



JHC

JAMES HARGEST COLLEGE KEEP FAITH

2 September 2025

# The Greatest Show





# Principal's Comment



Mike Newell  
Principal

## Kia ora e te whānau,

Planning for 2026 is well and truly underway with interviews starting this week for our Year 7 students for 2026. These meetings provide an opportunity to share information about the transition to high school, plan for the supports

students may need, and address any questions that students and their families may have about James Hargest College. We look forward to meeting you all at these meetings. Our Year 8 students have started their visits up the road as they prepare to transition onto the Senior Campus. Tonight we have our Year 8 subject selection evening where students and whānau can talk to staff about the wide range of options available in our refreshed curriculum that was launched recently. We are excited about the learning opportunities for our ākonga. Over the next 2 weeks senior students will be sitting their evidence exams and the second round of the Literacy and Numeracy Common Assessment Activities (CAA's) are taking place. The CAA's are essential in order to achieve any level of NCEA and test the reading, writing and numeracy understanding of all learners.

Over the past fortnight there has been a lot happening on the performing arts and cultural front. The annual Mīharo Murihiku Polyfest saw 5 groups from JHC involved over the week with both our kapa haka

and pasifika groups performing with polish and absolute pride. Last week our Junior Campus Production "The Greatest Show" was held over Wednesday and Thursday evenings. What a wonderful showcase of the talent our Year 7 and 8 ākonga possess. It's a huge team effort and great entertainment for those lucky enough to be in the audience.

Also, last week we had teams travel to Nelson, Blenheim, Oamaru, Dunedin and had teams competing in Invercargill for tournament week across Basketball, Netball, Rugby, Football and Hockey. Well done to all the teams for their performances last week. My thanks to all of the staff, parents and supporters who helped with managing, coaching and fundraising for these events. There is a lot to organise and coordinate over and above the coaching and managing throughout the season. I know the players and parents appreciate the mahi.

Ngā mihi  
Mike Newell  
Principal

# Whānau Report

**No runga i te aroha me te whakapono te mihi nei,** Tēnei te mihi whakanui i te koroneihana tuatahi o Te Arikiniui Kuini Nga wai hono i te po. Kīkī rawa te ngakau i te aroha. Tū tonu mai te arikitanga.

Ngā mihi i tēnei wā, tēnā tātou.

Hēmi Hākena had five groups this year who delivered confident and elegant performances at the Mīharo Murihiku Polyfest. It is always a thrill to see students expressing themselves through something they enjoy and are excited to share. A big thank you to Mīharo Murihiku for once again hosting such an enriching event.

A huge thank you to our hardworking mums and dads for all of the help and support you give. You know who you are, and your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Our Senior Campus Kapa Haka will be out and about performing around our community at the following events -

- ILT Stadium 25th Anniversary - Sunday the 29th of August
- Anderson House 100th Anniversary - Saturday the 25th of October
- Tour of Southland Opening Ceremony - Kapa Performance - Sunday the 2nd of November

Tēnei te mihi tonu nei atu ki te whānau.

Hei kona mai.

Matua Neitana



Matua Neitana Tane



## From the Boardroom

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Toni Green  
BOT Presiding Member

### Kia ora koutou,

At the August meeting of the Board of Trustees Kate Webster presented the Junior Campus mid year data. Kate spoke to the Board about the changes in the new curriculum and the challenges they have presented for the team this year. The new curriculum has increased significantly in complexity which has meant that many students who were considered to be

working at curriculum level, are now working below when compared against the new expected phases. We are grateful to Kate and her team for the way these changes have been managed, and the clear and open communication they have shared with whānau. The goal posts have shifted and the Junior Campus teaching team are working very hard to try to fill gaps in prior knowledge, modify assessment tasks and accurately report where learners are currently positioned. We encourage whānau to carefully read all assessment data and check in with your child's teacher if you have any questions.

The Year 9 Course booklet for 2026 is now with Year 8 learners and option subjects are starting to be submitted for next year. It is exciting to see the results of the work undertaken at the Senior Campus. The Board wishes to extend our appreciation to the Heads of Department for their leadership of this significant change. The Year 9 courses look inviting and engaging and Year 9 students will enjoy having more agency over their learning.

Congratulations to those of you who have put your name forward for the Board of Trustees.

Voting papers have been issued and will close at 4pm Wednesday 10 September. The new Board will take office from 17 September. All whānau should carefully read the information provided by each candidate and vote based on who you think will best serve our students. The Board is responsible for the governance of our school, including setting and reviewing the policies by which the school is controlled and managed. It is a very important responsibility that our current board takes seriously.

Best wishes to all students for upcoming assessments this term. The Literacy and Numeracy common assessments are a stressful time for many and often the first significant assessment for our young people. Evidence exams for Senior Students are also very important and give good indications of readiness for external exams. Things in a school year tend to speed up from this point, and we thank staff for all they do to help students prepare and improve their chances of success.

Ka kite  
Toni Green  
BOT Presiding Member

## PTA Report

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Jo Wilson  
PTA Chairperson

### Kia ora from the PTA!

Wow just wow!! How awesome was Polyfest this year. A huge congratulations to all students, staff and helpers who took part this year.

Junior Production as well, and I know how much work has been put in to making it such a spectacular show.

The PTA met this month, we are working on dates for the end of year uniform buy in and sell out. Once we have these locked in we will get them out to you.

