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JAMES HARGEST COLLEGE KEEP FAITH

5 July 2024



**Into the Woods**



# Principal's Comment



Caroline Raynes  
Acting Principal

## Tēna koutou e te whānau

Term two has been full of opportunities for our ākonga and my heartfelt thanks to the staff for all they do to support the opportunities available to students inside and outside the classroom. You go above and beyond daily for our students.

We were thrilled to welcome our alumni from 2023 to school for the Celebrating Excellence Ceremony this week. Students were recognised for gaining Subject Excellence, Level 3 Excellence Endorsements and Scholarship, and in some cases all three. Benjamin Elder and Meadow Bodkin-Allen spoke to our assembly of their time at school. They talked about their experiences with study and the importance of beginning tasks early, as well as the need to ensure you're doing things that you love. We are very proud of our results, and this ceremony serves to celebrate the academic achievements of our ākonga, celebrate their whānau, and provide

inspiration to the Year 12 and Year 13 students in the audience.

The Major Production Into the Woods was held in week eight and was a definite highlight of the term. With Emma Jarman as Musical Director, Mrs Catherine Fabre as Assistant Director and Mrs Aimee Marshall as Director our school community were treated to four nights of wonderful entertainment. There are a variety of ways students can be involved in the Production and students took up the opportunity to be on stage, work in Sound and Lighting, perform with the orchestra, help with front of house and work backstage. There is a place for everyone who is wanting to be involved.

Showquest was an incredible success this term with the talent on display inspiring. Livestreaming meant the event was more accessible than ever before. We were able to witness the fantastic performances from students at the Senior and Junior Campus. Congratulations to all the participants who had been working hard for weeks, and particular congratulations to the Junior Campus students who won the Junior Section with their performance titled Opportunity Overload. The students will now compete in the national digital finals in August. Ka mau te wehi to everyone involved in Showquest and the Wearable Arts section. Thank you very much to the dedicated and talented staff who were supporting this mahi.

Congratulations to Katrine Anqui, Haylee Donald, Ava Barker and Niamh Doherty in Year 10 who won the New Zealand Secondary Schools Year 7-10 Japanese Trivia Competition. This is a magnificent achievement with over 100 teams competing

across the country. Thank you Ms Thomson for your continued support of this event and for encouraging the students to involve themselves in this co-curricular competition.

We were so proud of Mahae Johnson securing first place in the Te Reo Māori Tuakana section at the Pūtake Kōrero speech competitions this month. The hard work and preparation that goes into preparing for a speech competition is considerable. Mahae spoke for three minutes in te reo māori and was competing amongst a very strong field. Whakamihi nui ki a koe.

Mid year reports should be with you now and will be something to reflect on over the holiday break. Students should take the opportunity to read the comments made by their teachers, reflect on where they can improve, and make a plan on how to get there. The addition of student comments into our reporting system has been well received and gives the students the opportunity to let whānau and staff know how they feel they are achieving at school. This is so valuable in the learning process and we are delighted with the thought the students have put into their own comments.

We were thrilled to be given the news by the Ministry of Education on Thursday that our New Build 1 will go ahead. Mr Pannett, our property manager, continued to keep faith while we waited for this good news and we look forward to the project beginning at the end of the year.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday break, and we look forward to welcoming Mr Newell back next term.

Ngā mihi nui  
Caroline Raynes  
Acting Principal

# Whanau Report

## Waihō mā te tāngata e mihi Let others sing your praises.

Ngā mihi i tēnei te wā o Matariki. Tēnā tātou.

Our Kapa Haka shone last Friday morning with a stunning performance to celebrate Matariki me Puaka at the Murihiku Marae Breakfast Ceremony. It was received most favourably by the community in attendance, and a heartfelt thank you goes out to Murihiku Marae for hosting such an elegant and informative event. All of our students carried themselves with poise and mana both on the stage and off.

This was backed up later that same day with another performance at the ILT Stadium, the venue for the Murihiku Matariki Celebrations (pictured opposite). Once again their poise and passion came to the fore. Tau kē koutou mā.

Ko te amorangi ki mua, ko te hāpai ō ki muri. The leaders at the front and the workers behind. This whakatauki symbolises the role each of our Kapa Haka members instill in their working as one. Each taking the role necessary to create a wonderful environment and experience. Ngā mihi.

Dates for the diary:  
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.

Hei kona mai.  
Matua Neitana



Matua Neitana Tane

# From the Boardroom



Toni Green  
BOT Presiding Member

### Kia ora koutou,

As Matariki draws to a close along with Term Two, I am once again reminded of what a busy and dynamic kura we are part of at James Hargest College. This term has seen numerous highlights including an overseas trip to France, our school ANZAC ceremonies, Pink Shirt Day at both Campuses, Literacy and Numeracy assessments, the Major Production, Show Quest performances at both campuses, hangi fundraising events, the James Hargest College Ball and then this week

the Celebrating Excellence assembly where we congratulated the amazing academic achievements of the class of 2023. All of these events and activities are possible because of the support of our dedicated teaching team. The staff at James Hargest College go above and beyond to provide a well rounded education. As a Board we are also grateful for the many whānau who get involved with the numerous activities on offer and in doing so support a wide range of rangatahi. The community who willingly give their time to serve as coaches, managers, committee members, volunteers, supporters on trips, on the PTA and all the other wonderful things you do are appreciated.

This term has seen a focus on our curriculum evaluation. As a Board, we have been updated on the work that has been happening in Departments to thoroughly examine the current curriculum, work through possible changes and look towards creating something which offers greater

curriculum coverage and choice for our learners. We have also discussed the current application to become a Cambridge School and offer Cambridge qualifications. This is an exciting new development in our curriculum and will offer a different academic pathway for students who choose this alternative.

The Greek philosopher, Heraclitus of Ephesus, said – “the only constant in life is change”. While education seems to be currently in a state of flux with some of the changes, we are proud that James Hargest continues to evaluate what we do and is being proactive about making sure what we offer always seeks to meet our Mission: to equip all our students to create the best possible future for themselves and their world.

Mānawatia a Matariki and all the best for a wonderful holiday break.

Ka kite,  
Toni Green  
BOT Presiding Member

## PTA Report



Jo Wilson  
PTA Chairperson

### Kia ora from the PTA!

Wow here we are at the end of term 2. I think I say it every newsletter about how busy the term has been and again this term has proven to be the same. From Show Quest to Kids Lit Quiz - National Finals, so many sporting events, school

production and of course the 2024 “A Night Under the Stars” school ball. How spectacular did that night look!!

The best way to keep up with all the happenings is on the schools Facebook page, Instagram and of course the newsletter.

