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JAMES HARGEST COLLEGE KEEP FAITH

1 December 2023

Rippa Rugby World Cup



Principal's Comment



Mike Newell
Principal

Kia ora e te whānau,

As we race to the end of the 2023 school year, it is timely to reflect on some of the successes and some of the challenges at Hēmi Hākena. This year has seen a myriad of amazing achievements from our students in a phenomenal range of activities. Sporting, cultural and academic successes have been significant and a testament to the passion, tenacity and immense capabilities of our rangatahi. We all know that behind every student success is a dedicated team of whānau, coaches and teams who work together to ensure our students have the opportunity to achieve at the highest

level. This whakatauki is particularly pertinent; Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini. My success is not mine alone, but it is the strength of many and I would encourage all students to thank those who have helped them achieve this year.

I would like to take a moment to thank our dedicated staff. At James Hargest College we are fortunate to have a dedicated team of professional, hard working staff who work together to give students the very best opportunity for success. They go above and beyond inside and outside the classroom and our ākonga benefit from their selflessness and drive. Some of our long serving staff are taking well earned retirement this year. These people have been part of the institution that is Hargest and many of them have taught generations of our families. We have been fortunate to benefit from their wisdom, enthusiasm and integrity for a very long time. You can read about their contributions in this newsletter but the words will never truly state how grateful we are for their immense contributions to our Kura.

To our community, thank you for the support of our school this year. We thank you very much for sharing your thoughts and ideas with us whenever we seek feedback. This is a time of change in education and we really value your

feedback on all aspects of our kura from our uniform, to our reporting system through to the curriculum and what we are actually teaching your rangatahi each day. Our Mission Statement is "to equip all our students to create the best possible future for themselves and their world". We take that responsibility seriously and constantly seek to ensure we are serving our community in the best way we can. Your voice and contributions to our surveys and whānau hui help us grow our capacity to deliver on our vision.

Best wishes from all of us for some time to relax and recharge over the break. Meri Kirihimete me te Hape Nū la,

Ka kite ano,
Mike Newell
Principal

Term Dates 2023

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

LEO Club

The JHC Leo Club have run a range of successful fundraising events his year, as well as given service and products to our community. The motto is 'to serve' and

the 2023 group have done that very well. The Year 12 up and coming leaders took control of the latest fundraising endeavour where they provided kai at the Mitre 10 Tough Kids



event run by Active Southland. Over 1600 primary students were fed and watered in an epic, fast paced day.

- Breast Cancer Foundation NZ \$930.17
- UNICEF - Global Malnutrition Crisis Appeal \$2,647.21
- Red Cross \$1,547.56
- Motor Neurone Disease NZ Charitable Trust \$798.85
- Food for Southland Food Banks
- Collections for RSA
- \$215 for Cyclone Gabrielle

Whānau Report



Kia ora rā e te whānau o Hēmi Hākena

Term Four has proven to be a period of positivity and achievement for both our whānau class and Te Reo classes. As we wrap up term four, our students have dedicated themselves to completing end-of-year exams, striving to reach the pinnacle of their success. We are excited to unveil our new Toi Māori Art piece, 'Te Tihi o Angitu' – The Summit of Success, a creation by Isimeli Levuimata, Kiripounamu Paitai, and Scarlet Rooney. They eloquently explained that this artwork symbolises the learning process of growth towards success in one's educational journey, emphasising the joy of learning while setting goals and reaching summits. We extend our gratitude to the Art and Tech departments for their generous contribution of materials. Lastly, a

heartfelt mihi manahau to the students and families of Hēmi Hākena. Haere pai atu, hoki ora mai – travel well and return refreshed and ready. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school next year with renewed

energy and a commitment to the ongoing pursuit of success. Kia ora, and may the blessings continue to be with our whānau. Nā māua noa nei, ngā Pouako akomanga whānau – from us, the teachers of the whānau class.



Matua Neitana Tane



Matua Terence O'Brien

From the Boardroom



Toni Green
BOT Presiding Member

Kia ora koutou,

Last week we had our final Board of Trustees meeting for the year. At this meeting we discussed the current state of play with regards to the new building, which appears to be a game of wait and see with the new government. While this is hugely disappointing for us all, we wish to thank Al Pannett for the immense work and planning that has gone into this project and getting it to the stage of consent. We can only wait

and hope that the new government gets moving on this and the ball can start rolling again.

We were briefed on the current roll and the incoming roll for 2024. Our numbers are very strong and clearly demonstrate the trust our community have in us to educate their tamariki. Part of our Vision is "to aspire to provide education of superb quality, in partnership with our wider community" and we thank all of those members of our community who are actively involved in our school. We are very grateful for your time and support.

The Board discussed the potential options for cellphones at school in the future. The research is very clear that they are a distraction and can enable highly anti-social behaviours which inhibit young people's ability to concentrate on their learning. There is further exploration to do in this area and we look forward to working with the Leadership team to see if there are better alternatives to the current system.

At the last meeting we were updated on the huge range of overseas trips in the planning and fundraising stage for next year. Our students are fortunate to attend a school where our staff go above and beyond frequently to create amaz-

ing learning opportunities. This term has been frantic with sports trips, camps and activity days, all created, driven, organised and supervised by our dedicated team of staff. The board wishes to extend our heartfelt thanks to you for all that you do to make James Hargest such a wonderful school to be a part of.

I am fortunate to be working with a strong team with a huge variety of skills who have the best interests of the school at heart with every decision we make. I want to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Board members, Nic Raines, Mary Foley, Richard Aitken, Michelle Greenwood, staff representative Lara Buchanan, outgoing students representative Sewmi Dissanayaka and incoming Student Representative Ishaan Boon as well as Principal Mike Newell. The board are proud to be part of this wonderful school and all take their roles and responsibilities seriously.

To our community, I wish you all the best for a relaxing and rewarding break. I hope you find some time to do what makes you happy. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

Ka kite.
Toni Green
BOT Presiding Member



Jo Wilson
PTA Chairperson

Kia ora from the PTA

Here we are heading into the countdown to the end of 2023, it is time to stop take a breath and reflect. This has been one very busy year for all.

We would like to acknowledge all students who are leaving James Hargest to start their next chapter. Continue to reach your full potential, hold high expectations of yourself and be proud of the journey that has led you to be the person you are today. Take pride in your friendships you have made as some of these will last a lifetime. James Hargest will be always hold fond memories for you.

Prize Giving celebrations for both the Junior and Senior campuses will

be held over the next few weeks. Well done to all those receiving awards and acknowledgements for your hard work. It is great to also see so many awards for sports and recreation. We congratulate you all.

Remember to mark on your calendar Tuesday 12th December 2023 and Tuesday 23rd January 2024 for the PTA Uniform Buy In and Sell Out. Please make sure any uniform coming in has been washed, has no holes, rips/tears, or stains.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all the members on the PTA for all their hard work and dedication. This is also warmly extended to all the staff who take the time out of their very busy schedule to come along. The work we do benefits all the children at James Hargest, not just today but for future generations as well.