We are also working on creating a new constitution. This will provide the current PTA and future members with guidelines, role descriptions and a framework to work with. Along with this it will allow us to apply for outside community funding so we can support more needs for our rangatahi.

I am pleased to report that we have funded

Archery equipment. By providing the school with these resources it will mean they can be used on school camps so the school doesn't have to hire them and with a growing interest in the sport the school is able to provide modern equipment to our children.

Good luck to all students heading into their practice exam in the coming weeks.

Ngā mihi nui  
Jo Wilson and the PTA team

### PTA Meeting Date

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

**Tuesday 5 November**







## The Big Sing Cadenza

After doing very well in the Southland Big Sing competition in June, Cantabella, JHC's fully auditioned female choir were selected to compete in the next stage of the competition, Cadenza. This competition involved two full days of performances in Timaru alongside the other top 12 choirs in the South Island. We had to perform two different programmes consisting of two songs each over the two days, and ended the competition with a Gala Concert. During our time at Cadenza, we had three workshops with the adjudicator, Dr Morag Atchison. These workshops were full of insightful tips and tricks to become stronger and more confident singers. She also helped with the massed item "Sumer is icumen in" which all choirs sung at the Gala Concert on Saturday evening.

At the Gala Concert, each choir receives a plaque with the award that they earnt. There are three categories that each choir is placed in - Whararua (Bronze), Korimako (Silver), and Tūi (Gold). Since 2021, Ancora has earned Whararua each year. This year, Cantabella's debut at Cadenza earned Korimako. Korimako is a huge achievement and a testament to each girl's commitment and dedication to their craft. They all want to give a massive thank you to their Director and Accompanist Mr Michael Forde as this award reflects his technique, work ethic and passion for music. Many audience members complimented Cantabella on their sound, especially for two of their pieces - Shule Aroon and E Pari Ra (arranged by our own Mr Forde).

This has been a very successful year for Cantabella. Over the past term and a half the group has learned, performed and won awards for their four songs. They have all grown as performers and created a bright, positive environment which will continue in Cantabella for years to come. This opportunity has provided new and growing friendships, mentoring and memories that will last a lifetime. As Year 13's, we are grateful to have been given the opportunity to be a part of this choir, and we are very sad to move on. We can't wait to see Cantabella's future achievements, as we know that this choir will continue to make JHC proud.

## New Staff Welcome Senior Campus



**Jeff Young**  
JHC Social Science Department is thrilled to welcome Jeff Young to the team. Jeff is a passionate historian with several specific areas of interest including medieval European history

and world religions. Jeff is an American who has taught overseas for many years, and is most recently joining us from teaching at Menzies College where he learnt a lot about hunting, fishing and farming. A true lifelong learner, Jeff loves to travel, read and learn new things. He loves to visit new countries and cultures and explore humanity across the globe. We are stoked that he has chosen to share his love of his subjects with rangatahi at JHC.

## James Hargest College - Board of Trustee Election 2025

A reminder that voting is currently open for the election of five parent representatives to the James Hargest College Board of Trustees. By now all eligible voters should have received voting instructions.

Voting closes at 4.00pm on Wednesday 10th September 2025.

Election Pilot have been appointed as the returning officer for our election and can be contacted on 0800 868 369 or [election@electionpilot.nz](mailto:election@electionpilot.nz)

**Student Representative Election**  
Nominations for a student representative on our JHC Board of Trustees closed on Monday 25th August.

Voting papers were issued to students (Year 9-13 only) by email on Sunday 31st August.

Voting for the election of one student representative to the Board closes on Wednesday the 10th September at 4.00pm.





## YES Business Challenge



Over three days, 82 of our Year 11 Accounting and Economics students took part in the Young Enterprise Business Challenge.

The Challenge was a hands-on opportunity where students were introduced to entrepreneurship, and could develop a range of employability skills. Students worked in teams to come up with a new idea and develop a business plan, including design, marketing, and finance. At the end of the three days students presented their ideas to six judges from the local business community.

The ideas the students came up with were very clever and included ideas such as a bruise balm, AI coaching, reduced food waste app, and even heated sports strapping.

Students worked as part of a team, with individual students taking responsibility for different areas. Students reported how much they enjoyed working with peers they didn't know so well. Once the teams were underway with their idea, the hum and excitement in the hall was clear for all to hear as they worked on producing their final product for judging. The judges were very impressed with the standard of work and the ability of all students to look them in the eye and present their pitch, even though they may have been nervous to do so.







## Digital Technologies

### New Zealand Programming Contest

This year marked a significant milestone for Hargest at the New Zealand Programming Contest, with the school fielding its largest-ever entry. A total of 15 students participated, showcasing a strong and growing interest in Computer Science.

The contest was held on Saturday, August 9th, and saw 57 schools from across New Zealand compete. The day began with a 1-hour and 30-minute pre-competition practice session, followed by a gruelling 5-hour competition.

The atmosphere was one of camaraderie and enjoyment, with the focus on having fun rather than just winning. It was a great opportunity for students to experience the challenges and rewards of competitive programming. The contest also served as a valuable learning experience, with many students realising the importance of consistent, daily practice to hone their coding skills. Interestingly, some groups even brought in mathematicians to help them tackle the more complex problems. This year saw a mix of both solo and team efforts, highlighting the different ways students approach problem-solving.

Congratulations to all the students who took part. A special mention goes to soloists Alex Liang and Thomas Bannister for their impressive performance on the leaderboard.

