



JHC

JAMES HARGEST COLLEGE KEEP FAITH

5 April 2024

# House Day 2024



## Principal's Comment

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*Mike Newell  
Principal*

### **Kia ora e te whānau**

On Wednesday the weather played its part and we were able to hold our whole school House Day. It was wonderful to see students and staff embrace the day with dress-ups and giving the activities a go. Well done

to Thomson house who just came out on top with points in what was a very close contest. Days like this are important for school culture and take an incredible amount of planning and coordination so my thanks and gratitude to our Heads of House for all of their mahi.

Thank you to the large number of parents who attended our recent student conferences and parent teacher interviews across both campuses. A positive school and home interaction and collaboration makes for better outcomes for students.

Our college values, The Hargest Way have featured prominently in a number of our assemblies of late. Whilst the vast majority of our students do portray our values and follow the rules that underpin them, we have had to remind students about the language they are using in certain settings and what respect looks like. Part of the message was about students being part of something that is bigger than themselves. Students have been educated under the name James Hargest since 1958. We will continue to set high expectations in terms of behaviour to honour the thousands of

students that have gone before and to pave the way for the thousands that are still to come.

Yesterday you received communication from me about our early closure on Thursdays at the Senior Campus for Term 2. Please check your inbox for this. We welcome your feedback about the curriculum.

Lastly, I have been awarded a sabbatical which I am taking in Term 2. During this time I will be investigating aspects of leadership, particularly around principal support and the pathway for senior leaders to principalship. Miss Raynes will be Acting Principal in my absence, Mrs McDowall will be Acting Associate Principal on the Senior Campus and Miss Pickering will be Acting Deputy Principal for Term 2.

I look forward to reconnecting with the JHC community in Term 3.

*Nga mihi  
Mike Newell  
Principal*

## From the Boardroom

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*Toni Green  
BOT Presiding Member*

### **Kia ora koutou,**

James Hargest College is always a busy and dynamic kura with multiple things going on simultaneously. Lastly month the Board was briefed on the curriculum evaluation work that has happened so far and the planned next steps. By now all whānau will have received a letter outlining the time allocated to planning next term as well as inviting whānau feedback on the way the curriculum is delivered. The Leadership team

are excited about the possibilities the curriculum evaluation can present for your rangatahi and we encourage you all to have your say on the priorities as you see them.

Thank you very much to Catherine Patterson who departed this week on the much anticipated trip to France. Students who have been studying French are fortunate to be able to test their linguistic skills in homestays and in Paris. We know how much planning and fundraising goes into creating these amazing academic experiences for our students and we are very grateful to our teaching staff for all that they do.

It is wonderful to see the continued growth in our International student numbers. We know that Invercargill and indeed New Zealand is a long way from the rest of the world and the benefits of a strong international presence in our kura are numerous. International students bring a different perspective to classroom discussions as well as challenging and encouraging other students to consider new perspectives. Increasing cultural awareness also results from the presence of international students and helps to introduce our young people to a world

beyond the one they see everyday. Whānau can discuss this programme with tamariki and encourage them to engage with our International Students so they can feel a big and important part of our Hargest community. It certainly makes their experiences more genuine and memorable. The Board wishes to thank and acknowledge the work of our International Director Lara Buchanan, Homestay Co-ordinator Kylie Hodson, Christine Black for her academic mentoring and all of the other staff who support these students a world away from their homes and families.

The Board wishes Principal Mike Newell all the very best for his sabbatical project next term. We look forward to hearing what he learns through his research.

As the term draws to a close, we wish all students and teachers a wonderful break with some time to do whatever brings you joy.

*Ka kite,  
Toni Green  
BOT Presiding Member*

# Whānau Report

**Whakatūwheratia mai te tātou o te tika!**  
*Open the doorway to greatness!*

Ngā ataahuatanga o te ao hurihuri nei i runga i a tātou katoa. Tēnā tātou. May you be blessed with the beauty of the world. This Sunday is an awesome opportunity to get out and about at the Murihiku Marae Community Day. Hēmi Hākena Senior Kapa Haka will be performing around 2.15pm. Come along and show your support. It is a great opportunity to touch base with the Marae, its people and see lots of entertainment as well. Competition is starting to heat up as the Manu Kōrero Otago/Southland Māori Speech Competition approaches. This is run over two days with impromptu speeches on the 30th of May, and prepared speeches on the 31st of May.

Remember the dates and come along to see some of our best young orators stand in the glow of the fires of competition speech making.

Reminders:

- Murihiku Mārae Community Day. Sunday 7th April, 12.00 noon until 4.00pm. Murihiku Marae, Tramway Road.
- Ngā Manu Kōrero Māori Speech Competition Thursday 30th and Friday 31st May. Invercargill Christian Centre.
- The Murihiku Polyfest - Monday 26th to Friday 30th August. ILT Stadium Southland.
- Te Matatini (Kapa Haka World Championship) at Pukekura Park in Ngā Motu/New Plymouth, from the 24th of February to the 2nd of March 2025.



Matua Neitana Tane

Hei kona mai  
Matua Neitana

# PTA Report



Jo Wilson  
PTA Chairperson

**Nau mai, haere mai!**

Welcome to the end of Term 1. We hope you had a fabulous relaxing

Easter break and are ready for the first school holiday break.

It sure has been a busy first term for the students, teachers and support staff.

Along with all the sporting events and academic achievement, we have had settling into the new year, parent teacher interviews, timetable changes and relationship building. All so vitally important in the daily routines of James Hargest.

The PTA has already begun the year by supporting some awesome projects that will benefit a number of students.

It is such a privilege to be able to help on so many different levels within James Hargest, both Junior and Senior Campus.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday 7 May at 7.30pm. This will be our AGM. All are welcome to attend and we would love for anyone thinking of joining the PTA to come along.

## PTA Meeting Dates

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

**Tuesday 7 May AGM followed by meeting**  
**Tuesday 6 August**  
**Tuesday 5 November**

We hope you all enjoy the school holidays and take some time to relax, go on an adventure and have fun ready for a busy Term 2.

Ngā mihi nui  
Jo Wilson and the PTA team

# Empowering Wellbeing | Hauora

The vital role of student voice at James Hargest College

Student voice is crucial in promoting wellbeing at school, nurturing ownership, empowerment, and inclusivity. By involving students in decision-making, we create a supportive environment where their needs are met effectively. In 2024 we have a new Action Plan with action items from our Rongohia te Hau data gained in 2023. One of the key action items is regular student voice which will be undertaken three times per year in every class. Students will be asked key

questions about the learning environment in their classroom as well as the strength of the learning relationships created at school. We encourage whānau to talk to your rangatahi about the student voice happening in their classrooms.

