

JHC

JAMES HARGEST COLLEGE KEEP FAITH

9 May 2025

Popstars



Principal's Comment



Mike Newell
Principal

Kia ora e te whānau,

Our students have quickly got back into positive learning habits as we start the new term, which is a short one being 9 weeks. Coming up soon are the Literacy and Numeracy CAA's (Common Assessment Activities) for a number of our Year 10 and 11 students. Students are encouraged to use the practice material provided on the NZQA site. There is further information on these assessments,

as well as how to access resources to support preparation further in this newsletter.

This week approximately 100 Year 13 students visited Dunedin for the annual Tertiary Open Day, where they experience lectures at both the University and Polytech, visit halls of residence and generally orientate themselves a little with campus life. Whilst a number of students do know the direction they are going post school, it is very common for students to be a bit unsure or have no idea at all. This can be a stressful time for senior students especially if they have a perception that parents and teachers expect them to have things planned out. My advice to students in this category is to not spend time worrying but to focus on their studies and qualifications, to keep as many doors open as possible. Our Careers Department and Senior Deans are a valuable resource for students to seek advice about potential career and further study options.

Last week on both campuses, assemblies were held as part of our ANZAC Day remembrance. ANZAC Day takes on extra significance for our kura as we reflect on our namesake Brigadier James Hargest

and his deeds across both World War 1 and 2. Like so many others, Hargest gave the ultimate sacrifice of his life in battle. We make no attempt to glorify war but instead seek to pay our respects to the men and women who served on foreign soil.

Our building project is well underway and we have some photos in this newsletter for you to see. We are excited to see the progress after many years of uncertainty. All going well, our students will be learning in this building this time next year.

As the winter sporting season begins I would like to thank all of our community volunteers. We still have some teams that are needing some adult supervision (not necessarily coaching). If you are able to assist in any way please contact the sports office.

Ngā mihi
Mike Newell
Principal



PTA Report



Jo Wilson
PTA Chairperson

Kia ora from the PTA!

Welcome to Term 2, the weather is certainly getting the chilly winter feel now.

On a personal note, my family has had the wonderful experience of hosting a lovely young lady from Thailand for the last 8 weeks. This (not our first time) is such a wonderful experience to open our home, provide a 'kiwi' family opportunity but also for my family to learn about a new culture. Taking our student out and about to show her all the hidden gems that Invercargill and surrounding areas has to offer, you forget how beautiful our little slice of paradise really is.

He aroha whakatō, he aroha puta mai.

If kindness is sown then kindness you shall receive.

It has been a quiet month for the PTA. We have helped out with the parent

teacher meetings ensuring the staff have a break and some light refreshments.

At our next meeting on 22nd May we will meet our student reps, which we are all very excited about.

Until next month!

Ngā mihi,
Jo Wilson and the PTA Team

PTA Meeting Dates

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

Thursday 22 May (AGM and meeting)

Thursday 21st August

Thursday 6th November

From the Boardroom



Toni Green
BOT Presiding Member

Kia ora koutou,

Term Two has arrived and with it a host of winter sports and cultural activities. When at school for our Board meetings, we are often treated to music in the background. We have witnessed the production crew rehearsing with a fun song or a group dance number,

Kapa singing a spine tingling waiata or building to a powerful haka, choir harmonising a beautiful performance piece or the orchestra warming up. This term we might see some preparation for Hautoka or Show Quest as those groups build towards their big competitions. With all of those groups, there are dedicated teachers working with students to help them perform to the very best of their ability and shine on the stage. To those teachers who give so much time to performance and also to those who give up evenings, weekends, holidays for huge stretches of time with our sports teams, thank you for what you do for the students at our school. The Board can see what goes into creating these opportunities and we are very grateful for all the time and effort.

It is exciting to see the continued development of the new building. This block will be the new Science Block and Student Support Centre and we are all eagerly watching the progress. There is some progress too on the

Board approved new Drama space. The flooring has finally arrived and now it is all systems go. It will be great to have this space being utilised to support the performing arts in our school, which has always been a strength and admired by our community.

During Term Two the Board has approved the early closure of the Senior Campus to work on the revitalised Year 9 curriculum. Thank you to the community for the support. The new courses give greater choice to students and allow for greater personalisation of learning pathways. It is a significant undertaking for our school and we know it is all focused on the students who come through our gates and ensuring we are helping them to “create the best possible future for themselves and their world.”

All the very best for a great term to our whole school whānau.

Ngā mihi,
Toni Green

Year 9 2026

If you would like to see the courses currently being planned and let us know what you would choose for your young person, please check out: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdV0dfo1RyviRp0WkMxarguBhwBG2zfzJhD8QYcXWwLA3tkWA/viewform?usp=header>

Whānau Report



Matua Neitana Tane

No runga i te aroha me te whakapono te mihi nei,

Tō tika ki te mihi ki ngā mariekura tae mai. We are glad to welcome Debbie Ruwhiu (Year 9 and 10 Reo Māori) and tō tātou nei (our very own) Chloe Madden (Year 9 Reo Māori). We are also happy to welcome the very capable, and willing to contribute, Miss Jen Marsh, our student teacher with us until week 7. Our Kapa is well supported with Miss Mouat and Miss Marshall joining the kaiako o te Kapa Haka o Hēmi Hākena. Miss Miles has also taken up the challenge of Kapa Haka.

Hoki mai te pukenga, hoki mai te rawa. The experienced and dedicated Pā Greg Haukamau has returned. Tēnā koe e Pā.

Our taiohi continue to share their enthusiasm, dedication and aroha ki te kaupapa/love for what they do. Ka nūnui te mihi aroha ki ngā whānau e ū ki te kaupapa. Thank you whānau for the trust

and faith you have in us as a kura. Me kore mutu te mihi.

Meanwhile, the major competitions for this year lay pending! Here is a reminder of some important dates.

The annual Ngā Manu Kōrero - Otago/Southland Māori Speech Competition will be held at the Dunedin Town Hall on Wednesday and Thursday, May the 28th and 29th. We have four speakers in each of the junior and senior Māori and English sections.

The biennial Hautoka - Otago/Southland Secondary School's Kapa Haka Competition will be held on June the 15th at the Dunedin Edgar Centre.

Tēnei te mihi tonu nei atu ki te whānau.

Hei kona mai,
Matua Neitana

Staff Farewell Senior Campus

Richard James



In 2016 Richard James arrived at JHC to take up the the Head of Junior English position. He arrived in his RM Williams boots, his bulging briefcase in hand. Cashmere High were sad to let a man of Richard's immense ability leave their school where he was a long-standing and noted Head of Media Studies. Their loss was our gain.

