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JAMES HARGEST COLLEGE KEEP FAITH

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Year 10 Food & Nutrition Food Truck

Principal's Comment



Mike Newell
Principal

Kia ora e te whānau,

With NCEA exams drawing to a close this week and the weather warming up, we are just about at the finish line for the 2025 school year. There is still plenty happening at both campuses with picnic

days for Year 7 and 8, Year 9 camps to Borland Lodge and our Year 10 Activity Days. Next week we look forward to our end of year Prize Givings and Year 13 Graduation Dinner.

When we reflect on the year there are so many examples of students' successes and triumphs. This monthly newsletter highlights much of this, as do our yearbooks Kōrero and the Junior Campus Magazine, which will be distributed next week. I encourage everyone to have a read and be proud of the efforts and success of our rangatahi. Our strategic goals of academic excellence and engagement and broader educational success are evidenced by the wide range of opportunities our students are offered. Much of this is enabled by our wonderful staff. I would like to acknowledge our teaching staff for all of the hard mahi in a time of uncertainty and change. My thanks also to our unsung heroes, our support staff who also go above and beyond on a daily basis. Our students

deserve further praise for their efforts and the way in which they portray our values, the Hargest Way. Finally, thank you to our parents and whānau for your continued support and entrusting your children's education to JHC. I am incredibly proud to lead this kura.

There is much to look forward to in 2026. Our new Science Block and Student Support Centre is due to be ready in Term 2 and is hopefully just the beginning of major upgrades on the Senior Campus. As always we look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 students to the Junior Campus and our special Ka Hikitia ceremony for our Year 9 students. Until then, I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Ngā mihi nui o te Kirihiimiti me te tau hou.

Mike Newell
Principal

PTA Report



Jo Wilson
PTA Chairperson

Kia ora from the PTA!

And that's a wrap for 2025!! It has been a pleasure to be part of a fantastic team who have dedicated their time to supporting our rangatahi. We have had the privilege to be able to assist with some wonderful projects and equipment that will benefit not only now but well into the future.

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.

We would like to acknowledge all students who are leaving James Hargest to start their next chapter. Continue to reach your full potential, hold high expectations of yourself and be proud of the journey that has led you to be the person you are today. It was so nice to hear such positive feedback from staff from the Year 13s farewell. I must admit

I enjoy listening to the bag pipes as they were walked out of the school grounds. It was mentioned that the day was full of lots of emotions, some tears, as staff and our leavers shared stories and said their goodbyes.

I would also like to personally thank all the members of the PTA for all their hard work and dedication this year. This is also warmly extended to all the staff who take the time out of their very busy schedule to come along and help us out, providing such valuable knowledge to our team. A special acknowledgement goes out to our two wonderful student representatives whose voice has been an instrumental tool in our decision making this year.

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.

Ngā mihi,
Jo Wilson and the PTA Team

Prize Giving

Students in Year 7-13 and their whānau have now been emailed to let them know that they are on the prize list. We look forward to celebrating at our Prize Giving events next week.

From the Boardroom



Nic Raines
BOT Presiding Member

Kia ora koutou,

As we get to the end of the year, we think about the transition into next year. Year 13's depart while the year 8's make the trip up the road to Senior

Campus. Both groups have plenty of nervous energy and lots of new opportunities. End of year exams, prize givings and celebrations keep the staff and students busy, the last of the power is drained from the batteries before a much needed summer recharge.

The Board had a guided tour of the new building on the upper field, the project remains on time and on budget which is impressive. It was great to see the space and it is clear how much thought and effort has gone into making the absolute most of this opportunity. There are new science labs, classroom spaces, breakout areas and the new Student Support Centre in this building and all of the areas look spacious and will be well utilised. The intention is to have the new building open and operational from Term Two next year. There is a lot of uncertainty about future large-scale development as the government works out its spending priorities. We had been

earmarked for a second new block, but this is now unknown. The Board will seek further clarification on this issue and advocate for change, but may end up having to maintain existing blocks. While we are on the boring subject of money, we received a stellar audit of the school's finances! Well done to the team who work so hard to keep everything on track. It is always a good feeling to have that ticked off.

Thank you to our hard working staff for their efforts in 2025. They have dealt with so many changes and uncertainty about what comes next in the world of education. Have a lovely summer everyone and catch you next year.

Nic Raines
BOT Presiding Member



Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award



Congratulations to Alexander Sandiford 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. Alexander will be joining Olivia Stratford, Neve Templeton, and Addison Robertson who will be invited to a ceremony in 2026 to celebrate their achievements and meet the Governor General. Ka mau te wehi Alex!

Young Enterprise Scheme Regional Awards

On Wednesday, September 29th, several of our students represented James Hargest College at the 2025 Young Enterprise Scheme (YES) Regional Finals.

The team Glamour Glasses, Elly Baird and Aneeka Fosbender, excelled, pitching beautifully as one of the top five finalists and earning strong, positive feedback from the judging panel. Their hard work was further recognised with well-deserved nominations for the Marketing and Sales Award and the Financial Excellence Award. Although they did not win the category prizes, Elly and Aneeka should be incredibly proud of their dedicated efforts throughout the entire YES journey.

A huge congratulations also goes to Ako Kiwi's Saranya Sarisa for taking out the Resilience Award. This acknowledges the obstacles Saranya had to navigate while independently coding and completing her educational website—a monumental solo task. The award is truly well deserved. Further award nominations included: Elysian (Yoshini Kalubowilage Don, Marlina Karena, Diane Mananes and Paityn Kelman) for the Resilience Award and Grassroots Coaching (Alex Sandiford and Brady Davis), who were also deservedly nominated for the Movers and Shakers Award. Well done for all your hard work.

Senior Campus Lost Property

If your child has lost something at school or camp this term, please contact Ainslie at Student Admin on abruce@jameshargest.school.nz as it may be in our Lost Property Room.



Southland Secondary Schools Top Sports Performers

Every year the Regional Sports Organisations select the students who they feel have been the Top Performer for the Year at secondary school level at that sport. Huge congratulations to the following Hargest students who have received this recognition in their sport:

Badminton	Rosalia Lo
Basketball	Libby Crawford
Lawn Bowls	Zoe Beck
Cricket	Charlotte Morris
Cycling	Riley Faulkner
Disc Golf	Alison Tweedie
Football	Jayden Dawson
Golf	Charlotte Robinson
Squash	Braedyn Dykes
Softball	Alison Tweedie
Surfing	Carter Oliver
Swimming	Londyn Dillinger
Tennis	Lucy Crawford
Volleyball	Ryne Saldana

Well done to you all and congratulations!