The PTA is looking for parents to join our awesome team. We are able to support our children through a number of different areas, our teachers and support staff and the wider school community. At our recent AGM there were no changes to the people in office bearing roles so you are safe if you come along!

The best part is there is no fundraising, very short efficient meetings and only a couple of events that we hold like the uniform sale each year....oh and we like to enjoy a choccy biscuit while we get down to business.

The PTA is a great way to meet other parents and to also keep up to date with school happenings along with being able to make a positive difference for our children’s education.

### PTA Meeting Dates

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

**Tuesday 20 August**

**Tuesday 5 November**

Kāhore taku toa i te toa takitahi, he toa takitahi.

We cannot succeed without the support of those around us.

The PTA wishes everyone a safe and happy holidays, please remember to take some time to recharge the batteries, fill your honey pot ready for what I’m sure will be an even busier term 3. Our next PTA meeting is scheduled for 20th August 2024.

Ngā mihi nui  
Jo Wilson and the PTA team





Thank you to all the Hēmi Hākena whānau who attended performances of Into The Woods, presented to you by the senior campus ākonga. This timeless, yet relevant, piece of theatre is an enchanting and touching look into the nuanced lives of everyone's favourite storybook characters.

We hope that the unrivalled talent of our performers wowed you and kept you on the edge of your seats. Our sincere thanks go to the performers who put their heart and soul into their characters and the rehearsal process. Sondheim's Into The Woods

is the kind of musical that might terrify some musical directors, but it was no match for our talented and dedicated Mrs Emma Jarman. Her hard work in reworking the orchestra scores and working with our talented musicians was evident in all aspects of this show. Our huge thanks and

# Major Production







appreciation to our Director Extraordinaire Aimee Marshall. Her wisdom, skill, generosity of time and spirit, alongside a wonderful sense of humour made our show season full of joy and aroha. Ngā mihi nui Aimee, we appreciate you.

The theatre knowledge and confidence of Mrs Catherine Fabre was immensely beneficial throughout this show season. Her experience and reliability was an integral part of this dramatic and colourful creation. A special thank you to Ms Bex Pilley and Mr David Pottinger for their time, effort and creative expertise. Milky White and other prop creations would not have been so fabulous and comical without their creative vision and experience.

Finally, this show and the supportive theatre community of JHC would not be possible without the volunteered support of the many staff members and students who dedicated their time to make our performers shine.

It was our pleasure to present Into The Woods to you and head "into the woods, then out of the woods, then home before dark"!

**DIRECTOR**  
**AIMEE MARSHALL**

**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**  
**CATHERINE FABRE**

**MUSICAL DIRECTOR**  
**EMMA JARMAN**





## Kids Lit Quiz

### Junior Campus

#### Kids Lit Quiz - National Finals

Congratulations to Liam T, Lachlan A, Walter G and Aanya S for their outstanding performance at the recent Kids Lit Quiz finals in Wellington. The team earned tenth place out of 17 teams and were impressive in their insightful answers. The questions are announced and clues are given in order from obscure to obvious and our awesome students often answered the questions after only one or two clues. This impressed the crowd and put James Hargest as one of the teams to beat.

There were five categories - Authors, Titles, Books to Movies, Mythology, Nursery Rhymes. We are extremely proud of the team and look forward to hopefully representing Southland at this prestigious event again next year.

This was the 9th time JHC has been at the National Finals after winning the regional competition.



## Kapa Haka

### Junior Campus

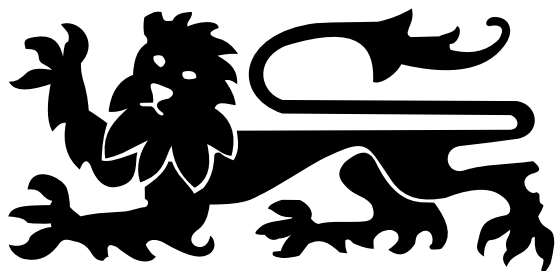
Te Kapa Teina o Hēmi Hākena has had a busy time with performances! A small rōpu performed at the change over night for Rotary East, and then later in the week we had whānau join us to see the result of our mahi in Sport and Rec this term. We're working hard and looking forward to our Polyfest performance next term!

## Nga Pūtake Kōrero

### Junior Campus

E poho kererū ana tātou katoa!

We are proud to announce that our very own Mahae Johnson has secured 1st place in the Te Reo Māori Tuakana section at the Pūtake Kōrero speech competitions! Ko Hēmi Hākena ki runga, paiā!





# Poppies, Poems and Planes

French trip April 2024

During our visit to Le Quesnoy in Northern France, we were privileged to be included in the Poppies, Poems and Planes project.

This project brings together students from around the globe to create poems from keywords with the theme of war. Together these poems are written on biodegradable paper which has poppy, cornflower and forget-me-not flower seeds embedded within. These three flowers represent the British, French and German soldiers who fought during the Great War.

Our poem, Inspiration, was a collective effort with our New Zealand students and their hosts from Le Quesnoy, France. These poems will be dropped from a plane over significant battlefields, and out of the poems will grow flowers of remembrance. What a powerful way to remember the sacrifices made for our freedom!



## INSPIRATION

*Invercargill NZ and Le Quesnoy F students*

When we see a field of poppies  
We think about duty  
The red blood blooming  
The breath-taking beauty  
But...

Far from home,  
These men roam  
Scared and alone,  
Now have grown...  
When flying your plane  
Through the upper kingdom  
With a lot of wisdom  
You long for freedom.

Among this chaos,  
This uncertainty,  
Fear is the only constant!  
Guns, Smell of panic,  
Fear sits beside you like an old friend  
Go on soldiers and fly  
To a country which you do not know  
But does peace mean to die?

On these poppies flutters a butterfly.  
High above the sky  
Duty is on your mind  
Fields below where honourable men lie  
Is peace so easy to find?

With war comes brotherhood  
And the loss of motherhood  
But you did save Le Quesnoy  
You are running out of hope  
War is your only dope  
Hard to even find some soap  
Why pray the pope?  
So instead of regret  
We say *Lest we forget* .

## INSPIRATION

*Elèves de Invercargill NZ et Le Quesnoy*

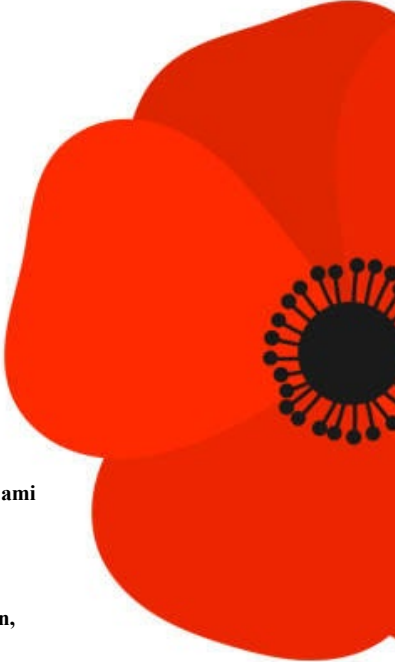
Quand nous voyons un champ de coquelicots  
Nous pensons à la notion de devoir  
Ce sang rouge qui fleurit  
Cette beauté qui retient le souffle  
Mais...