An advocate for the art of the written word, Richard has entered many writing competitions showing his students that learning doesn't stop when the

classroom door closes. Creativity is a lifelong journey, and as Richard enters retirement, he will finally have the time and opportunity to expand on his own published works. (For anyone who wasn't aware, Richard has written a novel and many short stories and we are very keen to see more and more of his written work published during his retirement.)

This love of writing can be seen in the impact Richard has had on students in his classes and through Interrobang, as Amanda Henderson (Interrobang's Editor) has recorded:

"I don't think Mr James fully realises the profound impact he's had on the editors he's worked with over the years. Interrobang has always been more than a magazine—it's been his labour of love. His encouragement, his sharp eye, and the way he always greeted us with a smile made the meetings a joy. We'd often chat about school life, laugh about his latest Year 9 class, and share excitement over the amazing student writing being submitted. He was always pushing and asking for more and more, and being given incredible pieces of writing as a result."

As the demands of a changing curriculum grew, Richard increased his output. Vocabulary evolved - learning intentions, moderation, exemplars, and double marking. The classroom walls were vibrant - exemplars of student work providing inspiration and next steps for both his students and for staff to consider when popping in for a two minute conversation. This is just a small example of his generosity, his willingness to give of his time.

Farewell Richard - and as Aimee Marshall has penned,

*It's a big step to take
But you are ready
At the start you'll have time to spare
With nothing pressing or causing urgency
Life of leisure, here you come
Time for writing
Time for reading
Time for travelling
Time for listening to music
Time for coffee with a Dutch woman
No looking back now
The world at your fingertips
Time to enjoy it.*

Go well in retirement Richard. You have certainly earned it.

Matua Tere



Ki tō tātou Terence. Aroha ki runga, ki raro, ki roto, ki waho. Mauri tau. Rere pai. E taku uwhi.

At the end of last term we farewelled Matua Tere. Terence Started at Hēmi Hākena in 2022. In his time with us, he has made valuable connections with staff and students who all appreciate his approachable, friendly, warm nature. Matua Tere has a passion for all things Māori and his enthusiasm and enjoyment has sparked joy across our kura and wider whānau. He has run Māori classes for the community, put in massive hours with Kapa Haka and Manu Kōrero and helped grow numbers taking te reo Māori.

In the classroom, Matua Tere showed real strengths in digital planning and record keeping. He always worked well to a

deadline and his work was always of the highest standard. Matua Tere is fastidious with the accuracy of spelling and grammar of te reo Māori and would gently upskill and correct us all on our reo journey. As a Dean, he was positive, helpful, wise and considered. Always seeking to ensure best possible outcomes for all. He is a superb listener and hugely empathetic - strengths that ensure rangatahi feel heard, valued and can trust him.

A gentleman and a scholar, Matua Tere we will miss you.



Staff Farewell Senior Campus

Andrew Coley



Last year JHC welcomed Andrew Coley to the team. Initially as a relief teacher, Andrew moved to become a part time teacher of Mathematics. Andrew was a valued member of the teaching team who worked hard and created awesome lesson plans and resources for his classes. He was dedicated in his approach and always seeking to ensure lessons were well planned and students had opportunities to catch up on any missed learning. We wish Andrew all the very best with his next steps.

Staff Welcome Senior Campus

Justine Hänni



We are thrilled to welcome Justine to the Teacher Aide team at the Senior Campus. Justine joins us from Switzerland and has already made fantastic connections around our kura. In her spare time, Justine enjoys baking, walking, reading and being a mum. Justine is a native French speaker and also fluent in German. Welcome Justine!

Debbie Ruhwui



Welcome to the JHC teaching team Whaea Debbie. A long standing member of the Hēmi Hākena whānau, Debbie has worked with staff for a number of years through Poutama Pounamu. We are thrilled she is now working with rangatahi in both Year 9 and Year 10 Te Reo Māori classes. Haere mai Debbie!

Staff News Senior Campus

Simon Wilkinson (Doc)



Doc has taken up the mantle of Senior Thomson Dean this term. Thomson students will benefit from his wisdom and wit!

Emily Coll



Congratulations to Emily Coll who got married in the school holidays! Congratulations Emily!

Whaea Chloe



Whaea Chloe has come up the road to teach a Year 9 Te Reo Māori class alongside her home room and pastoral commitments at the Junior Campus. Ngā mihi nui Whaea Chloe! We know the rangatahi are loving having you with them.

House Day Haiku Poems

Junior Campus

House Day Was Great Fun

Activities were awesome

Everyone loved it

By Cooper Ward

Thomson is the best

The mighty red house is top

Chanting all the way

By Scarlett Robson

Go Hamilton yah

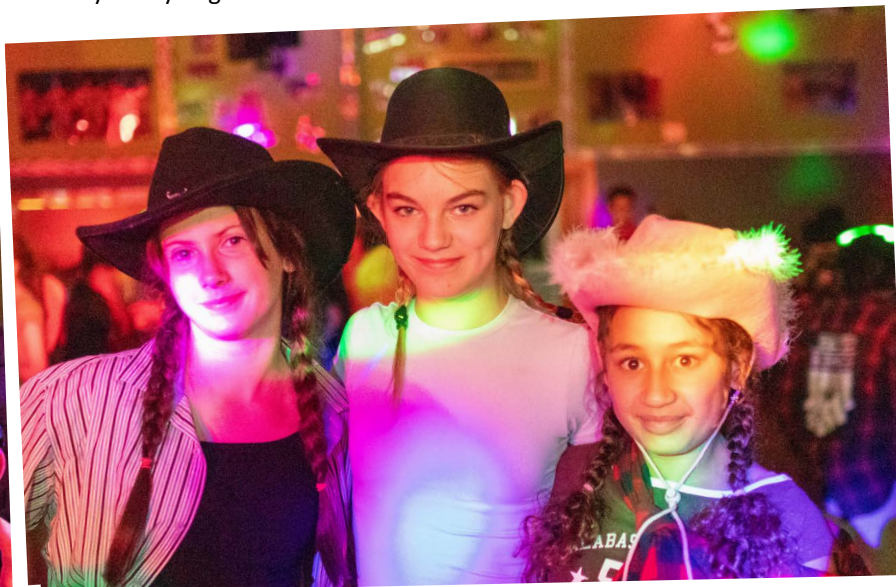
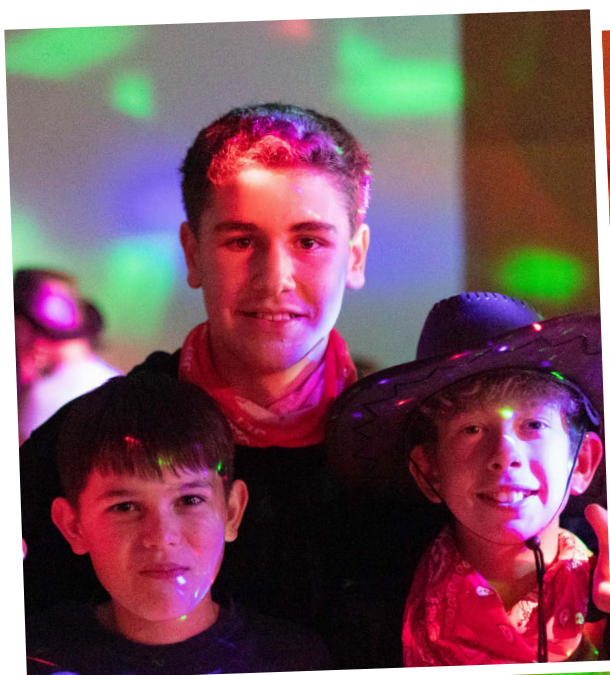
Hamilton is the best house