Kei roto te kaha i te kanorau. Kei roto te mana i te kotahitanga, meaning strength in diversity, power in unity. We are dedicated to fostering an inclusive environment and ensuring that we embrace all forms of diversity.

## Staff Welcome

### Junior Campus

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#### **Nicola Hansen**

Nicola Hansen has joined the Junior Campus as our fabulous new Office Manager. In her previous role she

worked at the Otago Polytechnic as the Team Leader of the Otago Secondary Tertiary College, which is also known as the Trades Academy. Nicola is systems oriented and organised in her work and in her own time she is a crafting enthusiast who enjoys turning everyday objects into works of art with a sprinkle of creativity. She may seem like a regular Nicola, but beneath her calm facade lies a closet Janeite, secretly swooning over Austen's literary romances.

## Staff News

### Senior Campus

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#### **Piki Brown**

Piki has been awarded a Teach NZ Sabbatical for Term Two after more than 28 years of continual service at Hargest. Piki is researching Computer Aided Drawing and particularly the nature of the learning experience for



students using CAD. Ka kite āno Piki, looking forward to hearing what you have learned when you are back in Term Three.

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## HARGEST STUDY CENTRE

Senior Campus Library  
Tuesdays 3.30 - 5.00pm

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



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

Afternoon tea provided by the PTA.

## Athletics

### NZ Championships

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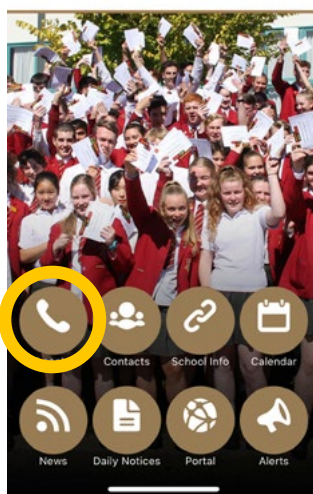
Huge congratulations to Will Brown who won the New Zealand Under 16 Boys High Jump title at the NZ Championships recently. Will cleared 1.75m to win the title, in a Personal Best effort. He then had to go directly to the Long Jump event, where he gained a great 5th placing overall. Well done Will!



## Housekeeping

### Senior Campus

Thank you to all the whānau who attended our recent Parent Information Evening. If your child is going to be absent or has an appointment during the day the easiest way is to contact the school is by using 'School Apps' which can be downloaded and making James Hargest College your preferred school:

A screenshot of the 'Absentee' form in the app. The form includes fields for 'Student's Full Name', 'Student's Year Level', 'Student's ID number', 'Parent's Email Address' (example@email.com), and 'Parent's Full Name'. It also has sections for 'Absent From' (Thursday, March 28) and 'Expected Return' (Friday, March 29). A yellow box highlights the 'Reason for Absence (Required each time)' field, which contains the text: 'Please provide a clear reason for this absence.'

In the highlighted area if your child has an appointment you can explain what type of appointment and what time you will be collecting them from school. If you need to speak to our attendance officer you can ring the main office and press 2. If you need to contact your child during the day we strongly recommend using their school email address. It is your child's school number followed by @jhc.school.nz

## FREE PERIOD PRODUCTS

JHC has opted into the Period Products in Schools programme. Students can access these products from sickbay, the front office or if you email products@jameshargest.school.nz we will happily make up a parcel for you to collect when convenient.

## Dance National Scholars

Liam Templeton has auditioned and been accepted into the New Zealand School of Dance National Scholars programme. He is one of eight students at his level who have been selected from around New Zealand to take part in regular lessons with NZ school of dance tutors. Amazing mahi Liam!



## Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Competition

On Wednesday the 27th of April, James Hargest Senior Campus once again hosted the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Competition. This was a bumper year with a wide variety of scenes presented from schools around Southland. These ranged from the stellar version of 'Much Ado about Nothing' set in a mall from Southland Girls' High, to the comedic and impeccably staged rendition of scenes from 'The Taming of the Shrew' from Verdon College. James Hargest Senior entered two scenes

this year involving 15 students in total. Our student director Mackenzie Webb took away best staging for their version of the fight scene from Hamlet and the other group won best 15 minute scene for the modern telling of the Dogberry and Verges storyline from 'Much Ado about Nothing'. Watch this space for news of the trip to nationals! Big thanks to the director Pip Smith and the organiser Aimee Marshall and helpers on the night. As always it was a team effort!



# World Vision

Our Term 1 kākahu ōpaki day supports World Vision. James Hargest College sponsors Mamiko Yana who lives in Malawi, Africa and our contributions go towards our Hargest World Vision 2024 40 Hour Challenge. The College has a proud history of raising over \$160,000 over the years. This year we encourage students to create their own challenge and seek \$20 sponsorship which can be collected via a student's online World Vision Sponsorship page. Details about this are coming. What will your Challenge be?

- \* 40 Acts of Kindness
- \* Tell 40 jokes to 40 different people
- \* Wear 40 items of clothes and take a photo
- \* Write 40 encouraging emails to other students
- \* Learn 40 new Te-Reo words/ phrases
- \* Find out how to say hello in 40 languages
- \* Kick 40 goals in Soccer/Rugby OR shoot 40 hoops



*Thank you for your gold coin donations on Kākahu Ōpaki Ra. Right: Our fabulous Student Admin team wore their uniform beautifully on Kākahu Ōpaki Ra.*

# LEO Club

Our LEO Leadership Group and wider club have been busy over the last couple of weeks. Students have organised and efficiently run the BBQ for House Day where the Club raised \$917. Leaders also managed the collection for World Vision at our Kākahu Ōpaki Ra which raised \$1283.70. All Committees have met their leaders and the brainstorming and planning is underway for activities. Another BBQ and Bake Sale are happening this term as well as planning for a can drive to support local foodbanks. Thanks so much to our wonderful leadership rōpū who are working hard to support others in our community and beyond.



**He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata! He tangata! He tangata!**

*What is the most important thing in the world? It is people! It is people! It is people!*

# Curriculum Evaluation

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All whānau will now have received the information letter about the planned next stage of our curriculum evaluation.

On Thursdays next term the Ōtatara bus will leave early, all other buses will depart at their scheduled time of 3.30. Students will be able to stay and use the library and other classrooms which will be opened for supervised study. We will be running five 45 minute periods on this day, so all classes will still run and no one subject area will lose time each week.

Our commitment to our curriculum is encapsulated in these aspects of our Vision: Personal success is fostered by a strong academic focus and the pursuit of excellence in its broadest sense, through responsive, supportive programmes and staff working on the principles of ako. We aspire to provide education of superb quality, in partnership with our

wider community.