Loin de chez eux  
Ces hommes déambulent  
Apeurés et isolés  
Maintenant ils ont grandi ...  
Quand vous faites voler votre avion  
Dans ces hauts royaumes  
C'est avec beaucoup de sagesse  
Que vous vous accrochez à la liberté.

Dans ce chaos  
Cette incertitude  
La peur est la seule constance,  
Les fusils, l'odeur de la panique  
La peur s'assoit près de vous comme un vieil ami  
Allez-y soldats, envolez vous  
Vers un pays que vous ne connaissez pas  
Mais est ce que la paix signifie mourir?

Au dessus de ces coquelicots flotte un papillon,  
La haut dans les cieux  
Le devoir est dans votre esprit  
Les champs en dessous accueillent des hommes honorables mais tombés  
Est ce que trouver la paix est si facile?

La guerre s'accompagne de la camaraderie  
Et de la perte des maternités  
Mais vous avez sauvé Le Quesnoy  
Vous qui n'avez plus d'espoir  
La guerre est votre seule drogue  
Il est même difficile de trouver du savon  
Pourquoi prier le Pape?  
Donc plutôt que d'amorcer des regrets  
Nous, nous disons de *ne pas oublier*.





# LEO Club

## Year 9 and 10 Social

Well done to the LEO Club for organising the awesome Hollywood Iconic Characters themed social fundraiser for Year 9 and 10 students.



# Interrobang

## Creative Arts Magazine 2024



# Submissions Now Open!

Due August 30th

Google Classroom: [ozx3azf](#)  
Email: [18102@jhc.school.nz](mailto:18102@jhc.school.nz)

## Duke of Edinburgh

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



SILVER  
Natalie Snoek



SILVER  
Addison Robertson



SILVER  
Libby Crawford



SILVER  
Neve Templeton



BRONZE  
Alex Samson



BRONZE  
Alexander Scarlett



BRONZE  
Aston Couper



BRONZE  
Alicia Purdon



## New Zealand Secondary Schools' Brass Band Competition



A huge congratulations to Daniel Saunders (Year 13) and Hannah Wilson (Year 12) who have been selected for the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Brass Band for 2024. Daniel has been selected for the main band as Solo Tenor Horn and Hannah as a percussionist for the development band. This year's NSSBB course will take place in Nelson in October.

Starting in 2001 the National Secondary Schools' Brass Band is an annual training course for brass and percussion musicians who attend New Zealand secondary schools. Players are selected for the band annually by audition. During the training course, players rehearse as a full brass as well as dividing into sectionals where they are mentored and trained by champion adult players. The Band then performs concerts in the local community to not only entertain but to put their improved performance skills to the test. The players then give back to their community bands and schools by sharing the knowledge and experience they have gained.

## Chamber Music District Contest

Over 20 students from Hēmi Hākena competed in the 59th Chamber Music New Zealand Southland District Contest at the Repertory Theatre. Congratulations to the following ensembles that received awards:

- Mercury Poisoning - Overall District Winner  
Featuring JHC students Luke Hartley (Glockenspiel & Xylophone), Samara Beck (Vibraphone), John Chesney (Marimba), and Daniel Saunders (Toms).  
Tutored by Itinerant Music Percussion Teacher Trinity Waddell.
  - Chaotic Movement - Highly Commended  
Featuring JHC students Maddison Neylon (Xylophone), Lachlan Checketts (Marimba), Chloe Amos (Timpani), John Chesney (Drum Kit), and Ben McKenzie (Bass Drum).  
Tutored by Itinerant Music Percussion Teacher Trinity Waddell.
  - Simply Saxy - Adjudicator's Award  
Featuring JHC students Olivia Scarlett (Alto Saxophone) and Hannah Dick (Tenor Saxophone).  
Tutored by HOD Music Emma Jarman.
  - The 2nd Group - KBB Award  
Featuring JHC students John Chesney (Cornet) and Samara Beck (Cornet).  
Tutored by Kath Herman.
  - Gerry's Gang - Best Performance of a New Zealand Work, The Jarman-Waddell Challenge Cup - People's Choice Award, and Best Performance of an Original Composition.  
Featuring JHC students Samara Beck (Xylophone), Hannah Wilson (Congas), and Lucy Thomas (Bongos).  
Tutored by Itinerant Music Percussion Teacher Trinity Waddell.
- A huge thank you to all the friends and whānau who came along to support our rangatahi.

## Southland Interschool Japanese Speech Competition

Students of Japanese participated in the Southland Interschool Japanese Speech Competition on July 2nd. The Year 9 students performed a role play in pairs in Japanese. The Year 10-13 students presented between a 1 and 3 minute speech and then answered 2 questions in Japanese about it. Congratulations to the following Hargest students who were placed:

Year 9 Section 2nd – Parks Laverty & Andrew Tytler

Year 10 Section 1st – Araya Kilgour-Phillips

Year 11 Section 1st – Cissie Lung

Year 12 Section 1st – Twizel Corrales

3rd – Ben Richardson

Year 13 Section 1st – James Ano

2nd – Ishaan Boon

The Mayor's Award for Expression and Passion:

Senior Section – Eviah Kennedy







## Chamber Music South Island Regional Finals

Congratulations to Year 13 Hēmi Hākena ākonga Samara Beck, John Chesney, Luke Hartley, and Daniel Saunders who were part of the percussion septet tutored by Itinerant Percussion Kaiako Trinity Waddell that travelled to Christchurch to compete in the Chamber Music New Zealand South Island Regional Finals. This placed the ensemble in the top 12 groups in the South Island.

The group got to rehearse and perform at the amazing venue The Piano and received great feedback from the adjudicators. Miharo!

## CURRICULUM UPDATE

### Senior Campus

Thank you so much for the support as we have embarked on the massive task of evaluating our curriculum. The Thursday afternoons at the Senior Campus this term have been invaluable in giving time and thinking space to Departments to work collaboratively. Departments have looked at what we currently do, looked at what is working, looked at where we could do better and made some plans around new courses that can help engage our learners and make them greater participants in their own education. The dedicated time together is not something that happens easily in a school setting and we know it has at times had challenges for learners and their whānau. We are very grateful for your support.