Lots of yellow clothes

By Skyla Stapleforth-Bear

Junior Campus Disco

Students had a fantastic time at the Disco recently. Can you guess the thme?





Student Council

The Student Council has had a number of productive meetings this term. The 2025 Student Council is comprised of a 6-student Executive Committee (one missing from the photo) and 10 sub-committees. These committees were formed within the council to tackle important issues that students face from mental health to sports and culture and more. Throughout the Senior Campus we have approximately 160 students involved. We hope that this structure to the council will make effective and positive change in and out of Hēmi Hākena. The leaders of the 2025 Student Council are:

Executive Council (pictured below right, L-R): Neve Templeton, Rohan Brown (Secretary), David Hardy, Rose Dougherty (Co-president) and Heilala Pita (Co-president). Chloe Savage was absent from photo.

Committee Leaders: Hannah Dick, Alexander Sandiford, Saranya Sarisa, Emma Winder, Kyra Savory, Mason Shaw, Aria Emms, Desandi Fonseka, Harris Evans, Maria Simpson, Harriet Fleck, Carly Fraser, Alyssa Gillet, Emma Steele, Cora O'Rourke, Janet Wei, Samson Parkinson, Luapou Vine, Ethan Stark, Elsie Turrell, Hannah Woodcock and Annie Zhang.

The Student Council is also supported by the Student BOT Rep, Ben Hargest, and Mr Dymond.





GRIP Leadership Conference

The Year 8 Student Council members and kaiarataki enjoyed an inspiring day at the GRIP Leadership Conference in Gore. The students participated in fun activities that lead to important messages about leadership and the qualities needed to be a successful leader. Our Head Students attended the Secondary Day as well.



SCIENCE Climate Collaboration Hui

Environment Southland welcomed about 100 people to the Climate Collaboration Hui at the Invercargill Workingmen's Club for an informative and inspiring day.

There were keynote addresses from Simon Upton, the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment, Professor James Renwick, former Climate Commissioner and current director of the Master's in Climate Change Science and Policy programme at Victoria University, and Mike Casey from Rewiring Aotearoa.

Those attending were updated on the regional response to our changing climate, and it was a great opportunity to discuss climate actions and network with other stakeholders. The organisers stated "It was incredibly impressive to see the two JHC students – Abby Graham and Janet Wei attending the Climate Collaboration Hui. Abby and Janet represented the school and themselves remarkably, fully participating in the conversations at their table and during workshop time in the afternoon, leading the way being the first group to present back to the full room and showing everyone how it is done."



Science Wānanga



On the 12-15th of March seven JHC Year 10 students attended a Science Wānanga at the Murihiku Marae put on in partnership with the Waihōpai Rūnaka and the University of Otago. Students from each of the schools in Invercargill attended and participated in a variety of activities. They first checked the health of the Waihōpai awa by looking at the invertebrates, tuna (freshwater eels) and water clarity. Some of the other activities were bottle rocket launches, hydrogen fueled cars and making ice cream with liquid nitrogen. There were games and group building activities in te reo Māori. All of our students did us proud, especially Charlotte White who won a special prize for contribution and engagement.



WHĀNAU KŌRERO

In today's fast-moving world, many boys are struggling to find direction. Even well-meaning online searches about fitness, confidence or relationships can lead them to content that promotes rigid or unhealthy ideas about masculinity. The critically acclaimed TV show 'Adolescence' has brought fresh attention to this issue, highlighting how boys are often exposed to messages that glorify toughness and dominance, while dismissing empathy and emotional openness.

These outdated beliefs can limit emotional growth and impact how boys relate to others - with real consequences in schools, homes and communities. That's why it's more important than ever to guide boys with care, clarity and connection.

By offering healthier role models, safe spaces to talk, and encouraging respectful friendships - especially across genders - we can help boys develop the confidence, empathy and relationship skills they need to thrive.



Shaping Healthy Masculinity

This special report calls for a cultural shift and advocates for curiosity-driven dialogue that builds trust and critical thinking. The goal is to raise boys who are not just resistant to harmful influences, but actively capable of questioning and rejecting them. Here is the link to your special report:

https://jameshargest.nz.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-shaping-healthy-masculinity-nz



SchoolTV

Empower confidence.

Whānau Kōrero

IMPORTANT DATES

CALENDAR

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Literacy & Numeracy Corequisite Assessment Tasks

In Week 4 of this term, from May 19th to May 23th, Y10 students and some students in Y11, Y12 and Y13 will have the opportunity to sit the Literacy and Numeracy Corequisite Assessments.

These three assessments enable students to gain the Literacy & Numeracy credits that are required to attain an NCEA qualification. If a student is unsuccessful or absent, there will be another opportunity at the end of Term 3 of this year. Failing that, students will be able to continue sitting these assessments until they are successful.

Over the last few weeks students have been preparing for these assessments. They have been asked to ensure that their device is able to access the website and the past sample digital papers and to ensure that their device is fully charged each day. The battery will need to be able to last for at least two hours at a time. If their device does not have the necessary specifications, they will be able to borrow a school

device. Students should let their form teacher know and one will be booked for them. It is unlikely that a device will be able to be borrowed on the day without prior booking. For students who use SAC conditions, appropriate assistance is being organised.

Students have a minimum of 60 minutes to complete each assessment. However, if a student needs extra time, it is available to them. Students cannot leave the assessment in the first hour, but will be able to return to class at the end of the lesson or when they get finished in the second hour. They will need to be prepared for this.

See below for days and period times for each assessment session. Students should be aware that sessions start at slightly different times each day due to the school timetable. All assessment sessions will take place in the Hall. Students should be outside the Hall at least 5 minutes before the start of the assessment.