Staff Farewell

Senior Campus

Eugene Campbell

It is with sincere appreciation and mixed emotions that we say farewell to Mr. Eugene Campbell as he moves on to his next chapter. Though he has only been with us for three years, Mr. Campbell has made an indelible impact across our school community. As a dedicated, responsible, and sensible teacher of Science, Biology, and Chemistry, his commitment reached far beyond the lab. He was the driving force behind a huge range of extracurricular activities, from coaching volleyball and golf to running orienteering and managing various other sports teams. We will greatly miss his personable nature and fantastic sense of humour—qualities that brightened classrooms and campsites alike. Thank you, Mr. Campbell, you will be deeply missed!



Lisa Martin

As the school year draws to a close, we bid a fond farewell to a dedicated member of our school community, Lisa Martin, who is leaving after 18 years of service. Many of our students and staff will remember her first role as a Teacher Aide from February 2008 until December 2015, where her calm professionalism and genuine care made a significant difference in the classroom. At the start of 2016, she transitioned into the crucial role of Attendance Officer, expertly managing the students' attendance and ensuring student wellbeing, also as the first port of call for First Aid assistance.



Throughout all her roles, she has been a model of professionalism and excellence, performing her duties with meticulous care and a commitment to our school's smooth operation. Her contributions across nearly two decades have left a lasting impact. We sadly bid farewell, but wish her all the very best for her next adventures for a happy and fulfilling future.

Paula Nicolson

After more than two decades of dedicated service, we say a fond farewell to Paula, who has been part of the James Hargest community since 2002. Paula first joined us as a Teacher Aide and later became an invaluable member of the Literacy Department, where her depth of knowledge, calm presence, and commitment to helping students thrive have left a lasting mark.

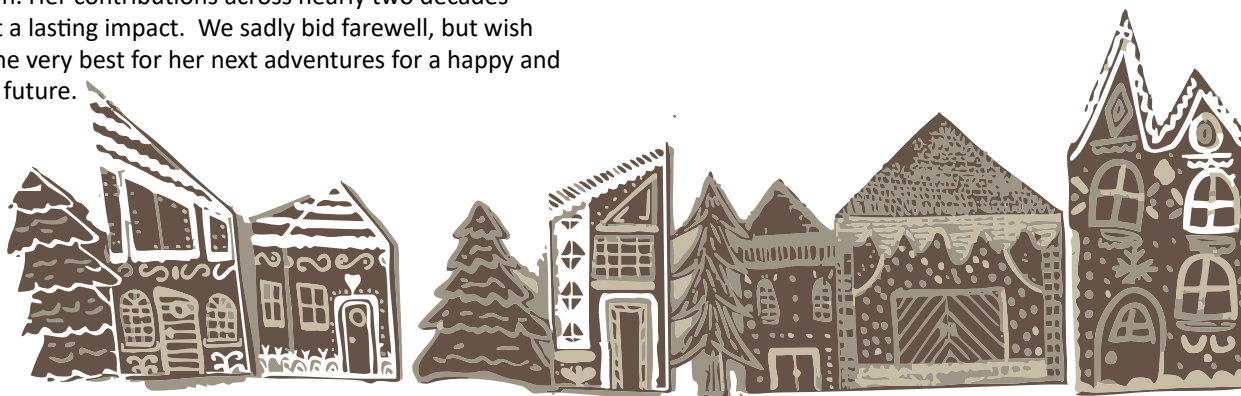


Paula's kindness and wisdom have made her a much-loved colleague among staff, and her ability to connect with students of all backgrounds has made a real difference in their learning journeys. Beyond the classroom, Paula is also a proud grandmother, and we know she's looking forward to spending more time with her family, though we'll certainly miss her warm smile and wealth of experience around campus.

Thank you, Paula, for everything you've given to our school. You leave behind many grateful colleagues and countless students whose lives you've enriched. We wish you all the very best for the next chapter.

Carl Quickfall

We say a fond farewell to Carl Quickfall as he embarks on an exciting new chapter in his career. Carl joined the JHC Senior Campus team at the beginning of Term 3, 2025, bringing his kind and collegial nature to our staffroom. We truly appreciated his warm presence and contributions during his time here. Carl is heading back to the North Island to return to his role at Broadwood College near Kaitaia. We wish him the very best of luck and success in this new venture and his return to the far North.



Debbie Ruwhiu

Since Term Two, the 'teacher's teacher' for the 'Rongohia te Hau' programme (our observational tool to inform teacher practice), Whaea Debbie Ruwhiu has been on our staff as a teacher of te reo Māori. Despite only being part-time, her endless patience and commitment enabled her to create the best opportunities for our students. From Parent/



Teacher evenings to Open Day, Year 8 orientation evenings to the core work of programme facilitation, assessment, and marking design, Whaea Debbie has maintained a professional, inquiry-based approach.

E te whaea, neiā te mihi aroha nūnui rawa ki a koe, ā, ki tō manawanuitanga i waenga i a tātou.

Sharon Scobie

It is with a mixture of gratitude and sadness that we say goodbye to Sharon Scobie who is retiring at the end of this year. Mrs Scobie has built her classroom around the simple but profound principle of creating a safe space where every student can belong, be seen, and



be nurtured. Mrs Scobie started at JHC in 1996 as a part time teacher of Social Studies and English. Soon after she became a permanent staff member. In the Health classroom, Mrs Scobie taught far more than just the curriculum. She was uniquely thoughtful, acknowledging the complex layers of experience, identity, and issues that each person carries with them. She models vulnerability and growth, happily making herself an example to show students that it's okay to make a mistake and learn from it, or to get confused and figure out how to move forward. Sharon is a superb cross curricular, multifaceted teacher, she has taught a huge variety of subject areas and learners who have benefited from her aroha and wisdom. Mrs Scobie is light on her feet, having been a driving force behind teaching our Year 13 students ballroom dancing in preparation for the school ball. These skills are appreciated by the students when their big night arrives. She was also Teacher in Charge of Netball for many years, encouraging and supporting all players to be the best versions of themselves on and off the court.

Thank you for everything. You will be sorely missed!