PTA Uniform Sales

**12 December 2023
23 January 2024**

**Buy In 4:00 pm - 5:00pm
Sell Out 6:00pm - 7:00pm**

Hapaitia te ara tika pumau ai te rangatiratanga mo nga uri whakatipu

Foster the pathway of knowledge to strength, independence and growth for future generations

From my family to yours, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe, relaxing, and Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in 2024.

Ngā Mihi
Jo Wilson and the PTA team

**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.

Below: SISS Volleyball Competition, See page 29 for more.



Head Students Changing of the Guard



2023 Head students congratulated their 2024 successors:

Head Girl: Keita Ruwhiu

Head Boy: Devon Pirini

Deputy Head Girl: Jess Ballantyne

Deputy Head Boy: Ryan McAllister

We have no doubt they will be outstanding role models.

L-R, Back row: Mr Mike Newell, Sean Bath, Ruby Bath, Neve Waddel, Ryder Mikkelsen

Front row: Devon Pirini, Keita Ruwhiu, Jess Ballantyne, Ryan McAllister



DUKE OF EDINBURGH GOLD AWARD

Huge congratulations to Maya Oppikofer for achieving the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award. This is an impressive achievement for a Year 12 student.

The Gold Award is a prestigious and internationally recognized achievement that acknowledges a young person's dedication, commitment, and personal development. The Gold Award is the highest level of recognition within the Duke of Edinburgh program and requires participants to complete a diverse range of activities over 12 months or more. Maya will now be invited to a ceremony to celebrate her achievements and meet the Governor General.



End of year reports

Year 7 and 8 reports will be emailed on Wednesday 7 December from 4pm. Year 9 and 10 reports will be emailed on Thursday 8 December from lunchtime. Please inform the office if you have had a change of email address to ensure you receive your child's report.



A special message from the 2023 Head Students

Head Girl, Ruby Bath

As I lap up the luxury that is study leave, I would like to reflect on my time at James Hargest College.

James Hargest offers some incredible opportunities! From cycling to concert band, leadership opportunities and academic extension, I have been extremely fortunate to have been offered such a wide range of extracurricular activities. My advice to younger students is to say yes when opportunities arise, having more than one string to your bow never hurts.

The opportunity to represent you, the students of James Hargest, this year as Head Girl has been a true privilege. For me, the opportunity enforced the importance of good time management but also being tenacious and able to

give back to others. Some examples of this would be representing Southland on the National Secondary School's Council with Sean, writing (or trying to write) authentic speeches for my peers and acts of service such as Open Days and the Dawn Service. So, I genuinely hope that some of the messages delivered with whakatauki and speeches over the year have resonated with you all.

I would like to show my appreciation to my teachers, the people who push us to do better and answer all of our questions. To my teachers, thank you for your support and encouragement over the last seven years.

To my peers, whether you are in Year 9 or 13, I encourage you to set aspirational goals and work hard

towards them. For me, as my time at school comes to an end, one thing I will never regret is working hard and giving it my all, whether that be academic, sporting, cultural or all three; no one can ever take away the effort you put in, regardless of whether you smash those goals or perhaps fall short. So work hard, and enjoy the journey.

Head Boy, Sean Bath

As we bid farewell to 2023, I feel it's imperative to reflect on my time undertaken at James Hargest College.

Saying it's almost over is strange, because I don't know if it is just me, but after 2021, these years have just splatted into one. On a serious note, this year has been a tapestry woven with academic and personal growth,

and enduring camaraderie. For us all, it marks another year of struggling through the humidity of a math class on a Friday afternoon, the litany of exams that we cram for, and the drama that school life inevitably manages to entail. Whether facing academic pressures, personal challenges, or global uncertainties, I can proudly say we have stood together; a testament to the strength of our kura.

Looking back, I remember myself as the pudgy year 7 with the 'slick' comb over; wishing the bell would ring so I could go home and play some xbox. I remember being that one kid who overthought a bit too much, and spent most of my junior years out of the social mix. I wasn't the popular guy, I kept to myself and was consistent in my efforts across the board: academics, sports, all that kind of stuff. And it is these years I look back on and cherish, for they are what formulated who I am today; and hopefully I will also look back on the present in the same manner. In short, my advice is to not force change. Let life push you around a bit, embrace the ups and downs, and you'll find what you want can come to fruition, if life chooses to open the right doors. Conversely, whoever you are at this very moment, will be just another version of yourself you'll be thanking in building your eventual character.

So, on that note, I want to thank everyone for the amazing year that 2023 has been. On the precipice of concluding my role as Head Boy, I can say that all of us still have so much to offer and prove to ourselves, potential for growth, and further fulfilment in 2024. The commencement of the holidays may bring us more joy, but we should still hold an eagerness to push ourselves out of our comfort zone, and be ready for new challenges the future may hold.

Deputy Head Girl, Neve Waddel

Saying goodbye to James Hargest is something I thought would never come around. But here I am after such a busy 7 years finally taking steps towards my next goal. The school has been such a huge help for me to get where I am today with all the opportunities that have been created for me. The ball, dress-up days, and my trip to Spain, this year has been exceptionally memorable! It pushed me to step outside of my comfort zone and taught me a lot about time management.

Being selected as your Deputy Head Girl was a huge honour. It has been such a learning experience for me. This new opportunity has taught me how to be a leader and many other lessons that will continue to help me throughout life. I hope that the hard work our head student team has shown this year, will continue to be role modelled throughout the school.

Deputy Head Boy, Ryder Mikkelsen

As I look back on my past seven years here at James Hargest College as I'm sure many other students of the class of 2023 are, I see challenges overcome, lessons learned and growth made. As the Deputy Head Boy of 2023, it has been my pleasure to have this opportunity to grow as a leader, a student and a person. The last seven years here at JHC have been chock full of so many opportunities for me to grow and develop including cultural, sporting, academic and leadership opportunities. New and exciting

opportunities like taiaha lessons, school camps and trips, balls and sporting events have always seemed to be popping up and being able to be involved in these has made my time here immensely pleasurable. A highlight of my JHC career would have to be being involved in the Hēmi Hākena Kapa Haka Roopu over the last 7 years. Advice I would give to a student starting at JHC would be to get out and try something you haven't done before. Sign up for a new activity and pursue

"It's these years I look back on and cherish, for they are what formulated who I am today"

Sean Bath - Head Boy

what you are passionate about. Don't be afraid and take your mistakes in stride, learning from them. It seems like school is never going to end until one day it just does. Don't miss out on the things you want to do because now is the time to do them.

School is just a small part of our journey but it is the foundation of what is to come later. Opportunities to do something new or different will never be as easy to access as now so make the most of it.

I would lastly like to say a thank you to all the staff at JHC who have helped me throughout the years. Without all the work of senior management, my teachers, my coaches, my tutors and the sports coordinators etc I doubt that I would have found myself looking back on so much. You make all these things possible and have helped me to grow as a person, a leader, a student, a sportsman and a performer so thank you all.