Form Class or Year Group	Reading	Writing	Numeracy
10DC/10NJN/10HMT/10AJZ/10KMR/Whānau	Mon 19th – P3/P4	Fri 23rd - P1/P2	Thur 22nd – P1/P2
10PSH/10BBS/10NMS/10AHN/10CL/10ASR	Tue 20th – P1/P2	Fri 23rd – P3/FT/P4	Thur 22nd – P3/P4
Seniors (Y11/Y12/Y13)	Wed 21st – SSR/P5	Tue 20th – P3/FT/P4	Wed 21st – P1/P2

Please see the links below for more information and access to some revision and practice material.

Reading: <https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/subjects/past-exams-and-exemplars/litnum/32403/>

Writing: <https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/subjects/past-exams-and-exemplars/litnum/32405/>

Numeracy: <https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/subjects/past-exams-and-exemplars/litnum/32406/>



Interrobang

Get ready for Interrobang 2025! We're a team of dedicated writers and artists, excited to showcase our school's creative talent through our annual magazine. This year, we're led by our fantastic editorial team: Natalie Snoek (Year 12) and Fletcher McDowall (Year 11) for Writing, Alicia Purdon (Year 11) for Creative Work, and Amanda Henderson as our Editor In Chief. We're also grateful for the guidance of our teachers in charge, Ms Miles and Miss Haveron. Our magazine's stunning design is in the capable hands of Matilda Vincent and Hayley Stark. Keep an eye out for submission details, coming soon! We can't wait to see your incredible creations.

INTERROBANG

Hēmi Hākena Creative Writing & Arts Magazine

Submissions Now Open

Due 22nd August

Email: 21030@jhc.school.nz

Submit on Google Classroom: ozx3azf

LEO Club

Kiwi release day



Recently we had the pleasure of releasing not so little LEO back to her original forest in Omataroa. LEO reached the safe "stoat-proof" weight of 1 kilogram, and by the time LEO was released she weighed a whopping 1074g - this gives her the best chance of survival, and we couldn't have done it without your help. As a female, we can only hope that in future seasons, we receive eggs laid by LEO herself.

She's pictured at her final health check before her journey back to her original ngāhere (forest), with kiwi keeper, Anna.





NEW BUILD 1

Senior Campus

Things are getting exciting with our new Science and Student Support block. Lots of earth has been shifted and now we are beginning to lay the foundations for future learning.





Performance Studio

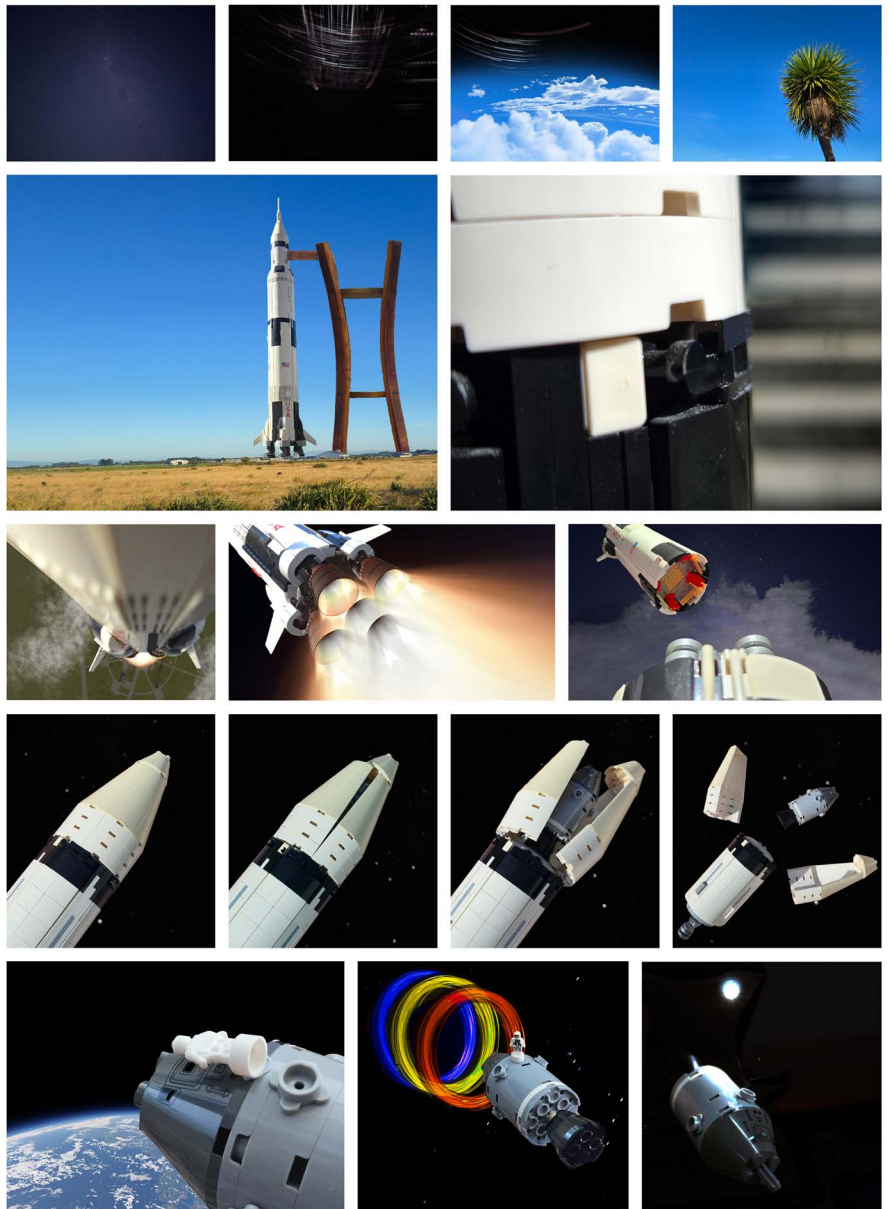
Senior Campus



Our Performance Studio (Studio One) is getting closer to completion. The floor has been laid and things are starting to take shape.

Level 3 Photography

Students are learning innovative techniques to showcase their ideas. Shown right is work in progress of a space themed photography board by Cameron Labes.





POPSTARS

THE 90's MUSICAL

Major Production - Director's Comment

This year's Major Production debuted its Term 1 timeslot, in the form of **Popstars: The 90's Musical**. It was a musical blast from the past that guaranteed audiences tapped their toes and sang along to the irresistible pop tunes from the 90's.

It was an action-packed showcase of the many talented students at our kura. The

creative team gives their sincerest thanks to the performers involved, who worked hard all term to get this show up and moving. We have had an absolutely fabulous time singing, dancing, and acting together every week. This show would not be possible without the team of talented and

dedicated performers who have topped the charts with this celebration of all things 90s.

