



JHC

JAMES HARGEST COLLEGE KEEP FAITH

29 October 2025

Arts Week



Principal's Comment



Mike Newell
Principal

Kia ora e te whānau,

Last week we held our inaugural Arts Week. This initiative was student driven and after many hours of planning and coordination we were treated to a wonderful week of visual arts, musical performances and literary works including the launch of our Interrobang Magazine. Well done to Lachlan Calvert, Director of Arts Week and our Arts Prefects; Amanda Henderson, Ollie Wilkinson and Emily Blyth. You should be proud of what you achieved and the legacy you have left.

This week starts what we refer to as the celebration season. On Tuesday evening the annual Youthmark Awards were presented to the 50 recipients across Southland schools. 11 JHC students were recognised for their contribution and achievements across a range of academia, the arts, sport and service. On Wednesday night our annual sporting and cultural blues awards ceremony took place. My congratulations to all of the recipients.

In terms of student leadership, our Head Students, Prefects, House Captains and Peer Support Leaders have been named for 2026. Leadership comes in many forms and we are blessed with the calibre of our senior students. We look forward to seeing their impact next year. My thanks also to this year's student leaders, you have been great role models and served the school admirably.

I would like to wish all of our Year 12 and 13 students, who are leaving at the end of next week, all the best for their upcoming external examinations.

Ngā mihi
Mike Newell
Principal

SLANZA Award for School Librarianship Awarded to Keri Cochrane

Junior Campus Librarian

Keri has strengthened the library's profile through innovative and engaging events, such as a school-wide reading challenge and the "Starbooks Cafe," which foster a genuine love of reading among students. Her deep sense of manaakitanga is evident in the safe and inclusive space she has created, making her a trusted adult for vulnerable students, and her proactive, collaborative approach ensures the library is an invaluable partner that directly contributes to teaching and learning across the school.



TEACHER ONSITE TRAINING

Are you considering a career change? Are you a recent graduate or returning to work after a break? JHC has been approved as a host school for the School Onsite Training Programme. You can work with us and train to be a teacher at the same time. JHC has partnered with Waikato University to offer this opportunity to our community. You would spend 2026 completing coursework remotely through the University of Waikato while learning to be a teacher in our school. Trainees receive a stipend for the year. For more information please contact us on office@jameshargest.school.nz or give us a call.

From the Boardroom



Nic Raines
BOT Presiding Member

Kia ora koutou,

Your new board was elected in September and first met last week. There is a nice mix of new and returning board members with new trustees Aaron Kerr and Michelle Findlater joining returning trustees Michelle Greenwood, Mary Foley and myself. The staff re-elected Lara Buchanan while the students re-elected Ben Hargest to complete the board. As is common in most elections these days, voter turnout

is minimal so thanks to those parents who took the opportunity to cast their vote in our electronic voting system.

The recent meeting approved a significant number of overnight trips and received updates on the 5 overseas trips planned for next year. It is great to see the languages staff along with the rugby club sending students on overseas trips creating memories. Please support the many fundraisers.

The Ministry has made schools focus on attendance and there are statistics galore doing the rounds. An interesting anecdote is that parents and caregivers need to lift their game and do better getting their kids to school, apathy appears to be playing its part.

While the new classroom block continues to take shape on the upper field, a 2nd toilet block at senior campus will begin construction next month in the main quad alongside the other new toilet block. While toilets being in plain sight on prime open spaces is a new concept, it is necessary to combat the antisocial behaviours when bathrooms are hidden out of sight.

Finally, thank you to Toni Green who

after chairing the board for the past 3 years did not seek re-election. Toni was an amazing chair person who was great fun to be around. She championed the concept of short speeches, I intend to follow her in that regard.

Nic Raines
BOT Presiding Member

Presiding Member – Nic Raines

Secretary – Lorie McDonald

Principal – Mike Newell

Staff Representative – Lara Buchanan

Student Representative – Ben Hargest

Parent Representatives

Nic Raines

Mary Foley

Michelle Greenwood

Michelle Findlater

Aaron Kerr

Jeremy Rees (co-opted)



L-R, Aaron Kerr, Lara Buchanan, Michelle Findlater, Nic Raines, Mike Newell, Ben Hargest, Mary Foley, Michelle Greenwood, Lorie McDonald, Jeremy Rees (absent)

Whānau Report

Kia ora koutou,

Ko te pae tāwhiti whāia kia tata. Ko te pae tata whakamaua kia tīna!

Keep your aspirations close. Fulfil those aspirations as they become achievable!

Ko te tumanako he pai te wā nei i runga i a tātou katoa. It is the hope that all is well for our Hargest whānau at this time.

Now, as always, is the time for patience, perseverance and appreciation. Patience with yourself, your friends and whānau as we face the challenges of the season ahead of us. Perseverance with the work you do to achieve your goals, whether they be short term or long. Let's appreciate we really are a part of a supportive, caring environment where so many people take the time to check-in and express their genuine interest in you.

We are very proud to introduce our Māori Prefects for 2026:

Amelia-Jayne de Thierry-Curry
Samson Parkinson

We know they will do a fantastic job.



Matua Neitana Tane

Mā mua ka kite a muri, mā muri ka ora a mua

Those who lead give sight to those who follow, those who follow give life to those who lead

This whakatauki also speaks to the importance of working together. It acknowledges and values the importance of both the leader and the followers for both are essential and co-dependent.

Hei kona mai,
Matua Neitana

Whānau Form Class 2026

Whānau Form Class

Tēna koutou te whānau,

This vertical form class (Year 9 to Year 13) is a place grounded in Te Ao Māori. Here you will meet and get to know other students who you will also encounter either at Te Reo Māori classes or Kapa Haka.

How does it work?

Each student who opts into the Whānau class will also need to choose to participate in Te Reo Māori class and/or Kapa Haka. This is to ensure that each student will be exposed to as many things Māori as possible. Whānau are regularly invited in to hui and kōrero around the kaupapa.

Discretionary entry into the Whānau class is looked at holistically and may involve an interview with a member of the senior leadership team.

If you wish to apply for your Year 9 student in 2026, please complete the form here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdS4uA1myUApP_s8jY6FJ91wV5yjdST-R_7ycomtmvVzozGg/viewform?usp=publish-editor

Mauriora

MOE Teacher Only Day 2025 for curriculum change

Monday 24 November - both campuses

Term Dates for 2026

Term 1:

Thursday 22 January:	PTA Uniform Sale
Buy Back	4:00pm - 5:00pm
Uniform Sale	6:00pm - 7:00pm
Tuesday 27 January:	Course Consultation
	Peer Support training
	Year 11-13 start - half a day
Friday 30 January:	Meet the Teacher, Junior Campus 2:30pm
Monday 2 February:	Ka Hikitia - Year 9's start
	Year 7, 8, and 9 in attendance
Tuesday 3 February:	7, 8, 9, 12 and 13 in attendance
Wednesday 4 February:	Whole school in attendance
Thursday 5 February:	Whole school in attendance
Friday 6 February:	Waitangi Day observed
Thursday 2 April:	Term 1 ends

Year 9 Camps – Term 4

Year 9 Camps are all set for Term 4, Weeks 4, 6, and 7.

TBC	W9TBT, T9CSN
TBC	H9MFE, H9CWN
10 - 12 Nov	T9TME, W9RFE
12 - 14 Nov	T9CBS, H9JWN
17 - 19 Nov	M9KES, M9NSW
19 - 21 Nov	W9GZG, M9QLE

PTA Report



Jo Wilson
PTA Chairperson

Kia ora from the PTA!

Here we are heading into the countdown till the end of 2025, it is time to stop take a breath and reflect. This has been one very busy year for all.

As the school year wraps up the PTA wishes all those who are sitting exams the very best of luck, take your time and strive to do your best.

Even though the year is coming to a close, it is so nice to see so many of our students still out their representing the school in a wide range of activities. A huge congratulations to all students who have participated this year in such a wide range of activities

Mahia te mahi, whiwhi te whiwhinga
Do the work, get the treats

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

Remember to mark on your calendar Thursday 11th December 2025 and Thursday 22nd January 2026 for the PTA Uniform Buy in and Uniform Sale. Please make sure any uniform coming in has been washed, has no holes, rips/tears, or stains. Blazers and Kilts to be dry cleaned with the tag still attached.

Ngā mihi nui
Jo Wilson and the PTA team

PTA Meeting Date

The next PTA meeting will be held in the Library Classroom at the Senior Campus at 7.30pm.

Thursday 6 November



PTA Buy Back and Uniform Sales

In the Senior Campus Hall

Thursday 11 December 2025
Buy Back 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Uniform Sale 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Thursday 22 January 2026
Buy Back 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Uniform Sale 6:00pm - 7:00pm

We buy uniform items from you in our "Buy Back" sessions, then sell to you clean, second hand uniform items at our "Uniform Sale".