The students who participated are:

**Year 13:** Irene Tendean, Tihara Fonseka, Amanda Henderson, Logan Jordan, Cameron Labes, Alexander Scarlett, Hannah Wilson

**Year 12:** Rohan Brown, Gage Crow, Aria Emms, Benjamin Geilik, David Hardy, Ethan Stark, Alex Liang

**Year 10:** Thomas Bannister



## ShadowTech

A group of 8 girls and 2 teachers attended ShadowTech in Dunedin. Shadow Tech offers girls in years 9-11 across Aotearoa an opportunity to discover the world of tech, spark their curiosity and explore career pathways. Matched with local tech companies, in our case, Deloitte, where students gain hands-on experiences in Technology.



## Term Dates for 2025

### Term 3:

Thursday 18 September - Last day of Term 3

Friday 19 September: Teacher Only Day  
(School Closed)

### Term 4:

Monday 6 October: Start of Term 4



# Digital Technologies



Above: Japanese students made these robots in Digital Technologies with Lego Spike Prime. They danced!



Right: David Wheeler designing a Daffodil Day poster

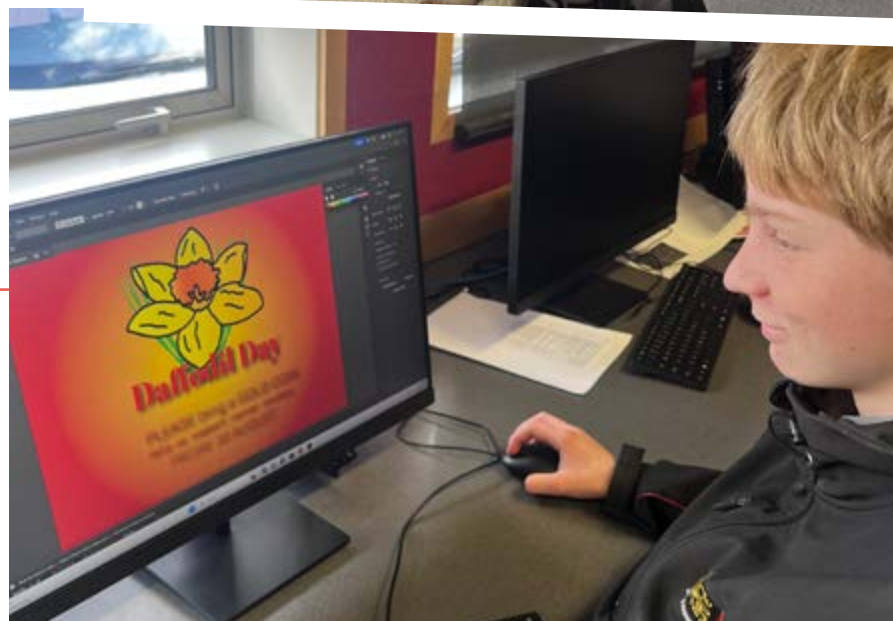
## Staff Farewell Senior Campus



### Jack Dymond

Jack Dymond has made a significant impact during his time at James Hargest College. He started here as a student and then graduated to a teacher, where he became the lead of Year 11 History and planned the course for the Brigadier's Diploma. He was also a Junior Dean, where he worked closely with students and their families. He has been prominent at extra curricular activities, he has been involved and organised camps, fieldtrips

and sports (his passion is waterpolo.) Mr Dymond is a memorable teacher whose strength is relationships. Students remember his eccentric unique style inside and outside the classroom (antique cars and clothes). We will miss Mr Dymond and his individual style as a colleague and a friend. We wish Mr Dymond well on his new endeavours and thank him for his considerable contribution to our school life.



## EDUCATION PERFECT NZ LANGUAGES CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to the following 8 students who gained certificates in the 6.5 day online Education Perfect NZ Language Championships which finished on August 3rd:

**Emerald** (5000 points)

Walter Gibbs & Aanya Shankar (both Y9 Japanese)

**Gold** (3000 points)

Vaishnavi Kovvuri (Y9 Spanish) & Julia Thompson

**Silver** (2000 points) – Tamsyn Campbell (Y9 Spanish)

**Bronze** (1000 points) – Ella Rohan (Y9 Spanish),  
Dante Feaver (Y9 Japanese) & William McCann (Y10 Japanese)











We welcomed a group of 24 students and 3 teachers from our Japanese sister school, Kumagaya Nishi High School, for a week at the beginning of August. The group experienced a lot of things during their short stay including participating in the Hargest school life, meeting our Mayor, jet boating in Queenstown, staying with a Hargest family and seeing the local sights with them.

There have been many many visits between the 2 schools over the last 25 years and this November will be the 20th anniversary since the official sister school signing back in 2005. A number of our students were excited to either host, or be school buddies with the student who hosted them when they were in Japan last year. We would like to thank all of the families who opened up their homes and hosted the students. We would also like to thank the students who were their buddies at school.