The next stage of this curriculum evaluation is to share with whānau and learners across the Junior Campus and current Year 9 students some of our thinking around new courses. Students and whānau will be given course outlines and asked to select what they would choose from the courses presented. Our timetable team will then use this data to model possible timetable options and think about how it can logistically come together. This is a significant undertaking and we appreciate the support we have been given to enable this massive mahi to take place.

We look forward to sharing the outcomes of the mahi from this term and start the next steps of the evaluation process. As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or thoughts about what we are doing. The email address for all curriculum related kōrero is [curriculum@jhc.school.nz](mailto:curriculum@jhc.school.nz).

## ShowQuest JUNIOR CAMPUS

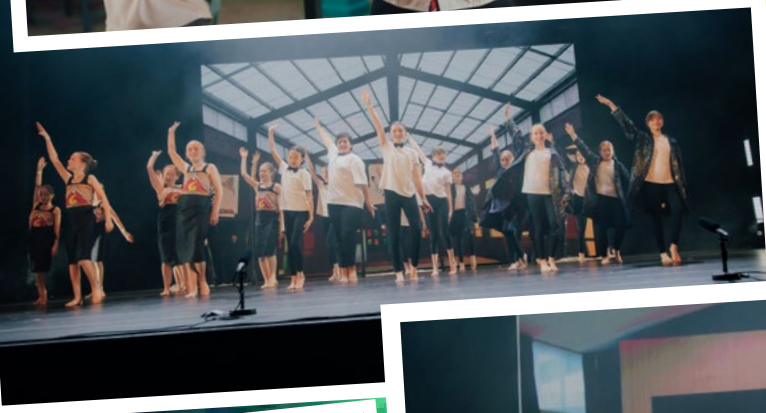
On Tuesday the 25th of June, James Hargest Junior Campus headed to the Civic Theatre for a day of Showquest fun! We had worked on creating our performance, Opportunity Overload, over the course of Term 2 with the help of Senior Campus choreographers Katelyn Street-Wilson, Charlotte Blair, Anahera Unahi and Kayla Harding. Our story focused on a student making the most of every opportunity that school can provide - excelling and enjoying academic, cultural and sporting endeavours. Unfortunately, his worries were also along for the ride and began to overwhelm him as he raced from one opportunity to the next. The weight of these worries threatened to overcome him, but he soon realised, with the support of others, he could make it through.

The hard work, time and practice paid off and we won the Junior category! This means we move on to the National Digital Finals in August. We won Best Drama, ZM Soundtrack Award, Best Lighting and Highly Commended Choreography. We also won the Public Speaking Award and Liam Templeton won one of the Whetū Rangatahi (Star of the Show Awards). We're so proud of the teamwork and talent displayed by all the students and can't wait to see how the National Finals go!





# SHOW QUEST 2024





## ShowQuest SENIOR CAMPUS

Showquest is a “mini Broadway spectacular” which has been led by a group of student leaders from Year 12 and 13. From planning, choreography, costume and lighting design and arranging rehearsals, these students have worked tirelessly this first half of the year to put together an amazing performance which was held at the Civic Theatre on the 25th June. We had a number of students performing on stage and there were also students working behind the scenes, running the lighting rig on the night and working as backstage managers.

This year’s theme was “inclusivity” and it followed a main character who never felt like he truly fitted in until he realises at the end that you don’t need to put yourself in a box, you can be who you want to be.

JHC certainly owned the stage, taking away Best Choreography and Highly Commended Soundtrack. Many thanks and congratulations to George Shirley, Ivy Turner, Sam Schol, Jorja McIntosh, Lucy Cooper, Vicky Han, Lucy Thomas and all their helpers for their organisation of the show this year. The bar has been set for 2025!







## Becoming a Cambridge International School

After investigation and kōrero, we have made the exciting decision that James Hargest College will register to become a Cambridge School offering Cambridge International qualifications.

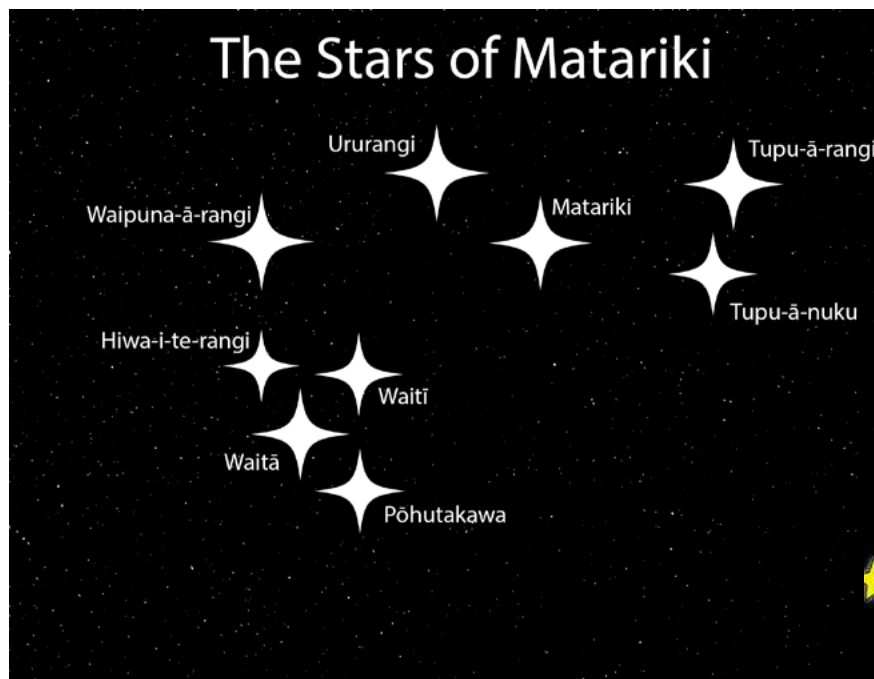
Cambridge International Education is part of the University of Cambridge and offers a globally trusted and flexible framework for education. They work with schools worldwide to build an education that shapes knowledge, understanding and skills.