Year 10 Exams

Monday 3 November,	1:15pm - 3:15pm:	Social Studies
Tuesday 4 November,	1:15pm - 3:15pm:	English
Thursday 6 November,	1:15pm - 3:15pm:	Science
Friday 7 November,	1:00pm - 3:00pm:	Maths

Year 9 Exams

Monday 3 November,	9:00am - 11:00am:	English
Wednesday 5 November,	1:15pm - 3:15pm:	Social Studies
Friday 7 November,	9:00am - 10:50am:	Maths

Year 13 Graduation Dinner

The Graduation Dinner for the Class of 2025 will be held at the Ascot Park Hotel on December 4th at 7:00 p.m. More details, including ticketing and seating information, will be made available shortly, but whānau should be aware that the cost is \$50 per person. Attendance at the event will be subject to the student's school attendance minimum attendance requirement (based on the percentage of unjustified absences from the second half of Term 2 onwards). Further questions should be directed to Ms Lara Buchanan lbuchanan@jameshargest.school.nz

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award



Congratulations to Olivia Stratford, Neve Templeton, and Addison Robertson for gaining the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award.

The Gold Award is a prestigious and internationally recognized achievement that acknowledges a young person's dedication, commitment, and personal development. This involved spending twelve months volunteering in the community, improving an existing

skill, and attending a week-long residential programme.

Olivia, Neve and Addison will now be invited to a ceremony in 2026 to celebrate their achievements and meet the Governor General. Well done. This is an amazing achievement.

Pic above L-R: Olivia, Mr Forde, Neve, Addison



Drama Students Deliver Powerful Performance of 'Radium Girls'

A big congratulations to the Year 11 and Level 2 Drama students who performed D.W. Gregory's gripping play, *Radium Girls*, at the Invercargill Repertory Theatre on Wednesday, October 8th.

The class spent the day on intense technical rehearsals, culminating in a spectacular evening presentation. The performance showcased a high level of dedication and attention to detail from our students. An appreciative audience of friends, family, and public supporters came out to celebrate their hard work!

Radium Girls is based on the true story of young women in the 1920s who worked in factories painting watch dials with glow-in-the-dark radium paint. The play follows protagonist Grace Fryer as she fights for justice against her corporate employer. It was a challenging and memorable production for the students, and a truly thought-provoking experience for the audience.

Level 1 NCEA Exams

Tuesday 11 November Level 1 English (all Year 11 students) 9.30am
Thursday 13 November Level 1 Maths (11MXT classes only) 9.30am

Brigadier's
Diploma

Beginning
Te Kākano Tōtara



KĀKANO

Proficient
Te Mātātipu Tōtara



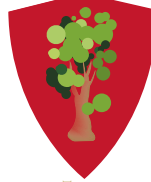
MĀTĀTIPU

Advanced
Te Kōhure Tōtara



KŌHURE

Outstanding
Te Māhuri Tōtara



MĀHURI

Tōtara Pounamu



TŌTARA
POUNAMU

Geography

On the 9th October, our Year 12 Geography class spent the day in Arrowtown on a research field trip as a part of their internal assessment. Their goal was to find out how Arrowtown's main street has changed over the past, present, and potentially into the future. We were lucky to be met with 22 degree weather and sunshine for the whole day - a positive change of scenery!

Students spent the day visiting the Arrowtown Archives and Lakes District Museum, of which they were spoken to by one of their lovely educators, as well as interviewing tourists, locals, and business owners. They also visited nearby Ayrburn Resort to further their research due to its recent development and popularity with the area.



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Head Students 2026

Congratulations

We are thrilled to announce our Head Students for 2026. We know they are all outstanding role models who will do a fantastic job. Mīharo mahi e koutou katoa.

Head Girl - Elly Baird

Deputy Head Girl - Lilah Jack

Head Boy - Alexander Sandiford

Deputy Head Boy - Benjamin Wyatt

*Back row L-R, 2025 Head Students
Macey Ellis, Lucy Thomas, Caleb
Devery, Samuel Elder*

*Front row L-R: Lilah Jack, Elly Baird,
Alex Sandiford, Benjamin Wyatt*



Prefects 2026

Sport Prefects

Aneeka Fosbender
Kyra Savory
Ryder Laverty
Liam Sheehan
Madeleine Black
Caitlin Crawford

Academic Prefects

Amelia Cameron
Natalie Snoek
Desandi Fonseca
David Hardy
Annie Tran

Cultural Prefects

Larah Moce
Rashini Fernando
Diane Mananes
Meah Ayto

Service Prefects

Emma Steele
Addison Robertson
Ethan Stark
Janet Wei
Saranya Sarisa

Māori Prefects

Samson Parkinson
Amelia-Jayne de Thierry-Curry

Arts Prefects

Neve Templeton
Olivia Scarlett
Jack Jia
Lara Kerr
Matilda Vincent

House Captains 2026

Hamilton

Kyra Savory
Janet Wei
Megan Phillipson
Liam Sheehan

Menzies

Emma Winder
Samuel Dawson
Madeleine Black
Brady Davis

Thomson

Aneeka Fosbender
Trent Moss
Samson Parkinson
Tilly McDonald

Watson

Darren Chen
Nicholas Cowie
Emma Steele
Isabella Collins



LEO Club

Can Drive

The LEO Club organised a can drive to contribute to the Salvation Army Food Bank. Thanks to all who contributed - it makes a big difference. Madison Neylon and Merrin McEwen presented the produce.



Sing Thing

Ākonga from the Junior and Senior campuses came together with ākonga from Donovan Primary and Park Syndicate, along with residents from Vickery Court, Walmsley House and Peacehaven and whānau for a mini Sing Thing. They sang waiata, and old songs like The Wellerman, My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean, and Country Roads. Thank you to members of the Junior Campus ukulele group and the Senior Campus concert band for accompanying the singing, our Junior campus and Senior campus choirs for supporting the singing, Ancora choir leaders Maddie and Emily for being our MCs, and Amanda for taking these photos. The photos tell the story of a lovely afternoon of community music making. Ka rawe!



SMAC Maths Competition



Year 7 - 1st
Tracker Lush
Miheli Liyanage
Vicky Chen
Cooper Ward



Year 7 - 3rd
Vinny Frisby
Sam Lyness
Lily McIntyre
Jamie Middleton



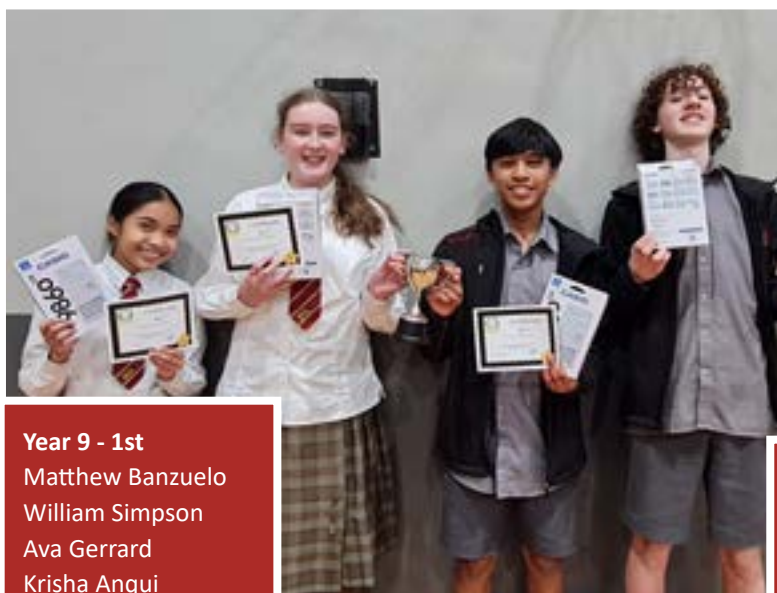
Year 8 - 1st
William Wishart
Chris More
Kyra Bonthuys
Tia Boutcher



Year 8 - 2nd
Heeje Han
Fionn Fortune-Harris
Danilo Dias
Dhruv Escovar

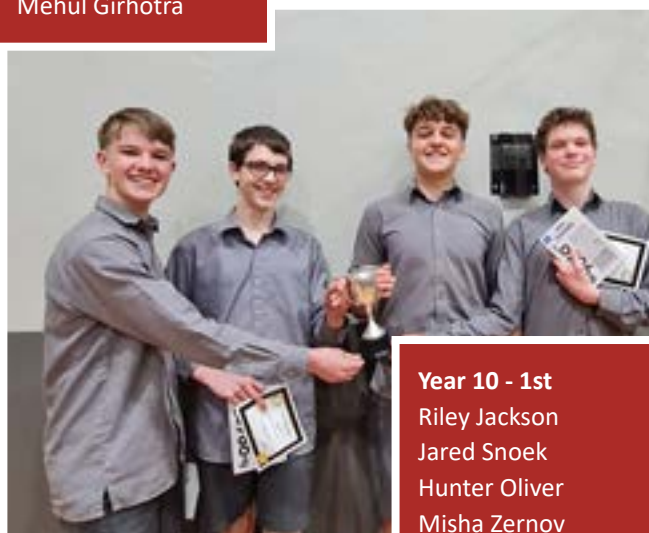
Well done to the JHC SMAC Maths teams and their teachers. We dominated all Year Levels and all the trophies stay with us for another year. Ka mau te wehi!