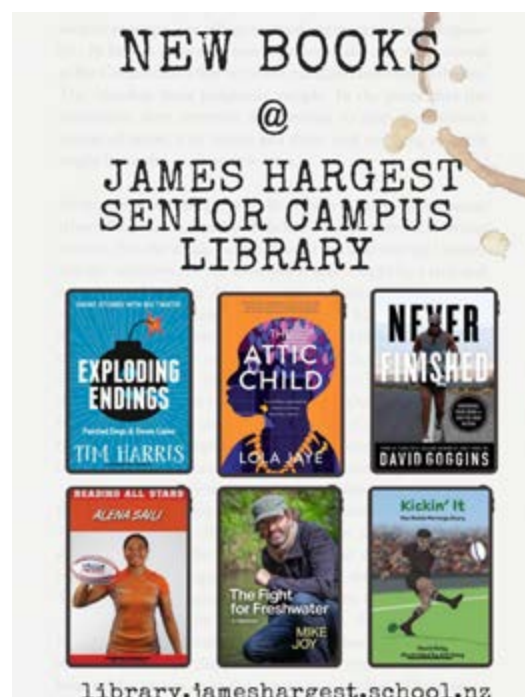


## Lego Raffle \$5

Are you a Lego enthusiast? Well, have we got the raffle for you! Tickets are available at the Junior Campus Office for \$5 each.

All proceeds are going towards a new 26 rack bike trailer that will be used for Year 7 Camps, Sport and Rec and also by our Outdoor Ed teachers at the Senior Campus. Close off date is Friday 19 September. Good luck!

For details about the kit check out: <https://www.lego.com/en-nz/product/motorised-lighthouse-21335>



## Prize Giving Trophies

Please return trophies to Reception. If you are now in Year 9 and have trophies from the Junior Campus, they can be dropped off at Senior Campus Reception.

## STUDENT ACCOUNTS

These are issued once a term by email, around the 20th of each month. We welcome Internet Banking payments - **please use your student's name and 5 digit ID number as a reference**  
**Account Number:**  
**02 0924 0408612 02**

Many families find it easier to make regular payments of \$20 per fortnight or \$10 per week for each child.

We also accept payments by cash, eftpos or credit card at both campuses at any time. You can also check your child's account at any time by logging into: <https://jameshargest.school.kiwi>

## WHĀNAU KŌRERO

### Anxiety and Young People

Anxiety is a natural and expected part of growing up. In fact, it plays an important role in helping young people prepare for challenges, stay alert to potential dangers and adapt to new situations. It can motivate them to study for a test, practise before a performance, or tread carefully in unfamiliar settings. However, for many children and adolescents today, anxiety can shift from being a helpful response to becoming intense, persistent and disruptive.

The world young people are growing up in is fast-paced and often demanding. Academic pressures, social expectations, family changes and the constant presence of digital media can all contribute to heightened stress and worry.

When anxiety is left unrecognised or unsupported, it can begin to affect a young person's wellbeing, learning, friendships and self-confidence. That's why it's so important for adult carers to understand how anxiety may present in children. Everyone experiences anxiety differently, and there's no one-size-fits-all solution.

This edition of SchoolTV raises awareness and provides families with practical strategies to help young people manage anxiety in healthy, constructive ways.

Here is the link to your Edition

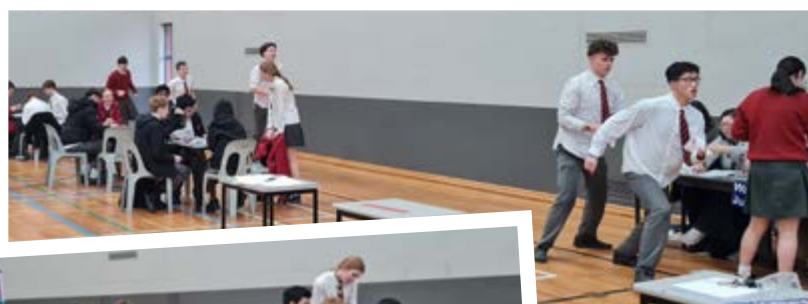
<http://jameshargest.nz.schooltv.me/newsletter/anxiety-young-people-nz>





## Maths Olympics

Maths Olympics happened on Aug 11th & 14th at lunch time in Gym 3. 11th was the Seniors and 14th the Juniors. They were house competitions to celebrate Maths week. Well done to all of the competitors!



## Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Congratulations to Olivia Stratford and Neve Templeton for gaining the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award (pictured with Mr Forde, L-R). The Gold Award is a prestigious and internationally recognised achievement that acknowledges a young person's dedication, commitment, and personal development. Their impressive one-year commitment to activities included netball, volleyball, dance, and attending residential projects such as

Spirit of Adventure and a leadership forum in Australia.

Olivia and Neve will now be invited to a ceremony to celebrate their achievements and meet the Governor General. Well done. This is an amazing achievement. Congratulations also to Lara Kerr who received a Silver Award and Christopher Sandiford who received a Bronze Award.





# Cambridge International Education in 2026

JHC is an accredited Cambridge International Education school. If you would like to find out more about how Cambridge works in New Zealand, have a look at their website: <https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/nz/about-us/cambridge-international-in-new-zealand>

There are further links on their site including Why Cambridge? A guide for parents: <https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/Images/284344-why-cambridge-.pdf>

Students who will be Year 10 in 2026 can apply to be part of the Cambridge class. Following the information evening, we will seek expressions of interest from students and their whānau to join this class who will study the following IGCSE subjects together as a cohort:

Mathematics  
English  
Science  
Global Perspectives

Students will study these subjects instead of the core Year 10 curriculum. They will still be able to study two other optional subjects. There is a cost attached to the Cambridge curriculum for exams and materials. This cost can be paid off over 18 months.