Junior Campus Book Day

The Junior Campus was a sea of colour and character today with our annual book day. Lots of fun activities were completed in classrooms and a fabulous assembly concluded with a full school photo.

Thank you to everyone for your outstanding costumes and commitment to making it a very memorable day!



Staff Farewells

Senior Campus



Nikki Brown

Nikki Brown began working as a JHC Teacher Aide in Term 4 2006. She quickly established herself as our resident technology whizz, with a hearty dollop of practical creativity thrown in for good measure. Mrs Brown's expertise was sought after by staff and students in all subjects but Art, DVC and Hard Materials were particularly good classes for her

passion and skill. Mrs Brown was a champion of school camps and likes to remind us that the only subject she never worked in was Physics! Her kind and caring persona was blended with a wicked sense of humour and she always entertained workmates during breaks in the staff room. Mrs Brown's presence will be missed and we wish her all the best with the new direction she has chosen.

Jo Buist

Give me now leave to leave thee." (Twelfth Night, Act II, Scene 4)

Jo Buist started at James Hargest High School – as it was then – in 1988 after finishing a teaching stint at Tweedsmuir Intermediate. Her earlier years at James Hargest were spent teaching many of our most at-risk Year 9 learners English, Maths, and Social Studies in a Home Room situation. Her care and patience with these students allowed many of them to make a successful start to their secondary education. Her passion for drama has seen her develop the subject within the Junior and Senior school both as a subject and through the many plays and musicals she has directed. In doing so, she has influenced a number of students to pursue careers in acting and broadcasting. As a Dean, Ms. Buist has overseen the pastoral care of many students – always with consistency and a willingness to listen.

A dedicated Whovian (look it up) who will be remembered in the minds of many students sweeping into and out of class to the internal soundtrack of the Imperial March (Darth Vader's Theme) from Star Wars (listen to it and think of Ms. Buist).

It has been a privilege working side by side with Jo Buist over many years as both a Dean and colleague. I will miss her 7:20am arrivals with the car stereo up loud, witty banter, sense

of humour, swords, guns, knives and costumes. We are thrilled Jo is going to work in a relief capacity here next year and we are not ready to let go of our inhouse resident costume expert yet. Her Book Day costumes are the stuff of legends.



Lynne Couper-Jagvik

We are all sad to say farewell to Lynne. She is retiring from teaching after 43 years in the profession. Her time at James Hargest has been twofold. She was here as a student and this culminated with her being Head Girl for her Seventh Form year in 1975. In 2001 she returned to James Hargest, but this time as a teacher of English.

In 2003 she became the Year 12 Dean before switching to Year 11 and finally Senior Dean under the new House System. This has been a total of 21 years in the Deaning role here at James Hargest. She has always worked well with the students with their best interests at heart. Many hours are spent attempting to work through a variety of options so that all students can be as successful as possible. Lynne has always been an advocate for encouraging student success through getting the basics right.

This belief is reflected in her teaching and classroom. She is a very organised teacher with everything labelled and in its place. She has a folder for everything and is the person to ask for resources. These folders were constantly updated as new ideas and approaches were always explored. Many lunchtimes were given up to help students with their work and her students were consistently successful.

As a colleague, Lynne is always the first one to put up her hand. She has been camp mum at Borland for a number of years and has loved being part of the outdoor programme here at JHC. Volleyball has grown in numbers under her supervision, she and Kelly Dobson were a formidable duo. Whenever something needs to be done, Lynne is the first person to put her hand up. It is one of those subtle things in a workplace that make such a big difference to everyone. It is impossible to overstate the quiet way that Lynne has helped the school be a better place on a daily basis with her simple offers of help. Need someone to cook meals for a sick member of staff? Done. Need someone to urgently supervise a class? Done. Need someone to clean out and repair the tents? Done. Need help with marking? Done.

James Hargest is losing one of those staff member who keeps everything ticking along in an efficient, orderly and caring manner. We are thrilled that she will still come and work with us in a relief capacity. Lynne has a way of making all staff feel valued and heard, and we are hopeful to keep hearing her brand of wisdom for many years yet!

I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. Maya Angelou



Staff Farewell

Senior Campus



Glenys Collie

Mrs Glenys Collie began working as a JHC Teacher Aide in Term 1 2019 after a successful career in healthcare, ACC and Commerce. Her attributes of kindness, care

and patience were bolstered by a willingness to give everything a go. Mrs Glenys was always happy to undertake the extra tasks that often pop up in a school of this size. She respected students as individuals and they, in turn, reciprocated. Mrs Glenys was a thoughtful practitioner whose high expectations encouraged students to do their very best. We wish her all the best.

Evan France

Mr France started at Hargest in 1998 back when we were still known as James Hargest High School. After a career in the fishing industry which lead him to Norway, he met his future wife Tricia, in the UK and brought her home to New Zealand. They bought into a Salmon Farm based in Rakiura Stewart Island and this is where their daughter Hannah was born.



A change in career saw Mr France go off to Teacher's College before landing a job as the Hargest Centre Manager. After a few years in that role, Mr France transitioned into teaching full time in a combination of Geography, Tourism and Social Studies. He has become well known for his offbeat humour and fun in class. He has that rare ability to be able to teach while the students are having fun. Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) is the stuff of legends with Mr France. Annual trips to locations such as Arrowtown, Milford Sound and Mt Cook are the highlight of many of his student's time at Hargest.

Mr France has been heavily involved in many sports at Hargest but notably through the coaching of Volleyball and Rowing. Where Mr France goes, comes a plethora of talented athletes with which he is able to develop and bring to great success. This includes students who went on to become future Olympians. His enthusiasm for life and extensive knowledge in the subjects that

he taught made Mr France the total package. In recent years, his daughter Hannah who has been based for many years in the UK, has become a mother to her son Ronnie. Ronnie has become a joy in the life of Mr France and the chance to spend more time with him has no doubt helped in his decision to retire.

His sense of humour, dedication to the job, enjoyment of students and years of service here at James Hargest will not be forgotten, nor matched. It will not be the same without you Mr France. Time to enjoy your retirement, spend time with your grandson and create adventures with your family. You will be missed.

Valerie Gutsell

Valerie Gutsell joined the staff in 2005 as Head of Mathematics, just as James Hargest High School became James Hargest College, bringing with her a wealth of experience. She has continued in this role, although she did share the position with Mr Bryan Forde from 2008 until 2022.

Valerie has taught Mathematics at all year levels and over a full range of abilities. Many students have had the privilege of Valerie's well planned lessons catering to the specific needs of her students. When dealing with students, Valerie's goal has always been that every student needs to be given the opportunity to attain as well as they possibly can, while still being challenged in what they do. Valerie believes that regardless of ability or propensity to enjoy the subject of Mathematics, all students can set a goal and then be successful in meeting that goal.

