in both basketball and netball that she has excelled.

Holly has been a regular Southland representative in basketball for many years. She has progressed through the ranks, been identified as an emerging talent, and is currently a member of the Southland Women's Basketball team.

Since 2021, Holly has been a member of the Invercargill Under 18 Netball team – finishing 7th at nationals in 2022 and has been invited to be part of the Steel Steps Netball Accelerator programme.

Her skills and knowledge have been recognised as captain of the school's Gold A Netball team and part of the leadership group for the 1st V Girls' Basketball team.

Holly was Excellence endorsed in NCEA Level 1 and 2 and has given consistent service to the school.

The key to Holly's success lies in a willingness to communicate effectively with teachers, coaches, and team-mates as their knowledge can ultimately make the difference to her success both individually and as part of a team.

Holly intends studying Sciences at University while continuing in her sports and giving back through coaching.



## James Bath

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James is being recognised for his all-round contribution to James Hargest College.

James has immersed himself in the opportunities presented to him at James Hargest College. His service record is both considerable and authentic. He is currently co-president of the LEO Club, sits on the Senior Council and is editor of the school literary magazine. He recently earned his Trinity College Grade 8 for electric guitar. His involvement extends equally to the sporting arena as a basketball player, coach and referee, table tennis player as well as participating in triathlon.

James's academic record is exemplary. He was Top Scholar of Year 10, Excellence endorsed in both NCEA Level 1 and 2- including individual subject endorsements – and earned a place in the prestigious 100 Club for achieving over 100 Excellence credits in a year. In 2022 James was selected as one of sixty students across the country to take part in the University of Canterbury Bachelor of Science Camp to further develop his scientific knowledge.

For James, the catalysts for his success are consistency, adaptability, and empathy – all of which he brings to his academic, service, and sporting life.

James intends studying towards becoming an engineer to benefit lives through innovation.

## Levi Stout

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Levi is being recognised for his achievements in Disc Golf.

From humble beginnings, Levi has risen through the ranks of Disc Golf to currently sit as the top New Zealand ranked player. His list of achievements in national competitions are considerable. He has been a seven-time New Zealand Disc Golf Tour event winner, South Island Champion and has consistently finished on the podium in the Open Grade at the National Championships. Hours of training, self-evaluation, self-accountability and travelling to events culminated in Levi attending the 2023 Professional Disc Golf Association Junior World Championships in the United States – where he finished 5th. Immediately following this event, Levi chose to turn professional.

Levi's dedication to the sport has seen him give back to the community in the sport through helping install Invercargill's second disc golf course, volunteering with Have a Go Days and regularly helping new club members develop their skills.

While Levi is undoubtedly talented, he recognises that talent alone is no guarantee of success and that he must constantly work at his game to continue improving.

Levi intends studying Sports Science at Otago University in 2024 while building towards earning a professional contract on the Disc Golf Pro Tour.





## Sean Bath

Sean is being recognised for his all-round achievements.

As Head Boy, Sean exemplifies the core Hargest values of “Keeping Faith” and the importance of working hard. Recognising his status as a role model, he strives, through example, to inspire fellow students to achieve highly in their school lives.

Academically, Sean was Top Scholar of Year 11, was Excellence endorsed overall, and in 13 subjects at NCEA Level 1 and 2, earning over 100 Excellence credits in the process. In Commerce, he was the 2021 NZCETA Top Scholar in Economics. Sean’s service extends to being an active member of the LEO, Art and Film Clubs alongside mentoring younger students who need help integrating into school life. As Southlands representative on the New Zealand School Council, he has been able to voice issues within the school and community at a broader level. His dedication to sport has seen Sean represent Southland in Basketball and Table Tennis and he has been involved in school basketball as a player, coach, and referee.

Sean attributes his success to his insatiable nature for learning and personal growth coupled with an eye for precision and detail.

Sean intends studying Health Sciences at Otago University next year.



## Conrad Clark

Conrad is being recognised for his outstanding achievements in track cycling.

Conrad has built an impressive resume in track cycling since beginning the sport six years ago. His performances at the Southland level have translated to national and international success. At the National Track Championships, Conrad earned a National Title in the Under 19 Keirin alongside a silver medal in the Team Sprint and a bronze in the Match Sprint. Conrad was then selected to ride for his club at the 2023 Oceania Track Championships in Brisbane, earning a silver medal in the Team Sprint, a 4th placing in the Under 19 Keirin and 4th in the Match Sprint.

Conrad performs equally as well academically and was Excellence endorsed at both Levels 1 and 2 while training for national and international cycling events and providing service to the school.

Conrad attributes his success to his parents instilling in him the importance of working hard and maintaining a growth mindset. Conrad looks to pass on those characteristics through mentoring of younger riders who are starting their cycling journey.

Conrad intends studying Industrial Design at the University of Canterbury while continuing to train and ride at an international level representing New Zealand.



## Marshall Erwood

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Marshall is being recognised for his outstanding achievements in cycling.