If you would like to come in and kōrero about these changes, or have any questions you would like to ask in person, we are holding a whānau information and question evening. It will be held on Thursday 2 May at the Junior Campus at 7pm. All interested whānau welcome.

We want to ensure the education we are providing for your children is the best it can possibly be. To do that well requires time together. If you have any questions or concerns about this time, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us, [curriculum@jhc.school.nz](mailto:curriculum@jhc.school.nz)

Please fill in this form with your thoughts on our curriculum. <https://forms.gle/1JSafUZacbFezrys8>

## Literacy and numeracy matters

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As many parents know, the NCEA changes have brought with them a new co-requisite for literacy and numeracy. Students must pass these to gain any level of NCEA qualification. These are compulsory from this year.

Over the last two years, we have opted into the trials and used the data to inform some key changes to both our timetable, and the deliberate teaching of the skills assessed through these tasks.

A big learning for all involved is that students may not pass on their first attempt, and this is not always an indication of their underlying skill level. Understanding the nature of the assessment and attention to detail also play a part and, as a result, the assessment is designed to be able to be attempted multiple times.

This year, the assessments are running in late May and September. A significant number of students in Year 10 and 11 will be entered for all three of these standards and teachers will work with students to ensure they know how to log on to the platform and understand the structure of the tasks they are being assessed on.

It is important to remember that the literacy and numeracy skills are embedded in courses from the time students start at James Hargest College in Year 7 and that it is only the nature of the tasks themselves that need explanation. Sample papers are available on the NCEA Education website ([click here](#) for reading, [click here](#) for writing, and [click here](#) for numeracy). Students may also do digital assessment practice through their NZQA logins.

## Punctuality

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### An Important Key to Your Child's Success

Research shows that children with consistent school attendance learn more. If children are to fully benefit from the many learning opportunities, regular school attendance is vital. A student who is 10 minutes late every day will miss 30 hours of instruction during the year, definitely, a significant loss in the teachable moments that you can't get back.

Children who are late or absent can never recover what is most important: the discussion, the questions, the explanations by the teacher and the thinking that makes learning come alive.

While punctuality will promote learning, arriving late to school can also be very disruptive for the child, the teacher, and the other students in the class. There are a small portion of students who are regularly late and this is certainly affecting their ability to keep up with all set tasks.

A child's success in school depends on having a solid educational background, one that can only be gained through punctuality and regular school attendance. When

the child grows up, they will quickly learn that employers seek reliable, dependable and responsible people to fill employment positions. Regular attendance at school is also important in promoting social development. Developing positive attendance and timekeeping habits at a young age will serve the child well throughout their life.

What can you do to help your child to be punctual every day?

Make sure your child stays healthy by eating nutritious food and getting enough exercise. Maintain a regular bedtime to ensure that your child gets a good night's sleep, wakes up rested the next morning and has enough time to prepare for school. Make being at school on time a priority for your family. You can never get the time back that has been missed.

Research shows that attendance is the single most important factor in school success.

# Student Council



Recently our ākonga had the opportunity to vote for the students to represent them on the Student Council. The purpose of the Student Council is to provide our learners with a voice regarding school activities, culture and events. The Student Council is split into two, with one being for Juniors and the other for Seniors. Each division of the Council serves different purpose, with an overarching goal to provide the greatest opportunity for students to feel

involved, engaged and listened to at Hēmi Hākena. This year the students on the Council were nominated by their peers in Form Time, with those who expressed an interest being interviewed for the position. So far the Council has been busy establishing their roles and brainstorming new initiatives and ideas that they would like to see implemented at Hēmi Hākena. Congratulations to our Student Council members. You are doing great things!

## Senior Council

Cody Blair	H11SJN
Kyra Savory	H11SJN
Janet Wei	H11SWO
Sebastian Gray	H12CWN
Heilala Pita	H12RS
Sarah Hay	H13MFE
Devon Pirini	H13MFE
Keita Ruwhiu	H13MFE
Blake Griffiths	H13RJS
Ansharina Therese Laud	H13RJS
Alexander Sandiford	M11ECL
Desandi Fonseca	M11ETS
Olivia Agnew	M11SGF
David Hardy	M11SGF
Bimsarani Rajasinghe	M12CB
Annie Zhang	M12CB
Carly Fraser	M12KD
Charlotte Dassen	M13EPG
Oliver Drake	M13EPG
Carlos McRae	M13EPG
Noah Jaleeludeen	M13QLE
Ryan McAllister	M13QLE
Bea Christie	T12HMT
Harris Evans	T12MSH
Brady Cameron	T13CSN
Riley Ferguson	T13CSN
Ruby Hickey	T13CSN
Jess Ballantyne	T13PBS

Brooklynn Bavin	T13PBS
Natalie Snoek	W11AMA
Emma Steele	W11KT
Hasanli Hewa Babaranda	W11VJG
Amanda Henderson	W12ECE
Logan Jordan	W12ECE
Macey Ellis	W12JBT
Liam Graham	W12JBT
Samuel Kirby	W13RFE
Emerson Dahldavis	W13TBT
Chloe Savage	WHAN

Trinity Duncan	M9AHN
Tamzyn Dillinger	M9ASR
Seth Kulasekera	M9ASR
Albert Cameron	M9CL
Jiajia Zhang	M9CL
Mason Evans	T10EJN
Avril Kummer	T10EJN
Aston Couper	T10HPO
Alex Samson	T10HPO
Laura Davis	T10JBL
Luca Willis	T10JBL
Ariana Bragg	T9AJZ
Dorian Skeggs	T9AJZ
Parks Laverty	T9CBN
Chloe Taylor	T9CBN
Meere Bwakura	T9SDP
Kaylee Dunbar	T9SDP
Hannah Dick	W10JBS
Elsie Turrell	W10JBS
Pfeiffer Colyer	W10JCO
Fletcher McDowall	W10JCO
Abby Graham	W10PRL
Samuel Walker	W10PRL
Ramon Elke	W9BBS
Jacyn McDonald	W9BBS
Brock Howe	W9NMS
Oliver Shirley	W9NMS
Christabel Billcliff	W9PSH
Matthew Jenkins	W9PSH

## Junior Council

Edward Radcliffe	H10AWN
Jonathan Sim	H10AWN
Noah Walsh Vergeer	H10BPY
Hannah Woodcock	H10BPY
Zachary Gillies	H10RLF
Harris Lindsay	H10RLF
Hunter Oliver	H9DC
Jessica Raymond	H9DC
Dhruvin Patel	H9NJN
Kaydah Ryan	H9NJN
Noah Hackett	M10KHS
Julia Rodrigues Dantas	M10KHS
Mercedes Checketts	M10LDP
Sabin Muir	M10LDP
Zoe Beck	M9AHN