This year we welcomed some new members of our creative team:

The multitasking Whaea Sally Bodkin-Allen joined us as Musical Director. She took up the challenge in her new role here at JHC and utilised her





phenomenal musical knowledge to benefit our ākonga. Her enthusiasm and pure joy in singing was evident throughout all rehearsals from the beginning, and our cast thrived under her guidance.

Ms Annie Haveron also joined the team as Choreographer. This show has been a trial by fire for her with fifteen dance numbers requiring her expertise and advice. All of which she handled with ease and cheeky humour.

This show would be impossible to put on without the support of our school and wider community. Many staff members gave time and effort into making our performers shine. Special mention to theatre extraordinaire, Mrs Catherine Fabre and costume guru, Ms Bex Pilley, who are integral to the smooth running of our production. And to Ms Pip Smith, whose knowledge of stagecraft and backstage set up was integral to the magic that happened on stage.

Our 2025 Major Production of **Popstars: The 90's Musical** was a POP-star studded sensation that allowed us to get our beats in sync and dance the night away in double denim style.

DIRECTOR
AIMEE MARSHALL

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
CATHERINE FABRE

MUSICAL DIRECTOR
SALLY BODKIN-ALLEN





Recently, some of our international students had the chance to visit the magical Glowworm Caves in Te Anau. The adventure began with a scenic boat ride across the beautiful Lake Te Anau. Once at the caves, the students were guided through twisting limestone passages, marvelling at the rushing underground waterfalls and unique rock formations. The highlight of the trip was a silent boat ride through the glowworm grotto, where thousands of tiny glowworms lit up the darkness like a starry night sky. The trip was a perfect mix of learning and wonder, giving students a closer look at New Zealand's natural beauty and a chance to experience something truly unique.

International Students Explore the Glowworm Caves in Te Anau

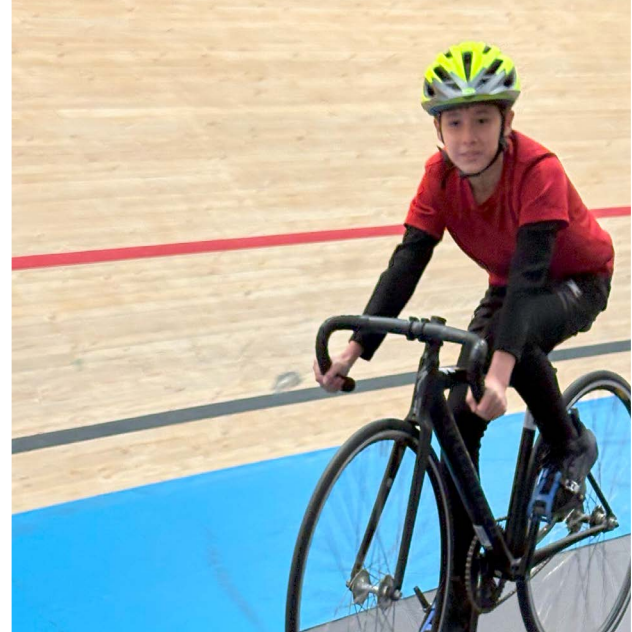




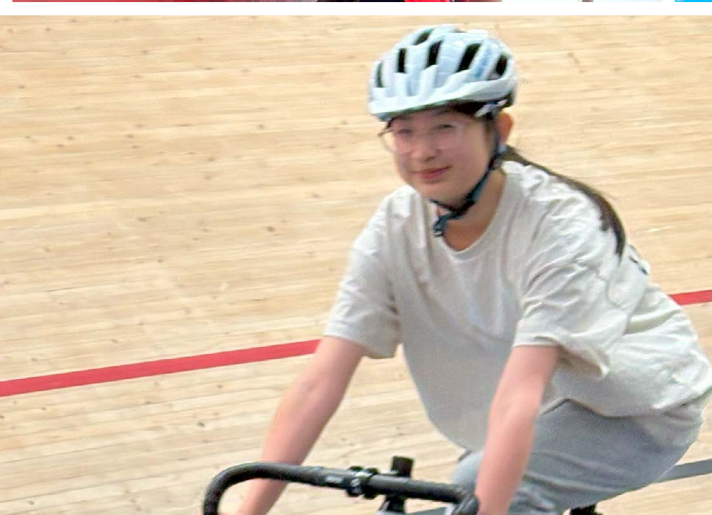
Thai Students' Exciting Holiday Adventure in Queenstown

During the holidays, a group of our short-term Thai students embarked on an unforgettable holiday trip to Queenstown, New Zealand. The adventure was packed with thrilling activities and breathtaking scenery that left everyone with memories to last a lifetime. The trip was a perfect mix of adventure, friendship, and new experiences – a true Queenstown adventure that will not be forgotten!





International students enjoyed a fun day at Stadium Southland. They tried a variety of sports and activities and learnt new skills.





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COLLEGE**

BRIGADIER'S DIPLOMA

In 2024 James Hargest College chose to replace NCEA Level One with our own bespoke qualification to better prepare our students for NCEA Level Two and recognise achievement that is consistent with our values. The Brigadier's Diploma provides a framework for assessing students in Year 11 that maintains and protects academic rigour, while incorporating wider holistic educational goals. Academic performance is the foundation of the award but students are also judged on their Hargest Way grades for effort and respect and are expected to maintain excellent attendance. The Diploma can also be endorsed with Sport, Culture and Āwhina (or service) depending on their wider contribution.



ANNIE TRAN
TOP SCHOLAR
YEAR 11

CONGRATULATIONS TO:



**AMELIA
CAMERON**



**SOFIA
CAMPBELL-WALL**



**ALEX
CHOI**



**RASHINI
FERNANDO**



**DESANDI
FONSEKA**



**DAVID
HARDY**



**HASANLI
HEWA
BABARANDA**



**JACK
JIA**



**LARA
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**NATALIE
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**EMMA
STEELE**



**OLIVIA
THOMAS**



**JANET
WEI**



**EMMA
WINDER**



**BENJAMIN
WYATT**

The Brigadier's Diploma uses the metaphor of a Tōtara tree to represent the stages of achievement. The premier and highly coveted award is the Tōtara Pounamu. Students were presented with their certificate and very special pounamu badge at a ceremony in front of their peers, whānau and teachers. These students are outstanding in every respect and we are very proud of them.

TŌTARA POUNAMU

Attendance at Hēmi Hākena

High attendance rates across our kura are a source of pride. In order to retain (and increase) these rates we continue to work hard, together as a community, to ensure our rangatahi are at school, in their classes. We know this has a high contribution to success in education. This will positively impact their future.