From a young age, Marshall has demonstrated a prodigious talent in cycling and has been synonymous with success in the sport since 2016. As he has risen through the age group ranks, his stature in the sport has grown. In 2023 Marshall dominated the New Zealand Track Cycling Championships winning four gold and four silver medals in the Under 19 division. He was also awarded the trophy for the highest points scorer in the Under 19 category. From this, Marshall represented his club at the Oceania Track Cycling Championships where he won four gold medals and a silver across multiple disciplines in the Under 19 Men's grade.

In August, Marshall represented New Zealand at the World Junior Cycling Championships in Colombia furthering his recognition within the sport of cycling.

Marshall attributes his success to being organised, goal driven, having the support of a team and, even in the face of considerable success, recognising that it is important to take on advice that is given. Success does not signal the end of learning.

Marshall intends to focus on cycling in 2024 and has set some aspirational goals both nationally and internationally.

## Ryder Mikkelsen

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Ryder is being recognised for his all-round achievements.

In the sporting domain Ryder is a talented basketball player having represented Southland at National Under 15 and 17 tournaments and he is the captain of the James Hargest 1st V Boys' Basketball team. He also represents the province and school in football and has shown promise in multisport and orienteering.

Ryder's talent extends to his academic achievements. He was Excellence endorsed in Level 1 and 2, won the CETA Top Scholar Award in Economics in 2022, is a member of the prestigious 100 Club at James Hargest College and was selected to represent Southland/Otago at the 2023 Rotary Science and Technology Forum.

As Deputy Head Boy, peer support leader, buddy reader, basketball coach, and an integral member of Te Kapa Tuakana o Hēmi Hākena, Ryder's service is outstanding.

Ryder leads by example. Through immersing himself authentically in the academic, cultural, sporting and service life of the school, Ryder has been conspicuous through his presence and the mana his presence brings. He epitomises what it means to be a role model.

Ryder intends studying engineering at the University of Canterbury as a way of solving some of the problems the world faces.





# Meadow Bodkin-Allen

Meadow is being recognised for her outstanding cultural achievements in musical theatre.

Meadow has been a standout performer in music and musical theatre dedicating many hours to developing her craft. Those efforts have bought considerable success. In music, Meadow has been a member of the National Secondary School’s Brass Band and was runner up in the 2022 Smokefree Rockquest solo/ duo section. In musical theatre Meadow has been identified as an upcoming talent and her contribution to the community was recognised in 2021 when she received the GirlBoss Inclusion Award for outreach singing. In 2022 and 2023, she was selected as one of only 15 New Zealand performers to attend and perform at the prestigious Australian Junior Musical Theatre Festival.

Meadow has given outstanding service to the school alongside being endorsed with Excellence at NCEA Level 1, 2 and 3, and she earned a Scholarship in Year 13 Music as a Year 12 student.

For Meadow, organisation and time management are key to achieving the goals she sets for herself alongside learning to accept challenges and mistakes as an opportunity to learn.

Meadow plans to study and pursue musical theatre to establish a professional career in both performance and teaching.



# Ruby Bath

Ruby is being recognised for her all-round achievements.

As Head Girl, Ruby is acutely aware that she is a role model to other students. Consequently, she is actively and authentically involved in the sporting, cultural, academic and leadership life of the school.

Ruby is a nationally recognised cyclist on both the track and road, and her achievements extend back to 2019 when she first represented Southland. Since then, she has regularly attained podium finishes at National Age Group events culminating in a 3rd placing at the 2022 and 2023 New Zealand Track Cycling Championships Elite and Under 19 Women’s track team pursuit.

Ruby maintains an impressive academic record having been Excellence endorsed NCEA Level 1 and 2- with many individual subject endorsements. Ruby is a skilled debater and brought both those skills to winning the 2022 National Monetary Policy Challenge in Economics as part of a James Hargest College team.

Ruby prides herself on her ability to reset and refocus in the face of adversity, which in turn has created discipline and tenacity in her sporting, academic and cultural life.

Ruby intends studying towards a law degree while pursuing the dream of riding internationally in an all-women’s cycling team.



## Benjamin Elder

Benjamin is being recognised for his academic achievements. Benjamin has achieved highly in his academic and co-curricular activities, which he attributes to his strong work ethic, an analytical approach to problem solving, and a determination to do well in everything he attempts. He was top scholar in Year 12, Excellence endorsed overall, and in all subjects, in NCEA Level 1 and 2 earning over 100 Excellence credits each year. His aptitude for Chemistry led to his selection in the New Zealand Chemistry Olympiad training camp in 2022 where he earned a silver award. This earned him further selection in 2023 where he made it to the final 30 students- placing him among the elite

of young Chemistry students in New Zealand.

Benjamin brings the same focus to debating where, since 2020 he has been a regular team winner and best speaker in regional and Southland/Otago competitions. Benjamin has taken the opportunity to pass on his debating skills through tutoring other debating students.

Benjamin is co-president of the LEO club, a House Captain, Peer Support leader and captain of his school football team.

Benjamin intends studying towards a degree in Engineering, Applied Finance and Economics at the University of Canterbury.



## Lydia Blomfield

Lydia is being recognised for her contribution to performing arts and service.