**Congratulations  
James Hargest  
College  
Academic Scholars  
2023**

**BENJAMIN ELDER**  
Top Scholar New Zealand  
**CHEMISTRY**



Outstanding Scholarship  
in Biology  
  
Scholarship in Calculus  
& Academic Excellence



**DECLAN CROMBIE**  
Scholarship in Biology  
Scholarship in Statistics  
& Academic Excellence



**RUBY BATH**  
Scholarship in English  
& Academic Excellence



**SEAN BATH**  
Scholarship in Painting  
& Academic Excellence



**'ONEVAI PITA**  
Scholarship in History



**INGAMAR SIEGRUHN**  
Scholarship in Music



**CHELSEA SMITH**  
Scholarship in Painting

**NCEA  
ACADEMIC  
EXCELLENCE  
ENDORSEMENTS**



**JAMES  
BATH**



**CLAIRE  
BEST**



**LYDIA  
BLOMFIELD**



**MEADOW  
BODKIN-ALLEN**



**MICHAEL  
CLINCKETT**



**SEWMI  
DISSANAYAKA**



**HASNULA HEWA  
BABARANDA**



**FORREST  
LUNG**



**KATIE  
MELGREN**



**BENJAMIN  
SCOTT**



**MEGAN  
SULLIVAN**

We are proud of the achievements of our academic scholars in 2023, earning ten NCEA Scholarships across eight different subjects.

We are particularly thrilled with Benjamin Elder's Top Scholar in NZ for Chemistry and Outstanding Scholarship in Biology.

We also congratulate the fifteen students who gained Excellence Endorsements at Level 3 NCEA.

We think that this kind of success is worth celebrating. These students will be honoured and congratulated in person at a special ceremony. The wero (challenge) has been set for our rangatahi this year.





## International Students

On Tuesday 19th March we formally welcomed Mr Prateep's group and our new International students with a mihi whakatau. This is always a special event and makes us very proud to have our ākonga perform so passionately with waiata and haka. Nau mai, Haere Mai to all our new students.





## French

The much anticipated trip to France is finally happening with 20 students from James Hargest College and Southland Girls' High School departing this week for a cultural exchange.

The trip includes visits to Le Quesnoy and the Passchendaele area, time with host families and experiencing a French school, two days in the French-speaking area of Switzerland as well as a week of sightseeing in Paris!

In March the students came together for a Jingo night to fundraise for the trip. It was a hugely successful event and we would like to especially thank everyone for their generous donations for raffle prizes.

Another thanks goes to Mee&Henry Law who have sponsored our group t-shirts for this trip.

We look forward to sharing our experiences with you all on our return.



### Art

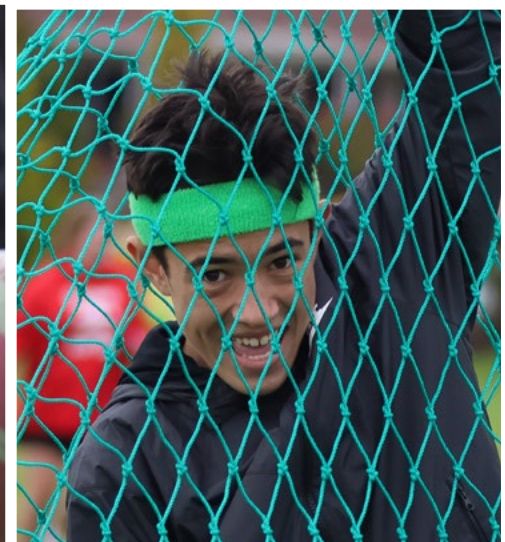
Year 9 Collaborative Art - Starry Night by Vincent van Gogh which is housed in the Musée D'Orsay in Paris, France. Each student was given a panel to colour and this masterpiece was created with their input. It is now adorning the wall in the French classroom.



1. Thomson - 7183 points
2. Hamilton - 7123 points
3. Watson - 7083 points
4. Menzies - 6141 points

House Day 2024 was big, bright and beautiful. Thanks to our Heads of House, House Captains and Peer Support leaders for all of their mahi. The activities were so much fun and students fought hard for their house points.









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## Dress Smart in a New Blazer

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## Duke of Edinburgh

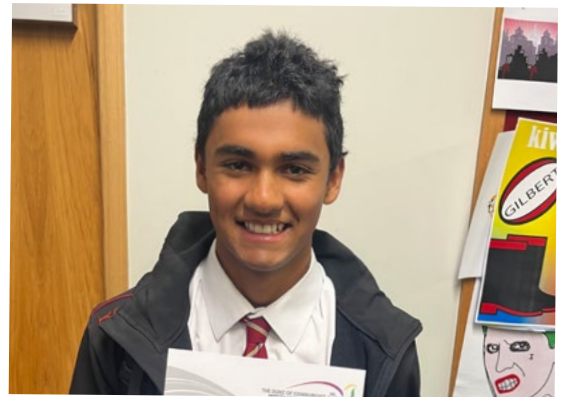
Congratulations to the following students who have recently received their awards:

### Bronze

Hannah Dick  
Samuel Walker

### Silver

Alexander Sandiford



## WHĀNAU KŌRERO

Cultural diversity encompasses the variety of cultures, beliefs, and traditions present globally, contributing to a rich tapestry of human experiences and perspectives. By valuing every child's cultural background, we enable them to excel in all facets of life. Nurturing an environment of curiosity, open-mindedness, and respect for all cultures, will not only promote unity but a deeper appreciation of the nuances that distinguish us.

Inclusion is about more than just words; it's about fostering a sense of belonging and acceptance for every child, regardless of their cultural background. When children and adolescents feel seen and valued for who they are, they can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Valuing and understanding cultural diversity, helps our communities benefit from a wealth of perspectives and experiences, enhancing our collective capacity for empathy and innovation.

As parents and adult carers, instilling an appreciation for cultural diversity is vital to equip young people with the tools they need to navigate an increasingly interconnected world. Through leading by example and showing that kindness and understanding knows no boundaries, we can encourage them to embrace multiculturalism. This will not only prepare

young people for personal success, but also for contributing to a world that views diversity as a strength. Through collective efforts, we can help pave the way for a more accepting and vibrant future.

In this edition of SchoolTV, learn how best to embrace and celebrate cultural diversity with your children. We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this month's edition, and we always welcome your feedback.