Year 9 - 1st
Matthew Banzuelo
William Simpson
Ava Gerrard
Krisha Anqui

Year 9 - 2nd
Keaton Lyness
Wenxin Li
William Henderson
Mehul Girhotra



Year 10 - 2nd
Cameron Hughes
Thomas Bannister
Yashas Singh
Jonathan More

Year 10 - 1st
Riley Jackson
Jared Snoek
Hunter Oliver
Misha Zernov

WHĀNAU KŌRERO

In today's world, where distractions are abundant and the pressure to excel is high, guiding children to develop healthy study habits is more important than ever. As students aspire to achieve academic success, the cornerstone of that achievement lies not just in their intelligence or drive, but in the study habits they cultivate.

It's essential for students to recognise that good study habits aren't merely about spending extra hours hitting the books. It's more about quality over quantity and having a more balanced approach. Emphasising the value of a routine is essential. Consistent study times establish a sense of structure and discipline, turning studying into a natural part of their daily routine rather than a burdensome task.

Additionally, how students approach their study sessions is equally important. Taking regular breaks is a crucial part of this process in maintaining focus and preventing burnout.

Maintaining a healthy lifestyle that includes sufficient sleep, a balanced diet, and consistent physical activity are indispensable elements that will significantly impact your child's ability to study effectively. Fostering these healthy habits is one of the most valuable gifts we can offer children, paving the way for a lifetime of learning and achievement.

This Special Report will help you support your young person as they embark on studying for exams.

Here is the link to your Special Report

https://jameshargest.nz.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-healthy-study-habits-nz



HARGEST STUDY CENTRE

Senior Campus Library
Tuesdays 3.30 - 5.00pm

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



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

Afternoon tea provided by the PTA.

Irish Dancing Nationals



Congratulations to Lachie Clarke, Year 8, who was placed second in his age group 11-U13 boys, at the Irish Dancing Nationals held in Auckland over the holiday break.

Enrich@ILT Review

Enrich@ILT has been running in Invercargill since 2008, with approximately 1400 children having attended during this time.

We are carrying out a review to assess its impact and wish to contact families of children who are currently in year 12,13 or older who attended Enrich.

If you are available to assist, could you please email me at review@enrich.net.nz with your details and your child's/ children's details.

Ngā mihi nui

Peter Forde

Centre Manager

Ph: 0274 918 694



Environmental Leadership Camp

At the end of Term 3, twelve students attended an Environmental Leadership camp at Te Kōawa Lodge in the Jericho Valley, with help from our EnviroSchools Coordinator Josh Sullivan. The camp is maintained by the Te Waiau Mahika Kai Trust, which aims to promote and restore mahinga kai resources in the Waiau catchment.

During the camp, students engaged in activities such as a stream study, species identification, planting native trees, as well as learning about Mahika Kai and pest management. They thoroughly enjoyed being outdoors, surrounded by beautiful mountains, and contributing to the conservation efforts of the trust.

We look forward to seeing the ideas our students developed and are excited to hopefully go again next year.



Biology Olympiad



with a workload similar to that of University courses. Typically students spend 4-5 hours each week over summer to fully complete the programme. The main purpose of the tutorial programme is for students to learn cool biology at a university level. In February 2026, the tutorial participants

In August 2025 throughout Aotearoa, 407 students sat the New Zealand International Biology Olympiad entrance exam, 5 of these students were from Hemi hakena. From their results 343 students, 3 from Hemi hakena, were chosen for the next stage of a tutorial group and were awarded a Bronze certificate. This tutorial programme opened in September 2025 and our students are beginning to complete cell biology topics via multiple digital platforms over the Term 3 holidays and into Term 4. The bulk of the tutorial programme is over our upcoming summer holidays

will undertake a second examination based on their summer learnings and the results of this will determine if they are part of the group who will head to the University of Otago in the Term 1/2 Holidays to compete for a place in the NZIBO team of which 5 are selected to compete internationally, in 2026 in Lithuania.

Best of luck to Natalie Snoek, Janika Stirling and Annie Tran in this journey, joining a list of Hemi hakena Alumni that have also been recognised for their knowledge and love of Biology.



Pathways to Engineering Day



On Thursday 16th October, our taura attended Ngā Ara ki te Mahi Kaipūkaha Pathways to Engineering Day at Murihiku Marae. The kaupapa was designed to inspire Māori and Pasifika rangatahi by showing them how they can utilise mātauranga Māori in the world of engineering. They got to listen to examples of how te ao Māori has been interwoven in local engineering projects and they were able to put their own engineering skills to the test by making catapults and constructing model wind turbines.



ARTS WEEK

Day 1

The first day of the inaugural Arts Week at Hargest was jam-packed full of events.

The Opening Ceremony saw a thrilling performance from our Kapa Haka Ropu, and amazing speeches from Jocelyn Beadle (Head of Arts learning area), Caroline Raynes (Associate Principal) and the Arts Week at Hargest team (Lachlan Calvert, Amanda Henderson, Ollie Wilkinson and Emily Blyth).

The Poetry Slam competition saw several students write fabulous poems. Congratulations to Samantha Lemm and Janet Wei (Hamilton) for taking out the competition with the following poem:

*Matted fur meets my hands,
tears fill my eyes as memories flood,
I clutch my old friend to my chest,
Memories of sun coloured candy.
Always tasting artificial.
We used to pretend, oh so far away,
That we ruled the jungle that day.
Swinging on vines high in the trees.
Before mum called us home,
Tucked us in, holding us tight.
Said good night.
I held my monkey close.
I drifted back to reality with delight.*

Further congratulations to runners-up Preethi Ravindran, Ben Hargest (Watson) and Mercedes Checketts (Menzies), and a huge thank you to Desandi Fonseka and Emma Steele for creating and organising this event.

We had a fabulous night at the annual James Hargest Film Festival, with 12 films across Year 11-13 being showcased. Everything from Sweded Film Trailers, to Documentaries and Mockumentaries and even Silent Horror Films.

A great start to the first day, with much more in store for the rest of the week.



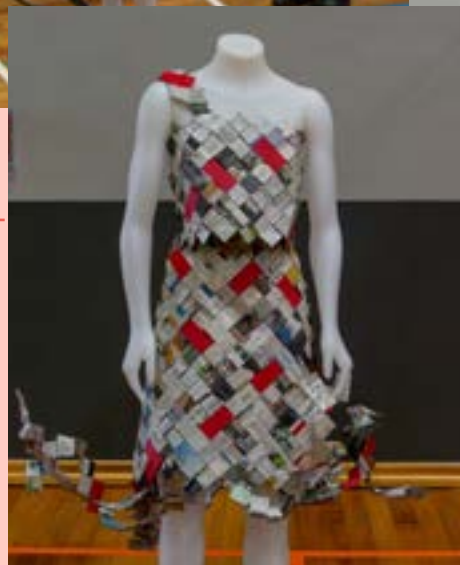


Day 2

The second day of Arts Week was a massive success, with several high-profile events taking place. At interval and lunch, Toi Wearable arts outfits were put on a red carpeted display for students to view. There were so many amazing items from our incredible Fashion and Design students, and it was so cool to see these stunning designs.

At lunchtime, the Music Picnic took place. This saw both choirs (Ancora and Cantabella) perform lovely choral numbers, as well as Haste, a rock band made up of students in Year 11 performing some amazing covers, and even Year 9 band Seven C's performing a catchy original song. So much talent is coming out of the music department at the moment and we can't wait to see what these students do next.

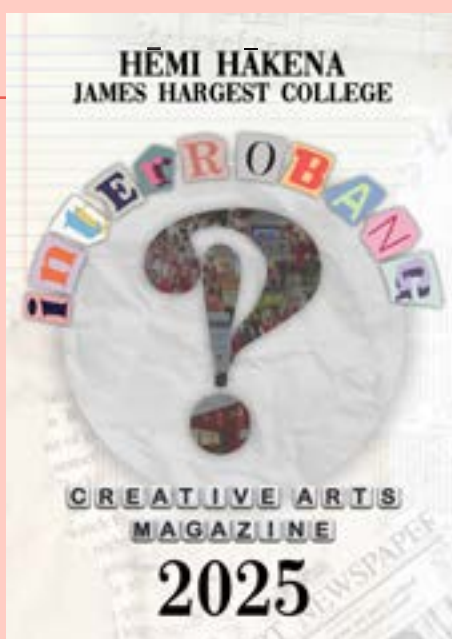
As well as this, some of our Senior Campus art students made the trek down to the Junior Campus to help some of our younger students create self portraits from pipe cleaners. It's great to see how our Senior students are nurturing the future of the Arts at Hargest.