Some of the common attendance codes you might see on your child's attendance and what they stand for are:

- P - Present
- L - Late
- U - Unjustified Absence
- J - Justified absence

Justified and Unjustified absences can be confusing. To be marked as a Justified Absence our kura works to a set of rules to ensure transparency, consistency, and fairness to all. A Justified Absence is granted for:

- A day to attend a tangi / funeral
- Competing in approved sporting or cultural events / tournaments
- A day for a family wedding
- Dance, music or speech exam

Unjustified Absences are the likes of:

- A family holiday
- A non-specific appointment
- Taking a pet to the vet
- Job Interview

First and foremost, attendance queries should be addressed to your child's form teacher. They are monitoring the days rangatahi are absent and looking for any patterns in this. Deans are also a great support and are monitoring the individual periods absent within a day where students are otherwise present, and are especially monitoring where attendance rates begin to fall.

If you know your child is going to be absent in advance, on a family holiday for instance, please email, our Attendance Officer, Lisa Martin, who will action the paperwork for the student to get signed off by their teachers. It is important for Year 12 - 13 students to carefully examine the impact of such absences on their NZQA assessments. We especially encourage students to check the flowchart for absence from a test or absence for an assessment deadline. Year 11 students should be aware of the impact unjustified absences will have on levels of achievement for their Brigadier's Diploma for which we know most have set high goals.

Our Attendance Officer, Lisa Martin, is always available to discuss attendance queries and can be reached by emailing attendance@jameshargest.school.nz, via the app, or by ringing the school on 03) 217 6129.

He iti te mokoroa, nāna i kati te kahikatea
The mokoroa (grub) may be small, but it cuts through the Kahikatea.

This whakatauki reflects that small things can have a great impact. It encourages us to think big. Although numbers or resources may be small, like the mokoroa, it is possible to achieve great tasks / achievements.

Modern teenagers meet guardians of the forest. The outcome might surprise. The mythical characters of Māoritanga show they have much to offer the people of today.

James Hargest College Proudly Presents

Wāhi Tapu

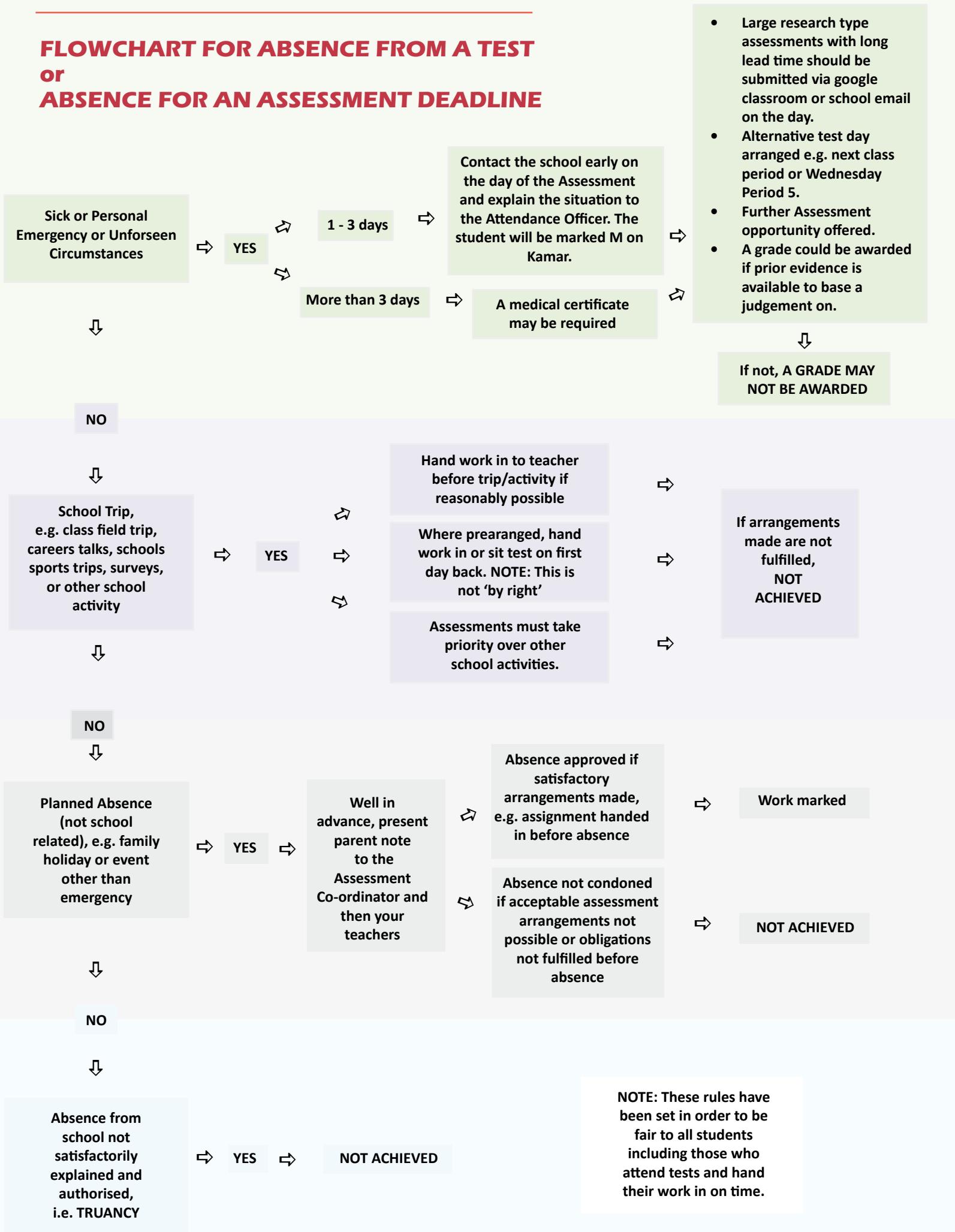
**THE NOT SO
MAJOR
PRODUCTION**



James Hargest College Senior Campus Hall
Wednesday 18 June and Thursday 19 June at 7.00pm
Adults \$10.00 — Students \$5.00

Absence from an assessment

FLOWCHART FOR ABSENCE FROM A TEST or ABSENCE FOR AN ASSESSMENT DEADLINE





Pre RYDA Workshop Discoveries

On Monday 12 May, all Year 12 students will attend the RYDA road safety workshop. During the workshop you'll be discussing a number of topics and finding strategies that will help keep you and your friends, safe. Come to the workshop prepared to discuss your experiences.

OPTION

1

MIND-STATE

Practice a grounding exercise designed to relieve anxiety and help you stay in the moment: Close your eyes and slowly take 3 deep breaths. Open your eyes and identify and name the following: 5 things you see; 4 things you feel; 3 things you hear; 2 things you smell; 1 thing you taste. After you've completed the exercise, take a moment and then record your findings (ie, impact on focus, mood, etc).