We invite anyone who is interested to hear more about Cambridge and how it works at JHC to come along to an information evening on Tuesday September 9 at 5.30pm in the Senior Campus staff room. If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact [curriculum@jhc.school.nz](mailto:curriculum@jhc.school.nz)

We are thrilled to be able to offer this alternative pathway and know that the opportunity to gain an internationally recognised qualification will appeal to some of our learners.



**CAMBRIDGE**  
International Education

Cambridge International School

## SMAC Maths

The JHC inter-class SMAC Maths competition happened on Friday Aug 22nd in the Hall. Period 2 was Year 9 and period 3 was Year 10. At the end of the competitions, the top 4 teams at each year level were chosen to represent Hargest at the Southland SMAC Maths which will be held on September 17th.





# Music

## Year 8 Bands

For the final part of our Year 8 Music Module many of the students get involved in working together with a group (Band) on a song of their choice. Here are some of the Room 11 Spec Class performing their songs within our last music session for the module.



## Parent Education Programmes



**Parenting and caring for children can be challenging and we all need support and encouragement to be the great parents we want to be. Family Works has a range of free programmes that can do just that.**

**Our Parenting Programme gives parenting strategies and other useful information in a fun and positive way.**

**For parents/carers who have children aged 0 - 18 years, 8 sessions.**

Starting 15<sup>th</sup> October, Wednesdays, from 10am – 12pm morning tea provided.

**Contact:** 03 211 8272 or email [pp@familyworkssld.nz](mailto:pp@familyworkssld.nz)  
027 223 1417



## Year 9 Curriculum 2026

Calling Year 8 students! We are excited to share with you our refreshed Year 9 Curriculum for 2026. You will have greater voice and choice in designing your own learning from a broad range of courses on offer. Our Year 9 Course Guide has been sent to you and your whānau in Week 6 of this term. There will be opportunities to discuss this in your Homeroom class, as well as a presentation at assembly. Take the time to look at all the available options before making your choices. We are holding a subject info evening on **Tuesday 2 September at 4.30pm - 6:30pm** at the Senior Campus where you will be able to wander around and chat to the teachers about your choices before you make them. There will also be an opportunity to answer any questions you may have at a **whānau hui on the 15 September**. We are very proud of the range of courses on offer and can't wait to share them with you. If you have any queries in the meantime, please email [curriculum@jhc.school.nz](mailto:curriculum@jhc.school.nz)





## Junior Campus Production

### THE GREATEST SHOW

#### - it really was!

Well done to all of the talented performers who tread the boards in this fantastic performance. Well done to all the awesome staff who helped our rangatahi shine on stage. It was so much fun to watch!











Above: winning team, Year 7 & 8 Debating:  
JHC 4, Bella, Ruach, Maleia



William, Declan, Danny



Enoch, Lena, Luke



Ellim, Aliana, Tinaya



Charlie, Coby, Arthur

## Southland Debating Competition

### Junior Campus

Five teams from the Junior Campus competed in the Southland Debating Competition held at the Senior Campus on Saturday, 23 August. It was a full on day, starting at 8.30am and finishing at 5.30pm, with three rounds of debating and a final as well. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the challenge of planning their debate in 30 minutes and then presenting their point of view.

The Year 7 & 8 final was between JHC 2 and JHC 4. The moot was "This house believes that parents should be allowed to sue their children for not taking care of them in their old age". The points were very close with JHC 4 winning by a small margin.

The winner of "Best Speaker for Year 7 & 8" was Declan Lawton-Dutt. Well done to you all!







One of the highlights of Library Week is the Year 13 Dress Up Day. The 2025 Year 13's certainly came out in style this year! Along with some incredible costumes, the parade spectators were treated to several entertaining dance performances. Well done to all participants.



# Polyfest 2025

Senior Campus



Kā mihi nui Hēmi Hākena Kapa Haka Tuakana who performed Friday afternoon at Polyfest. Your performance was so much fun to watch. Thank you for your commitment to the kaupapa of Polyfest. It was wonderful seeing you all on stage, including your tutors.





Tianara Hēmi Hākena performed Thursday night at Polyfest and they were outstanding. They performed to a full stadium of whānau, rangatahi and kaiako and their hard work certainly paid off. Kā mihi nui to the tutors Matua Tane, Whaea Hilary and Pa Greg. We are so proud of you all.





## Junior Campus

A Pasifika group from the Junior Campus performed at Polyfest. The students did a lot of self-teaching for this performance and they all did amazing on stage. Thank you for all the help and support that helped make this a success.



## Senior Campus

Moananuiākea performed Wednesday night at Polyfest and had the crowd smiling immediately - everyone was having fun celebrating Pacific cultures. Thank you for your energy, passion and for the hours of dedication that went into preparing for this performance. A huge thankyou to tutors Larah Moce, Chloe Savage and Marlina Karena. We loved seeing you on stage.





## Junior Campus

Te Kapa Teina o Hēmi Hākena took the atamira by storm on Tuesday afternoon. Our rōpū has worked so hard to build their bracket and we are so proud of their stand. Thank you so much to all of our whānau for their support, to our rangatahi for their mahi and to Miharo, for organising an incredible event every year!







## New Zealand Music Commission Mentor in Schools

The Music Department was very lucky to have Jimmy Christmas from iconic Kiwi band The D4 working with our ākonga for two days in August. This visit was funded through the New Zealand Music Commission Mentor in Schools programme which connects professional musicians with students in schools to work on composition, production and performance. Jimmy worked with our students from year 9-13 on songwriting. Feedback from students shows that the visit was very successful: "He knew exactly what our song needed and how to fix any problems we had." (Year 9 student) and "I really liked the communication and how he talked about the flow of music. He really opened my eyes to song writing and composition." Some of the songs that Jimmy worked on with the bands will be performed at the Arts Picnic during Arts Week next term, and we hope to see many of them performed on the Civic Theatre stage at Rockquest 2026!