If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school wellbeing team for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to your special report <https://jameshargest.nz.schooltv.me/newsletter/cultural-diversity-nz>



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### Whānau Kōrero

IMPORTANT DATES

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## Marching

Hokonui u18 Marching team competed at the New Zealand Marching Championships in Hamilton recently. Half of the team attend JHC.

Heading into the competition as defending champions meant all eyes were on them, and deservedly so, as they achieved their goal and went back to back, again winning the title of New Zealand Champion u18 team! The dedication and commitment and hours of training these girls did made this massive achievement possible.

Ella King and Amelia-Jayne de Thierry-Curry from Blue Jay u18 Marching Team also competed and they were awarded 3rd Technical in the Plate grade, achieving their goals of being placed at Nationals, an awesome effort!

Photo bottom right, L-R

Gracie MacIntosh, Emma Gray, Lily Morgan, Aaliyah Bartlett, Jorja McIntosh and Meah Ayto



## Stebsweb

### Junior Campus

The Junior Campus have been trialling the online reading programme Stepsweb across all homerooms for Term One. It will become one of the tools that we use to support Literacy learning, for those who require extra support, throughout the rest of the year.

Research shows the need for a structured literacy approach – particularly with struggling learners and Stepsweb is a research-based, easy-to-use online structured literacy program. It covers key aspects of literacy and language development and covers the processing skills involved in literacy as well as the ‘knowledge’ aspects to foster literacy success. It has proven to be very effective!

The five big ideas in reading are as follows and Stepsweb targets all five.



When students begin using Stepsweb, they initially undergo a placement test which is analysed, then they are automatically placed at the appropriate level for their knowledge and skill set. From there, they undertake an individualised, structured literacy course. It will continually analyse the learner’s errors and create reinforcement where required throughout the course.

Classroom teachers monitor students’ usage and results on Stepsweb. They use the program to support their classroom teaching to ensure students have the best opportunity of developing their knowledge and skills in order to increase success in literacy.

Stepsweb is most effective when students engage with it regularly!



### The 5 Big Ideas in Beginning Reading



If you would like to know more, follow the link <https://www.stepsweb.com/>

#### Quotes from students:

*Stepsweb has helped me with my sentence structure, my sentences are now complex.*

*I’m finding it easier to sound out words. I’m getting better at my spelling.*

*Stepsweb helps me pronounce things better, it’s fun.*

*Stepsweb is interactive and I like that.*

*Stepsweb helps me understand words better.*



## Term Dates for 2024

- Term 1:** Friday 12 April: End of Term 1
  
- Term 2:** Monday 29 April: Start of Term 2  
 Monday 3 June: King's Birthday (public holiday)  
 Friday 28 June: Matariki (public holiday)  
 Friday 5 July: Last day of Term 2
  
- Term 3:** Monday 22 July: Start of Term 3  
 Friday 27 September: Last day of Term 3
  
- Term 4:** Monday 14 October: Start of Term 4  
 Monday 28 October: Labour Day (public holiday)

## Kids' Lit Quiz Southland regional final

Three Year 7 and 8 JHC teams competed in the Kids' Lit Quiz Southland regional final at Maruawai College in Gore. Congratulations to all three teams for their performance. A special congratulations to Anya Shankar, Lachlan Arthur, Liam Templeton, and Walter Gibbs who placed first and have qualified for the National Final in Wellington.





## International Students Mayoral Visit

Our new International Students were welcomed to our city in a formal Mayoral reception hosted by Mayor Nobby Clark, Cr Barry Stewart and Cr Darren Ludlow. Speeches were given by the Mayor and Mr Newell who spoke on behalf of the new students. Thank you to the City Council for hosting our new students.





## SBS Bank EPro8 Challenge

The SBS Bank EPro8 Challenge is the inter-school science and engineering competition. Every year over 25,000 students from throughout New Zealand take part. The Junior Campus are proud to host this event. A huge thank you to SBS Bank for sponsoring this event.



## Year 11 History Trip

This month our Year 11 History students were fortunate to attend a presentation held by members of the Polynesian Panthers! At this presentation our students heard from individuals who experienced the Dawn Raids, protested

at the 1981 Springbok Tour, and much more. The presenters shared their experience of Police Brutality in Aotearoa, systemic racism, the rejection of their cultural identity, and the importance of acceptance and belonging.

One of the key takeaways from the presentation was the power of protest and groups. Students were amazed to see the extent of behaviours that hatred, fear and ignorance can lead people to, with understanding and acceptance being the antidote. We were very grateful to learn from Pauline Smith, Reverend Alec Toleafoa, Professor Dr Melani Anae, and musician Tigilau Ness. We would also like to thank Mr Horrax, Mr Dymond and Ms Lindsay.

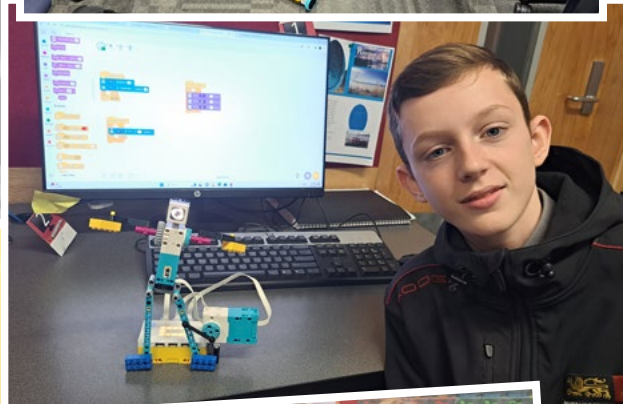
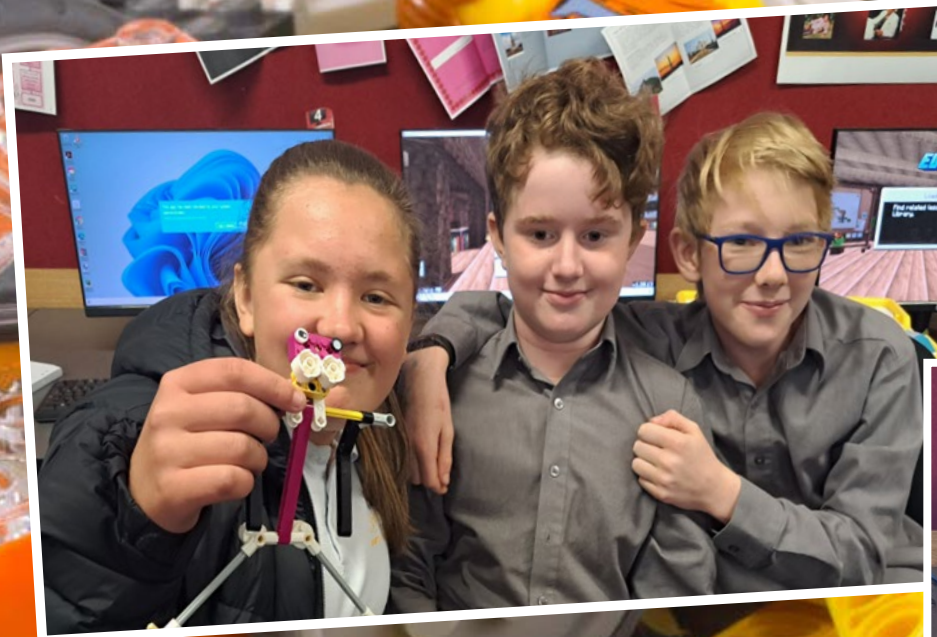