The performing arts have been an important part of Lydia's time at James Hargest College. Starting out in Junior productions, Lydia soon established herself as a motivated and versatile actor. In 2021 and 2022 she was part of the winning team in the regional Shakespeare Globe Centre New Zealand Festival. In 2023, she moved to directing and was awarded best director. This led to her being awarded a place with the Shakespeare Globe Centre New Zealand Young Shakespeare Company to travel to London in July 2023 to further her acting knowledge.

Lydia's service to the community and school is commendable. She has been involved in musical theatre and was part of Invercargill's Shakespeare in the Park Festival. At James Hargest, Lydia is a LEO leader, the Board of Trustees Student Representative, House Captain, coach, choir member, and has given back through helping with junior school productions to inspire new talent.

Lydia constantly strives for excellence, and takes challenges as an opportunity to develop, not as a barrier to be avoided.

Lydia intends undertaking further study in performance as she pursues a career as a professional actor.



## LANGUAGES Whakataetae Reo Māori

Congratulations to the following ākonga who performed well in the 2.5 day online Education Perfect Te Reo Māori Championships, during Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori in September.

Gold (2000 points) - Olivia Scarlett and Shaun Thompson (Both pictured below)

Silver (1000 points) - Addison Robertson and Samantha Lemm

Bronze (500 points) - Hannah Dick, Isimeli Levuimata, Janet Wei, Latoya Wise, Abby Graham, Boston Kinloch and Jaelyn Bathurst

A further 8 students earned Credit level with 250 points.

## Education Perfect NZ Regional Language Championships

Congratulations to the following students who performed well.

Emerald (2500 points) - Sarah Hay (Y12 Spanish) and Cissie Lung (Y10 Japanese) (*pictured right*)

Gold (2000 points) – Sophia Lina and Julia Thompson (both Y9 Spanish), Mercedes Checketts (Y9 French) and Jack Jia (Y10)

Silver (1000 points) – Dexter Mead and Samuel Tendean (both Y9 French)

Bronze (500 points) - Chloe Chen (Y9 French), Ella Nicoll (Y9 Spanish), Niamh Doherty (Y9 French and Japanese) and Alexander Sandiford (Y10)

A further 8 students earned Credit level with 250 points.



## National STANZA Speech Competition

Congratulations to the following students on their outstanding achievements.

Level 1 (Year 11)

Third place: Megan Wheeler (*far right*)

Level 3 (Year 13)

Second place: Sewmi Dissanayaka (*right*)



## Ki O Rahi

Congratulations to the staff with a 12-7 victory over the Seniors.



The students visiting Spain had a flamenco class in a gypsy cave in Granada

## Year 9 Camps at Borland Lodge

Year 9 camps take place in November of Term Four. We rely on parent helpers to enable us to run these camps. If you are able to help out it would be very much appreciated. Your child will have forms to fill in if you are interested in helping. If you have any questions regarding camps please contact your child's Form Teacher.

Monday 13 November - Wednesday 15 November – W9KLY, H9RLF  
Wednesday 15 November - Friday 17 November – T9JBL, W9JCO  
Monday 20 November - Wednesday 22 November – H9SB, M9LDP  
Wednesday 22 November - Friday 24 November – W9PRL





## NCEA Progress through KAMAR

Please note that you can keep track of your child's progress and attendance on the KAMAR web portal (available through the Hargest web site [www.jameshargest.school.nz](http://www.jameshargest.school.nz)).

## Annual French Cake Competition

The senior French students really showed their culinary skills, creating cakes that highlighted a French theme with metaphorical meanings to their learning of French.

Once they decorated their cake, they were required to explain their choice of style. Congratulations to Katelyn, Samara and Julia for taking out the competition.

## Striving for Success!

Please encourage your daughter/son in Years 11, 12 and 13 to strive for Excellence! NZQA recognises high achievement through official endorsements as follows:

**Certificate Endorsement:** If you gain 50 credits at Excellence your NCEA will be endorsed with Excellence. If you gain 50 credits at Merit (or a mix of Merit and Excellence) your NCEA will be endorsed with Merit.

**Course Endorsement:** If in a single year you gain 14 or more credits at Merit and/or Excellence for a course (subject), you will gain endorsement in that course. At least 3 credits must be from externally assessed standards and 3 credits from internally assessed standards in that course (Note: this condition does not apply to Physical Education or Level 3 Visual Arts).

**100 Club:** Students who get 100 Excellence credits are invited to join our elite 100 Club!

Hargest has a fine tradition of students excelling at the top end. This doesn't happen by accident. It takes serious planning, goal setting and hard work. Students have access to all the resources, tutorials, dedicated teachers and support from home to help them reach these goals.

*Whāia te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei*

*Aim for the highest cloud so that if you miss it, you will hit a lofty mountain*







*The annual Grass Carts event proved exciting as ever. Well done to all of our engineers, drivers and crew members on your success.*

## Amazing Interrobangers: A Year of Digital Brilliance

In 2023, Interrobang made history by going digital, ushering in a new era for this beloved annual school event that celebrates the creative talents of our students. This year's Interrobang invites students of all ages to submit their captivating photos, mesmerizing videos, intricate drawings, expressive paintings, and thought-provoking poetry. These diverse expressions of artistic brilliance are now brought to life in a digital format.