Cambridge International are the world's largest provider of international education programmes and qualifications for 3 to 19 year olds and works with over 10 000 schools in more than 160 countries offering Cambridge programmes and qualifications. Every year, nearly a million Cambridge learners sit Cambridge exams and earn international qualifications. If you wish to find out more about Cambridge, check out their website <https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/nz/about-us/cambridge-international-in-new-zealand/>

Once we have completed the application process, we will be in touch with whānau of Year 9. Our intention is to create a Year 10 class for 2025 who will study the Cambridge curriculum and prepare for Cambridge examinations. This class will start studying for their IGCSE awards and then we will work with them to plot pathways to AS and A Levels. Further information will be sent out next term, along with an invitation to an information evening with the opportunity to ask any questions or discuss your child's interest in being part of this class. If you have any queries or thoughts in the meantime, please don't hesitate to get in touch. The email address for curriculum kōrero is: [curriculum@jhc.school.nz](mailto:curriculum@jhc.school.nz)







DGT classes have used Matariki as a stimulus for some wonderful Matariki creations. A symphony of twinkling stars explodes across the canvas, a testament to Cameron's mastery of digital tools. In Photoshop, the delicate touch of Noise, Blur, and Levels birthed a celestial canvas. Each star, a tiny jewel of light, was meticulously sculpted in Illustrator using Pucker and Bloat, adding a touch of whimsical wonder to the scene. Above: artwork by Cameron Hughes. Left, bottom by Kaden Charlton

## NZAJLT Japanese Trivia Quiz

On June 21st, Hargest hosted the Southland section of the NZAJLT Year 7-10 Japanese Trivia Quiz. The students were competing against over 100 teams across 8 regions in New Zealand. Congratulations to Haylee Donald, Ava Barker, Katrine Anqui & Niamh Doherty (Year 10), who not only won the Southland section but took 1st place nationwide.

Congratulations must also go to Dhruvin Patel, William McCann, Riley Jackson & Jessica Kleinhans (Year 9) who were 3rd in Southland and Ashlen Blair, Krisha Anqui, Avé Valoa-Jack and Nico Wandless (Year 8) who were the first Year 7/8 team in Southland.

Congratulations to all!

おめでとうございます。





# Pest Eradication

The Support Centre students, along with Mr Richardson have been helping with pest eradication around Sandy Point and Omaui.



# WHĀNAU KŌRERO

The evolving nicotine landscape requires parents and caregivers to stay informed to protect young people from these emerging threats. Snus and nicotine pouches are gaining popularity among young people as smokeless tobacco (SLT) products. Both products are discreetly placed under the upper lip, allowing nicotine absorption through the gums.

Health authorities are urging proactive measures to curb this growing trend and calling on regulators to implement controls before these products become as widespread as vapes. The high nicotine levels in these products pose serious health risks, including nicotine addiction, cardiovascular disease, gum disease, tooth decay, and even nicotine poisoning. Researchers highlight the detrimental effects of nicotine on developing brains, linking its use to depression, anxiety, ADHD symptoms, and an increased risk of addiction to other drugs.

The marketing of snus and nicotine pouches targets young audiences through social media influencers, raising concerns about their increasing popularity among school students. And like vapes, they come in various flavours and strengths, with unregulated nicotine levels leading to inconsistent and misleading labelling. It is clear that SLT products contain not only nicotine, but also other chemicals with unknown long-term effects.

This Special Report will help you become aware of the potential risks of smokeless tobacco products and guide you in age-appropriate discussions with your child.

Here is the link to your Special Report  
[https://jameshargest.nz.schooltv.me/wellbeing\\_news/special-report-smokeless-tobacco-products-nz](https://jameshargest.nz.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-smokeless-tobacco-products-nz)



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Here are a selection of photos from our 2024 Ball which was a truly delightful occasion. Special thanks to the wonderful Ms Taylor and Ms Pickering for their leadership and guidance. Thanks also to the dedicated team of dance teachers. We were proud of our class of 2024 and the way they conducted themselves. It was a wonderful evening of glamour and joy.



# Media Matters Day

## Media Studies

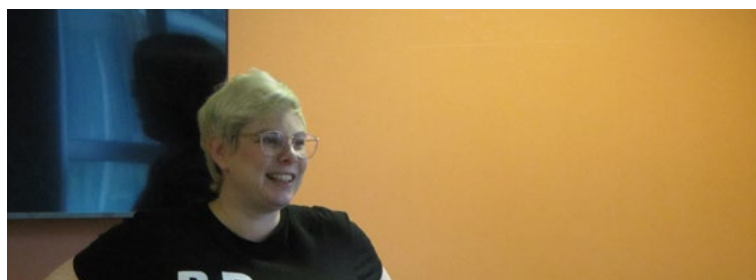
On the 5th of June, 41 lucky Year 12 & Year 13 Media Studies students were invited along to the University of Otago for their inaugural "Media Matters Day". The Media, Film and Communication Programme ran a series of lectures and activities for around 200 students from all over the South Island, introducing them to what their programme can offer them for future study and the exciting opportunities that exist beyond University for their graduates. Our students explored how media, power and society work together, with lectures held on the following topics:

- Semiotics and the representation of 'Inclusivity'
- Media and the 'Make over' genre
- A.I. and the Technology Spectacle
- Selfies
- Subculture and commodified rebellion

One lucky group was also able to experience recording and starring in a talk show about why Media Matters - a great hands-on activity where they were able to practice cross-cutting and using some pretty cool gear.



## Dan Davin Poetry Workshop



On Friday June 7, twenty-one students volunteered to attend a poetry-writing workshop in the library. The workshop was run by Sara Hirsch, a poet from London. Sara is a UK Poetry Slam Champion, and also won the European Slam in Madrid. She regularly performs and teaches poetry around the world, and has published two books of her work.

Sara performed some of her poems, then took the students through a variety of exercises where they wrote and performed their own poetry. The workshop was interactive, fun, and ran for two hours.

One teacher thanked Sara as she was leaving, saying that her students had come back from the workshop buzzing. "That was so much fun. It was really, really cool!" said Alicia Purdon of Year 10.

Lots of students wanted to go, and in the end we had to turn some away. The workshop was part of a poetry festival run by the Dan Davin Literary Foundation, featuring events spread through four days all over Gore and Invercargill

*Below top: Sara Hirsch*

*Bottom L-R: Alex Samson and Fletcher McDowall*



# The Big Sing



Well done to Hēmi Hākena Senior Campus Choir Ancora for being selected for the Big Sing Cadenza. This places Ancora in the top 14 choirs in the South Island.

The 42-member SAB choir will travel to Timaru in August to compete in Cadenza. Cadenza combines the excitement of a competitive, Finale-style event with the extra dimension of massed workshops, featuring an internationally-recognised choral specialist who also acts as adjudicator. The two-day event, culminates in a public gala concert where all choirs at the festival showcase an item from their Cadenza repertoire and sing together music prepared with the adjudicator.

The Big Sing is a regional secondary school choral festival that takes place in 10 centres involving around 8,000 students from over 200+ schools, supported by their families and communities. The Big Sing has been taking place for over 30 years and is New Zealand's largest choral event with singers entering regional competitions held in Auckland, Waikato/Bay of Plenty, East Coast, Taranaki, Manawatu/Whanganui, Wellington, Marlborough/Nelson, Canterbury/West Coast, Otago and Southland.

Of the 200+ competing choirs, 60 are selected for the area Cadenza festivals (held in the Upper North Island, Lower North Island and South Island) and National Finale.