Recently we hosted an International Homestay Dinner. All of our wonderful homestay families came together to share kai and experiences. Hosting an International Student is a wonderful way to grow your children's understanding of the world and the similarities and differences we all have. If you would like to find out more about hosting an International student, please contact our Homestay co-ordinator Kylie Hodson for a no obligation chat. Email [khodson@jameshargestschool.net.nz](mailto:khodson@jameshargestschool.net.nz) or phone 027 201 7811

## International Homestay Dinner





## Year 9 DGT Tasters - Robotics

Students in Year 9 recently delved into the world of robotics as part of their Digital Technologies Tasters program. Utilising LEGO SPIKE, they embarked on a journey of building and coding a variety of robots, including drivable ones equipped with sensors, dancing robots, and even a fitness guru named Leo that helps count sit-ups. The hands-on experience allowed them to explore the endless possibilities of robotics and unleash their creativity.

Students were given the exciting opportunity to bring their designs to life by printing them as stickers. One such example is the creation of Colbie and Dylan, showcasing their imaginative and unique designs in sticker form. This hands-on aspect added a tangible dimension to their digital creations, allowing them to further personalise and share their work with others.





## Strike Performance Junior Campus

Junior Campus students were treated to a performance by the percussion group 'Strike' this month. There were two performances, enjoyed by both the Year 7 and Year 8 groups. Students were encouraged to join in with rhythm patterns, Pasifika drumming and vote for their favourite teacher drummer. For our Year 7 students, seeing and hearing some of the instruments we have learned about in class close up was a great learning opportunity. It was lovely to see one of the

performers originated from Invercargill and had been a James Hargest student. Her teacher from that time still remembers Katie Lee, violin in hand, regularly performing for classmates and excelling as a musician. This was an opportunity for our students to consider musicianship as a possible future career option if this is an area of interest for them. Students and audience members found the performance both entertaining and educational.



## Year 9 Tasters Art

Year 9 Art students created stunning ceramic cupcakes as part of their taster programmes.

## Jingo Night Fundraisers

As we say bon voyage to our French trip, our other two upcoming groups are getting right into fundraising. We have 4 Jingo nights upcoming - a real fun night with friends that tests your music knowledge (or how fast you can Shazam things!). Come along to the Waikiwi on the following nights to help support our students and win some amazing prizes!

### Japan Trip Jingo nights

- 10th April
- 15th May

### Classic Trip Jingo nights



















- 17th April
- 29th May

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## Major Production - Into The Woods

### Leads

<b>Baker</b> Draven Booth W12JBT 	<b>Baker's Wife</b> Merrin McEwen W12JBT 	<b>Cinderella</b> Abigail Bottger T9AJZ 	<b>Jack/Jackie</b> Emerson Dahldavis W13TBT 	<b>Little Red Riding Hood</b> Amanda Henderson W12FCE 	<b>The Witch</b> Emily Blyth W12JBT 
<b>Cinderella's Prince</b> Caleb Devery H12CWN 	<b>Jack/Jackie's Mother</b> Lara Kerr T11JSG 	<b>Cinderella's Stepmother</b> Harriet Fleck H11SWO 	<b>Rapunzel</b> Neve Templeton T11JSG 	<b>Florinda - Cinderella's Stepsister</b> Maddie Neylon W12JBT 	<b>Lucinda - Cinderella's Stepsister</b> Addison Robertson H11NL 
<b>Rapunzel's Prince</b> Luke Bottger T11DJN 	<b>Mysterious Man</b> Ollie Wilkinson H12CWN 	<b>Granny - Little Riding Hood's Grandmother</b> Kate Lindsay M11ETS 	<b>Cinderella's Mother</b> Ella Mortimer W12JBT 	<b>Narrator</b> Hannah Dick W10JBS 	<b>Steward</b> Áine Fanning M11SGF 
<b>Wolf</b> Brady Cameron T13CSN 	<b>Cinderella's Father</b> Roland Cameron M13QLE 	<b>The Giant's Wife</b> Sophie McElhinney-Milne H12CWN 	<b>Sleeping Beauty</b> Jasmine Marshall W13RFE 	<b>Snow White</b> Isabel Frost M11ECL 	

### General Cast

<b>Jess Ballantyne</b> T13PBS 	<b>Samara Beck</b> M13QLE 	<b>Inigo Catu</b> M13QLE 	<b>Isabel Frost</b> M11ECL 	<b>Paige King</b> T13CSN 	<b>Jasmine Marshall</b> W13RFE 
<b>Sophie McElhinney-Milne</b> H12CWN 	<b>Makensie Webb</b> T13PBS 				

### Director

Mrs Aimee Marshall



### Assistant Director

Mrs Catherine Fabre



### Musical Director

Mrs Emma Jarman



### Show Dates (Week 8, Term 2)

- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June

Into the Woods follows a Baker and his wife, who wish to have a child; Cinderella, who wishes to attend the King's Festival; and Jack, who wishes his cow would give milk. When the Baker and his wife learn that they cannot have a child because of a Witch's curse, the two set off on a journey to break the curse. Everyone's wish is granted, but the consequences of their actions return to haunt them later with disastrous results. One of Sondheim's most popular works, Into the Woods is a musically sophisticated show with the opportunity to feature actors adept at dark comedy. The musical was also made into a movie in 2014 by Disney.

# INTO THE WOODS



# Maadi Regatta

The Aon Maadi Regatta came to a close recently for the 104 schools competing. Congratulations to all the rowers and coxes who represented James Hargest College over the 6 days. Special mention to Mia Brown, Ryan Smith and Tane Wilson who have rowed their last race for the school as Year 13s. The students wouldn't have got there without the time and hard work put in by their coaches, Russell and Diane Jenkins, Danny Young, Scott Cundall, and Matt Jenkins from Waihopai Rowing Club as well as Nigel Jack and Julie Dyer from Invercargill Rowing Club. Big thanks to all the supporters who made the trip up to Twizel especially the parent help across all the crews.