The digital transformation allows for a more interactive and engaging experience, offering readers the chance to explore the creative works of their peers in an innovative way. A special mention goes to the editor of the magazine, Rachel Eckhold, who has played a pivotal role in curating and presenting the exceptional submissions. Rachel's commitment and editorial expertise have ensured that the transition to a digital format has been a smooth and engaging experience for all readers.

We'd also like to extend our appreciation to Charlotte Dassen (Digital Technologies Media Level 2), Riley Ferguson, and Fahim Firdaus (both Digital Technologies Programming Level 2) for their outstanding contributions to this year's Interrobang. Charlotte's technical prowess and effective

communication have streamlined the production process, making the collaboration between students and staff smoother than ever. Additionally, the boys behind the creation of the Interrobang website have not only designed an exceptional platform but have also demonstrated remarkable public speaking skills at the magazine launch, showcasing their versatility and excellence.

It's been a truly remarkable year for Interrobang, and the dedication and excellence displayed by these students deserve to be celebrated. Let's call them the "Amazing Interrobangers" and ensure that their exceptional contributions are acknowledged.

As we explore the digital world of Interrobang, get ready to be inspired and awed by the incredible creativity that awaits within the virtual pages of the 2023 Interrobang edition - [tinyurl.com/interrobang23](https://tinyurl.com/interrobang23)





## Johran Dillinger defying the odds as deaf dancer

He may not be able to hear every note or the tap shoes he's wearing, but 12-year-old Johran Dillinger hasn't let that stop him from becoming a champion dancer. His inspirational story has been shared in the Southern Cochlear Implant Programme's commemorative book *Hear our stories – Celebrating 20 years* as an example of the difference cochlear implants can make.

In February, Dillinger won the title of Junior National Champion at the New Zealand Boys Dancing Convention. Read the full article <https://www.stuff.co.nz/southland-times/133176605/johran-dillinger-defying-the-odds-as-deaf-dancer>



## LEO CLUB - HAUNTED HARGEST



Thank you so much to our community for their support of Haunted Hargest. Our LEO Club worked hard to create this event and we are very proud to report that the total figure shows over \$3000 raised for UNICEF. We hope our community enjoyed the event and thank you for coming along to something new!





## Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiad



## Science Biology Olympiad

A massive whakamihi to Jian Torrepalma who is one of 241 students in New Zealand who gained a Bronze Certificate in the 2024/25 New Zealand International Biology Olympiad entrance examination. Gaining a Bronze Certificate means Jian has moved through to the next stage of this competition, which is a tutorial programme that began in the Term 3 holidays and will run through our upcoming summer holidays.

The tutorial programme involves the completion of a series of Mastering Biology assignments, compulsory question sets and discussion in a closed group. Jian and his peers are supported by NZIBO tutors and are encouraged to keep in touch and ask lots of questions of their tutors and peers. The aim is to establish an online community of learners. The work done in this tutorial programme is to support Jian to participate in another exam which selects up to 35 students to move to the next stage of this competition, a selection camp to select the final team of 4 students who will represent New Zealand at the International competition.

Jian's success in 2023 follows on from Year 13 student Declan Crombie who gained a Silver Certificate in the 2022/23 competition. They attended the Selection Camp in the Term 1 holidays of this year, but unfortunately did not make the final team. Declan is now a tutor in the group supporting Jian and his peers as they work towards the next exam and helping them gain all the necessary knowledge. Ka mau te wehi to you both.

## Rotary Science Forum

Congratulations to: Lara Leitch, Jian Torrepalma, Oliver Speight, Tequin Lake and Alex Zernov.

They were all accepted for the Auckland Rotary Science Forum for 2024. The 34th Rotary National Science and Technology Forum will be held in Auckland from 6 – 20 January 2024. They will attend a range of lectures which are hosted by the University of Auckland, the Auckland University of Technology (AUT) and Massey University. Here students develop an insight into the broad range of science, mathematics and technology courses available for study, the requirements for tertiary study applications and an insight into future career opportunities available. In addition, they visit a number of commercial or academic science or technology organisations.

The Maths Department ran an extension programme for a group of 22 Year 9 students during Terms 2 and 3. The students learnt problem solving strategies and competed in the Australasian Problem Solving Maths Olympiad with a series of monthly tests. There were over 12000 participants across Australasia.

These students performed particularly well:

Isaac Elder - Highest individual score at James Hargest and in the top 10% of all achievers (pictured left)

Boston Kinloch – top 10%

Hunter Beck, Zachary Gillies, Matthew Labes, Alex Samson - top 25%



# YEAR 9 & 10 EXAM TIMETABLE

	MORNING	AFTERNOON
MONDAY 6 NOVEMBER	YEAR 10 ENGLISH (2 HOURS) 9:00am to 11:00am	YEAR 9 MATHS (1.75 HOURS) 11:30am to 1:30pm
WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER		YEAR 9 ENGLISH (2 HOURS) 1:15pm - 3:15pm
THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER		YEAR 10 SCIENCE (2 HOURS) 1:15pm - 3:15pm
FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER		YEAR 9 SOCIAL STUDIES (2 HOURS) 1:00pm - 3:00pm
MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER	YEAR 10 SOCIAL STUDIES (2 HOURS) 9.00am to 11.00am	

## Outdoor Recreation

2023 has been a fantastic year for Outdoor Recreation students as the weather has been perfect to develop new skills in our local area. We have been to a variety of places, such as Sandy Point, Mavora, Rakiura, Nevis and as far as Central Otago.