As an HOD, Valerie has been a fabulous leader who gets to know her team, finds out their strengths and passions and then ensures that they can flourish in the very constructive environment that she has created. She has led a large and diverse department over an extended period of time, maintaining high standards

of professionalism, which she models to a tee. She always keeps up with curriculum developments, encourages the sharing of resources and fosters collegiality and genuine care for her team and other members of staff. In 2022 Valerie was granted a sabbatical and further developed an already successful Statistics Scholarship programme.

Valerie has mentored other heads of department, been curriculum tutor for student teachers and supervised beginning teachers. She is a model of professional and personal integrity and other staff will go to Valerie for advice



and guidance and to tap into her years of experience. Her wider professional contribution has included supporting the local Maths association and its activities, such as professional development for teachers and SMAC, the annual inter-school team competition.

Valerie has been a stalwart of the Assessment Committee for many years, ensuring systems are robust and applied fairly. She has also been active on the International Committee, has given up some of her holidays to accompany visiting Thai students on trips around Central Otago, travelled to Spain as a support teacher with a group of JHC students and helped willingly at dinners to welcome or farewell international students. During major productions you would often find Mrs Gutsell in the staffroom, supervising students waiting for their cue to go on stage.

Valerie can be proud of her achievements and contribution to the Hargest community over the last 19 years. She is held in very high regard by her students, colleagues and the wider Hargest community. We will miss the depth of her knowledge and her warm caring nature. We wish her well for her retirement in which she hopes to do some travel, spend more time with her grandchildren and be able to enjoy her garden.



Bryan McEwen

Originally from Masterton, Bryan and his young family moved to Invercargill in 2002. He began teaching at James Hargest as a Graphics teacher and Senior Dean the same year. During his twenty one years, he has taught all levels of Design and Visual Communication (DVC) and willingly taught Mathematics, often stepping in to fill a need during the year. Bryan has driven innovative change in his favourite subject throughout the years, leading the Level One DVC course to impressive results. From entry level DVC through to Scholarship, he sets the bar high and students embrace the expected levels of achievement. He encourages all students to give their best in a settled classroom.

Bryan has been involved with the Whānau class, the Pasifika group and coached or managed many teams including football, volleyball, basketball and cricket. Camping at Mavora, Curio Bay and Borland has allowed him to further hone his excellent culinary skills on the BBQ. For many years Bryan

managed the Sound and Lighting team, helping groups of students form a very professional team where individuals could flourish and grow. First and foremost, Bryan values building relationships.

As a Dean, Bryan is held in high regard. His catch phrase of "how can I help?" is a clear indicator of his desire to shape connections. Your colleagues appreciate your inclusiveness and kindness. Bryan the sportsman, is highly competitive. It is a fitting tribute that he is the current holder of 'The JHC Staff Green Jacket', proudly playing on a single-figure handicap.

James Hargest will miss your skills, enthusiasm, fun and delightful sense of humour. We wish you all the very best in your future direction as you embrace new challenges.

Travis Oudhoff

Find in yourself those human things which are universal.
Sanford Meisner

The love of the stage is calling Travis, both as an actor and director. We wish him well even if we are upset he is leaving us. Travis' enthusiasm for all things drama has been prevalent in all his classes, both English and Drama. In English we see him step into Macbeth bringing to life the original intent of the script: to be viewed in performance. Drama sees Travis standing alongside his students, helping them to navigate the development of a character and their choices as an actor to bring the role to life. He has explored many skill sets with his students, developed strong learning relationships, and been a role model for many.

He cares deeply for his students; their goals, life plans, pathways and pursuits alongside their needs. In this, we see the human things which are universal. Each student is given time to be in the spotlight, their talents and expertise are identified and utilised in the classroom, and they are given opportunities to direct or other such leadership roles.

Travis hasn't just put his time into the classroom. A wide array of extracurricular activities have also benefited from his attention - in particular Stage Challenge and Sheilah Winn Shakespeare which has resulted in Travis taking a group to Nationals twice for Sheila Winn as well as winning numerous awards with Stage Challenge!

This year has seen Travis step into a part-time capacity giving him a greater opportunity to explore his role within the theatre community beyond the school gates. The enthusiasm and energy he has for the roles he has taken on, from Tommy DeVito in Jersey Boys to directing IMT Junior Production of Sponge Bob Square Pants, is infectious and



we can see his passion, which is the driving force behind his next steps. We wish him all the best and look forward to seeing his continued efforts up on the stage.

Kia hora te marino, kia whakapapa pounamu te moana, kia tere te kārohirohi i mua i tō huarahi.

May peace be widespread, may the sea glisten like greenstone, and may the shimmer of [the spot] light guide you on your way.

Lindsay Newsome

This has been the third innings at James Hargest for Lindsay, with two previous appointments at the Junior Campus firstly as a home room teacher and then as the specialist Hard Materials teacher. After joining the Senior Campus Hard Materials department in 2019 he has been an energetic, enthusiastic, extremely dedicated and focussed teacher.

Lindsay took over the Head of Technical and Digital Media Departments role in 2021 and has continued to foster collegial supportive departments where students feel supported and are given the opportunity to express their creative ideas. Lindsay brought many new ideas and initiatives which have been beneficial to both staff and students within the department. He thoroughly enjoys the challenge of helping students design and build their own projects, often giving many hours during breaks and after school to work through design problems with students.

A keen footballer, Lindsay has coached football at the Senior Campus and has continued a tradition of coaching volleyball at the Junior Campus. He would go the extra mile for both students and staff and this has always been evident throughout his time at Hargest.

Unfortunately for us Lindsay has taken a job as Head of Technology at Motueka High School and will be making the move to Nelson with his family. We wish him all the very best in his new role and hope that his love of surfing will bring him back for visits in the future.



Angela Potter

We don't get many second chances in life but Ange gave JHC not one, but two great seasons. Ange's first stint was in the Careers Department as an administrator where she took on all tasks with enthusiasm. She was always happy to go the extra mile for colleagues and students. No job was too big or too small. Ange showed

exceptional dedication and enthusiasm in her role. Her strong organisational skills led to Ange playing a key role in managing the Special Assessment Conditions roster. Her fun and caring nature allowed her to connect with others and build strong relationships. She created a comfortable environment where everyone felt at ease and could freely seek her assistance or engage in friendly conversations.

Returning to JHC, Ange took up the position in Student Admin. Once again, her vibrant and caring nature allowed her to continue to build strong relationships with students, parents and colleagues. Being the master of many tasks in Student Admin; coordinating Special Assessment Conditions for students, finding the owner of many, many sets of lost keys, assisting the PTA with uniform sales and ensuring every student that crossed her path left feeling heard and cared for are just some of the things Ange did while maintaining her wicked sense of style and humour. Ange's beautiful dress sense matched her role where no two days were the same. Ange brought vibrancy and fun to student admin. We wish her all the best.