OPTION

2

DISTRACTIONS

Have a look in your family car and see how many potential distractions you can identify. Find and comment on one distraction that you think can be removed, and one distraction that can't be removed but can be managed.

OPTION

3

SAFER ROADS

Research a local road or one that you regularly drive on (say, for family holidays) that has undergone an upgrade. Jot down the improvements that were made, research why they were made and bring the information along to the RYDA workshop.

OPTION

4

SAFER VEHICLES

Research the kind of car you might buy as your first car. Start by setting your budget and looking at your options (eg, new or second hand/ 'must have' features). Once you have decided on your car run a search and write down the safety features it comes with. Bring your list along to the RYDA day and compare with the safety features discussed.

OPTION

5

SAFER SPEEDS

Do an online search to find a comprehensive definition of speeding as it relates to driving and determine the percentage of road crashes, in this country, where speeding is found to be a direct factor in fatality crashes.

OPTION

6

VULNERABLE ROAD USERS

Create and conduct an online survey of vulnerable road users (pedestrians, cyclists, motorbike bike riders, roadworkers, etc). Analyse the behaviour (positive and negative) of these road users and, from their perspective, the behaviour (positive and negative) of vehicle drivers as they interact with them. Identify the three most reported negative/ dangerous behaviours for each of the two road user groups and bring your findings to the RYDA workshop.

ANZAC Day Parade



“They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. We will remember them.”

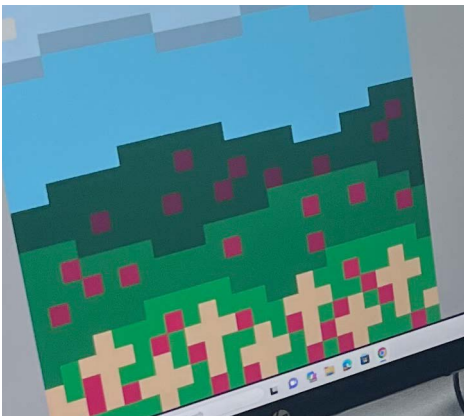
Our student leaders represented our kura at the Dawn Parade. Our thoughts went to our namesake, Brigadier James Hargest as our students placed the wreath on the cenotaph. We are also proud of the other JHC students and staff performing their different roles in the ceremony, especially Miss Gooding who played the last post.



ANZAC ceremonies were held for all year levels at the Senior Campus. Our focus was on contemplation, gratitude, reflection and respect. Lest we forget.

Digital Technologies

Lucas Whelan, Year 10, created a poster in Illustrator and Photoshop (far right). Jack Ledington, Year 9, made a Flanders Field animation in Piskel.



Top Art Exhibition

May 21 - May 28
Senior Campus Library Classroom



Check out the Exhibition of NZ's Top NCEA Level 3 Folios. It will be held at James Hargest College from Wednesday 21 May until Wednesday 28 May in the Senior Campus Library Classroom.



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Junior Campus House Haka

It was big, it was loud, it was proud. Congratulations to all students for their mahi and mana in performance.





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Volleyball

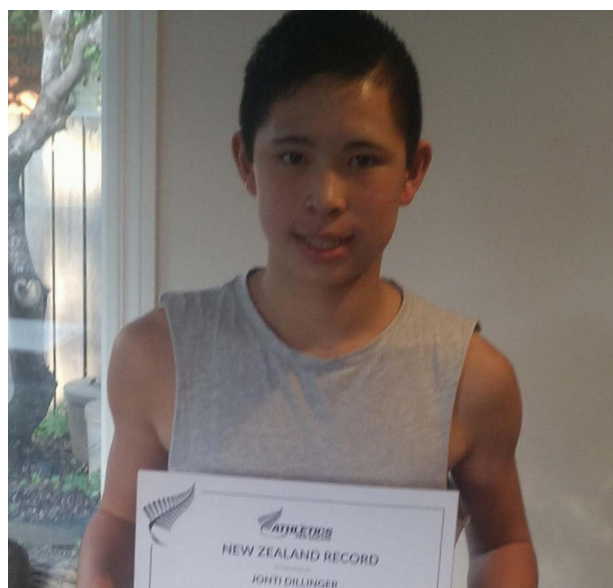
Well done to these volleyballers who competed in the Lower South Island tournament and the Southern Smash recently. Great effort everyone!



Cycling

NZ Record

Congratulations to Riley Faulkner, a member of Cycling Southland, who has been named part of the 10-Strong team for the 2025 UCI Junior Track World Championships to be held in the Netherlands in August! Keep smashing your goals Riley!



Athletics

NZ Record

Congratulations to Jonti Dillinger who has had his NZ record confirmed in the T63 Long jump from February. It was an U17, U18, U19, U20 and Open record. Well done Jonti. Amazing achievement! Can't wait to see what you do next!



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Junior Campus

Our Public Health Nurse Sarah Liggins-Walters is available to support students with any health inquiries. Please phone 027 299 0788 to arrange an appointment. Alternatively students can fill in a referral form in the office and post it in the post box. Sarah will then make contact with the student.

Senior Campus

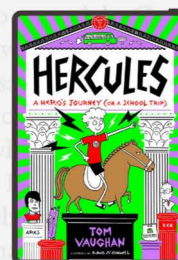
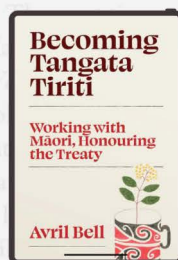
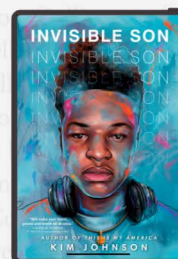
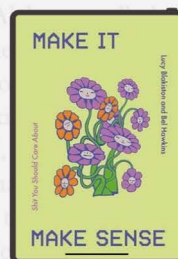
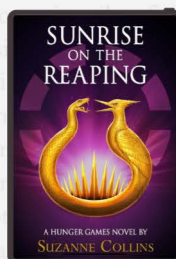
Our Public Health Nurse (Sarah) is available every Monday from 10:30am - 11:15am in the Guidance Department. This is a free, confidential service.

You can text 027 299 0788 to book an appointment with Sarah, turn up on the day or arrange an appointment through the Guidance Department.

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Term Dates for 2025

Term 2:

Monday 2 June: King's Birthday – school closed

Friday 20 June: Matariki – school closed

Friday 27 June: Last day of Term 2

Term 3:

Monday 14 July: Start of Term 3

Friday 19 September: Last day of Term 3

Term 4:

Monday 6 October: Start of Term 4

Hockey

Senior Campus

Our Boys 1st XI Hockey team played in the ANZAC Tournament in Timaru recently. It was a great opportunity to start the season playing against other secondary schools from the South Island. It was great to have Cody umpiring at the tournament too.