Our course offers a mixture of outdoor skills. These are Kayaking, Tramping, Orienteering, Snow Caving, Cross Country Skiing, Rock Climbing and Mountain Biking. Not only have the students participated in these activities, they learn to recognise potential health and safety components for each of these activities and understand ways to reduce and manage any that may arise.





# Tutorials

## History Tutorials

All Levels and Scholarship  
Tuesdays 3:30-4:30pm in F1

## Classics Tutorials

By arrangement - contact Mrs Jenkinson  
email: [sjenkinson@jameshargest.school.nz](mailto:sjenkinson@jameshargest.school.nz)

## Economics Tutorials

All Levels - Saturdays from 1.30 to 3.00pm in F8. Other times by arrangement with Mr Redmond.

## Drama Tutorials

By arrangement - contact Ms Buist  
email: [jbuist@jameshargest.school.nz](mailto:jbuist@jameshargest.school.nz)

## Media Studies Tutorials

### Level One

Wed 15 Nov 11:30am-12:30pm Library Reading Room

### Level Two

Thu 23 Nov 11:30am-12:30pm Library classroom

### Level Three

Tue 7 Nov 2:25pm-3:20pm Library classroom

## Music Tutorials with Mrs Jarman

### Level One

#### *Aural*

Mon 6 Nov 11.30am - 12.30pm

#### *Theory*

Mon 6 Nov 12:30pm - 1.30pm

### Level 2

#### *Aural*

Thurs 9 Nov 9.00am - 10.00am

#### *Theory*

Thurs 9 Nov 10.00am - 11.00am

### Level 3

#### *Scholarship*

Sun 15 Oct 1.00pm onwards  
(recording sessions)

Break times and after-school by appointment until  
Tue 24 October (portfolio and analysis completion)

#### *Theory*

Mon 13 Nov 12.30pm - 1.30pm

Thur 16 Nov 2.00pm - 3.00pm

Thu 23 Nov 2.00pm - 3.00pm

Tue 28 Nov 2.00pm - 3.00pm

## Maths Tutorials

All Maths tutorials will be in the library or library classroom.

Mon 6 Nov	<b>Level 1 Maths</b>	9:30am - 11:00am
	<b>Level 2 Maths</b>	11:30am - 1:00pm
	<b>Level 3 Stats</b>	9:30am - 11:00am
Tues 7 Nov	<b>Level 1 Maths</b>	9:30am - 11:00am
	<b>Level 2 Maths</b>	11:30am - 1:00pm
Wed 8 Nov	<b>Level 1 Maths</b>	9:30am - 11:00am
	<b>Level 3 Calculus</b>	11:30am - 1:00pm
Fri 10 Nov	<b>Level 3 Calculus</b>	9:30am - 11:00am

## Science

Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Five; 6-10th Nov	L3 BIO/Schol Bio 10 am - 12 noon <b>B8</b>  L1 SCI 9am-12:30pm 1-3 pm <b>B10</b>  L3 CHEM 1:30-3:20 pm <b>B11</b>	L3 CHEM 9-11am <b>B12</b>  L3 BIO 1:30-3:20pm <b>B8</b>  L1 SCI 1- 3.30pm <b>B10</b>  L2 PHY 9-11am <b>B13</b>	L3 CHEM 10-12 noon <b>B12</b>  L3 BIO/Schol Bio 1:30-3:20pm <b>B8</b>  L1 SCI 9-11am <b>B10</b>	<b>L3 CHEM 9:30 AM EXAM</b>  L3 BIO 10am -12 noon <b>B8</b> 1:15 - 3:20pm <b>B11</b>  L2CHE 9-11am <b>B11</b>	<b>Schol PHY 9:30 AM EXAM</b>  L3 BIO 9-11am <b>B10</b>  L1 SCI 1.30- 3pm <b>B11</b>  L2 CHE 9-11am <b>B12</b>
Six; 13-17th Nov	<b>Schol BIO 2 PM EXAM</b>  LEVEL 1 SCI Every period in <b>B11</b>  L3 BIO 10-noon <b>B8</b> 12:30 - 2:30pm <b>B8</b>  L3 PHY 12:30-3:20PM <b>D1</b>  L2CHE 1-3PM <b>B12</b>	<b>L2 CHEM 9:30 AM EXAM</b> <b>L1 SCI 9:30 AM EXAM</b> <b>L3 BIO 2 PM EXAM</b>  L3 BIO 10 - 11am <b>D1</b>  L3 PHY 12:30-3:20 <b>B13</b>	L3 PHY 9-11am <b>B13</b>  L2 BIO 9-11am <b>B11</b>	<b>L3 PHY 9:30 AM EXAM</b>  L2 BIO 10-noon <b>B8</b>	L2 BIO 10am-3pm <b>B11</b>
Seven; 20-24th Nov	<b>Schol CHEM 9:30 AM EXAM</b> L2 BIO 10-noon <b>B11</b>	L2 BIO 1:30-3:20 PM <b>B8</b> L2 PHY Every Period <b>B13</b>	L2 BIO Every Period <b>B8</b> L2 PHYS 9-11am <b>B13</b>	<b>L2 BIO 9:30 AM EXAM</b>	L2 PHYS 1-3pm <b>B13</b>
Eight; 27th Nov-1st Dec	<b>L2 Physics 9:30AM EXAM</b>				