Karen Thomson

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Karen Thomson, who is departing from James Hargest College. Since first joining our school as Head of Languages in 1999, and returning to the role in 2007, Karen's commitment has been nothing short of extraordinary. Her dedication has not just been to the Languages Department, but to the entire fabric of student life, leaving a lasting and profound mark across the school. Over the years, she was a driving force of our school's relationship with Japan. Karen's commitment to this international relationship is truly enduring. In August, she was elected as the President of the Kumagaya Friendship Association (KFA). This prestigious new role ensures her vital work with Kumagaya will continue, maintaining the strength of this invaluable international partnership well beyond her time at the College. Her nine years of commitment to Outdoor Recreation (ODR) and her contribution to Year 9 and 10 Camps has been massive. She ensured our students could truly explore and grow outside the classroom, being part of outdoor ventures that saw them climb the likes of the Kepler and Hump Ridge Tracks and brave the elements on kayak camps. In addition, she managed several Canoe Polo and Touch Rugby teams embodying a spirit of full co-curricular engagement. Go well, Karen, and arigatou gozaimasu!



Amanda Wilton

Amanda Wilton has taught across both Campuses working in a range of areas including Technology, Food and Nutrition, Mathematics and Social Sciences. Students have really enjoyed her calm and friendly manner and the way she makes learning fun. Amanda was involved in school camps, and also used her design skills to help with promotional materials for school productions. Staff too enjoyed working alongside Mrs Wilton. We wish her all the best with her shift to Nelson.





Farewell

Deb Cowie

Deb has held many valued roles at our Junior Campus over the past 6 years. She began teaching at the Junior Campus in 2020 as a 0.4 specialist Music teacher, which quickly grew to 0.8 Science and Release Teacher. Deb took on teaching a Year 8 Homeroom class in 2023, and then for Terms 1-3, Deb taught as a release teacher across our campus.

Deb is a kind, caring teacher with many skills across the curriculum. She is passionate about student achievement and is remembered for the specificity of her teaching and strong curriculum knowledge, particularly in Maths, Literacy and Science. Deb is an avid reader and enjoys promoting and engaging learners in reading. Deb passionately supported extracurricular opportunities at our kura, particularly in the Arts. She was actively involved in ShowQuest and was one of our makeup experts for Productions. She could be relied on to lend a helping hand when needed.

Ko te pae tawhiti, whāia kia tata; ko te pae tata, whakamaua kia tīna - seek out distant horizons and cherish those you attain. We wish Deb all the very best in her transition to a change in lifestyle as she returns to farming.

Sara Woods

It's the end of an era when a stalwart of the staff leaves our kura. Miss Woods has been a valuable teacher at James Hargest College for 20 years; however, her journey at JHC began many years before as a student at the Junior Campus when it was Rosedale Intermediate, then James Hargest High School. After graduating from Dunedin College of Education Sara was appointed as a beginning teacher in 2006. Sara has taught over 1000 students in her career to date, but her reach has stretched far wider than the classroom in the many roles she has held.

Miss Woods is best known for her love of all things basketball. She has devoted her time to increasing the profile of basketball and has maintained a steady high number of teams for many years. Sara spent her Friday nights courtside either coaching or supporting our teams. No player went unnoticed and you can bet Miss Woods knew the strengths of every single player. To say that Sara has gone above and beyond in her dedication to basketball is an understatement. We know that our students are going to miss her enthusiasm and her colour coded outfits on game day!

Sara is a highly skilled and capable practitioner in a wide range of subjects. She is our Teacher in Charge of Mathematics and has worked closely with the HOD Mathematics at

the Senior Campus to ensure alignment of our programmes and to best prepare our students for the demands of the Secondary curriculum. More recently, Sara has worked closely with Mathematics advisers to provide Professional Learning Development for our staff to adapt to curriculum and assessment changes. Sara has ensured that our students have the best resources to learn with and teachers are fully equipped to teach rich and vibrant Mathematics programmes. Sara leads by example and is inspirational to her colleagues.

Sara led the development and implementation of E-learning in our kura when digital technology was new and the use of student devices became an integrated learning tool. Again, she made sure that our school was well resourced and staff were upskilled with things like spheros, use of the stop motion technology and the Google Suite of programmes.

Sara is a big supporter of all things school-related and plays a pivotal role in things like the Oamaru exchange and CAIMS tournaments. Sara travelled twice to Tacoma, USA as part of the Citizens of the World Exchange. Sara was also a previous lead kaiako for our Kapa Haka roopu. Her endless support is appreciated by students, their parents, staff and the wider community.

Summing up Sara in a short article for the magazine isn't easy. How do you sum up a person who is interwoven with the history of a place? We will miss her dearly. We are also incredibly proud of Sara and happy that she is moving on to become the Deputy Principal at St John's Girls' School. We know that she will be as fiercely supportive of her new colleagues and students as she has been at JHC. We wish you well Sara, and we look forward to versing you on the basketball court.



Staff News

Junior Campus

Welcome

Ella Bray

We welcome Ella back to our James Hargest College whānau after her travels. Ella is a highly regarded teacher who relieved for us before she jetted off overseas. We are thrilled that Ella has returned to Southland and joined our team as a part-time release teacher.



Congratulations

Mr Folster was selected into a New Zealand representative cricket team, who are competing in Australia. Be Better!



Junior Campus Final Assembly

Our last Junior Campus assembly for 2025 was an absolute treat! We opened with a special performance from the Senior Campus Performance Band. Thank you to our seniors who took some time out of their busy study schedules to play for us. We also celebrated Term 4's Outstanding Effort and Respect Award recipients.





Celebrating Excellence

Blues Awards 2025

Blues are a recognition of success at the elite level in each field. The criteria differs for each activity and all those celebrated have achieved significant success in their chosen field.