Congratulations to the following players who have been selected to play in the squad to represent Southland at the upcoming Wakatipu Shield tournament, to be held in Cromwell on the 11th of May. From this tournament, a final Southland U18 Womens Team will be named to play in the National Tournament at North Harbour. Non-travelling reserves will also be named at this time.

Charlotte Morris
Emily Kean
Hannah Dick
Madeline Lawlor
Tylah Templer

Congratulations also to the following players who have been selected for the two squads who will be representing Southland playing in the upcoming Wakatipu Shield Tournament.

From this tournament, a final Southland team of 18 players will be named to play in the National U18 Hockey Tournament in Timaru. Non-travelling reserves will also be named following Wakatipu Shield.

U18 Gold
Baxter Charlton
Caleb Devery
Ben O'Connor

U18 Maroon
Oliver Dykes
Cameron Knight



Cross Country

Senior Campus

Well done to all participants and helpers. Our cross country was fast and furious! A very successful school event.



Badminton

Senior Campus

The Mainland U17 Team won the Derby in Wellington over the weekend! The final match was a nail biter v Central Region, we were down 8 games to 4 after the singles and doubles but managed to win all 4 mixed doubles for a victory on countback 21 sets to 17. It was a hot weekend and a great team effort. Congratulations to Lucy Raines, the sole Southland player representative as well as the coach, Nic Raines! Fantastic result!



Rugby

Senior Campus

Congratulations to those selected in the 2025 Rugby Southland Teenage Pathways Group. Rugby Southland’s drive to nurture and provide development opportunities for emerging young athletes in our province includes introducing those selected to the pillars of athlete development. Athletes selected will have the opportunity to learn and develop across multiple sessions in Term 2 and 3. Congratulations to all athletes selected for the Rugby Southland Pathways group for 2025. All the best for your development Ella Norman, Hannah Woodcock, Jessica Raymond and Tizi Mazaeda Churruarín from JHC!

It was a great hit out for our teams vs CSC recently, we thank them for hosting our pre season.

The u15 and 16’s looked fantastic in their new kits. Junior girls and u16 had good wins, u14’s played a gutsy 70 mins as did the u15’s.

The club warmly thanks the following for their awesome sponsorship support:
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Oraka Marae Noho and Waka Ama

A group of our Waka Ama students had the privilege to visit the beautiful Takutai o Te Titi Marae in Colac Bay. We stayed the night of Friday 28 March and went out on the ocean in Wakas on Saturday. It was a beautiful day and our students had a blast. The

Coastguard kept a watchful eye and the crews completed a successful tipping drill.

A huge thank you to the Coastguard and Ngā Kete Mātauranga Pounamu for a memorable weekend.



Netball Senior Campus

INC extends heartfelt thanks to all the eager participants who have stepped forward to try out for the INC U16 Representative Teams in 2025. The level of talent displayed within our netball community has been truly inspiring, and every trialist should take immense pride in the exceptional

performances. Your dedication and skill are what make our team stronger.

We proudly present the trialists who have secured their places on the U16 A and B teams for 2025. Their commitment and talent have guaranteed their success, and we look forward to their performance on the court.

The following players made the U16 INC representative female team for 2025.
U16 A Team: Lily Tufui

U16 B Team: Ana McWilliam, Lucy Crawford
Non Travelling Partner: Erin Wilkinson

INC would like to congratulate the following players who have made the U18 INC representative female team for 2025.

Elly Baird	Libby Crawford
Bea Christie	Katie Oliver
Aneeka Fosbender	Hannah Tufui
Niamh Hegan	Lilah Jack

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Information Updates

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

Please email Mrs Moreton (Senior Campus) with any changes at office@jameshargest.school.nz

or phone 2176129

or Mrs Cribb (Junior Campus) at juniorcampus@jameshargest.school.nz

or phone 2179250

E-mail Newsletters

The next newsletter will be issued via email on Friday 6 June 2025.

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

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

Coming Events for 2025

Senior Campus

May

Mon	12	Year 12 RYDA Road Safety Week
Wed	14	Southland Cross Country - Te Anau
Thu	15	BOT meeting in the Brig - Senior Campus, 5:15pm
Fri	16	Pink Shirt Day
Mon-Fri	19-23	Literacy & Numeracy Corequisite Assessment Tasks
Wed-Wed	21-28	Top Art Exhibition opens, in the Library
Tue	20	School Council Bake Sale
Thu	22	PTA AGM in the Brig - Senior Campus, 7:30pm
Fri	23	Year 12 Tourism trip postponement day
Sat	24	Year 13 Ball, Transport World
Sun	25	Bagpiping Championships
Wed		Media Matters Year12/13
Wed-Thu	28-29	Ngā Manu Kōrero
Fri	30	Shakespeare Festival, Wellington

June

Mon	2	King's Birthday, school closed
Sat-Sun	7-8	Level 2 Physics Practical Assessment
Mon	9	ShowQuest/Toi
Wed	11	Wakatipu High School Exchange at JHC
Fri	13	Japanese Trivia Night, Year 7-10, Senior Campus Hall
Sun	15	Te Hautoka
Tue	17	The Big Sing
		BOT meeting in the Brig - Senior Campus, 5:15pm
Wed-Thu	18-19	Not So Major Production
Wed	18	Smashed and Smarts
Fri	20	Matariki, school closed
Tue	24	Southland Japanese Speech Competiton
Fri	27	Term 2 ends

July

Mon	14	Term 3 starts
Sun	20	Open Day
Wed	23	Japanese Speech Contestt, Dunedin
Thu	24	Chess Tournament, Hall
Fri	25	Career Fest, Year 11 - Period 3

Junior Campus

May

Mon	12	Road Safety Week
Wed	14	Southland Chess Competition at the Junior Campus
Thu	15	BOT meeting in the Brig - Senior Campus, 5:15pm
Fri	16	Sport and Rec begins on Friday afternoons
Tue	20	Student Council Bake Sale
Wed	21	Vision Testing Year 7s
Thu	22	Cross Country
		PTA AGM in the Brig - Senior Campus, 7:30pm
Mon	26	Playground Craze performances regarding being good cyber citizens
Wed-Thu	28-29	Murihiku Ngā Manu Kōrero

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Fri	13	Japanese Trivia Night, Year 7-10, Senior Campus Hall
		Southland Cross Country Champs
Tue	17	BOT meeting in the Brig - Senior Campus, 5:15pm
Tue-Wed	17-18	Social Science Fair
Fri	20	Matariki, school closed
Fri	27	Term 2 ends

July

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Sun	20	Open Day
Wed	23	Oamaru Exchange



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