Interrobang! Publication

The launch of this year's Interrobang! was a smashing success, a testament to the incredible, industrious efforts of the student team. They poured hours into securing contributions, including reaching out to Kyle Mewburn from Miller's Flat as our guest writer alongside local artist Lyn Henry, and carefully curating such a fine selection of writing and art. We couldn't be prouder of the final magazine, which was celebrated with a wonderful turnout at the launch. This team has certainly set an indelible and Tōtara-sized goal for next year's editorial team to chase!



Day 3

The third day of Arts Week at Hargest was another great success, with some very special events.

At interval, many artsy activities were run in the Senior Campus art room, including students using chalk to create a beautiful mural for Arts Week. In the evening, the Senior Art Board Display was put up, which included Year 10 Skateboards, Year 11 Boards for their Brigadier Diploma, Year 12 in progress Painting and Printmaking Boards and Year 13 in progress Scholarship Painting Boards. We had many whanau and students come to these amazing art boards throughout the evening. It's always good to be able to showcase our wonderfully talented artists.

Down at the Junior Campus yesterday, there were music buskers playing their instruments in the atrium. The future of our music scene at Hargest looks bright with all this young, brimming talent. Finally, we finished the night with Interrobang, James Hargest College's Creative Writing and Arts magazine. It was a huge success and a huge celebration of students' work across both Junior and Senior Campuses. We heard from the incredible artist Lyn Henry and passionate author Kyle Mewburn. Many staff and students attended, leading to over 90 people in attendance. This year, a very high-quality magazine was produced under the Interrobang Team of student editors Amanda Henderson, Natalie Snoek, Fletcher McDowall and Alicia Purdon, student designers Hayley Stark and Matilda Vincent, as well as teachers Ms Noelle Miles and Ms Annie Haveron. Over 36 students were published in the magazine this year, from 70 submissions, a massive step up from last year. A big thank you to everyone who worked on or featured in the magazine. We know lots of hard work went into this.





Day 4

The final day of Arts Week At Hargest was the cherry on top of an amazing week.

The Arts Week at Hargest Team went down to Junior Campus Assembly to talk about the Arts Subjects at Junior Campus. It was inspiring to see so many young faces interested in the arts, and hopefully this carries through into next year.

Mrs Beadle ran Art Club after school as she normally does, however today had several cool activities for students new to art. It's good to see people getting involved with the Arts.

And finally, in the evening, the Music Showcase was a perfect way to close a fantastic week of Arts. It included groups from both Junior and Senior Campus. The Junior Campus Choir, Band, and Ukulele Group all performed, as well as the Senior Campus Concert Band, Chamber Music Group, Ancora Choir, Cantabella Choir and the Southland Youth Jazz Band. With over 180+ people in attendance. It was epic.

The Arts Week at Hargest team officially closed Arts Week for 2025. Thank you all so much for your support over the week. A massive thank you to everyone who contributed to Arts Week at Hargest 2025. Whether you were performing, showing off your work or admiring the talents of your peers, we couldn't have done Arts Week without you. We hope that this event continues for many years to come.

From the Arts Week at Hargest Team 2025
Amanda Henderson, Lachlan Calvert, Emily Blyth, Ollie Wilkinson and Mrs Beadle.



Introducing the Arts Week at Hargest Team

Ollie Wilkinson is a talented musician and writer whose sense of fun shines through in everything he does. As a bass player, he provides the rhythm and backbone in ensembles like the Southland Youth Jazz Band. His passion for music extends to his involvement in the School Production, not only in the orchestra but also on stage. Beyond music, Ollie has a gift with words, which he is utilising to help promote Arts Week at Hargest. A vital member of the team, he is thrilled to be part of bringing this exciting new tradition to life.

Emily Blyth is the powerful voice behind many Arts at Hargest. She is the choir captain of Ancora, section leader of Cantabella and vocalist for the Southland Youth Jazz Band. As well as this, she is an extremely talented performer, participating in many different kinds of musicals and stage performances. Emily is enthusiastic to be a part of the team organising the first-ever Arts Week at Hargest.

Mrs Joss Beadle is the Head of Learning Area, The Arts at JHC. This role encompasses the areas of

Visual Arts, Dance, Music, and Drama. Previously Head of the Visual Arts since 2007, she is delighted to be working with the group of talented students on the Arts Week at Hargest team. Mrs Beadle always makes the Art Department feel warm and welcoming, and she always helps her students create to the best of their abilities.

Amanda Henderson has many talents within the arts sector. From singing in choirs, to acting on stage, and even dancing, Amanda does it all. On top of this, Amanda has been running the Interrobang Team this year, making sure everything is going smoothly. Amanda is very excited to be part of the Arts Week at Hargest team and looks forward to seeing her planning come to life during the various events throughout the week.

Lachlan Calvert is the mastermind behind Arts Week at Hargest. Lachlan is an extremely talented musician, most notably playing the Baritone Saxophone in the Invercargill City Jazz Band and the Southland Youth Jazz Band, as well as enjoying much success within various Chamber Music groups. Lachlan is excited to see his idea come to life, and you'll be able to hear the deep rumble of his saxophone ringing out throughout the week.



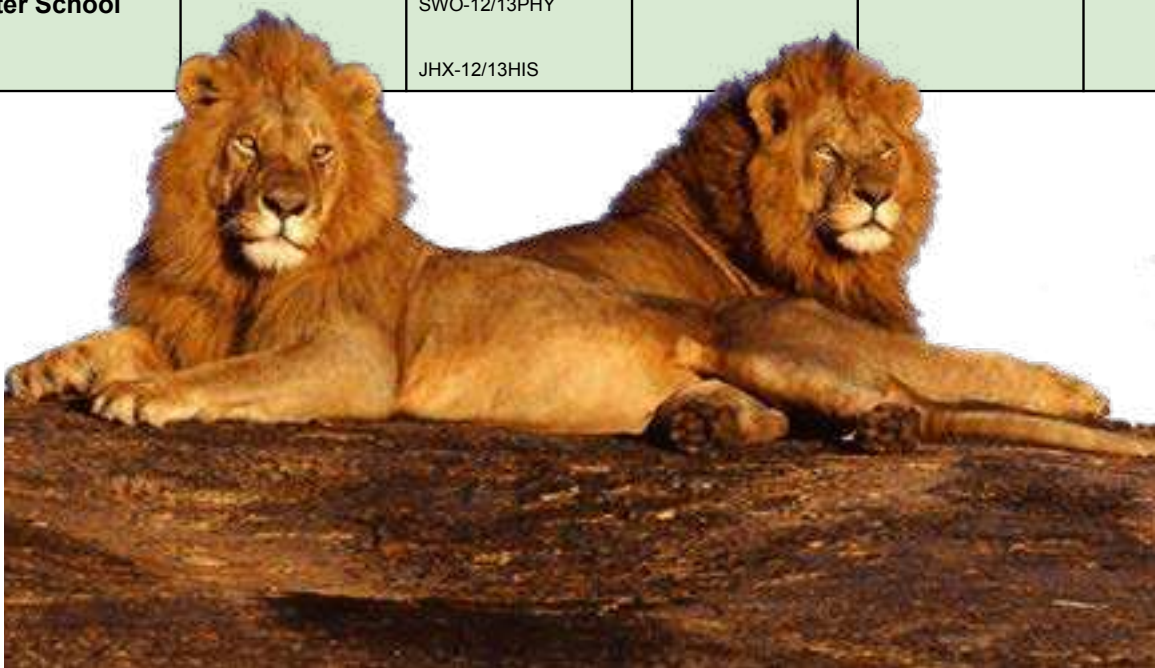
TUTORIALS

WEEK 4 27-31 October	Monday Labour Day	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School					
Period 1					
Period 2					SGF-13/SDGP
Interval					
Period 3		JWN-12/13GEO			
Period 4					
Lunchtime			JBS-10CMAT		
Period 5		PSH-12/13DRA	PSH-12/13DRA		
After School		STUDY CENTRE BIO-12/13 CHE-12/13 PHY-12/13 SCI-11			