### Accounting Tutorials

#### All Levels

Mon 6 Nov	Per 1 & 2	F6 & F7
Wed 8 Nov	Per 1 & 2	F6 & F7
Mon 13 Nov	Per 1 & 2	F6 & F7
Weds 15 Nov	Per 1 & 2	F6 & F7
Mon 20 Nov	Per 1 & 2	F6 & F7
Wed 22 Nov	Per 1 & 2	F6 & F7

### Food and Nutrition Tutorials

#### Level One FNT

Thu 16 Nov	12.30pm - 1.30pm
Mon 20 Nov	11.30pm - 12.30pm

#### Level Two FNT

Thu 16 Nov	2.20pm - 3.20pm
Mon 20 Nov	10.00am - 11.00am

#### Level Three FNT

Wed 15 Nov	2.20pm - 3.20pm
Thu 23 Nov	2.20pm - 3.20pm

### Visual Art Tutorials

Mon 6 Nov All day D9, D10  
Year 13 Design, Painting, Photography, Printmaking

### Business Studies Tutorials

#### Level Two

By arrangement with Mr Redmond



# International Students

During the holidays Anna Michajlowicz had the opportunity to play at a concert celebrating the 50 year anniversary of the diplomatic relationship between Poland and New Zealand.

Anna said: *'The days I spent there gave me insight into the life of a professional musician that I really enjoyed.'*



*International student Ong Soonkijkan enjoying fishing success in the Southland Spring.*



## Environmental Club Junior Campus

Some enthusiastic members of the Junior Campus Environment Group attended a planting session at the Waihōpai Restoration Site which was led by Environment Southland with the support of Ms Dobson. The group

took part in planting and maintenance of this restoration project. The goal is to restore this site with native riparian planting, supporting the health of our Waihōpai River.





# Visual Art



Year 10 Printmaking



Year 9 Ana Tefilo inspired Pasifika painting



Katie Winder's Printmaking



# Year 12 vs 13 League



# Chess Power Nationals

Congratulations to Hasnula Hewa Barbaranda for achieving Junior Master status with Chess Power. A Junior Master is awarded for achieving the highest level of Excellence in Junior Chess and given to only the top 1% of players.



## DONATE A BOOK FOR CHRISTMAS!

We are collecting donations of **brand new** Kiwi books to gift to families in Invercargill who can't afford to buy Christmas presents for their kids, or who struggle to access good books in general.

Please consider buying an extra book or two next time you are shopping and add them to our donation box situated at the Senior Campus and Junior Campus front office.

Baby books, picture books, chapter books, YA books — we'd love them all!

All books will be distributed to local families in need through Family Works.

### GIFT CARDS

You can also purchase gift cards through the website and donate a book on behalf of someone else. They make ideal presents for staff/colleagues/friends/family—please do check them out!

<https://shop.kiwichristmasbooks.org.nz>

**Donations close on Monday, December 11th.**

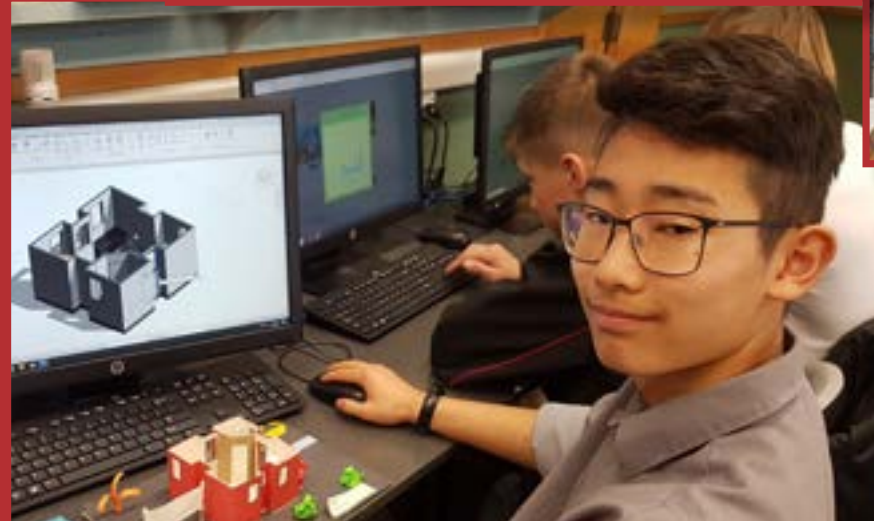
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## Design and Visual Communication



## Track Cycling

### South Island School Champs Results



Congratulations to our cyclists;  
JHC was awarded top South Island  
School.