Jocelyn Redmond

We are very sad to be farewelling Jocelyn Redmond from James Hargest College and in particular from the Mathematics Department. Jocelyn started teaching here in 1989 as a Mathematics teacher. After a maternity break in 1991, she returned part time to the department in 1992. She is a very skilled classroom teacher whose expert mathematical knowledge combined with her passion for teaching Mathematics has enabled many students to enjoy and be successful with their Mathematics studies. For many years she has had the responsibility for Year 13 Calculus and has provided a very well structured programme with comprehensive notes which students have valued. While Jocelyn has done a lot of extension work with juniors including the Olympiad Programme, she has also been great with those students who just needed a confidence boost. Jocelyn has made a valuable contribution to the overall running of the Mathematics Department through her ability to write



assessments, help with the running of competitions, her thoughtful suggestions at meetings and her willingness to support with any aspect of the classroom or curriculum. Jocelyn is a kind, caring and helpful colleague who has provided support in so many ways to her fellow teachers. She builds relationships of trust with both staff and students.

Jocelyn has been actively involved in the life of the school throughout her time at James Hargest College. She has led the Prize Giving administration for many years which is a great application for her renowned attention to detail and discretion. She has also been a proofreader for magazines and newsletters.

Jocelyn has been a long term member of the International Committee and this has extended to hosting many visiting teachers including providing a second home for Prateep. She has enjoyed building relationships that are so important to our school and has reconnected with some of these teachers when she travelled to Japan on a school trip in 2008 and again on private trips to Thailand and China. She was the teacher support on a Commerce trip to New York in 2015.

Jocelyn enjoys craft activities and has run lessons for visiting international students as well as helping to sew the original uniforms for the kapa haka group. She also makes the uniforms for the Hargest lions which are given to long serving staff when they leave.

Jocelyn has served as staff representative on the PTA and been on the uniform committee for the school. In her earlier years Jocelyn went on school camps and more recently has been a volleyball manager. Another venture which has required skilled administration and attention to detail has been the organisation of the Year 13 Hargest Ball at Transport World which she has done with her husband Paul for the past two years. A key element of this has been the teaching of dancing.

If there is one theme that is common throughout Jocelyn's valuable contribution to James Hargest over so many years, it is her care for people. Her students and in particular her colleagues have truly valued her consistent support and friendship. Jocelyn will be sorely missed and we wish her all the very best in her retirement.

Simon Richardson

It is with real sadness that we say farewell to Simon Richardson as he continues on with his next adventure. We have been very lucky to have his energy, experience and expertise at James Hargest for 17 years and we are very grateful for that time.

Simon blew into Hargest in 2006 from windy Wellington, returning to the South and to family. He joined the Careers Department and quickly took over as HOD Careers. His energy and enthusiasm breathed new life into all of the department processes which meant that our students were receiving excellent support and guidance as they progressed through the school and were therefore well equipped with the knowledge, information, qualifications and experiences they needed as they left Hargest on their journey to employment/ further study/ overseas study/ work experience.

Simon is a generous and collaborative team player and he has built an excellent team in the Careers Department. They work very hard and manage periods of high stress and pressure while also knowing how important it is to have fun and to de-stress from time to time. Simon is an excellent leader and team player in this as well. Another area where James Hargest has benefitted from Simon's experience and expertise is that he has always been very generous in sharing his knowledge and skills with all of the Senior Deans when they were seeking pathways forward for students they were working with.

Simon is a natural relationship builder and seems always to be able to find a way to encourage and build up young people who may be struggling or feeling lost and confused about what their next steps should be. He will be sorely missed by many in this context. As a role model Simon has worked hard to model a healthy work life balance and all of us who have worked with him have watched in awe and admiration as he has completed marathons, extended bike rides and other feats of physical endurance. Of course his membership of the staff band Hoodaki has also been a superb example of knowing when to have fun and what fun we have had listening to, dancing to, and just hanging out with Hoodaki!! We REALLY hope this is not the end of that excellent staff collaboration! We are deeply grateful for all that Simon has brought to us at James Hargest College.



Staff Farewell

Junior Campus



Ruth Cuff

Ruth has been a valued part time member of our team for the duration of 2023. We have appreciated her commitment to teaching Science on Thursdays and Room 12 on Fridays. Ruth has also been fundamental in raising student achievement in writing this year through teaching our Accelerated

Writing groups and supporting our teachers with developing their teaching of writing. Ruth will be most remembered for her superb organisational skills, for asking lots of questions and her passion for literacy.

Pai ake te iti i te kore rawātu

Little is better than nothing at all

We are fortunate to have had Ruth as part of our team for the year and wish her all the best for travel to spend time with whānau.



Donna Heathcote

Donna has been our Canteen Manager at the Junior Campus for almost 7 years, making tasty snacks and lunches for our Junior Campus students and ensuring their heat ups from home were always warm and tempting by lunch time. Donna has a very cheerful disposition and a

can-do attitude and all students and staff were made to feel welcome.

Donna enjoyed working with students who desired to help out in this area and gently trained them in their early hospitality experiences. Donna worked hard to constantly reinvigorate her fabulous menus providing multiple healthy and affordable lunch choices for our students. This was particularly challenging over covid times! Cheese fingers were an all time favourite, but home made burgers and frozen yoghurts were popular too! Donna has returned to her previous full time employment and we wish her all the best for the future.



Rochelle Laffey

Rochelle has been part of the Teacher Aide Team for two and a half years. She was a big support to all the students she worked with and teachers she worked alongside. Rochelle always had a great rapport with both students and staff. She was always willing to lend a helping hand and go the

extra mile when required. The students loved her hands on, enthusiastic and friendly approach in the classroom. Rochelle showed professionalism inside and outside the classroom environment and was respected and appreciated by staff and students.



Caroline Loo

Caroline has been part of the JHC community for many years. Her roles have included parent, wife of the Board Chair, advisor for students with Visual Challenges, Advisor around Grief and Loss, facilitator of Travellers groups and Counsellor.

Three years ago Caroline joined our Guidance team. She seamlessly fitted in and we value her enormously as a team member. Caroline brought a depth of life experience, skill and wisdom to the role of Guidance Counsellor based at the Junior Campus. She is a person of integrity, passion, warmth, care and compassion.

She is deeply loved by the students and staff, and has developed an integral role at the Junior Campus site over her time with us. It is quite usual to have students run up to Caroline and greet her like a long lost friend or precious relative! Caroline has a unique way of providing hope and a pathway forward. It was Caroline who crafted the wording of our Guidance Department mission statement 'We are Hopebrokers'.

Caroline has managed to juggle her role as founder and Counsellor at the Grief and Loss Centre, and Guidance Counsellor at JHC for the past 3 years. Unfortunately for us, Caroline is no longer able to continue this juggle and will return to her expanding role in the Grief and Loss sector. Caroline is recognised nationally and internationally for her work in this field. We will miss Caroline hugely, but know she is destined for a further calling that will benefit others even more widely than JHC.

Aroha Mai, Aroha atu

Love received, love returned

This is the whakatoukī that best reflects the mantra Caroline lives by.

We thank Caroline for her dedication and commitment to us over the past 3 years, her presence and love have been received and are returned as we farewell her from JHC.