Sporting Blues

Aerobics

Brooke Acker

Pyper Brown
Nicola Schol
Katelyn Street-Wilson

Athletics

Will Brown
Ashlee Clay
Cora O'Rourke
Hector O'Rourke
Bea Christie

Badminton

Rosalia Lo
Lucy Raines

Basketball

Hunter Beck
William Jack
Matteo Morte
George Thomson
Earl Teddy Villacorta

Bowls

Zoe Beck

Cricket

Charlotte Morris

Cycling

Jonathan Blyth
Sarah Hartstonge
Zach Hibbs
Hamish Wallace
Benjamin Wyatt

Disc Golf

Alison Tweedie

Football

Ellie-May Boniface
Darren Chen
Jayden Dawson
Will Fleming
Maegan James
Lucas McNaught
Oliver Milne-Wahren
Kaide Owen-Eales
Lochlan Payne

Hockey

Charlotte Morris
Caleb Devery
Hannah Dick
Madeleine Lawlor
Ben O'Connor
Tylah Templer

Motor-Cross

Sophie Flay

Mountain Biking

Blake Cooper
Isla Scott

Netball

Elly Baird
Libby Crawford
Bea Christie
Aneeka Fosbender
Niamh Hegan
Lilah Jack
Katie Oliver
Hamish McKenzie

Swimming

Caitlin Crawford
Alexandria Curtis
Londyn Dillinger
Benjamin Elder
Olivia Johnson
Addison Robertson

Rowing

Millie Hackett
Lilah Jack
Tizi Mazaeda Churruarin
Ana McWilliam

Rugby

Ella Norman

Softball

William Paton
Alison Tweedie

Tennis

Lucy Crawford

Touch

Elly Baird
Aneeka Fosbender

Triathlon

Lewis Blay
Addison Robertson
Hamish Wallace
Benjamin Wyatt

Volleyball

Elly Baird
Aneeka Fosbender
Ryder Laverty
Rosalia Lo
Samuel Mikkelsen
Larah Moce
Julia Rodrigues Dantas
Ryne Saldana
Kyra Savory
Andrew Tytler
Desiree Vine
Luapou Vine

Water Polo

Caleb Devery
Isaac Elder
Hamish McKenzie
Ana McWilliam
Katelyn Welsh

New Zealand Representatives

Disc Golf

Alison Tweedie

Softball

Alison Tweedie

Aerobics

Brooke Acker
Pyper Brown

Cultural Blues

Service Āwhina

Isaac Elder
Amanda Henderson
Cameron Labes
Katelyn Street-Wilson

Chamber Music

Jotaro Matsuo
Madison Neylon
Hannah Wilson

Chess

Hasanli Hewa
Babaranda

Choir

Emily Blyth
Amanda Henderson
Merrin McEwen
Madison Neylon
Olivia Scarlett
Hannah Wilson

Culture

Diane Mananes
Larah Moce

Dance

Johran Dillinger-Waldron
Tilly McDonald
Natalie Smith
Liam Templeton
Lucy Thomas

Debating

Natalie Snoek

Kapa Haka

Kaiah Beaton
Chloe Savage

Music

Jotaro Matsuo

Bag Pipes

Cameron Fraser

Cultural NZ Representative

Bag Pipes

Cameron Fraser



ILT Scholarships

Liam Alcock	Caleb Devery	Sebastian Gray	Jotaro Matsuo	Mikayla Mortimer	Olivia Stratford
Summer Barclay	Samuel Elder	Paula Harkin	Merrin McEwen	Madison Neylon	Lucy Thomas
Emily Blyth	Macey Ellis	Feliz Huynh	Lucas mcNaught	Katie Oliver	Hamish Wallace
Hadlee Byers	Taylor Erskine	Logan Jordan	Finn Meijer	Maria Simpson	Benjamin Whelan
Christie Bea	Cameron Fraser	Cameron Labes	Charlotte Morris	Solomon Smith	Hannah Wilson



Tertiary Scholarships

Congratulations to all Year 13 Students who have been awarded scholarships to support their tertiary studies. We are pleased to be able to acknowledge the scholarship recipients we have been made aware of to date.

Whāia te iti kahurangi, ki te tuohu koe, me he maunga teitei.
Seek the treasure that you value most dearly, if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain.

Otago University Scholarships

Felix Huynh	150th Entrance Scholarship
Hannah Wilson	150th Entrance Scholarship
Marylin Hodzi	150th Entrance Scholarship
Nirvana Maxwell	150th Entrance Scholarship
Fino Youngdaeng	International Global Scholarship
Irene Tendean	International Global Scholarship
Koshita Kohomange	International Global Scholarship
Rosalia Lo	International Global Scholarship
Tihara Fonseka	International Global Scholarship
Bea Christite	Leaders of Tomorrow
Caleb Devery	Leaders of Tomorrow
Cameron Labes	Leaders of Tomorrow
Emily Blyth	Leaders of Tomorrow
Hamish McKenzie	Leaders of Tomorrow
Libby Crawford	Leaders of Tomorrow
Lucy Thomas	Leaders of Tomorrow
Maria Simpson	Leaders of Tomorrow
Merrin McEwan	Leaders of Tomorrow
Mikayla Mortimer	Leaders of Tomorrow
Sam Elder	Leaders of Tomorrow
Mady McCarroll	Māori Entrance Scholarship
Calin Grice	Māorie Entrance Scholarship

Holly Keary	Māorie Entrance Scholarship
Harris Evans	New Frontiers Excellence
Kawmudi Bimsarani Rajasinghe	New Frontiers Excellence
Liam Alcock	New Frontiers Excellence
Olivia Stratford	Pacific People’s Entrance Scholarship
Grace Warren	Performance Entrance Scholarship
Hailey MacPherson	Performance Entrance Scholarship
Hector O’Rourke	Performance Entrance Scholarship
Katie Oliver	Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarship
Logan Jordan	Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarship
Megan Wheeler	Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarship
Paula Harkin	Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarship

Canterbury University Scholarship

Solomon Smith

Makarewa Lions Scholarship

Congratulations to the following students, who were awarded scholarships by the Makarewa Lions Club for their involvement and leadership in the James Hargest LEO Club:

- 1st Olivia Stratford
- 2nd= Mikayla Mortimer and Hailey Macpherson



Farewell Year 13s

Recently we bid farewell to the class of 2025. It was a lovely morning of celebration, reminiscing and looking towards the future. We wish all of our students the very best with the next stage of their journey. Keep Faith!



Stationery lists for 2026

Stationery lists will be available on the James Hargest website www.jameshargest.school.nz next week, (under ENROLMENT); order on-line from the OfficeMax website www.myschool.co.nz or from any other retailer. All stationery is required for the first day of school in 2026.


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


PC4G 2025: Celebrating Coding Success

The NZ Programming Competition for Girls (PC4G) took place on November 18, with James Hargest College proudly hosting for the first time! This annual event encourages Year 9 and 10 girls to excel in Computer Science. Out of 112 teams nationwide, our year 10 students Nancy Ke and Mena Al-Hassani achieved an outstanding result, placing 27th overall. While an Auckland school topped the contest, our girls successfully navigated challenges in basic programming, mastering many of the problems and gaining valuable experience in Python and algorithmic thinking. Congratulations to all participants on a fantastic day of coding!