## Term Dates for 2024

**Term 2:** Friday 4 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)

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Amanda Henderson, Hannah Wilson, Irene Tendean, Shalom Naitau and Tihara Fonseka (Digital Technologies Level 2 Programming students, L-R) have been accepted into the incredible GirlBoss Edge: Tech for Good program this July!

This fully-funded online course is a fantastic opportunity to develop tech skills, gain mentorship from inspiring leaders, and connect with a supportive community. We're so proud of their ambition and can't wait to see what they achieve!



## Calling all Tech-Needy Students! RAD Club to the Rescue!

The RAD Club's "Recycle a Device on Tuesdays" initiative has been busy all term! A huge shoutout to Jayden from our ICT Tech department, William McCann and Thomas Bannister (both Year 9s) for their dedication in refurbishing devices. These recycled devices will be available to students soon, providing them with the tech they need to excel in their schoolwork at home. Stay tuned for more information on how to get your hands on one!

## Chess

The 2024 Otago Primary and Intermediate School Teams Championship was held recently at Trinity Catholic College Library with 17 teams from 14 schools taking part from Oamaru, Alexandra, Queenstown, Balclutha, Invercargill and Dunedin. Congratulations Heeje Han, Sean Clark, Todd Marshall and Max Wilson for representing James Hargest College and Southland. We are proud of your accomplishments.



## OPEN DAY 2024

This will be held at the Junior Campus on

**Sunday 4 August  
12.30 - 2.30pm**

Students at both campuses will be asked to help.

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

### PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

For parents of students new to Hargest in years 7 to 9,  
**Tuesday 6 August in the Junior Campus Library at 5.30pm.**

### TOURS OF THE SCHOOL

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

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## Digital Technologies

Year 10 CD covers created in Photoshop.

## Pride Week

Ellia Buchan's Minecraft artwork for Pride week



## Murihiku Smokefree Rockquest

Year 13 student Inigo Catu (vocals/guitar) competed in the solo/duo section and Year 13 band Sounds of Chaos, comprised of Draven Booth (vocals), Amanda Henderson (vocals), Chloe Amos (guitar), Jotaro Matsuo (tenor saxophone), Lachie Calvert (baritone saxophone), Ollie Wilkinson (bass guitar), and Angus Tait (drums) competed in the band section.

Kei runga rawa atu koe to Sounds of Chaos for placing 2nd in the band section. They will now complete a 3-song video submission to compete for a spot in the national finals.

## International Languages Week Junior Campus

Junior Campus students celebrated International Languages Week. They were treated to a daily quiz, cultural food such as Suspiros, Sign Language cookies, and Chocolate Eclairs. Each lunchtime there was an activity. The students had a lot of fun taking part in El Tejo, Kendama, and Petanque.





## Year 8 Science

On Wednesday morning the Room 5 (Junior Campus) Science class planted some natives along the Waihopai River bank as part of their 'Kaitiakitanga' Taking Action Unit. Big thanks to Environment Southland for making it happen.



## Readers Cup

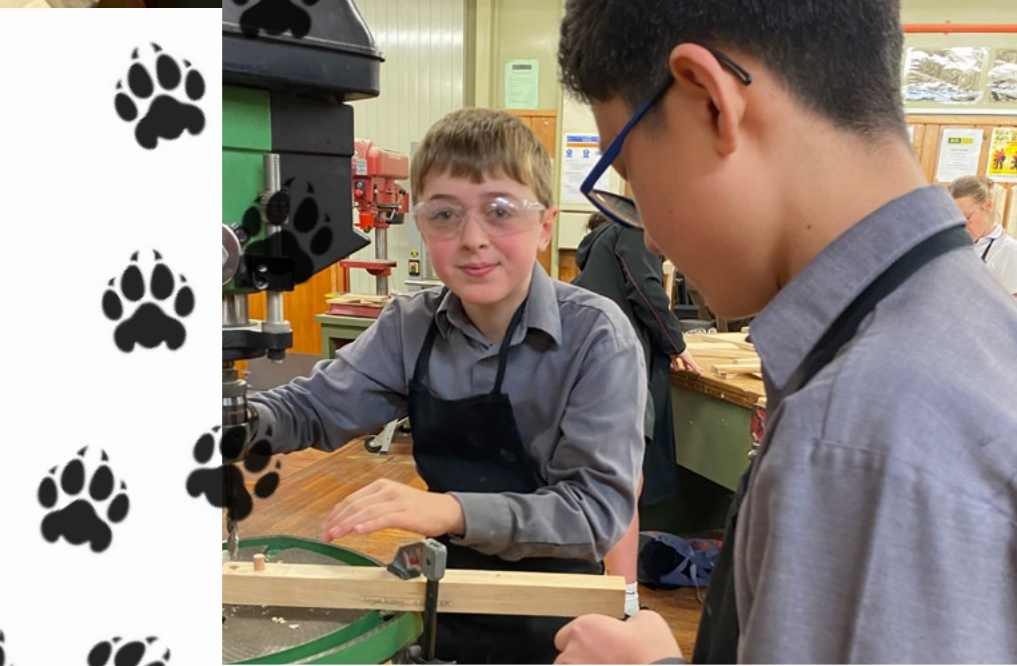
The Southland Interschool Readers Cup competition was held on Monday at the Ascot Hotel. James Hargest has three teams competing in this year's competition. The teams came in 4th, 5th and 10th place. Well done to all the students involved. You participated well and hopefully read some really good books!







*Thank you so much to Mr France who has been working in Mr Brown's classes while he is away. Here are some of the fabulous tables students have created.*



## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS YEARS 9-13

### ONLINE INTERVIEWS

**Thursday 15th August  
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achieving them.

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

***School will close at  
1:00pm on  
Thursday 15 August.***





## Spanish

Year 9 - Reading to new entrants at Waihopai School

This term, the Year 9 Spanish class visited Salford School, where they had the opportunity to present the books they created and wrote. These books, beautifully illustrated and written in basic Spanish, are perfect for young readers. Our students read them to two new entrant classes, engaging the young audience with their stories.

One of our students commented: "I think that Salford was a positive experience and maybe next time we should write more books because the kids kept asking me if I had more books".