We wish Caroline all the best as she continues this critical mahi in the very special and unique area of Grief and Loss.

Tohaina ō painga ki te ao

Share your gifts with the world





Kerry Roger

Kerry has had a close connection to the Rosedale Intermediate/James Hargest Junior Campus community for over 40 years. Kerry was a student at both Rosedale Intermediate and James Hargest High School. After graduating from Teachers College, in 1980, she began her teaching career at Rosedale Intermediate as a Homeroom Teacher - in the days when graduates were bonded to teach in New Zealand for three years. International travel has always been a passion of Kerry's so with

her husband Neil, she set off and taught in London. On their return, Kerry taught in various schools around Invercargill until some training at Massey University in Food and Nutrition set her up to successfully apply for a Food and Fabrics teaching position at Rosedale Intermediate in 1999.

In her most recent role as Foods and Fabrics Technology teacher Kerry has contributed to our school in numerous ways. Our rangatahi have benefitted from her calm, deliberate teaching of cooking and sewing skills and with a focus on being environmentally sustainable through reusing and recycling she has instilled in our students the importance of making environmentally friendly choices. Our students are always so proud to show off what they have created in Mrs Rodger's classes.

Kerry has also played a lead role in supporting students to develop mathematically by coordinating and teaching our Beginning School Maths programme. Kerry has been a strong supporter of The Arts through providing the opportunity for students to enter the Toi Wearable Arts and being the wardrobe coordinator for our productions. We are also thankful for Kerry's commitment to keeping our rangatahi safe through daily Road Patrol for many years, wearing an array of groovy sunglasses.

Kerry will be most remembered for her gentle and positive approach to all people, her excellent organisational skills and her desire to help set students up with basic skills that will hold them in good stead for the rest of their lives. Staff will miss her legendary breakfasts at the beginning of the school year.

In her retirement, Kerry plans to resume international travel, visiting and reconnecting with the numerous exchange students she and Neil have hosted over the years.

Māku te ra e tō ana; kei a koe te urunga ake o te rā - let mine be the setting sun; yours is the dawning of a new day. Kerry, we wish you all the best for your retirement, future change of pace and planned international adventures.

Charlotte Burgess

Mrs Charlotte Burgess started at JHC in Term 3, 2022 after spending time working in the hospitality industry. By quickly developing skills in a range of classroom environments, coupled with a positive and cheerful approach to work, she became a sought after TA in the Culinary Arts and Fabric areas. Mrs Burgess is also known for her love of costuming for any occasion and is leaving to train as a teacher. We look forward to next year when she'll be doing her practicum at JHC.



Term Dates for 2023

Term 4: Thursday 7 December: End of Term 4

Term Dates for 2024

Term 1:

Tuesday 23 January: PTA Uniform Sale

Buy in 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Sell out 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Wednesday 31 January: Year 7, 8 & 9 start

Thursday 1 February: Year 7, 8, 9, 12 and 13 in attendance

Friday 2 February: Whole school in attendance

Monday 5 February: Whole school in attendance

Tuesday 6 February: Waitangi Day observed

Friday 12 April: Term 1 ends

Year 13 Orientation Thursday 1 February 2024

On Thursday 1st February, all Year 13 students will take part in an Orientation afternoon at the Ascot Park Hotel in Racecourse Rd. Students will be released after period 3 at 12.30pm to make their own way to the Ascot. It takes about 15 minutes to walk. The programme will include important information about the unique opportunities to provide leadership and service in Year 13 and advice on managing their last year at school and the subsequent transition to further study or full time employment. There will be a charge of \$16 for a catered lunch. Further notice will be provided at the beginning of 2024.

Any enquiries can be directed to: Mr Redmond predmond@jameshargest.school.nz

Junior Campus Rippa Rugby World Cup



What a fabulous day the Junior Campus had, despite the slight weather interruption the tournament was completed. Congratulations to Room 22 (Wales) for taking out the cup with Room 5 (Ireland) the runners up. Thank you to all the organisers who made the day happen and it was great to see family and friends come along to support as well. Congratulations to all the classes for embracing the day and an extra special thank you to the student referees who did a fabulous job!



Food and Nutrition

Food Trucks

The Year 10 Food and Nutrition students are enjoying spending the last week of school presenting their Food Trucks to their peers and stakeholders. The students created business groups where they trialled recipes and prepared cost effective meals with marketing and promotion being a focus. The students proudly presented a great range of products including waffles, bao buns, butter chicken pies, potato sticks, sliders and churros.



FREE PERIOD PRODUCTS

James Hargest College has opted into the free period products government scheme. Your daughters can collect the free sanitary items from either campus, or if you would prefer you can email products@jameshargest.school.nz stating what products you would like and we can leave a parcel at the office for you to collect.

Junior Campus Road Patrol

These wonderful Road Patrolters have done a fantastic job ensuring our students cross the road safely each week. Thank you for your service to our school.



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Stationery list for 2024

Stationery lists will be available on the James Hargest website www.jameshargest.school.nz from next week, (under ENROLMENT); order on-line from the OfficeMax website www.myschool.co.nz or from any other retailer. All stationery is required for the first day of school in 2024.



Beat the rush and order back to school stationery now!

Class lists are ready to shop at myschool.co.nz

Year 9 Camps at Borland Lodge



Year 9 Form Classes have all experienced the wonder of Borland Lodge. Thank you to all parents and teachers who have made these awesome experiences possible.

Science Roadshow



Junior Campus science students experienced the Science Roadshow at Waihopai School.

Year 10 Engineering Industry Visits



During Week 6 of this term all Year 10 Hard Materials classes had the opportunity to visit three different local engineering industries in Invercargill. These included JK's Engineering, Sheet Metalcraft and Stabicraft. It gave students an insight into a broad range of engineering pathways and links between industry and the classroom. We would like to thank the three different businesses for showing students around and offering the opportunity for the workplace visits.



Southland Secondary School Grass Kart Competition



On Sat 28 Oct James Hargest took 5 Grass Karts to the annual Southland Secondary school Grass Kart Competition in Winton at Central Southland College. As part of the year 12 Mechanical Engineering course, students built their own karts and they were excited about racing them against other students and teams. We had 20 students from the class join us on race day. There were 15 Karts from schools around Southland competing

in a variety of performance events including Slalom, Sprint, Drag and the final, which was the 8 lap relay Race.

It was a fantastic day for the students involved and all had a great time racing the Karts. James Hargest Blue Team driven by Jamie Grey and Max Thomson won the relay race and the Hayden Pope Memorial Trophy. The school would like to thank MPE Engineering for the donation of steel tubing for the building of the karts.

Scholarships

To date these are the successful University Scholarship recipients. Well done to you all!