Order Back to School stationery now and beat the rush!



Class lists are ready to view at myschool.co.nz

Southland Secondary Schools Sports Awards

Well done to all of our amazing athletes who were celebrated at the Secondary School Sports Awards.

Junior Girls Sportsperson of the Year Winner

Alison Tweedie

Highly Commended

Zoe Beck



AWD Athletes of the Year Winner

Londyn Dillinger

Highly Commended

Jonti Dillinger



**ILT Participation in Sport
Winner**

Addison Robertson



**Contribution to Sport
Winners**

Alex Sandiford

Bea Christie

Highly Commended

Hamish McKenzie



A special message from the 2025 Head Students

Head Girl, Lucy Thomas

As 2025 concludes, I feel proud and immensely grateful to be reflecting on my time as Head Girl this year and my time at James Hargest as a whole.

Ever since I was a lot younger, I have always been a keen leader. Leadership is something I am very passionate about and enjoy a lot, and I have been fortunate to have had many leadership roles during my schooling years. But, it is safe to say that I have loved being a Head Student the most. Being Head Girl this year has helped me to build my confidence in ways I never could have imagined, which I feel has prepared me for whatever comes next in my life. From taking assemblies each week to representing the school at different events, being a Head Student has been such a special privilege and an honour. Not only has it been a privilege, it has been the most fun. The Head Student moments have been some of my favourite highlights of the year, like the Anzac Dawn Service and the Snowball Waltz at the ball. For that, I am thankful for the other head students of 2025, the Senior Leadership Team, and support of my teachers.

It is difficult to believe that my seven year journey at Hēmi Hākena is coming to a close. The memories I have made and experiences I have had here have been unforgettable, and are things I will treasure forever. The ball, house and athletics days, Showquest every year, and the countless cultural, academic and sporting opportunities I have had over the years have enhanced my

journey at Hargest to the fullest.

While each year here holds special memories, my final year has definitely been the most memorable. I have thoroughly enjoyed soaking up the last moments with our year group and I am honoured to have represented you this year. I feel so grateful to be graduating alongside some of the people I have grown up with and with the class of 2025 as a whole. Thank you, I wish you all the best for your future endeavors. My advice for year groups to come is to embrace challenges. Don't take any shortcuts, instead enjoy your journey at Hargest by making the most of the opportunities given to you, and have fun. Trust me when I say that the end will come around far faster than you can imagine.

Head Boy, Caleb Devery

As 2025 is coming to a close, I would like to look back on my life here at James Hargest College over the past 7 years. My time here at James Hargest will forever change how I approach life and the many challenges it will throw at me. These past seven years have been filled with a multitude of academic and sporting challenges, but these built me into the person I am today, and taught me that nothing beats out hard work and humility. A piece of advice I would like to pass on to all younger students would be that it is never too late to give things a try, and to get involved in the many opportunities that our school has to offer in order to make the most out of

your limited time here. What you do will be remembered; both the good and the bad, so make sure your legacy is one that you can be proud of. The range of people I have had the opportunity to build relationships and memories with, will forever stick with me as the highlight of my years here at James Hargest. It will be the little moments that will stick with me the most.

Being selected as Head Boy for 2025 has been a huge privilege and absolute honour that I have strived to live up to this year. From this experience I have learned many things about myself while also teaching me to be much more empathic and understanding of others, also teaching me that leadership isn't just about being up front, but all the behind the scenes work that can be overlooked.

To my peers whose time here at Hargest is coming to an end, I would just like to say - let's not peak in high school. Let's continue the same hard work and high standards that we've set for ourselves during our years here. Set goals, and work hard to achieve them little by little, after all "Rome wasn't built in a day." Getting to know many of you over the years has shown me just how much potential each of you has, so please don't put limits on yourself. Go out, and see the world, take risks and push yourself past what you think you are capable of because you are capable of more than you know.

"Tomorrow isn't promised, so live your life like there is no tomorrow"



Deputy Head Girl, Macey Ellis

Writing this message was honestly a lot harder than I thought it would be. I didn't really know where to start: do I thank you for the memories you all have helped me make throughout this year, or thank you for choosing me as your deputy? Navigating all the ups and downs that came with this year, I just want to say thank you. To everyone: students, staff, and the wider Hargest community, thank you for making this year memorable. Whether we were organising events, cheering at assemblies, showing up for spirit days, or just being there, every bit of effort helped make our school the kind of place people want to be a part of. I've seen so much dedication, creativity, and kindness from people across every year level, and it's something that truly makes Hargest special.

I look back on the memories we've made with so much fondness. The laughter, the chaos, the unexpected moments that made each day memorable: that's what I'll take with me.

I think it's important we remember the good times, because those are what we should remember from this year at Hargest. This year wasn't perfect, but it was ours; and that's something worth remembering. To everyone who's been part of this journey: thank you for the support, the laughs, and the sense of community that makes this school feel like home. So finally this is me signing off, I have loved being your Deputy Head Girl for 2025, and I hope you all have a lovely rest of your year and your future endeavours.

Deputy Head Boy, Samuel Elder

As my time at James Hargest comes to an end, I find myself looking over my time as a Hargest student with a sense of gratitude. Hargest has provided me with endless opportunities and experiences that have helped shape who I am today. Some of my best memories include house days, the ball, and tournament weeks. Playing in the final of the Linwood Cup with the First XI is a memory I'll hold forever. It was a privilege to be a part of such a talented group, and I have no doubt they will secure the win next year.

As I look back, there is one thing that stands out. The people. It is the people that I have been so lucky to have around me for the past 7 years that have contributed so much to my school experience at Hargest. Whether it be friends, classmates, teachers, or the juniors in the lunchtime football games, the people around me have been the most enjoyable part of my time at school.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to be the Deputy Head boy for 2025. This role has allowed me to connect with a wide range of people, from Hargest Alumni from 1975, to junior students. It has taught me the value of teamwork and leading through actions rather than words. Trying to plan for perfection often leads to procrastination, as long as you can see the next step, take it, and make improvements along the way.

To the younger students yet to finish their time at Hargest, my advice would be to try. Try as many different activities opportunities as possible. Use the time, support and opportunities that Hargest offers to learn as much about yourself as you can. Time goes by so fast, don't waste it sitting around at home, get outside, take action and try something

new. You never know what new skills, or friends you may find when giving something a go.

Lastly, I'd like to thank my peers for making this last year of school so memorable. I look forward to seeing what we all accomplish moving forward, and I am confident that the skills and lessons we have learnt from our time at Hargest will serve us well as we move onto the next stages of our lives.