## Arts Week 13-17 October

The inaugural Arts Week at Hargest is a celebration designed to showcase diverse forms of the Arts at Hargest. This week will feature numerous events around the school. Listen to music performed by a variety of different bands across the week, from rock to jazz and everything in between. Enjoy student made films at the film festival, feel the mana of our Kapa Haka group, and marvel at the dance skills of some of Hargest's best dancers. Catch the red carpet fashion show, and of course you can't miss the highly anticipated launch of Interrobang. This week will take place in Term 4, Week 2, from Monday, the 13th of October, to Thursday, the 16th of October, so mark your calendars and get ready for a week filled with artsyness!

INTRODUCING THE INAUGURAL

# Arts Week At Hargest

2025

MUSIC

DANCE

DRAMA

KAPA HAKA

INTERROBANG

FILM

WRITING

FASHION

LIP SYNCH

VISUAL ARTS

**TERM 4, WEEK 2**

**MONDAY, 13TH OCT – THURSDAY, 16TH OCT**

**WE AIM TO CELEBRATE AND SHOWCASE THE DIVERSE FORMS OF ART CREATED AT JAMES HARGEST COLLEGE**

*Illustration by Brilee Tuivailala Wagener, Design by Aurora McKillop-Sycamore*



# EVIDENCE EXAMS TIMETABLE

**WEDNESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER - WEDNESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER**

Morning exams begin at 9:00am; Afternoon exams begin at 1:15pm. Some afternoon exams will finish after 3:20pm.

		Wednesday 3rd	Thursday 4th	Friday 5th	Monday 8th	Tuesday 9th	Wednesday 10th
AM	Y11	Y11 History	Y11 Maths	Y11 English	Y11 Accounting L1 Music	Y11 DGM Y11 Spanish	Y11 MXT
	L2	L2 Accounting L2 Food & Nutrition	L2 DGM L2 Economics L2 Geography	L2 Chemistry L2 French L2 Media Studies	L2 English	L2 Classics L2 Health L2 Science	L2 DGP L2 Drama L2 Music
	L3	L3 English	L3 Biology L3 Drama		L3 Economics L3 Music L3 Spanish	L3 Statistics A L3 Statistics B	L3 Japanese L3 Media Studies
PM	L1	L1 Economics L1 Japanese	L1 French L1 Geography	L1 Māori L1 Media Studies	L1 Science	L1 DGP L1 Food & Nutrition	
	L2	L2 Physics	L2 History	L2 Maths	L2 Biology L2 Japanese	L2 Business Studies L2 Māori L2 Spanish	L2 English C
	L3	L3 Accounting L3 Geography	L3 Classics L3 DGP		L3 Chemistry L3 History	L3 Māori L3 Physics	L3 Calculus L3 Food & Nutrition

Evidence/End of Year Exams for Year 11 - to Year 13 students run for six school days from 3rd September which is Wednesday of Week 8 through to 10th September which is Wednesday of week 9.

All morning examinations start at 9am. All afternoon exams start at 1.15pm. Students should be at their examination room at least 10 minutes before the exam begins. Students need to sit all of the exams they are entered for in all of their classes. They need to stay for the duration of the examination, even when it ends after 3.20pm.

Students only need to come to school when they have an exam. Otherwise, they should be at home or at school in the library studying. If they take a lot of subjects which do not have an exam, then check with their teachers when they can come in during the week to work on internal assessments. Students need to wear uniform at all times when they are at school.

Students can take a plastic bag into the exam room with pens, pencils and a calculator inside. They can also have a plain water bottle. Cellphones, watches etc need to be turned off and placed in a plastic bag on the floor, or should be kept in bags outside the examination space.

Check the dates and times of exams carefully. If there are any clashes, come and see Mr Forde asap. If students have entered to sit any examinations digitally, they should

make sure they have practised logging into NZQA and accessing digital papers on their device. Make sure the device is sufficiently charged to last the whole exam.

Evidence Exams are very important for many reasons. They are the closest assessment to the External Examinations in November and will allow students the opportunity to practise in a very similar environment and under similar conditions. They will also be marked according to the assessment schedule which will give valuable feedback about how they are tracking for externals. The other reason these examinations are so important, and for some students become essential, is that they can be used for derived grades.

If something significant happens in November and a student is unable to sit an examination, they can apply to NZQA to use a derived grade - which means the grade they earn in the evidence exam becomes their grade for the external examination and they are awarded the credits. Last year we had around 15 students who applied to use a derived grade. They were people who had recently broken an arm, were attending a funeral, or were unwell with tummy bugs and flus.

Students should prepare carefully to give themselves the best chance of success. We recommend setting up a revision schedule to work through practice exam papers.



## End of Year/ Evidence Exams for Y11, Y12 & Y13 Students

These will take place between **Wednesday 3rd September and Wednesday 10th September**. Grades for these exams will contribute towards the Brigadier's Diploma for Year 11 students. These exams will also be used as evidence for Derived Grades for any NCEA externals. This is the only time that these grades will be able to be generated so it is important that students are present at their exams. See Mr Forde with any issues.