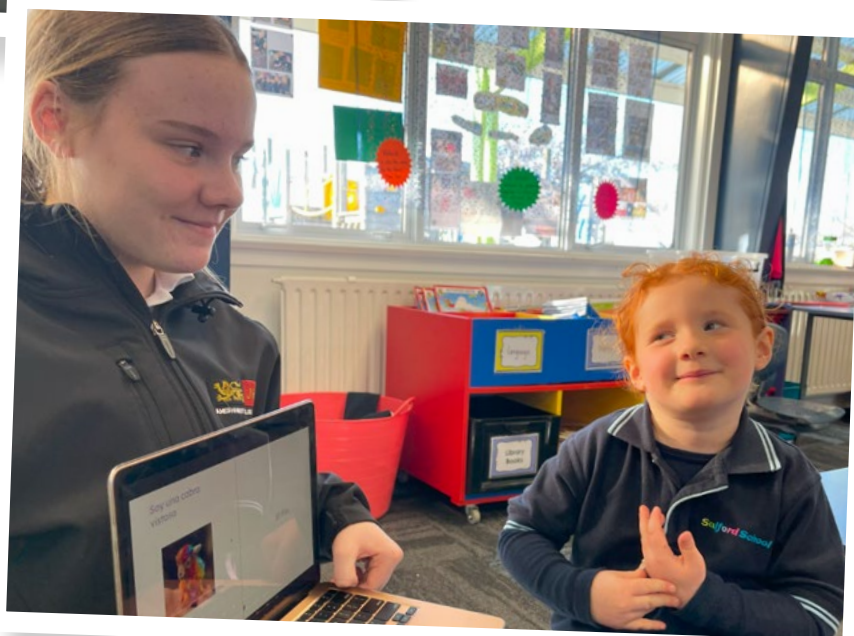


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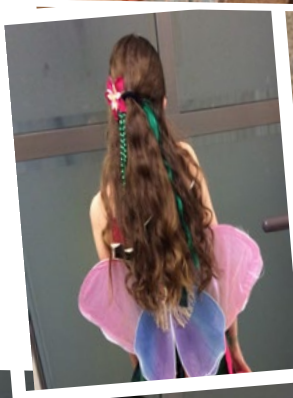


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## Year 9 English

### Ode to Cookie

9ENG with Ms Paulin have been working hard with their writing skills. As a creative writing task, Ms Paulin baked some cookies for her class and brought them in to create poetry about. The students were asked to go through their senses and then create an 'Ode to Cookie'. Below is the winning poem, chosen by Ms Pickering:

#### Ode to Cookie

By Jayden Troon T9SDP

*Oh my what's this?  
A cookie so sweet  
What did I do to deserve such a treat*

*You look so good  
Like an artists piece  
Oh how I cannot wait for this feast*

*I can smell the flavour  
Oh sweet and divine  
May I have another  
Just this one time*

*How you tasted so great  
Oh it makes me weak  
I want to have you  
Every day of the week*

*I would kill for another  
Over and over again  
But if I have anymore  
I may not stay sane*

*Please oh please  
May I have another  
I may even save some  
For my dear mother*

## Accounting

### Young Enterprise Business Challenge

Nine Year 11 accounting students had the exciting opportunity to attend the BP Young Enterprise Business Challenge in Week 8, a three-day event hosted at Central Southland College. The BP Business Challenge is a unique, hands-on learning experience where students dive into the world of entrepreneurship. They develop key employability skills, collaborate in teams to generate innovative business ideas, and present their concepts to seasoned business professionals. "It was a fantastic opportunity to learn about how to develop a business idea," said one student. Another student shared "It was a really great event that I recommend to anyone. It helped me to see how businesses are formed and taught me how to start one myself." Lastly, "It was an enlightening experience and I learned of the many components that make up a business. The pitching stage was especially enjoyable and fun!"

We are thrilled to announce that this enriching experience has been applied for, to be held at JHC Senior Campus, as part of our Year 11 Accounting in Business course in 2025. We look forward to seeing more students benefit from this incredible opportunity in future years.

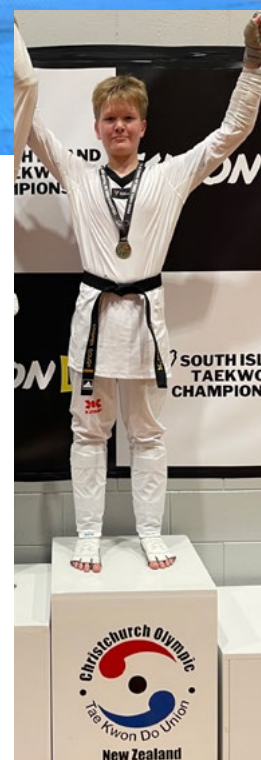
*Pictured above left: one of the teams having a meeting with their advisor as part of the process.*



## Taekwondo

Cooper Gough has been working hard as a member of the Taekwondo NZ Junior Worlds Training Squad, attending various training camps around the country in recent months including winning Gold at The Budo South Open in Tauranga.

On Saturday 8th June Cooper competed in Christchurch at the TUNZ South Island Championships winning 3 medals, Cooper was rapt to win Gold in his main event - Male Black Belt Junior Kyorugi (Sparring). Cooper has a busy few months ahead, he will be attending training camps and competing at various tournaments nationally and overseas.





## Table Tennis News

Southland Champs were held in June, and James Hargest had 3 competitive teams. Teams had travelled from all around Southland to compete which set up a great tournament. All JHC teams won a few games but fell short in the early finals. Some impressive skills were on display with teams improving significantly throughout the day.

## Netball

### Southland Secondary School Championships

The Southland Secondary School Netball Championships were held at Stadium Southland recently, and this was a very successful day for Hargest netball.

Due to the large number of entries, the Senior A and B, and 10 A grades were split into pools, and they then played off for placings based on their pool results. The 10 A team had a very closely

contested game against SGHS 10 A to determine the top of their pool. This was a great game which could have gone either way, SGHS just coming out on top. From there the team went on to finish a very creditable 4th overall, losing to CSC in their playoff.

Gold A and B had excellent tournaments, both teams going through unbeaten in both their pool and play off games to win their respective grades. This is a great achievement to claim both Senior titles so well done to both teams. Gold A took satisfaction from comprehensively beating Wakatipu in the final, after their close game at the interschool earlier that week.

The 9 A grade had fewer entries so it was played in a round robin format. The Hargest 9 A team had a great day, going through the tournament unbeaten to claim the title.

Many thanks to the coaches, managers and umpires who contributed to the success of this day.



## Netball

### INC Secondary School Competition

The INC Secondary School Grades netball competition finished last weekend. While it was a relatively short season this year, all of the teams playing in this grade deserve congratulations for the development and improvement they showed over the season. A very big thank you to all the coaches who worked with these teams - the majority were senior students from Hargest which is awesome.

Congratulations to the 10 Ruby team which won SSG 4, and their coaches Paige King and Harriet Allen (pictured right) and to 10 Jewels who were runners up in SSG 3, coached by Libby Crawford and Katie Oliver.





# Wakatipu High School Exchange

The annual interschool with Wakatipu High School was held in Queenstown recently. It was a very cold and frosty but clear day so perfect conditions for all of the varied sports. It is not often our rugby teams land on thick frost when they are tackled! The day started with a warm welcome to the school and then a very full day of competition began.