## Fern Fever for Girls

### Junior Campus

Thank you to Football Southland, Rugby Southland, Cricket Southland and Hockey Southland for organising this day and all your volunteers for making this a success. This festival is to get more girls playing and loving sport, with the hope that the students that have participated in the festival will look to register for upcoming sporting opportunities.



## Football

Exciting news! Samuel Sheppard, Zachary Tull and Oliver Milne-Wahren (L-R) have been selected to attend the Under 16 Super Cup Northern Ireland football tournament in July. This tournament has players and clubs competing from all over the world and is an amazing opportunity to play against the best of the best.



## Sharks and Rugby Southland

The Year 8 team were pleased to welcome Alonzo Burton, Josh Turner and Quake Webster from the Southland Sharks along with Dave Hall and Georgia Bewley from Rugby Southland to our assembly. Our school



ambassadors, Will and Avé, posed some tough questions. The team had a lot of great messages from training hard, remaining motivated, staying confident, balancing all sports and life and to show great

character. Thank you to both codes for joining us and we know the students at James Hargest will be supporting the teams in their upcoming season.

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## Disc Golf

Our annual Disc Golf competition was held over intervals and lunchtimes for two weeks recently. While high winds and rain dominated the show, we still managed to get rounds happening on most days. Congratulations to Thomson for taking out the win by a very large margin, with Watson coming second and 3rd = to Menzies and Hamilton.

## PAL's Training

Fifty Year 13 leaders recently attended a Physical Activity Leaders (PAL's) training course run by Southland Secondary Schools Sport. The House Captains and Peer Support students spent a morning at Stadium Southland learning about leadership and the organisation required to plan active events. After the training session, they put their new skills to the test in the development and implementation of some fun activities. These leadership skills are important for the students when helping to run the House activities throughout the year including House Day and in sessions with Year 9 Form Classes during Form Time. A big thank you to Fiona Ward from Southland Secondary Schools Sport for implementing and running this valuable training for our students.



## Bronco

The Bronco competition was held last week with over 100 staff and students turning out to complete the shuttle run within a limited time frame. Congratulations to Menzies for the win, followed by Watson, Thomson and Hamilton.





## Paddles Up

In March, 14 students from Hargest competed in the Southland Secondary Schools Slalom Kayaking competition - Paddles Up - at Mavora . The students showed great team spirit setting up camp, cooking meals and loading the kayak trailer countless times. We were fortunate to have great weather conditions and everyone enjoyed competing in the individual Down River race and the Team Slalom events. Three students also competed in the Individual Slalom events. Thanks so much to Mrs Black, Mr Burns and Mrs Alcock for helping. It's a full on action packed weekend but seeing the students achieve and have fun was worth it.

### Results:

2nd Senior Boy Down River Race - Noah Lucy

3rd Senior Girl Down River Race - Madeleine Black

1st Junior Boy Down River Race - Lachlan Black

2nd Junior Boy Down River Race - Nate Alcock

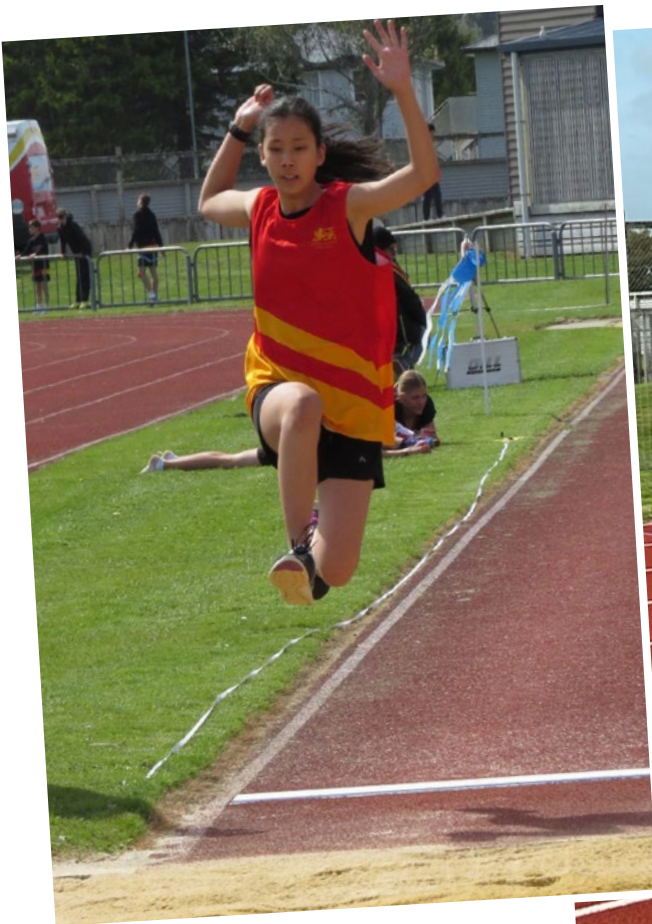
2nd Senior Boys Team Slalom - Noah Lucy, Gage Crow , Emmanuel Nicol

3rd Junior Boys Team Slalom - Nate Alcock, Haze Crow, Lachlan Black

1st Senior Boy Individual Slalom - Noah Lucy

2nd Senior Girl Individual Slalom - Roisin Dyer





# Southland Secondary School Athletics Results

Well done to our athletes who took part in this event and huge congratulations to the following students who achieved top three placings.