WEEK 5 03-07 November	Monday 2-1-2	Tuesday 2-1-2	Wednesday 2-1-2 PPTA Strike (Periods 4-5)	Thursday 2-1-2	Friday 2-1-2
Level 1 EXAMS					
Level 2 EXAMS		Mathematics (am) Latin (pm)	Geography (pm)	English (am) Chinese (pm)	Accounting (pm)
Level 3 EXAMS		Dance (am) Japanese (pm) Making Music (pm) Spanish (pm)	English (am)	History (pm)	Chemistry (am)
Scholarship EXAMS		Classics (am) Statistics (pm)	Earth and Space Science (pm)	Latin (am) French (pm)	Accounting (am) Biology (pm)
Junior Exams	Year 9 Eng (am) Year 10 Soc (pm)	– Year 10 Eng (pm)	– Year 9 Soc (pm)	– Year 10 Sci (pm)	Year 9 Mat (am) Year 10 Mat (pm)
Before School					
Period 1	JWN-12/13GEO	NTE-12/13MAO JWN-12/13GEO	SBK-12ACC	ECE-12/13CHE SGF-12/13DGP QLE-12/13CHE	LDP-12/13PHY SWO-12/13PHY
Period 2		NTE-12/13MAO		QLE-12/13CHE	LDP-12/13PHY SGF-13/SDGP SWO-12/13PHY
Interval	SBK-12ACC	SGF-13DGP			
Period 3		SGF-13DGP		SBK-12ACC ECE-12/13CHE QLE-12/13CHE AMD-12/13BIO	LDP-12/13PHY SWO-12/13PHY
Lunchtime	JCO-11SCI KHS-13ENG SWY-13ENG	CFE-12ENG AMA-13ENG HMT-13ENG SS-12ENG	JBS-10CMAT	SBK-12ACC	
Period 4				DMN-12/13BIO HPO-12/13BIO	
Period 5		PSH-12/13DRA	PSH-12/13DRA	MAS-12/13BIO HPO-12/13BIO	
After School		STUDY CENTRE BIO-12/13 CHE-12/13 PHY-12/13 SCI-11 JHX-12/13HIS	KHS-12ENG SWY-12ENG	CFE-11ENG AMA-11ENG CWN-11ENG	



WEEK 6 10-14 November	Monday Normal Timetable	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Level 1 EXAMS	French (am) Spanish (am) Commerce (pm)	English (am) Tokelaun (pm)	AgHort (am) Korean (pm)	Mathematics (am) History (pm)	
Level 2 EXAMS	Tongan (am) Te Reo Māori (am) Korean (pm)	Dance (pm)	Chemistry (am) Cook Island Māori (pm) Drama (pm)	Art History (am) Physics (pm)	
Level 3 EXAMS	Calculus (am) AgHort (pm) Chinese (pm) German (pm)	Biology (pm)	Drama (am) DigiTech Prog (pm) Samoan (pm)	Statistics (am) Accounting (pm)	
Scholarship EXAMS	Samoan (am) Media Studies (pm)	Physics (am) Art History (pm)	Geography (am) Psychology (pm)	Drama (am) AgHort (pm)	
Before School					
Period 1		LDP-12/13PHY HPO-12/13BIO JWN-12/13GEO SWO-12/13PHY	JBS-13STA/13STB CSN-13STA/13STB	LDP-12/13PHY NTE-12/13MAO	SGF-12/SDGP QLE-SCHE
Period 2		LDP-12/13PHY DMN-12/13BIO HPO-12/13BIO SWO-12/13PHY	JBS-13STA/13STB MCR-13STA/13STB LDP-12/13PHY CSN-13STA/13STB	LDP-12/13PHY NTE-12/13MAO	SGF-12/SDGP QLE-SCHE
Interval		SGF-13DGP	JBS-10CMAT		
Period 3	MAS-12/13BIO LDP-12/13PHY QLE-12CHE	ECE-12CHE LDP-12/13PHY SGF-13DGP QLE-12CHE HPO-12/13BIO SWO-12/13PHY	LDP-12/13PHY	AMD-12BIO	LDP-13PHY QLE-SCHE AMD-12BIO AM-13FNT ETS-13FNT
Period 4	LDP-12/13PHY SGF-13DGP QLE-12CHE DMN-12/13BIO		KD-13ACC	HPO-12BIO	HPO-12BIO AM-13FNT ETS-13FNT
Lunchtime	KES-11ENG SGF-13DGP CSF-11ENG SWY-11ENG CWN-11ENG				
Period 5	ECE-12CHE KD-13ACC LDP-12/13PHY SGF-13DGP QLE-12CHE SWO-12/13PHY	QLE-12CHE PSH-12/13DRA		HPO-12BIO	HPO-12BIO
After School		STUDY CENTRE QLE-12/13CHE HPO-12/13BIO SWO-12/13PHY JHX-12/13HIS			



WEEK 7 17-21 November	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday Y10 Activity Day	Friday Y10 Activity Day
Level 1 EXAMS	Te Reo Māori (am) Japanese (pm)	Science (am) DigiTech (pm)	Chinese (am) Social Studies (pm)	Physics Earth and Space Science (am) Niuean (pm)	Reo Māori Kūki Āirani (am) Geography (pm)
Level 2 EXAMS	French (am) Biology (pm)	History (am) AgHort (pm)	Te Reo Rangatira (am) Classics (pm)	Media (am) Sustainability (pm) Samoan (pm)	Music (pm)
Level 3 EXAMS	Latin (am) Psychology (am) Te Reo Rangatira (am) Economics (pm)	Physics (am) Media (pm)	Tongan (am) Art History (pm)	Te Reo Māori (am) Earth and Space Science (pm)	Music Studies (am)
Scholarship EXAMS	Chemistry (am)	Te Reo Rangatira (am)	English (am) Economics (pm)	Calculus (am) Chinese (pm)	Spanish (am) History (pm)
Before School					
Period 1	AMD-12BIO	NTE-12/13MAO		KD-12BUS NTE-12MAO	
Period 2	AMD-12BIO	NTE-12/13MAO		VBD-12FNT NTE-12MAO	NSW-12BUS
Interval		SGF-12DGP			
Period 3	LDP-13PHY HPO-12BIO SWO-13PHY	SGF-12DGP LTR-12MED	AM-13FNT		AM-13FNT ETS-13FNT
Period 4	LDP-13PHY HPO-12BIO SWO-13PHY	LTR-12MED	AM-13FNT		VBD-12FNT AM-13FNT ETS-13FNT
Lunchtime			JBS-10CMAT		
Period 5	LDP-13PHY SGF-SDGP LTR-13MED SWO-13PHY				
After School		STUDY CENTRE			

WEEK 8 24-28 November	Monday Teacher Only Day	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday Y10 Activity Day	Friday Y10 Activity Day
Level 1 EXAMS	Sāmoan (am) German (pm)	Chemistry and Biology (am) Tongan (pm)	Religious Studies (am) Health (pm)		
Level 2 EXAMS	Japanese (am) Earth and Space Science (pm)	Home Economics (am) German (pm)	Social Studies (am) Business Studies (pm)	Economics (am) Health (pm)	DigiTech Prog (am) Spanish (am)
Level 3 EXAMS	Geography (am)	Classics (am) Home Economics (pm)	French (am) Health (pm)	Korean (am) Business Studies (pm)	Cook Islands Māori (am) Social Studies (am)
Scholarship EXAMS	Religious Studies (pm)	Te Reo Māori (am) DigiTech Prog(pm)	Japanese (am)		German (am)
Before School					
Period 1					
Period 2		KD-12BUS	NSW-12BUS		
Interval		SGF-12DGP			
Period 3		SGF-12DGP			
Period 4					
Lunchtime			JBS-10CMAT		
Period 5			SGF-12DGP		
After School		STUDY CENTRE			

Youthmark Awards

JHC is incredibly proud to celebrate our Youthmark Award recipients for 2025. This award is funded by the ILT with the purpose of recognising Southland students who excel. Fifty awards are given out each year and all Southland Secondary Schools are allocated a number of awards based on their Year 13 roll numbers. This year JHC was allocated 11 awards. Excelling in their chosen areas of cultural pursuits, sport and leadership the students demonstrate the school values both in and out of school, on and off the national and world stages.

Bea Christie

Bea is a driven student who excels in many fields, especially in Athletics. Her competitive successes include national rankings in many events, as well as Southland records. Notably, she placed 4th at Nationals in both the Hammer Throw and Heptathlon for her age group, also claiming a South Island title in Pole Vault and achieving strong placings in Shot Put and Hammer Throw.

Beyond competing, Bea gives back as a coach for athletics and netball. Impressively, she is a certified Athletics New Zealand Official who has officiated at national and international events. She mentors younger athletes and supports her school community, and holds leadership roles such as House Captain and Senior Student Council member. Her academic excellence is highlighted by NCEA Level 1 and 2 Overall Excellence and many subject endorsements.

Bea's success is grounded in strong family and coach support, perseverance, and a passion for helping others enjoy sport as much as she does. She intends to study Sport and Exercise Science at Otago University while continuing to compete, coach, and officiate athletics. Her balanced commitment to performance, service, and growth ensures she is well-placed for future success.