Otago Maori Entrance Scholarships

Amelia McIntosh
Anna Jeffrey
Charlie Webb
Melanie Hart
Neve Waddell
Rachel Eckhold
Ryder Mikkelsen
Skyla Grace-Frisby
Kiara Nilsen
Lucas Huia

Otago Leaders of Tomorrow

Caitlin Hartley
Declan Crombie
Holly Cunliffe
Ingamar Siegruhn
James Bath

Liam Devery
Lydia Blomfield
Lily Stotzer
Ruby Bath
Sean Bath
Sewmi Disanayaka

Otago Academic Excellence

Benjamin Elder

Otago New Frontiers Scholarship

Lydia Condon
Megan Sullivan

Otago 150th Entrance Scholarship

Damian McInerney
Arneisha Stuck
Katie Melgren
Michael Jones
Sweekriti Sunar

Otago Performance Scholarship

Hasnula Hewa Babaranda
Levi Stout

Otago Pacific People's Entrance Scholarship

Desmond Raymond
'Onevai Pita

University of Otago Vice Chancellors Scholarship

Joseph Nicol
Ella Sutherland

Lincoln University Leadership Scholarship

Callum Stratford

UC Hiranga Scholarship

Darika Abeyasinghe
Michael Clinkett
James Bath
Ryder Mikkelsen

UC Auaha Scholarship

Ryder Mikkelsen

UC Totoweka Scholarship

Daisy Kinloch

UC Horomata Scholarship

Ryder Mikkelsen
James Bath

UC Engineering Maori Scholarship

Ryder Mikkelsen

Moir Surveying Scholarship

Damian McInerney

St Vincent de Paul's Scholarship

Damian McInerney



Year 10 Activity Days

Our Year 10 students have been out exploring over the last few days. Year 10 Activity Days offer a huge range of options for students to follow a passion or try something new.



Year 10 Activity Days



Junior Campus House Haka Competition



All four houses performed the school waiata, haka and a house chant. Competition was fierce for this annual event and all students and staff can feel very proud of their efforts. Thank you to all our whānau and friends who came along and supported. Huge thank you to the Senior Campus students and staff who came and judged - not an easy job!!!

Results:
4th: Hamilton
3rd: Menzies
2nd: Thompson
1st: Watson

Young Enterprise Regional Awards



Congratulations to the YES companies Hit Me! (Tess McGregor and Abigail Bragg, left) who won the regional award for Innovation sponsored by Findex and Ava Aitken (below on left) who won the award for "Know Your Why", sponsored by Coin South. Tess was also presented with the award for Southland Young Enterpriser of the Year sponsored by Community Trust South. The students received a trophy and a cash prize for each of these awards.



WHĀNAU KŌRERO

The digital era has made gambling more accessible, and certain factors are elevating the risk of problematic gambling among young people. A new grey area is emerging, with smartphones at their fingertips blurring the boundaries between gambling and entertainment, especially within the realms of video games and social media. The current generation of young people are growing up in an unprecedented time and research highlights that a significant percentage of adolescents are involved in gambling activities.

Reports of young people gambling are frequent with many experiencing adverse consequences such as diminished academic performance and strained relationships. Today's youth are growing up in a digital age characterised by constant connectivity, and the gambling industry has evolved significantly during their formative years. Simulated gambling, such as in video games, can further increase the likelihood of teenagers transitioning to real-money gambling

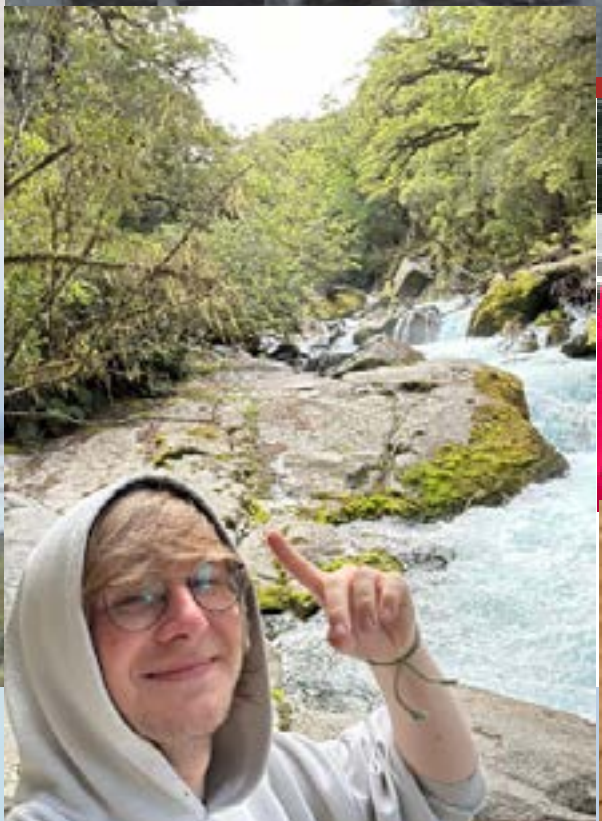
and developing future gambling-related problems. It's crucial to foster open discussions about positive media choices to help children navigate through responsible online gaming and gambling. By encouraging a balanced approach to screen time and promoting alternative activities, will help set some clear boundaries to avoid potential gambling-related issues.

This Special Report provides guidance on how to empower young people to make responsible choices in this digital age. We hope you 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-gambling-young-people-nz





International Students

Some of our International students have enjoyed being tourists in our region over the past few weeks. They have been lucky enough to enjoy some amazing activities on our back doorstep including surfing, mussel gathering, cheese roll tasting, creating jewellery out of whales' teeth, a farm visit and much more.



Jonty Carran Memorial Rugby 10's

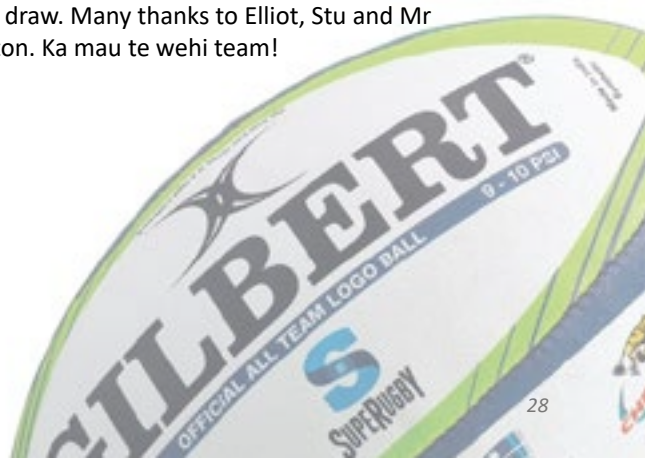


JHC Junior had both a Boys and Girls team competing in the Jonty Carran Memorial Rugby tournament. Congratulations to the Girls team who won the final 19-12. Thank you very much to the coaches and supporters who helped out with both teams. Thank you Mr G for the mousetraps.



U15 Rugby 7's

JHC's Under 15 7's team were the winners of the Highlanders Development 7's in Alexandra. They were undefeated with three wins and one draw. Many thanks to Elliot, Stu and Mr Bolton. Ka mau te wehi team!