"Enjoy your journey at Hargest by making the most of the opportunities given to you, and have fun."

Lucy Thomas, Head Girl

Head Girl: Lucy Thomas (l-r 4th)
Head Boy: Caleb Devery (l-r 3rd)
Deputy Head Girl: Macey Ellis (l-r 1st)
Deputy Head Boy: Samuel Elder (l-r 2nd)



A special report from the 2025 Prefects

2025 was the inaugural year for JHC Prefects. We are very proud of this outstanding group of young people who have led by example in a myriad of areas. Designated as Arts, Cultural, Māori, Sports, Service or Academic Prefects, they have given outstanding leadership in their area of expertise, as well as supporting full school initiatives and events.

Our Prefects summed up the year in many ways. Academic Prefects supported the Study Center and found that the role enjoyable. They noted that “having a continuous duty that resembled our role was cool to have. It was specific to our title and area and it was consistent which allowed us to create environments people became comfortable with in terms of using us for help.”

We know many other students have benefitted from their support this year.

The Arts Prefects created a brand new tradition, Arts Week where all things arts were celebrated and showcased. They commented that they are “really hoping that Arts Week at Hargest continues in future years, and they have thoroughly enjoyed being Arts Prefects.

All our 2025 Prefects would encourage future Prefects to use their leadership as a platform to implement ideas or projects of their own. In all endeavours, they have been walking, talking examples of our Values and we wish them all the very best as they make their way in the world with their steps into adulthood.

Emily Blyth	Arts Prefect
Twizel Corales	Cultural Prefect
Libby Crawford	House Captain and Sport Prefect
Taylor Erskine	Academic Prefect
Sebastian Gray	Service Prefect
Amanda Henderson	House Captain and Arts Prefect
Marylin Hodzi	Service Prefect
Hamish McKenzie	House Captain and Sport Prefect
Lucas McNaught	Sport Prefect
Katie Oliver	House Captain and Sport Prefect
Ben Richardson	House Captain and Academic Prefect
Chloe Savage	House Captain Māori Prefect, Cultural Prefect
Maria Simpson	Academic Prefect
Ollie Wilkinson	House Captain and Arts Prefect



Year 13 Orientation

Tuesday 3 February 2026 12:30-3:30pm

All Year 13 students will take part in an Orientation afternoon at the Ascot Park Hotel on Racecourse Road. Students will be released after period 3 at 12.30pm to make their own way to the Ascot. It takes about 15 minutes to walk. The programme will include important information about the unique opportunities to provide leadership and service in Year 13 and advice on managing their last year at school and the subsequent transition to further study or full time employment. There will be a charge of \$16 for a catered lunch. Further notice will be provided at the beginning of 2025. Please email Mrs Morrison with special dietary requirements or any enquiries: dmorrison@jameshargest.school.nz

Year 10FNT Food Trucks

Over the past few weeks, 120 Year 10 Food and Nutrition students were put into small groups and got underway developing recipes, trialling, budgeting and promoting the Food and Nutrition Guidelines to other classes. The Food Truck presentations were a wonderful showcase of creativity and careful planning. Each group developed a unique concept, complete with thoughtful menu choices, clear design ideas, and a strong understanding of their target customers.



Proposed changes to Food and Nutrition

The Ministry of Education recently released the new curriculum and it does not include Food and Nutrition/Home Economics as a stand alone subject for Year 11-13.

Food and Nutrition is an academic, evidence based discipline and it is currently an NCEA and University Entrance approved subject. It supports careers in dietetics, sports nutrition, public health, nutrition research, product development, food marketing and more! It is an investment in NZ's future health as students learn about food, nutrition and the factors that influence the wellbeing of individuals, families and NZ society.

Food and Nutrition is a very popular subject at JHC. We wish for this to continue for years to come.

Please sign this petition by clicking on the link below to help us ensure that Food and Nutrition remains as a subject for our rangatahi.

<https://our.actionstation.org.nz/petitions/reinstate-home-economics-food-and-nutrition-in-the-nz-curriculum>





International Students End of Year Programme



International students have been busy exploring our backyard. They have had lots of fun and new experiences.





Year 8 Science

Our Year 8 classes finished their Science unit 'Kaitiakitanga' by planting some native trees along the Waihōpai River with the help of Environment Southland.



Biology Year 13 Cave Day

Year 13 Biologists came in during their optional periods to participate in Cave Day. They participated in a number of different stations to revise for their exams while try out some skills like building a fire, making Neolithic tools or cave painting.



LEO Club Haunted Hargest

In what has become a signature event, the JHC LEO Club ran its third iteration of Haunted Hargest to coincide with Halloween. Each team within the LEO Club took responsibility for organising a particular aspect of the event and the Executive team of Olivia Stratford, Marylin Hodzi and Annie Tran oversaw and co-ordinated the whole shebang. Most of the wider LEO Club were involved in one way or another, whether selling sausages, painting faces or “scaring” our guests as they made their way tentatively through the six horror themed classrooms of E Block. While the theme was horror, there was a wonderful community vibe. To say our community has embraced this event is an understatement, with an estimated crowd of 700 plus contributing around \$5000 to our grateful nominated charities.



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".



Junior Campus ESOL

Well done to the Year 7 ESOL students who have created fantastic picture books based on the "Grandpa" stories by Joy Watson. The students wrote their own version of these stories and drew the illustrations. They should be very proud!



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Invercargill Public Library, 50 Dee Street, Invercargill

We are delighted to welcome the Muka Youth Print Exhibition back to Southland. Since its inception in 1987, the Muka Youth Print Exhibition has been touring the country almost every year, exhibiting original stone lithographs exclusively for young people. The exhibition provides a unique opportunity for young people (aged 5-18 inclusive) to purchase original lithographic prints in an environment where adults are not allowed.

All unframed prints are \$90 and the artists' names are covered during the show. This encourages children to choose work based on their appreciation of the work rather than the artist's reputation or potential for financial gain. Entry to the exhibition is free, any young person is welcome and there is no pressure to buy.

Frames will also be available to purchase at \$90 each.

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Year 9 campers have had lots of fun at Borland Lodge. Students have challenged themselves with a huge variety of activities including archery, rock climbing, kayaking, caving and camping out over night.

Outdoor Education





Year 10 Hard Materials

Students have been doing really well in hard materials to finish their projects. They have created shelving units with personalised patterns and designs. Seeing the project from the very beginning through to completion is a great learning experience, supporting and showing students the fruits of their labour!