Libby Crawford

Libby is recognised for her outstanding achievements in sport and leadership, which are highlighted in her roles as Sports Prefect and Menzies House Captain. She has also captained multiple teams, including the U18 INC team, the JHC Girls 1st V, and the Gold A Netball Team.

An accomplished sportsperson in netball, tennis and basketball, Libby has recently focused her efforts on netball, attending the National Development Camp in 2024 and 2025. Her dedication and skill led to her selection for the Invited Players Camp, where 24 players from throughout New Zealand are invited to attend. In 2024, she was also named in the Tournament Team at the South Island Secondary Schools competition.

In addition to playing, Libby has given back to her sporting community over the years by coaching junior netball, where her passion for both the sport and mentoring younger students is evident. She also contributes to the wider school through her various volunteering, notably as part of the LEO club.

Libby credits her success to a strong work ethic and positive mindset, and her accomplishments show she is a well-rounded student with focused ambitions. She plans to pursue university studies while continuing to compete at a national level.



Caleb Devery

As Head Boy of James Hargest College, Caleb demonstrates consistent excellence in academics, sport, leadership, and service. With a strong work ethic and proactive attitude, he balances academic excellence with leadership and sporting commitments. He gained Excellence Endorsements at NCEA Levels 1 and 2, receiving multiple Excellence Endorsements in a range of subject areas.

In sport, Caleb is a standout hockey player, representing Southland U18 at Nationals and captaining several teams. He has also represented Southland in swimming and football. As a coach for hockey, water polo, and swimming, he mentors younger athletes and fosters a positive team culture.

A respected leader both on and off the field, Caleb contributes significantly to the school. His roles include Peer Support Leader, LEO Club member, and student mentor while supporting initiatives such as World Vision, Anga Whakamua, and buddy programmes. Culturally, he has performed in lead roles in multiple school productions and co-directed the JHC junior play.

Caleb plans to study Surveying at the University of Otago. He attributes his success to resilience, humility, and a strong commitment to serving his community. He values relationships and leads by example in every role, whether on stage, on the field, or in the classroom.

Samuel Elder

Sam is being recognised for his academic achievements and leadership. As the 2025 Deputy Head Boy at James Hargest College, he leads by example and serves as a natural role model for students of all ages. Active in school life, Sam plays for the first XI football team and is a Peer Support leader, as well as participating in World Vision, Leo Club, and the Year 13 Welfare Committee. Coaching a junior football team at Old Boys AFC for two years, Sam has shown dedication to mentorship and serves as an inspirational role model for younger students.

A high-performing student, Sam was the 2023 Year 11 Top Scholar at James Hargest College. He has achieved Excellence Endorsements in NCEA Level 1 and Level 2, along with several subject endorsements. In 2024, he was awarded a Bronze Award in the New Zealand Chemistry Olympiad and was a finalist for the CETA Top Scholar in Economics.

With a grounded mindset, Sam embodies the school values and is authentic in everything he does. Sam plans to study Engineering at the University of Canterbury, where he looks forward to applying his skills and continuing to make a difference.



Riley Faulkner

Riley is an outstanding cyclist who holds multiple national records, including the flying 200m and team sprint. In 2024 and 2025, she excelled at the National and South Island Track Cycling Championships, breaking all-comers' records and winning multiple medals across sprint events. Internationally, Riley represented New Zealand at the U19 Junior World Track Cycling Championships, earning a silver medal in the team sprint, placing 7th in the 500m time trial, and ranking as the fastest first-year rider in the sprint qualifiers. Over the past year, she has broken 13 New Zealand and 2 Oceania U19 track cycling records, and secured first place at the National sprint.

Leadership is another of Riley's strengths, demonstrated in her role as House Captain and her active involvement in school events such as Orientation Day and Junior Athletics Day. She also mentors younger students, balancing athletic commitments with citizenship and academic success. Riley achieved Level 1 NCEA Endorsement with Excellence and earned multiple subject endorsements at Levels 1 and 2.

With clear and ambitious goals, Riley is driven by passion and determination. She hopes to join the New Zealand Elite Women's Sprint Squad while studying a Bachelor of Sport and Human Performance at Waikato University.



Cameron Fraser

Cameron is a talented musician whose success stems from his strong work ethic and calmness under pressure. His dedication is shown in his ability to memorise and perform complex pieces. Contributions to school music include playing guitar in jazz and production bands, performing snare drum for the Ka hikitia step up, and taking part in Smokefree Rockquest.

Since age nine, he has competed in pipe band contests, representing the Invercargill band across multiple grades and nationwide competitions. Among his awards are first-place finishes in open MSR bass drum solos at the Otago Memorial Contest in both 2024 and 2025. As bass drummer for the Invercargill pipe band, he composes original pieces for bass sections and has earned top national placements, including second in Juvenile and fourth in Grade 3 contests. In 2024, he toured Canada with the National Youth Pipe Band of New Zealand, winning Grade 2 at the Penticton Highland Games and attending the prestigious Piping Hot Summer Drummer school. He also plays guitar with the Southland Youth Jazz Band.

Next year, Cameron plans to pursue a Bachelor of Arts in Music. With his combination of talent, drive, and strong community values, he is set for future success.



Amanda Henderson

Amanda is a well-rounded student who embodies the Hargest values. Academically, she has earned Excellence endorsements in Level 1 and Level 2, including many subject endorsements. She was selected for the Rotary National Science and Technology Forum, received the CETA Top Scholar Award for Digital Technologies for Southland at Level 2, and was a finalist in the nationwide Girl Boss Tech for Good Program.

Culturally, Amanda is the Head Editor of the school’s creative writing magazine and serves as an Arts Prefect, spearheading events such as the inaugural Arts Week. She has performed lead roles in school productions and is a sectional leader in the successful Ancora Choir. Additionally, her band placed 2nd in the Southland Regional final of Rockquest. Dance is another passion, where she consistently earns high scores in examinations.

In her numerous leadership roles, including Watson House Captain, Amanda is an exemplary role model who leads with poise and enthusiasm. She demonstrates resilience, organisation, and a strong commitment to her goals. An advocate for girls in technology, her goal is to study Data Science, majoring in Business Analytics. Amanda’s talents and dedication mark her as a leader with a clear vision for her community.



Jotaro Matsuo

Jotaro is a dedicated musician whose contributions to both school and community music have been outstanding. Starting music lessons at Out of School Music in primary school, he has developed into a skilled clarinet and saxophone player. Within school productions, orchestras, and jazz bands, he plays a vital role, recently serving as assistant musical director and organiser of the school jazz band. Additionally, Jotaro mentors younger students on the recorder, showing strong leadership and a love of teaching.

Among his notable achievements are placing 4th nationally at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Jazz Competition and earning a Gold Award at the Southern Jam Youth Jazz Festival—the highest ever for a Southland jazz band. Recognition as best saxophonist at the ILT Regional Jazz Festival and participation in the Regional Chamber Music Finals and Rockquest Regional Finals further highlight his talent. His involvement spans school and community, performing in concerts, supporting events, and contributing to multiple ensembles. Balancing his musical commitments, Jotaro maintains excellent academic results, achieving NCEA Level 2 with Excellence endorsement.

Jotaro plans to study music at Victoria University, aiming for a professional career in performance or music education, where his passion for music can continue to inspire others.

Merrin McEwen

Merrin is an accomplished all-rounder with a strong community focus demonstrated through her involvement as a St John Youth Cadet. In 2023, she was named District Cadet of the Year, reflecting her achievements in the district competitions. She now leads and mentors younger cadets with dedication and enthusiasm.

Music has always been a big part of Merrin’s life. In 2024, Merrin completed her Grade 8 Singing exam with Distinction. She has also had key roles in productions, choirs and chamber music groups, notably as a section leader in school choirs. This leadership extends to serving as a team leader in LEO club. Through her peer support role, Merrin connects with younger students, offering guidance and encouragement.

Academically, Merrin has earned Excellence Endorsements at Level 1 and Level 2 with subject endorsements in numerous subjects. Respected by all, Merrin combines her skills and community spirit with a determination to succeed and help others. She credits her success to her perseverance and the support she receives. Merrin hopes to continue her music endeavours and plans to study at the University of Otago in 2026, aspiring to become a doctor, motivated by her own medical experiences and a strong desire to give back.



Hamish McKenzie

Hamish is a dedicated and accomplished athlete, specialising in water polo. Within school, Hamish demonstrates strong leadership as a Sports Prefect and House Captain. As captain, he led his team to victory at the 2025 South Island Secondary Schools Mixed Water Polo Tournament and was named MVP. In 2023, Hamish received the Richard Jamieson Cup for his contribution to water polo and was nominated for the Southland Secondary Contribution to Sports Award in 2024. He has represented Southland at multiple levels, including U16 and U18 water polo teams from 2022 to 2025, recognising that his parents’ support and his resilience and determination have been vital to his success.