## Under 14 Girls

Maggie Kennedy 1st 80m Hurdles  
Isla Scott 2nd 1500m and 3000m  
Abigail Bottger 3rd 1500m and 3000m

## Under 14 Boys

McCowan White 1st Javelin and Shot  
Cohen Cameron 1st High Jump  
Cayden Sanginiti 3rd 800m  
Lucas Pemberton 3rd 3000m  
Alfred Skelton 3rd Shot Put  
Blaze Ridder 3rd 400m

## Under 15 Girls

Lily Tufui 1st High Jump and 100 m  
Phuong Nhi Nguyen 1st Javelin  
Abby Graham 2nd Javelin  
Alyssa Dakers 3rd Shot Put  
Jordan Berkers 2nd 3000m  
Rebecca Tull 3rd High Jump

## Under 15 Boys

Will Brown 1st High Jump, Long Jump and 400m  
Lewis Blay 1st 3000m and 2000m Steeplechase  
Will Fleming 1st 100m; 2nd 200m  
Jayden Dawson 2nd 400m  
Flynn Cunningham 2nd Javelin  
Ryder Laverty 3rd Triple Jump

## Under 16 Girls

Bea Christie 1st Javelin, Shot and 80m Hurdles  
Caitlin Crawford 1st 400m and 2nd 800m

## Under 16 Boys

Lochlan Payne 1st 400m and 3rd High Jump  
Zachary Tull 1st 800m and 2nd 200m

## Senior Girls

Kimberley Iversen 2nd 1500m and 3000m  
Natasha Santos O'Connell 2nd 100m

## Senior Boys

Max Thomson 1st Discus; 2nd High Jump and Shot Put  
William Berkers 1st 400m and 2nd 800m  
Emmanuel Nicol 3rd Discus  
Tequin Lake 3rd 800m

## Relay Titleholders

Under 14 Boys – Aaron Russell, Andrew Tytler, McCowan White and Samuel Walker  
Under 15 Boys – Jayden Dawson, Odin Bartlett, Will Brown and Will Fleming.



## Netball

Congratulations to Libby Crawford from the South Zone who has been invited to attend a further development opportunity with Netball NZ following on from her performance at the recent National Development Camp. Libby and four other players have been rewarded for their hard work and development within the Steel Steps Programme and the NNZ Pathway System. They are among 26 identified players from around the country who have been invited to attend the camp in Auckland in April. All the best Libby!



## Secondary School Surf Champs

Three JHC students competed in perfect conditions in Colac Bay for the Southland Secondary Schools Surf Champs. James Hargest placed 3rd overall.

## Basketball Junior Campus

The Year 7/8 Junior High basketball season has started off well. It is great to see all the young players back out on the court with positive attitudes, excellent team work and smiles. Big thank you to all of the coaches, managers and supporters.



## Southland Secondary School Lawn Bowls Champs

A great day out for lawn bowls, JHC had two teams compete in the open grade, one Senior Boys and one Junior Mixed. Great skill shown by the Juniors the JHC Alley Cats; accumulating enough points to take out 1st place overall. JHC Smooth Operators came 4th, competing in some close ends. James Hargest won the overall prize, the first time taking home first place since 2015. L-R: Back row: Max Thomson, Malachi Lang, Jack Seeler. Front row: Elijah Harris, Zoe Beck, Bella Braithwaite.





# Southland/Otago Adventure Race

It was a cracker day with awesome views in Omaui for the Adventure Race. Some tough terrain covered in the trek, kayak and mountain bike legs. Well done to all our competitors who took on the challenge!



James Hargest College had a strong showing of teams, with 16 total teams of four. Students met at 8am sharp at a woolshed overlooking the Mokomoko inlet, flowing onto patches of pasture and native bush surrounding the shed, not to mention the steep hill of native bush of Omaui reserve looming behind us. Bikes were being unloaded from bike racks and trailers. You could sense the anticipation but a lot of excitement as this was the first time an event of this calibre had been run for Secondary School students.

Race packs were collected and soon enough the horn sounded to start the race. First stop was the Kayak, blue canoes all in a line ready to launch. Students weren't fooled by the glistening sun, the fresh Autumn air still made for a brisk start. Absolute chaos sprawled out across the inlet, yelling and screaming. Different strategies could be seen from all the teams, some pushing the canoe in waist deep water, some putting their paddles to work making their way to one of the numerous check points.

The kayak spread the teams out, students were well and truly drenched. Soggy maps and mismothered crew, it was all happening on the shore line. James Hargest teams were making their way out of the water, some right in it. Senior girls team Speedy Gonzales (Madeleine Black, Caitlin Crawford & Aneeka Fosbender) were well and truly speedy, being one of the first teams on the bike.

A trail of bikes launching towards Omaui reserve, a brutal uphill slog only good for chafing. It seemed to be the never ending hill gradually spiralling around the outside of the reserve. Again, a mixture of strategies pushing bikes or grunting through it. Views looking over to Western Southland, a shade of Stewart Island hidden in the clouds.

Finally reaching the down hill, teams were relieved to have the assistance of gravity, which made it a long build up for a quick decline.

Ready for the trek, mixed emotions came into base as students collected their new map, a lot of teams quickly learned they were about to scale Omaui hill once again, but this time on foot straight through the middle.

The day was filled with excitement and a lot of challenges. Congratulations to all the teams who competed and finished. As Adventure Racing continues to gain popularity, JHC looks forward to providing students fun and exciting opportunities like this one.



## Southland Rugby League 9S

James Hargest competed in the Southland Secondary School Rugby League 9s tournament held at Star Rugby Ground. We had two teams compete, a Junior Boys and a Girls team. The games were played in good spirit and some great skill was displayed. Well done to all who played.



## Underwater Hockey Junior Campus

Our Year 7 and 8 Underwater Hockey players enjoy receiving coaching and playing other students every Thursday night from 7-8 pm at Splash Palace. Everyone is welcome to come along.



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## Parent, Caregiver, Whānau and Community Engagement

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

## Information Updates

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

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## E-mail Newsletters

The next newsletter will be issued via email on 10 May 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](http://www.jameshargest.school.nz)



# Coming Events for 2024

## Senior Campus

### April

Wed	10	School Cross Country
Thu	11	BOT meeting in the Brig, 5:15pm, Senior Campus
Fri	12	Last day of Term 1
Thu	25	ANZAC Day
Mon	29	Start of Term 2

### May

Wed	1	School Cross Country postponement day
Thu	2	Curriculum Review Hui at Junior Campus Hall, 7pm
Fri	3	French trip returns
Tue	7	PTA AGM in the Brig, 7:30pm, Senior Campus
Thu	8	Mr Prateep's leaving ceremony
Fri	10	World Vision Youth Conference
Mon	13	RYDA - Year 12 students Top Art in the Library
Tue	14	Japan trip hui, 7pm, staffroom
Wed-Thu	15-16	Year 9 & 10 Play
Fri	17	Pink Shirt Day
Thu	23	BOT meeting in the Brig, 5:15pm, Senior Campus
Mon	27	Dunedin Tertiary Day
Fri	31	Smashed and Smarts

## Junior Campus

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Tue	7	PTA AGM in the Brig, 7:30pm, Senior Campus
Wed	15	Elgregoe Visiting Performance PPTA Paid Union Meeting (Closed for instruction from 1:30pm)
Fri	17	Pink Shirt Day
Wed-Thu	22-23	Social Sciences Fair
Thu	23	BOT meeting in the Brig, 5:15pm, Senior Campus
Thu	30	Cross Country
Fri	31	Cross Country postponement day

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