All of our teams played competitively, demonstrating positive sportsmanship and determination. All of the students involved represented the school with pride. There were some very close games, and given how close some results were, the interschool could have gone either way. Wakatipu won overall 8 games to 5.

We now look forward to hosting Taieri College next term.

## Rugby



Rugby had 3 teams competing. Girls A team, Boys U15s and 1st XV all played throughout the day. The U15s kicked off in the morning, the field was icy and hard but both teams were keen to put a full effort early in the match, JHC winning 48-24. The girls came in together to make a team made up of seniors and juniors, they dominated the fixture running in 79 points, they won 79-17. The 1st XV were up for the challenge of a strong Wakatipu squad. Tic for tac throughout the majority of the match but Wakatipu home ground advantage pulled them through in the end, JHC going down 14-33.

Activity	Results	Winner
Senior A Netball	34-32	WHS
U15 Rugby	48-24	JHC
10A Netball	48-12	WHS
Debating		JHC
Senior A Boys Basketball	57-78	JHC
1st XI Mixed Hockey	6-3	WHS
1st XI Girls Football	8-2	WHS
1st XV Girls Rugby	79-17	JHC
9A Netball	28-27	WHS
Junior A Boys Basketball	54-35	WHS
1st XI Boys Football	3-1	JHC
U18 Boys Rugby	26-14	WHS
Junior A Girls Basketball	53-30	WHS
TOTAL WHS		8
TOTAL JHC		5
WINNER		WHS

# Waka Ama Icebreaker Challenge

On Saturday 1 June, 18 of our students took part in the Icebreaker Challenge 2024. It was a windy Dunedin morning that greeted us, and the weather forecast did not look favorable. In the end the organizers made some changes to the program, and we ended up racing on a shorter course. We received one first, three seconds, and a third place.

A huge thank you to the parents that made the trip to Dunedin and supported our teams.





# Rugby News

A huge congratulations to Allan Raymond (pictured right) for being selected to attend the Highlanders Schools Camp in Dunedin.

Congratulations to Flynn Elder, Luapou Vine, Ethan McLardy, Allan Raymond and Harlan Te Wiki on making the Southland U16 training squad. Good luck.

Flynn Elder



Luapou Vine



Ethan McLardy



Harlan Te Wiki



Junior Girls Team

# Football News

Yesterday saw the Gold Team take on the Black Team here at Senior Campus with the Black team coming out winners 3-0, however it was a very close game in terms of play and the score line does flatter the black team. James Fleming got one of the goals and Oliver Milne-Wahren got the other two.

Our Lionesses were away at SGHS where they came away with a thumping 10 - 0 win. Considering this is only the second game for some of the team they are performing fantastically well, well done ladies.

And in the last game The Red team travelled to Gore to face

Maruawai Gold. The teams were evenly matched and at half time the game was all level at 0 - 0. Unfortunately in the second half, Maruawai took the lead from a mix up in defense and a misskick which turned into an own goal, putting Maruawai in front. However, the Red Team rallied and fought back, making a few tactical changes on the field. Our boys started to dominate the game, forcing an equaliser scored by Max Thompson. The winning goal was scored by Steven Ishimwe after some great work down the left from Harison Berkers.

A good week for Hargest Football this week, well done to all the teams.





## Cross Country

Congratulations to the JHC Junior Campus students who travelled to the Southland Primary Schools Cross Country Championships. Well done to our top 10 finishes:

Matai K - 1st AWD  
Craig I - 1st 12 boys  
Rupert V - 3rd 12 boys  
Reilly H - 7th 12 boys

Congratulations also to Lewis Blay and Cayden Sanginiti who recently represented Hargest at the New Zealand Secondary School Cross Country Championships in Christchurch. Both boys ran in the Junior Boys race of 4000m and did exceptionally well, both finishing in the top half of the field. Lewis placed 35th overall and Lewis 64th overall in a field of 124 runners. Well done to both boys!



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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  
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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 Friday 9 August 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

### July

Fri	5	Last day of Term 2
Mon	22	First day of Term 3
Tue	23	Enrolments for 2025 open
Thu	25	Kumagaya International Friendship Group arrives Mihi Whakatau at 2:30pm BOT meeting in the Brig, 5:15pm, Senior Campus
Mon-Wed	29-31	Snow Camp
Wed	31	Dance NZ Made

### August

Fri	2	School closes 1:00pm for Open Day setup Sayonara Party 7:00pm
Sun	4	Open Day 12.30pm - 2.30pm Junior Campus
Tue	6	Japan Trip Hui, staff room, 7:00pm Parent Information Evening, 5:30pm, Junior Campus Library (for new students to JHC in 2025)
Tue-Sun	6-11	Southern Jam, Blenheim
Tue-Fri	6-9	Tours of the school
Wed	7	Taieri Exchange
Fri	9	Year 11 Careerfest
Tue-Fri	13-16	Tours of the school
Wed	14	Year 13 Dress Up Day
Thu	15	Parent Teacher Interviews (online) 2.30pm - 7.00pm School closes at 1:00pm Big Sing Cadenza
Tue	20	PTA meeting, 7:30pm, Brig, Senior Campus
Tue-Thu	20-22	Tours of the school
Wed	21	BOT meeting in the Brig, 5:15pm, Senior Campus
Mon	26	Polyfest Week

## Junior Campus

### July

Fri	5	Last day of Term 2
Mon	22	First day of Term 3
Tue	23	Enrolments for 2025 open
Wed	24-26	Oamaru Sports Exchange in Oamaru
Thu	25	Kumagaya International Friendship Group arrives BOT meeting in the Brig, 5:15pm, Senior Campus

### August

Fri	2	School closes 1:00pm for Open Day setup Sport and Rec begins
Sun	4	Open Day 12.30pm - 2.30pm Junior Campus
Tue	6	Parent Information Evening, 5:30pm, Junior Campus Library (for new students to JHC in 2025)
Tue-Fri	6-9	Tours of the school
Tue	13	Student Learning Conferences 3.30pm - 5.30pm
Tue-Fri	13-16	Tours of the school
Thu	15	Student Learning Conferences 1.30pm - 5.30pm (1.00pm finish for students)
Tue	20	PTA meeting, 7:30pm, Brig, Senior Campus
Tue-Thu	20-22	Tours of the school
Wed	21	BOT meeting in the Brig, 5:15pm, Senior Campus
Thu	22	Whānau Hui at 5pm
Mon	26	Polyfest Week
Fri	23	Teacher Only Day (English Curriculum Refresh) Junior Campus closed for instruction
Tue	27	Polyfest performance at 2.00pm





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