Nancy Ke

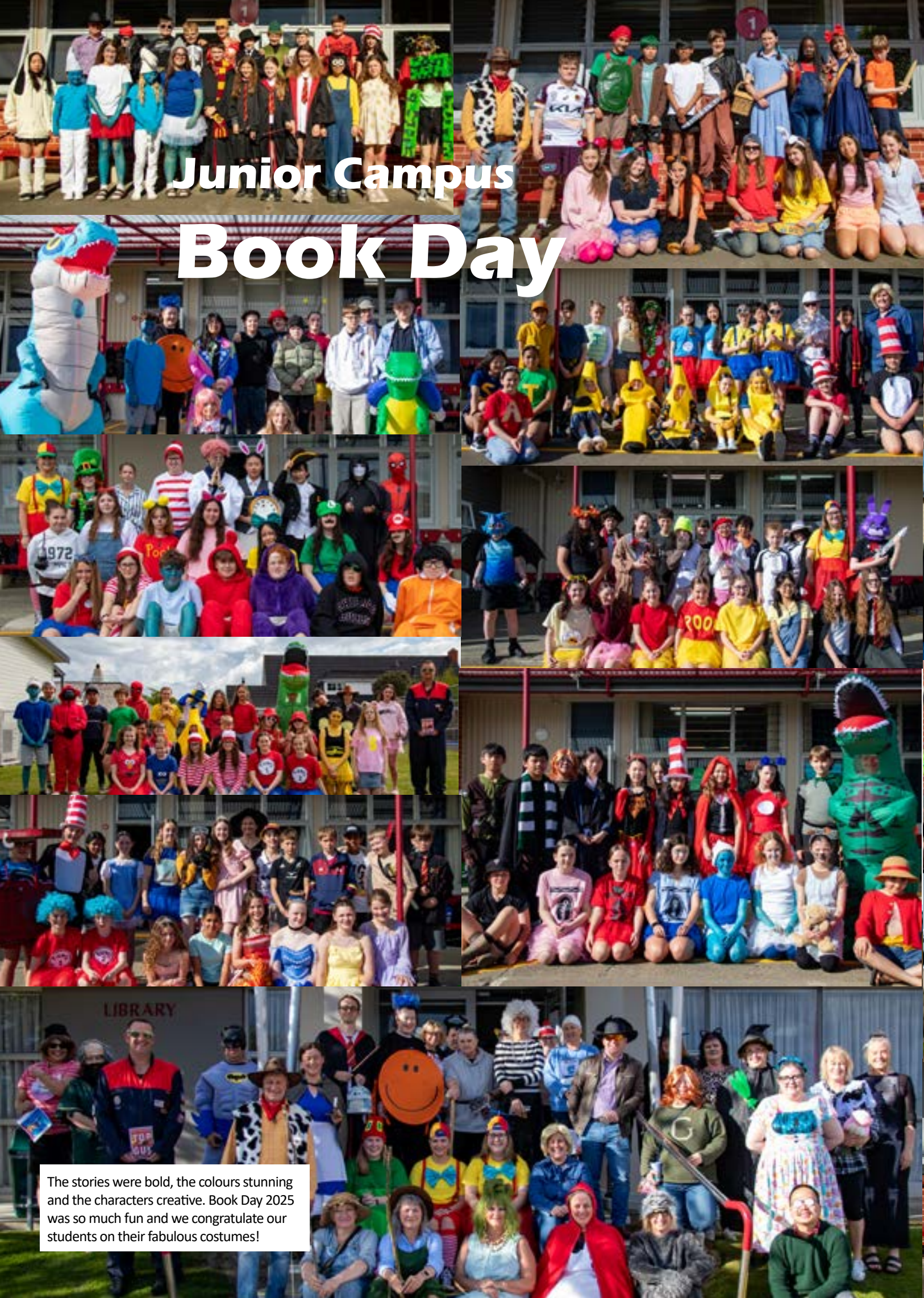


L-R Samuel Jack, Danny Wu, Mitchell Kett, Mason Dinnan, Ramon Elke

Science Road Show

Some of our Junior Campus students were lucky enough to attend the Science Roadshow this week at Ascot Community School. The science learning was fun and engaging.





Junior Campus Book Day

The stories were bold, the colours stunning and the characters creative. Book Day 2025 was so much fun and we congratulate our students on their fabulous costumes!



WHĀNAU KŌRERO

Change is a natural part of growing up. Whether it's the start of a new school year, moving between year levels, or stepping beyond the school gates for the final time, each transition brings a mix of emotions, presenting both opportunities and challenges. These shifts call on young people to adjust to new routines, navigate unfamiliar environments and develop emotional flexibility. While some may embrace these changes, others may find the disruption unsettling and struggle with the loss of predictability.

Research shows that periods of transition are often linked to heightened anxiety, reduced academic engagement and changes in peer relationships. For families, these periods can also bring added stress. Recognising the emotional and psychological impact of change helps us respond more effectively and supportively.

While change can feel daunting, it also offers valuable opportunities for young people to learn and grow. By normalising uncertainty and encouraging open conversations, we help young people face new beginnings with curiosity rather than fear. When children are surrounded by guidance, encouragement and consistent structure, they're far better equipped to manage life's transitions with confidence and resilience. Here is the link to your special report:

https://jameshargest.nz.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-embracing-change-new-beginnings-nz



Junior Campus Choir and Band

Visit to Peace Haven Village

The Junior Campus Band and Choir went out into the community one final time for the year, visiting the residents at Peace Haven Village on November 13th. We were welcomed by a lounge full of audience members who enjoyed the music, often singing along with familiar tunes. It was a lovely way to finish the year together and celebrate with our community.





Netball NZ Development Camp 2026

Congratulations to Elly Baird for her recent selection and invitation to attend a regionalised NNZ Development Camp in January. Elly is a current member of our Senior Gold A netball team and is 1 of just 2 athletes selected from the whole of Southland. This is a great opportunity and we are proud of Elly for this recognition by Zone nominations and ongoing tracking by the NNZ Emerging Talent Selection Panel. Ka mau te wehi!

Cricket

Congratulations to the Hargest Colts Gold Cricket Team, who triumphed in their season opener! The team delivered an excellent fielding and bowling performance, while the batting was led by an outstanding unbeaten century from Will Godsall-Folster, well supported by Oscar Vincent's 40 and valuable contributions from other partners.