# Rugby

## Senior Campus

Congratulations to JHC, winners of the Under 16 finals. Congrats Wide Span U16, we are so proud of you! Congratulations too to our Cohesive 14's. They went down in their final 54-43. So gutsy, so much improvement, love your mahi. Well done to you all!



Well done Bella and Anahera on your selection in the Under 16's and Ella, Margarita and Nikiah on your selection in the Southland Under 18 Rugby team. Best wishes for an awesome rep season ladies!



Bella Kite



Anahera Unahi



Ella Norman



Margarita  
McClymont



Nikiah Rouse





# Hockey Season

## Year 7 & 8

This winter, James Hargest Junior Campus had two teams competing in the Junior High competition. A special thank you to our coaches – William Todd, Sheree, and Addison Robertson – for the time, energy, and encouragement you have given our students as they continue to learn and grow in the game of hockey. Well done to both of our teams – JHC Scorers and JHC Strikers. The Strikers finished in a credible 4th place, and both teams should be proud of their efforts throughout the season.

# Badminton

## Senior Campus



At the Southland Secondary Schools Badminton Champs, 12 Senior Campus students took part in a day filled with many competitive games.

### Congratulations to the Senior

#### Girls Champions:

Lucy Raines  
 Ralina Bakieva  
 Rosalia Lo  
 Isla Scott

#### Senior Boys Runners up

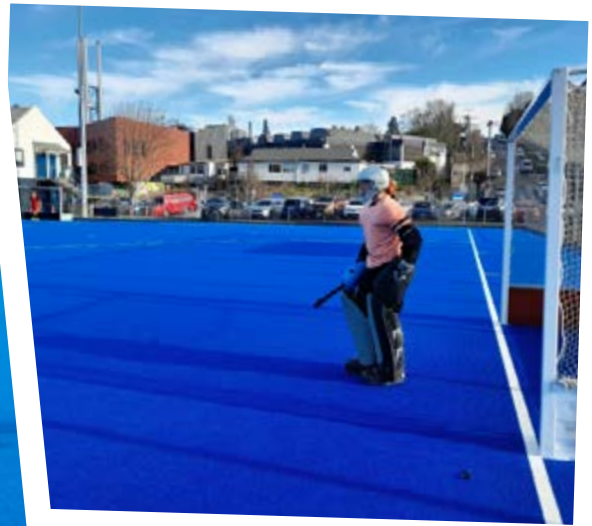
Alex Choi  
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## Taeri College Interchange

Recently 150 Senior Campus students travelled to Taeri College for our annual interschool. It was a very early start and the heavy fog and -6 degree temperature on the way up had us worried about how we were going to stay warm!

However the weather cleared as the competition began, and the blue sky and sunny day ensured that there were lots of supporters at the outside venues cheering their team mates on.

While there were some large wins recorded throughout the day, most of the games were competitive and close. The Hargest teams were all very competitive and it was pleasing to see the respect they showed their opposition while demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship. The overall result was 2 wins to Taeri and 2 draws giving Hargest, with 10 wins, a dominant overall win this year!

### RESULTS

#### Basketball

Junior Boys	49 All draw
Senior Boys 1st V	61-87 JHC
Senior Girls 1st V	28-68 JHC
Junior Girls	17-86 JHC

#### Hockey

Mixed 1st XI	1-6 JHC
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#### Netball

9 A	23-30 JHC
10 A	26-42 JHC
Snr A Girls	33-43 JHC

#### Rugby

Girls 10 aside (15min Halves)	22-28 JHC
U15 Boys	62-0 TC
2nd XV	22 All draw

#### Soccer

Boys 1st XI	1-4 JHC
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#### Debating

Debating Team	TC
Reading	JHC



## Basketball

### Senior Campus

The Junior A Girls Basketball team recently travelled to Nelson to play in the Southland Island Junior Basketball Premierships.



## Netball

### SISS Junior Tournament

The 9 and 10 A netball teams attended the SISS Junior Netball Tournament during the last school holidays. They played their Saturday INC netball game, and then set off on the long trip to Christchurch. After a day resting, having a run at the courts and a little bit of shopping, the tournament started on the Monday.

Both teams had a great start to the tournament over the first 2 days, progressing through their pool play as 1 of the top 2 teams in their pool and in to the final 16 teams of their grade. This placed them in the top half of the teams competing in their year level.

9A continued to play good netball but, unfortunately, they had to deal with several injuries from this point. This meant they finished their final games with only 8 players. However they persevered well and had some very close games, eventually finishing 16th overall. This was a pleasing result.

10 A also had some very close games, and some where things did not go their way. They did not give up and they continued to play strong, determined netball. This meant they finished the tournament with a good win in their last game over Villa Maria who they had lost to earlier in the week. This result gained them a pleasing 11th place in the Year 10 competition.

As both the Year 9 and the Year 10 grade have 32 teams entered, both teams can feel proud of their overall result.





## Netball Season Wrap-Up

### Year 7 & 8

Netball for our Year 7 & 8 players has now finished – congratulations to everyone on an awesome season! A huge thank you to our players, coaches, and families for the commitment, effort, and support that made this season such a success.

This year we entered one team into the Secondary School Grade One competition – our Year 8 Gold team – who did an outstanding job finishing as runners-up. The remaining 13 teams competed in the Year 7 & 8 competition across five grades. Going into finals week, we were proud to have six teams playing for either first place or runners-up.