Holding a New Zealand Water Polo C Grade refereeing certification, he mentors referees and coaches junior teams, including the Southland U12 Development Squad. Volunteering extensively, Hamish referees numerous games annually and supports game-day operations. He balances sporting commitments with academics, demonstrating outstanding qualities that make him a genuine role model who earns the respect of all.

Hamish exemplifies the values of a James Hargest College leaver: kind, calm, respectful, and considerate. He plans to study for a Bachelor of Teaching at Otago University next year while continuing to serve his sporting community.

Lucy Thomas

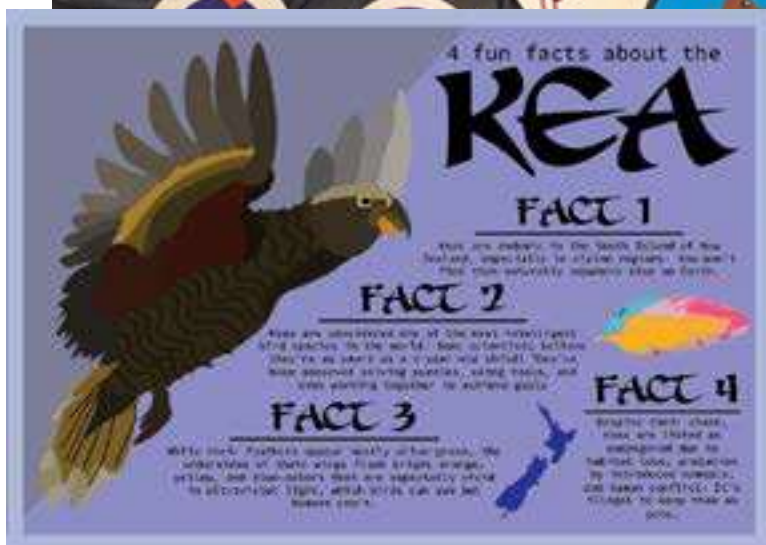
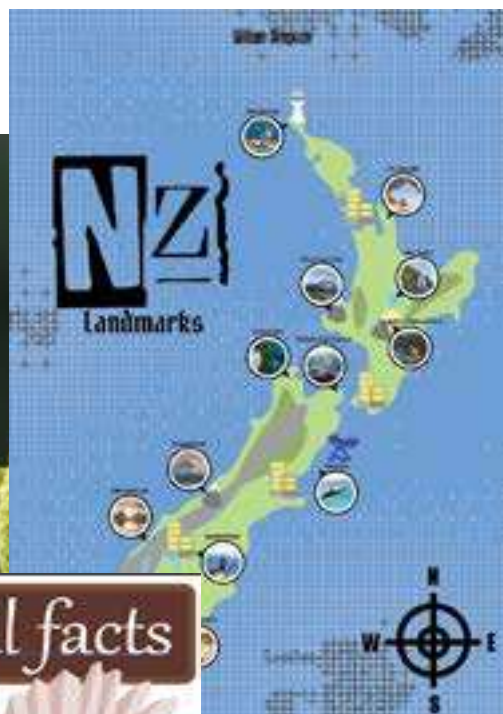
Lucy is an exceptional all-round achiever, excelling in academics, culture, citizenship, and sport. She has gained NCEA Level 1 and 2 Excellence endorsements, along with many subject excellences. Her passion for dance shines through advanced qualifications from internationally recognised institutions, where she achieved high distinctions. Regional and national awards highlight her dedication, including top honours at the New Zealand Dance Awards and performances with Invercargill Musical Theatre and the Royal New Zealand Ballet.

Her cultural contributions at school are significant, as shown through Lucy's consistent participation in Showquest and her leadership roles in 2024 and 2025. As a member of Chamber Music groups each year at the Senior Campus, she won the 2023 District Round and competed at the 2025 Regional Finals in percussion groups. Through her roles as Head Girl and Showquest Leader, Lucy demonstrates strong leadership by organising rehearsals and mentoring fellow students. She actively gives back through roles in LEO Club, Student Council, and as a dance teacher and mentor at La Muse Studio.

She manages the wide-ranging and demanding schedule with superb time management and organisational skills that belie her years. Lucy intends to study a Bachelor of Radiation Therapy while continuing her dancing endeavours.



Year 9 Digital Technologies: Being a Kiwi



The Year 9 Digital Technologies students recently completed their engaging 'Being a Kiwi' project, successfully demonstrating a fantastic blend of creativity, research, and technical skill. This unit culminated in several impressive outcomes: students first mastered vector design using Adobe Illustrator to create intricate designs of native New Zealand birds, which were then prepared for production as beautiful stickers placed on coasters. They also explored their connection to Aotearoa by designing detailed, personalised maps highlighting the places they have visited around the country, and some produced informative and visually stunning posters that combined research and graphic design to focus on facts about New Zealand's unique birdlife. We are incredibly proud of the high quality of work achieved, particularly the detail and precision seen in the final coasters and best images produced.





On Thursday 11th of September, James Hargest Junior Campus hosted 5 schools in a mini interchange. Dunedin North Intermediate, Tahuna Intermediate (Dunedin), Aparima College and Northern Southland College sent teams to play across 4 codes:

Netball

Basketball

Football

Hockey

It was a great day of sports, with everyone competing and participating in a positive sporting environment.

Well done to the winners - Tahuna (Hockey), DNI (Basketball and Football) and JHC (Netball).

We look forward to doing it all over again next year!



Junior Campus Interschool Tournament



Southland Secondary Schools Sports Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have been named as finalists in the Southland Secondary Schools Sports Awards!

All the best to you all for the awards! A special well done to all of our other nominees - your achievements are also outstanding and your nominations thoroughly deserved.

Junior Girls Sportsperson of the Year:



Alison Tweedie



Zoe Beck

Senior Girls Sportsperson of the Year:



Riley Faulkner



Charlotte Morris

AWD of the Year:



Jonti Dillinger



Londyn Dillinger

Outstanding Participation:



Isla Scott



Addison Robertson

Contirbution to Sport:



Bea Christie



Hamish McKenzie



Alex Sandiford

Karts

Congratulations to Danielle Aitken, Jacob Early and Stefan Maynard who traveled to Christchurch these holidays to compete in the Garden Cities championship. This also formed the last round of the Mainland Series (6 races over 5 different tracks in the South Island). All of them did very well!

Stefan:
Briggs Light Mainlands - Champion 2025
Garden cities championship - 2nd

Danielle:
Briggs Light Mainlands - 3rd
Garden cities championship - 5th

Jacob:
Rotax Light Mainlands - 2nd
Garden cities championship - 2nd
The competition was fierce with drivers from as far as Nelson, Blenheim and the North Island and they all held their own and represented Southland proudly.





Hockey

Alpiners U15 South Island Hockey Tournament

During the second week of the school holidays, 17 students from JHC represented Southland across five teams for this annual tournament. Both Mrs Black and Caleb Devery coached the Boys Gold and Maroon team, respectively. This tournament allows players to improve their skills and strategy to the next level.

Ben O'Connor has continued to thrive with his hockey skills this year. He was selected for the Southland Men's Hockey team which competed at the National Hockey Championships in Christchurch from 14-20 September.



RUGBY SOUTHLAND COMMUNITY AWARDS

James Hargest Rugby were winners in two sections! First up the JHC Cohesive 14's won Team of the Year for showing resilience, inclusivity, and creating an environment where others wanted to be. The Southland coaches of the year were Stu and BMac. They were selected for their expertise as well as massive hours they put into the kids, mentoring others at the club, pastoral care of the kids, support on the committee and fundraising. They were acknowledged for being more to our kids than coaches. Well done everyone!



Gymnastics

The 2025 XP Gymnastics Nationals were recently held in Auckland, and six of our JHC students represented Southland. Not only did these girls beautifully showcase their months of hard work, they also achieved stunning results. Ka pai to mahi, you make us proud!

Aerobics

Individual

Level 8 - 6th - Samantha G

Level 9 - 6th - Mikayla M

Level 10 - 2nd - Rachel R

Pairs

Level 7/8 - 2nd - Samantha G and Mikayla M

Level 9/10 - 4th - Rachel R and partner



AeroDance Teams

1st Place and Overall Excellence in Dance
Choreography

Samantha, Mikayla, and Rachel were part of this Gold Medal-winning Southland team.

Womens Artistic Gymnastics

Step 5 - Eva H - All-around Proficiency

Step 6 - Mia K - 8th on Uneven Bars and All-around Proficiency

Step 9 - Lucy vZ - 7th on Uneven Bars and 11th All-around



Rugby

Well done to these lads who have been busy representing Southland Rugby over the holidays. Mason played for the Southland U16 and Josh, Harry, Ethan, Matthew, Hunter and Will played for the Southland Spikers. Both teams won their respective finals.