#### Trophy winners

Marshall Erwood U20 Boys – 1st  
Finn Edwards U17 Boys – 1st  
Jack Madden U16 Boys – 3rd  
Genevieve Hare U14 Girls – 2nd  
Zanthie Knight U13 Girls – 2nd  
Zach Hibbs U13 Boys – 1st  
Sean Clarke U13 Boys – 3rd  
Zadie Scott U17 Girls – 3rd

U16 Boys Team Pursuit  
1st South Island Team  
Zach Hibbs  
Jack Madden  
Alex Borrie  
Fino Youngdaeng



U16 Girls Team Pursuit  
1st South Island Team  
Zanthie Knight  
Sarah Hartstonge  
Genevieve Hare

U20 Boys Team Pursuit  
1st South Island Team  
Finn Edwards  
Johnathan Blyth  
Hamish Wallace  
Marshall Erwood

U20 Girls Team Pursuit  
1 South Island Team  
Zadie Scott  
Kate Russell  
Ruby Bath  
Emily Blyth



Year 7 & 8 500m Team Sprint  
1st South Island Team  
Zach Hibbs  
Sean Clark

U20 Boys Team Sprint  
1st South Island Team  
George Manson  
Conrad Clark  
Marshall Erwood

U20 Boys 500m Team Sprint  
3rd South Island Team  
Finn Edwards  
Johnathan Blyth  
Hamish Wallace

U20 Girls Team Sprint  
1st South Island Team  
Ruby Bath  
Kate Russell  
Zadie Scott



# Mountain Biking

## National Secondary School Champs



# Results

Katie Lawrence 4th Cross Country  
9th Enduro  
Blake Cooper 15th Overall ( Across Cross Country, Downhill and Enduro)

Over the last holidays, National MTB Secondary School Champs were held in sunny Blenheim. It felt so good to be back in the race mindset and listening to my pre race tunes again. I'm happy with my race, I left nothing in the tank which was all I could ask for. My first lap was a little bit average. Dropping a chain wasn't ideal. I enjoyed my second lap though, finishing in fourth and with a smile!  
First Enduro race done and dusted too. After my first look at the tracks, I was pretty skeptical if I'd make it down in one piece. With the support of some speedy girls I managed to avoid having dust for lunch on every corner. I'll call that a win in itself. I had so much fun in the race. I managed to only go over the handlebars and into some bushes once. I finished in 9th! Maybe time to change disciplines?! Katie Lawrence



# WHĀNAU KŌRERO

Children are frequently exposed to distressing news through the 24-hour news cycle and social media. These experiences can provoke anxiety, especially in young minds still forming their worldviews. Parents and caregivers should be mindful of overexposure to such content as it can lead to symptoms similar to post-traumatic stress disorder. Children's responses to trauma can vary, from being strong emotional reactions to being indifferent. It can leave an emotional imprint that can affect a child's behaviour and perception of danger.

Children need reassurance about their safety as they navigate uncertain times. Tailor conversations to your child's age and emotional maturity. Younger children benefit from simplified explanations focusing on peace, empathy, and cooperation, while older children can delve into historical events, root causes of conflict, and the complexities of international relations.

Before discussing these topics with your child, it is also important to assess your own emotions and comfort level. By staying calm and providing physical comfort will help your child regulate their own emotions. In challenging times, compassionate adults play a crucial role in helping children cope with anxiety and providing hope and understanding in our complex world.

This Special Report provides guidance on how to tackle this difficult topic and helping children understand there is still hope in our complex world. Please take a moment to reflect on the information offered, and as always, we welcome your feedback. If this raises any concerns for you, a loved one or the wellbeing of your child, please consider seeking medical or professional help.

Here is the link to your special report [https://jameshargest.nz.schooltv.me/wellbeing\\_news/special-report-discussing-war-conflic](https://jameshargest.nz.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-discussing-war-conflic)







## Basketball

### Junior Campus

A strong James Hargest contingent heading away representing Southland Basketball in the Under 13 Regional tournament in Ashburton.

## Chess Power National

### Team Event

Four senior students, after qualifying at regionals, traveled to Auckland over Labour weekend for the Chess Power National Team competition. Only the top qualifying chess players are invited to this event and the JHC team were excited to have earned the opportunity to play against the best School Chess players across NZ. Of the 19 teams only 2 were from the South Island, James Hargest College and Greymouth High school.

They had an amazing day playing 9 rounds of chess in the team event and were very proud to be placed 6th out of 19 teams. Liam Alcock scored 6 points, Hasnula Hewa Babaranda and Sasandu Kiwulegedara both scored 5 ½ points and Hasanli Hewa Babaranda scored 5 points. A great team result for James

Hargest College and Southland. The following day they all played in the individual Champions Trophy so another hard day of 9 rounds of chess. They all performed well as two days of chess is mentally very tiring. Out of 60 competitors Hasnula Hewa Babaranda placed 6th Liam Alcock 16th, Sasandu Kiwulegedara 34th and Hasanli Hewa Babaranda 35th. Aside from getting amazing results against the best chess players in the country, including 9 Junior Masters in the competition, it was great to see how they supported each other throughout the two days with words of encouragement and keeping morale high when it got tough, true Hargest team spirit.