Volleyball

Two JHC teams attended the SISS Volleyball competition in Dunedin this week. The boys won four of their games which put them in 7th place. The girls won four games putting them in 11th place. It was wonderful to see the growth and development throughout the tournament. Thanks to Mr France and Mr Vine for coaching, and Mrs Baird and Ms Smith for managing the teams.





Swimming

Southland Secondary Schools Championships

A huge congratulations to our Junior Campus swimmers who represented James Hargest at the recent Southland Secondary Schools Swimming competition. From left: Sam T, Bodie G, Avé V, Xandri C, Keeley T and Piper P. (All relay participants). Absent: Seth K, Lucas M, Londyn D and Maddox F.

James Hargest won every relay:

100m Free Girls 11-13,
100m Free Boys 11-13,
100m Free Mixed 11-13
100m Medley Mixed 11-13.

There were lots of individual personal bests and placings too.

Well done to the nine Senior Campus students who competed in multiple events and did very well. The following are the top 8 (finals) placings:

Women 15 - 18 Years

Amelia Black 1st 50m Free and 50m Fly

Women 13 - 14 Years

Caitlin Crawford 1st 50m Breaststroke; 50m Fly and 50m Free
3rd 50m Backstroke

Maia Devery 4th 50m Breaststroke
5th 50m Backstroke
8th 50m Free

Olivia Johnson 1st 50m Backstroke
2nd 50m Breaststroke, 50m Fly and 50m Free

Elsie Turrell 2nd 50m Backstroke
4th 50m Fly
5th 50m Free
7th 50m Breaststroke

Men 15 - 18 Years

Sean Cross 5th 50m Fly and 50m Back
6th 50m Breaststroke
7th 50m Free

Men 13 - 14 Years

Isaac Elder 5th 50m Fly and Backstroke
6th 50m Free
7th 50m Breaststroke

Cycling

Tour of Southland

Congratulations to Marshall Erwood, the Rex Cruickshank trophy winner for first Southlander home overall. Marshall was part of the Central Benchmakers-Willbike team. This was Marshall's first Tour of Southland, and he is looking forward to a strong season in 2024. Credit: Stuff

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Southland Junior Adventure Race

Junior Campus

The Southland Junior Adventure Race is a 4 x 4 race. Students compete in orienteering, trekking, mountain biking and kayaking at Sandy Point.

Results

2nd equal JHC 11; Xavier, Cohen, Blaze, and Lincoln (on right). Congratulations boys!

James Hargest had 36 teams competing which saw us win the trophy for having the most teams entered - an AMAZING achievement! Thank you to all competitors from all the teams who competed over the two days.





Golf

James Hargest Junior Campus had 4 teams competing at the Southland Primary Schools Festival of Golf Championships at Drummond. Thank you to Drummond School and Golf Southland for coordinating an amazing day. For the skill section, JHC Dimples won the Snag, and the JHC Griddies won the chipping competition. Congratulations to our Pinnacle team (Xavier Brown, Lincoln Conder, Mitchell Kett and Charlotte Robinson) on being crowned the champions. Well done team!

Netball

Congratulations to all of the following netballers who have been achieving great things over the last month!

- Libby Crawford (Year 11) has been selected as a member of the Netball NZ National Development Camp 2024
- Netball South recently held a Netball South Pathways Camp to select girls for their summer training squads: recent ex student Maddie Tinnock was selected for the Summer Blast Summer Squad 2024 and Year 13 student

Holly Cunliffe was selected for the Aspiring Talent Summer Squad.

- 2024 Steel Steps Accelerator Squad selections: Libby Crawford, Hannah Tufui and Elly Baird
- 2024 Steel Steps Development Programme: Lilah Jack and Katie Oliver.

Well done to all of these girls and all the very best as you undertake these exciting opportunities.



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Huge congratulations to Callum Stratford and Tequin Lake who have just been named in the New Zealand Youth (Under 23) High Performance Squad Netball trials. Also named is recent Hargest alumni Spencer Cunliffe. Well done, and all the very best to you all for the upcoming trials.





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School sport's about way more than winning or losing. It's about having a blast with your mates, trying new things and challenging yourself.

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Squash

Well done to Jesse Mercer who has completed a very successful year in her chosen sport of squash. Jesse has been awarded both the Trophy for the Top Under 15 girl in Southland (highest points) and the Most Improved Junior Girl) Trophy (most points across the season) in the Southern District. She was also a member of the ILT Division 1 Women's team which won the overall Interclub Competition. Congratulations Jesse!

Water Polo

Congratulations to the James Hargest Y7/Y8 water polo team for placing second in the South Island Intermediate School Competition. Their effort in all their games was outstanding and they deserved to be in the final. Also congratulations to Oliver Shirley for being named in the tournament team. Special thanks to the coaches and manager.



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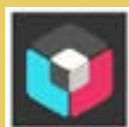
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Disc Golf

Congratulations to Alison Tweedie, Year 8, who was crowned South Island Disc Golf Champion at the Junior World Disc Golf Championships in July 2024.

She is looking forward to the summer, where she can play more disc golf and continue to improve ahead of her month-long trip to the US, which will be her first overseas trip.

"It's going to be exciting. I am looking forward to coming up against other people my age and seeing how I go against them and facing international players will be fun." Read more at: <https://www.stuff.co.nz/southland-times/southland-top-stories/133283964/talented-teenager-on-her-way-to-disc-golf-champs-in-the-us?fbclid=IwAR2RG4GtWQvYGipWZcYKvr0-wKXAr5w-d6ARS7Em9ouG5P-yu4GsJtPTtoOE>

Cricket

Congratulations to Charlotte Morris who has had a very busy cricket season. Charlotte had an outstanding tournament at the recent Under 19 District Tournament, where she had the highest run score of 90, and she was named MVP of the whole tournament. Charlotte has also recently been a member of the South Island Senior Women's team competing at the New Zealand tournament, where she was one of the youngest players at this elite level.



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,

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 Breen (Senior Campus) with any changes at

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or phone 2176129

or Mrs Cribb (Junior Campus) at

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E-mail Newsletters

The next newsletter will be issued via email on Friday 9 February 2024.

Hard copies of the newsletter will be available from either the Junior or Senior Campus office.

You can view the newsletter on the Hargest web site www.jameshargest.school.nz

Coming Events for 2023

Senior Campus

December

Tue-Wed 5-6 Documentation Days **10:00am - 2:00pm**
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

December

Mon 4 Sports Prizegiving 5:00pm

Tue 5 Junior Campus Merit Assemblies
Year 7 - 11:15am
Year 8 - 1.45pm

Wed 6 Excellence Prizegiving 5:00pm

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

Term 1 - Dates Both Campuses

January

Tue 23 PTA Uniform Sale
Buy in 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Sell out 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Wed 31 Year 7, 8 & 9 first day

February

Thur 1 Year 7, 8 9, 12 and 13 in attendance

Fri 2 Whole school in attendance

Mon 5 Whole school in attendance

Tue 6 Waitangi Day observed



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