Southland U16 earned a hard-fought win over a competitive Otago Metro team, winning the Plate Final 41 - 34.

Southland Spikers carried on their winning form earning them the Pennant Trophy, beating Buller 62 - 10.

They played some wonderful rugby in warm spring conditions on some hard Canterbury fields. Well done to you all!



Well done to all the girls who represented Southland in the U16's. In the pic we have Anahera, Allie, Bella and Eden, absent from the pic is Aida, Tizi and Hannah.



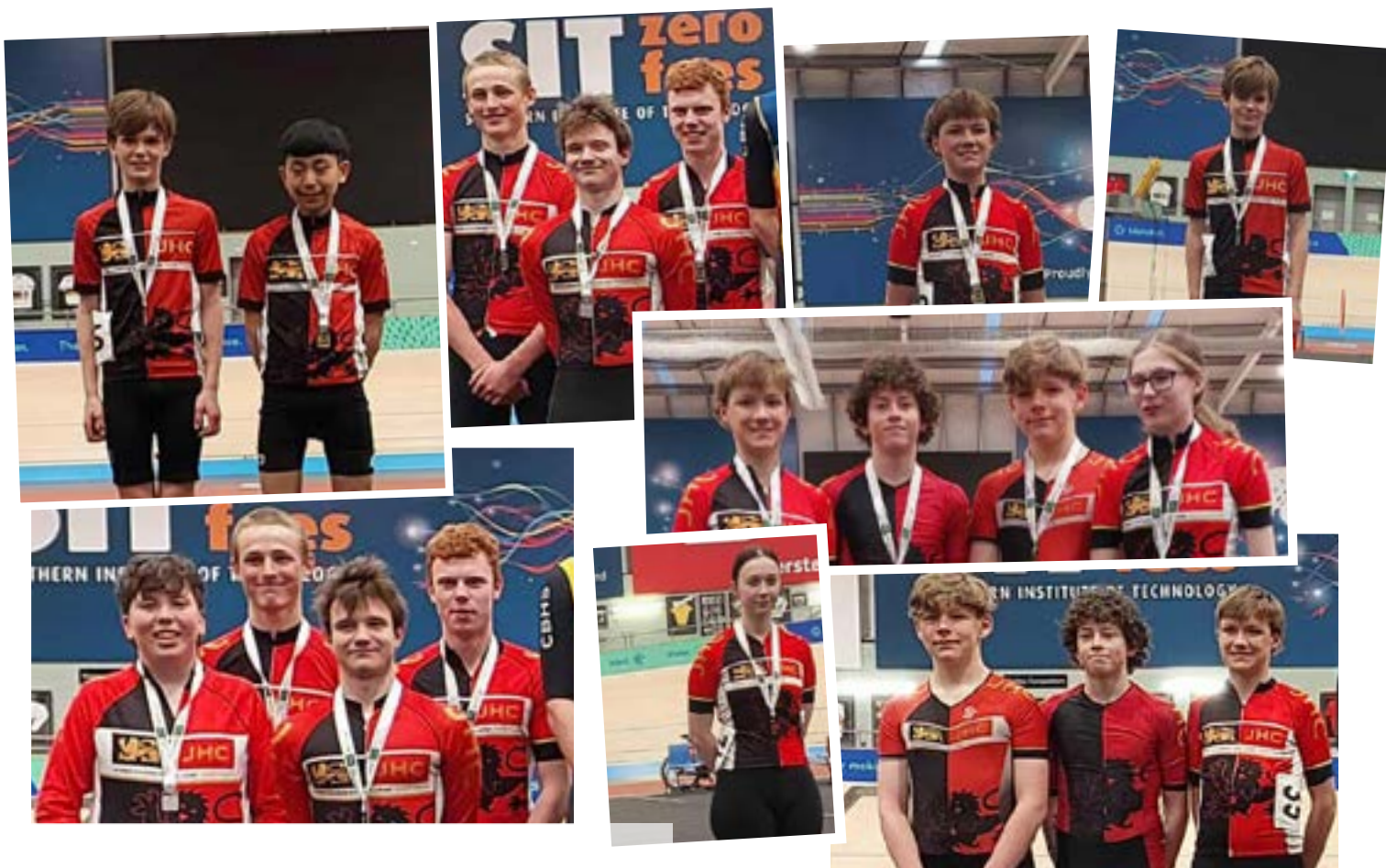
Gymnastics

The Southland Schools Gymfest was held on Sunday 14th September, where James Hargest Junior Campus was represented by Kylah S, Persephone B, Charlotte C, and Nina S. Each gymnast competed by successfully completing their routines on the floor, beam, vault, and in a group performance. The 'JHC Gymnasts' team received the highest ranking grade from the judges: Elite.

Aerobics

Congratulations and best wishes to Pyper Brown and Brooke Acker who have been selected to represent New Zealand at the FISAF World Championships in Prague this month! We will be cheering you on from home!





Cycling

Congratulations to the medallists and James Hargest for retaining the trophy at the Cycling New Zealand Schools South Island Track Champs.



Volleyball

Great day at the Southland Secondary School Volleyball tournament. The boys team were undefeated and crowned the champions and the girls team were runners up! Well done to you all!

JHC Officials

As well as all the teams that played so well over the Winter Tournament Week, we are very proud of the huge number of our students who officiated at a tournament. To referee/umpire at this level while still at school is a great achievement. So well done to all the following!!

Southern Cup Basketball

Ryder Laverty
Parks Laverty
Hayden Russell
Jacob Evans
Amber Flay

Highlanders Junior Girls Rugby 10s

Angus Manson

Jenny McDonald Girls Hockey

Cody Blair
Isaac Elder

Linwood Cup Boys Football

Alexander Sandiford

Special congratulations to the following who were recognised for their effort over the week.

Ryder and Parks Laverty were awarded the Girls

Southern Cup Final

Alex Sandiford was touch judge for the final for the Linwood Cup. He couldn't referee as JHC was playing in that final!

Isaac Elder was awarded the 3rd v 4th Final

Angus Manson was awarded the final at the

Highlanders 10s Tournament



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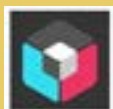
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Parent, Caregiver, Whānau and Community Engagement

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

or phone 2176129

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

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E-mail Newsletters

The next newsletter will be issued via email on Friday 28 November 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

October

Thu	30	Last day for Year 13
Fri	31	Last day for Year 12 Optional Classes Year 13 Haunted Hargest

November

Mon-Tue	3-4	Year 12/13 Optional classes
Mon-Fri	3-7	Year 9/10 Exams
Tue	4	NCEA Exams Begin
Thu	6	PTA Meeting in the Library Classroom - Senior Campus, 7:30pm
Fri	7	Whānau Hui, Senior Campus, P1, 4:30pm
Thu	11	Last day for Year 11
Fri	14	New Entrants Day
Mon	24	MOE Teacher Only Day
Thu	27	BOT Meeting in the Library Classroom - Senior Campus, 5:15pm
Thu-Fri	27-28	Year 10 Activity Days
Fri	28	Last day for NCEA Exams SIT Taster Day

December

Tue-Wed	2-3	Senior Documentation Day
Wed	3	Senior Prize Giving 7:30pm, Gym 3
Thu	4	Graduation Dinner
Fri	5	Junior Prize Giving 12.30pm
Thu	11	PTA Uniform Sale - Senior Campus Hall
		Buy Back 4:00pm - 5:00pm
		Uniform Sale 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Junior Campus

October

Mon	27	Labour Day - school closed
Fri	31	Haunted Hargest - Senior Campus

November

Wed	5	2nd round of HPV Vaccinations
Thu	6	Book Day
		PTA Meeting in the Library Classroom - Senior Campus, 5:15pm, 7:30pm
Fri	7	Tour of Southland
Fri	14	New Entrants Day
Mon	17	All library books need to be returned
Mon	24	MOE Teacher Only Day
Thu	27	BOT Meeting in the Brig - Senior Campus, 5:15pm
		Year 8 Picnic Day
		Year 8 Leavers' Social
Fri	28	Year 7 Picnic Day

December

Mon	2	Sports Prize Giving
Wed	3	9.15am Year 8 Merit assembly, 11.15am Year 7 Merit assembly
Thu	4	5:00pm Prize Giving
Thu	11	PTA Uniform Sale - Senior Campus Hall
		Buy Back 4:00pm - 5:00pm
		Uniform Sale 6:00pm - 7:00pm

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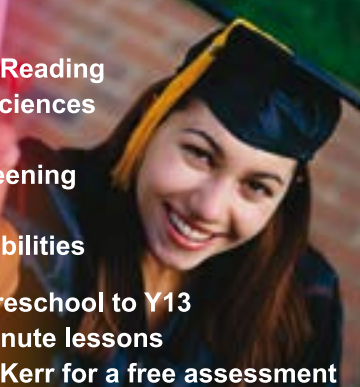
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