A big thank you to the parents too for traveling up and being a much needed support crew.



## Archery

### Junior Campus

We celebrated Dane Clifford on his 2nd place and Jono McCawley on his 3rd place in the New Zealand Field Archery Association Indoor Nationals held last term. Congratulations on these fabulous achievements.





# Rugby

## Representative Rugby Season



Well done to the JHC boys who were selected for the Southland squad this year: Shaquille Te Maiharoa-Hoet, Izaah Iosefo and Allan Raymond.



James Hargest 1st XV captain Ethan Wishart represented Southland Country U18 team. Congratulations Ethan.



Congratulations Ezekiel Hammond, MVP of the South Island Scorpions, winners of the National Under 16 Rugby League Tournament and named in the New Zealand Under 16 Tournament Team. Awesome work Zeke!



Congratulations too to Stefano Mazaeda Churruarin on his work in the A Team, Southland Metro.



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During Labour weekend I attended the South Island Sprint Championships for Go karting, here in Invercargill. In my field "125cc Rotax Max Junior" there were 16 competitors aged from 12 to 16 year olds. We had a practice day on the Friday and then straight into qualifying on Saturday morning where I placed 7th in the field, followed by 2 x 8 lap races. On Sunday I started my pre-final of 15 laps where I finished 7th again, this put me 7th on the grid for my final. My goal for the weekend was to finish in the top 6. After 26 hard fought laps I came across the line in 5th place. This was my best weekend of racing up against big fields. I was really happy with my results. Bring on Nationals over Easter in 2024 which will be my next major event. *Cooper McLeod - right*

## Karting

Jacob Earley (left) completed in the Kartsport NZ South Island Karting Sprint Champs in Invercargill. Taking home the #1 trophy and South Island title in his Class Jmax, he was competing against 17 other competitors from all over the South Island.



## Duke of Edinburgh Port Craig Adventure

Our recent Duke of Edinburgh trip gave us with new skills, new ideas, and interesting memories. We started at Lake Hauroko, where we took the water taxi across the lake to the jetboat, and from there we jetboated down the Wairaurahiri River to the hut. We stayed there for one night, explored the local area on foot, played games, as well as explored the beach. The next day we walked 16km along the South Coast Track/Great Walk, to the Port Craig Hut. We met up with the Bronze's at the hut, and we went down to the beach to build a fire pit and watch the dolphins in the ocean. The next morning, once the Bronze group had left, we packed up and walked 20km to where the other vans were. We had swapped keys with the Bronze's at the hut, so we drove home in their van and that was the end of our 'Adventurous Journey'. This was an awesome opportunity to get out and have fun with friends. The history in the area is amazing and the scenic and exciting jet boat ride was certainly a highlight. Thanks to Johan, Joyce and Kevin at Wairaurahiri Jet for making our trip so enjoyable. *Addison Robertson*



## Parent, Caregiver, Whanau 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,

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You will be put in

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## 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.

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## E-mail Newsletters

The next newsletter will be issued via email on Friday 1 December 2023.

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 2023

### Senior Campus

#### November

Fri-Mon	3-13	Junior Exams
Mon	6	NCEA Exams start
Tue	7	PTA meeting in the Brig, 7:30pm
Wed	8	Whānau hui 5:30pm
Mon	13	Year 9 Camps continue
Fri	17	New Entrant Day
Mon	20	Year 9 Camps continue
Thu	23	BOT meeting, 5:15pm in the Brig
Fri	24	Teacher Only Day
Tue-Wed	28-29	Year 10 Activity Day
Wed	29	NCEA Exams finish

#### December

Tue-Wed	5-6	Documentation Days Collect Magazine from Reception
Thu	7	Year 9 and 10 Prize Giving at 10:00am School finishes at 12:00 pm
Tue	12	PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale 4pm - 5pm buy in 6pm - 7pm sell out Senior Campus Hall

### Junior Campus

#### November

Fri	3	House Haka Competition
Tue	7	PTA meeting in the Brig, 7:30pm
Thu-Fri	9-10	Science Road Show
Thu	16	Book Day
Fri	17	New Entrant Day
Mon	20	All library books/devices are due to be returned
Thu	23	BOT meeting, 5:15pm in the Brig Southland Schools Adventure Race
Fri	24	Teacher Only Day Jonty Carran Rugby Tournament
Tue	28	Rugby World Cup Rippa Day
Wed	29	Rugby World Cup Rippa Postponement Day
Thu	30	Year 8 Picnic

#### December

Fri	1	Year 7 Picnic
Mon	4	Sports Prizegiving 5:00pm
Tue	5	Junior Campus Merit Assemblies Year 7 - 11:15am Year 8 - 1.45pm
Wed	6	Excellence Prizegiving 6:00pm
Thu	7	School finishes at 12:00pm Reports emailed
Tue	12	PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale 4:00pm - 5:00pm buy in 6:00pm - 7:00pm sell out Senior Campus Hall







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