#### Final Results:

- Grade 1 – 1st: JHC Burgundy | Runners-up: JHC Sapphire
- Grade 2 – Runners-up: JHC Garnet
- Grade 3 – Runners-up: JHC Rose
- Grade 4 – 1st: JHC Emerald
- Grade 5 – Runners-up: JHC Pearl

Congratulations to all our teams – an incredible effort from everyone involved!

## Netball

### Senior Campus

Saturday netball recently finished with the finals followed by the INC prizegiving bringing the season to an end. We would like to sincerely thank all of the staff, community volunteers and senior students who gave countless hours and plenty of energy, enthusiasm and positive commitment as coaches and managers of our teams. Without this contribution we would not be able to field the number of teams we do in the local competition. All of these people freely volunteer their knowledge and expertise and we acknowledge their support for netball in the school. Huge congratulations to our 9 A team, coached by Emily

Nicholson, who won the 3rd Grade title this year, and to 10 B coached by Katie Oliver and Libby Crawford who were runners up in 5th Grade, and to 9 Diamonds coached by Megan Phillipson and Meah Ayto who were runners up in SSG 4. Well done also to the 3 teams who finished 3rd in their respective grades.

Congratulations to the following who were recognised at the INC prizegiving:

**Umpiring Qualifications:** Miss Emily Coll, Trinity Duncan and Lilah Jack  
**Fair Play:** 9 B team, coached by Nicki Phillipson  
**Coach of the Year Finalists:** Nicki Phillipson  
 Megan Phillipson

And a special well done to one of our Hargest staff members and coaches, Lorie McDonald, who was a member of the winning Premier team this year.





## Swimming

### Senior Campus

Congratulations to the Swimming Southland team that competed in the South Island Short Course Championships 22nd-24th August in Blenheim. Each student made at least two finals and gained a top 8 placing.

#### Benjamin Elder

1ST 200m backstroke,  
2ND 800m freestyle,  
2ND 50 backstroke,  
3RD 100m freestyle,  
3RD 400m freestyle,  
6th 200m freestyle,  
7th 50m freestyle.

#### Sam Tengco

6th 100m breaststroke,  
8th 50m breaststroke.  
15-16 girls;

#### Olivia Johnson

2ND 200m Medley,  
2ND 200m butterfly,  
2ND 200m breaststroke,  
3RD 200m backstroke,  
6th 50m backstroke,  
7th 200m freestyle.

#### Caitlin Crawford

1ST 50m butterfly,  
2ND 100m freestyle,  
2ND 100 Medley, 50m  
freestyle,  
4th 100m backstroke,  
6th 200m freestyle.

#### Allie DeClifford

5th 200m butterfly,  
6th 100m butterfly.

#### Maia Devery

6th 100m breaststroke,  
7th 50m breaststroke,

#### Nieve Peddie

3RD 50 butterfly,  
6th 200m freestyle,  
7th 100 backstroke ,  
8th 50 backstroke.

#### Alexandria Curtis

4th 100m backstroke,  
4th 100m freestyle.



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

## Information Updates

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

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

or phone 2176129

or Mrs Cribb (Junior Campus) at [juniorcampus@jameshargest.school.nz](mailto:juniorcampus@jameshargest.school.nz)

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## E-mail Newsletters

The next newsletter will be issued via email on Thursday 18 September 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](http://www.jameshargest.school.nz)

## Coming Events for 2025

### Senior Campus

#### September

Tue	2	Year 8 subject selection evening at Main Office 4.30pm - 6:30pm
Wed	3	Evidence Exams begin
Sun	7	Father's Day
Tue	9	Cambridge Whānau Hui 5:30pm
Wed	10	BOT Election
Thu	11	BOT Meeting in the Brig - Senior Campus, 5:15pm Year 8 Transition visits to the Senior Campus
	14	Te Wiki o te Reo Māori begins Whānau Hui 2026 Year 9 Curriculum in Staffroom
Tue	16	Year 9-11 Swimming Sports Senior Subject Selection Evening 4.30pm
Wed	17	Southland SMAC Maths Competiton - Gym 3 SC/JC music afternoon Year 8 Class Visits
Thu	18	Enviro schools camp - Blackmount Te Komiti Whānau hui at Senior Campus, 5:00pm
Fri	19	Teacher Only Day, school closed for instruction Term 3 ends

#### October

Mon	6	Term 4 starts
Fri	10	Year 11-12 Subject Selection due
Sun	12	Solo Bagpiping Champs
Mon	13	Arts Week starts
Wed	15	Interrobang launch
Tue	21	Youthmark Awards
Wed	22	Blues Awards
Thu	23	BOT Meeting in the Brig - Senior Campus, 5:15pm
Mon	27	Labour Day - school closed
Tue	28	Year 9 Camps start SS Sports Awards 7:00pm
Thu	30	Last day for Year 13s
Fri	31	Last day for Year 12s Optional Classes Year 13 Haunted Hargest

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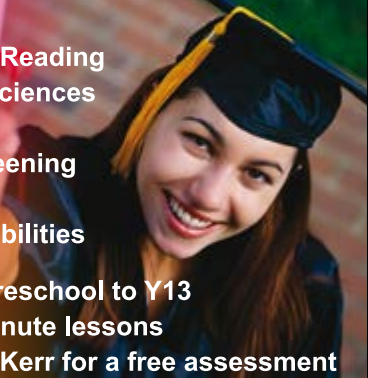
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