Netball - Senior Boys A

Congratulations to our Senior Boys A Netball team for taking out the Just 4 Boys competition. After a very physical and competitive final where they increased their lead every quarter, the boys came out victorious. Also a special congratulations to the Junior Yellow team who had a long awaited and well deserved win.



Swimming

NZ Short Course Championships

Well done to our JHC swimmers who have been achieving highly. Your dedication and hard work has certainly been paying off!

Olivia Johnson

100m IM	14 th & PB
100m Back	9 th & PB
400m IM	3 rd & PB
200m IM	4 th
200m Fly	5 th
200m Back	7 th

Caitlin Crawford

100m Back	7 th & PB
100m IM	7 th & PB
50m Fly	5 th & PD
100m Fly	7 th & PD
100m Free	6 th
50m Free	9 th
50m Back	DNS
200m IM	DNS

Londyn Dillinger

100m Back	4 th & PB
100m IM	6 th & PB
50m Fly	6 th
200m Free	6 th
50m Back	5 th
100m Free	9 th
50m Free	11 th

Alexandria Curtis - 13 year old girls

100m Back	- 14 th
100m Free	- 10 th
200m Back	- DNS
200m Free	- DNS
50m Back	- DNS



Elsie Turrell - 15 year old girls

100m Back	- 17 th
400m IM	- DQ
400m Free	- 3 rd
200m Free	- 14 th
200m IM	- 12 th



L-R: Caitlin, Londyn, Olivia



Archery Club

A massive milestone for the James Hargest Archery Club! We held our inaugural shoot at the Deep South Archery outdoor range recently, officially putting our incredible new equipment to the test. A huge THANK YOU to the James Hargest PTA for their generous sponsorship of these bows. Your support is a game-changer for our students!



Marathon

Well done to all students and staff who competed in the Queenstown Marathon Event! Special congratulations to Lewis Blay who took out his category (15-19years) in the Half Marathon Event and was 10th overall out of 6000 runners.
 Cayden Sanginiti - 2nd in the 15-19 years 10km
 Ellie-May Boniface - 5th in the 15-19 years 10km
 Freya Gilmour from the Junior Campus who won the 2.2km Junior Race overall.

A Day of Rugby and Community Spirit

It is always a privilege to be part of the Jonty Carran Rugby 10's tournament. What a truly special event. We want to extend a massive thank you to the Carran family, the Otautau School and Rugby Club, and the entire Otautau community for your incredible hospitality and for hosting the day. A huge acknowledgment also goes to Rugby Southland and all the volunteers. Your role in the organisation, along with your help and guidance for our players, is invaluable—we simply couldn't play without you.

To our dedicated coaches, parents, and families: thank you for the commitment, preparation, and unwavering support you give to our teams. It was fantastic for our boys' team and our two girls' teams to compete alongside all the Southland schools. Although the day wasn't the "usual sunblock and sunglasses weather," we still thoroughly enjoyed being part of a great day of rugby! Congratulations to all the winning teams. James Hargest looks forward to seeing everyone again in 2026.



Rugby Southland Community Team of the Year

Rugby Southland look for a tight-knit group that embodies diversity and inclusion, demonstrates positive influence, and shows what it truly means to be part of a team. This year's recipients tick every box.

The boys in this team have come an incredibly long way since the beginning of the season. They started with barely enough players to take the field — some had never played rugby before. Thanks to four boys from Riverton joining them, the team was able to get underway. From day one, they were welcoming and inclusive, and while the season began slowly, they soon earned a couple of well-deserved wins.

What stood out most during the tough first half of the season was their resilience and positivity. Rather than becoming disheartened, they forged strong bonds, grew in confidence, and gradually developed into a true team. Even as the wins started to come, they remained humble — cheering on their opponents, helping them up, and checking in on injured players. The step up from Junior Rugby to Teenage Rugby, combined with players from different clubs, saw a preseason hit-out ending in a 50–12 loss — with plenty of work-ons identified. But players of all skill levels and experiences came together, and what followed was something special. These boys, along with their amazing coaches and team managers, supported, encouraged, and included each other — creating a sense of belonging that will last well beyond the season. Congratulations to James Hargest College Junior Boys — our 2025 Community Team of the Year. *In the photo, left-right: Jono Airey, Luke Jarvie, Jake Airey, Kelly Godsall-Folster, Murray Brown*



Rugby League

Amazing news! Coming straight off the back of the Warriors camp, Taimani Tuivailala Wagener has been snapped up by the Tigers League team. She has earned a contract in their under 17 team - starting immediately. Congratulations Taimani - they are lucky to have you!



SISS Junior Volleyball

We couldn't be more proud of our two Junior A Volleyball teams finishing a successful campaign. Congratulations to all players. A big thank you to our coaches and managers. The boys team finished 10th in Division 1. The girls team finished 6th in Division 2.



Board member Suzannah and Co-opted Board Coach rep Jo had the honour of presenting a Volley South Service Award, recognising individuals who have given between one and three years of outstanding service to volleyball. This year's recipient, Ms G Dobson, has been instrumental in building and growing Year 7 & 8 volleyball. Through her dedication and leadership, she has organised teams for school competitions, built strong connections between Volleyball South, teachers and students, and developed a thriving foundation for the next generation of players. Congratulations Georgina!



SISS Junior Beach Volleyball Champs

6 of our students braved the conditions at the Beach Volleyball Champs. Congratulations to Bailey Moss and Zoe Thom for taking home Silver in the Div 2 Girls Division!



Volley South Competition

Senior Div 2 Boys Champions: JHC Black



Year 9/10 Competitive Boys Champions



Div 1 Boys Champions



Div 1 Girls Final Champions



Water Polo

A massive well done to our Year 7 & 8 Waterpolo team, who are bringing home SILVER from the South Island Schools Festival, B Grade division. They played their hearts out in an absolutely thrilling final that went all the way to a nail-biting penalty shootout. They narrowly missed out with a 3-4 loss, but we couldn't be prouder of their incredible effort and teamwork. This fantastic achievement wouldn't have been possible without our amazing support crew. A huge shout-out to: Coach Hamish McKenzie and Manager Stacey Nelson for your amazing dedication, preparation, and support. Sally and Dacia for your wonderful parent support during the tournament, and to all the families near and far who cheered them on. What an outstanding result. Well done, team!

Year 9 & 10 Girls Social Finals Runner Up: JHC Girls Pink





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4 x 4 Adventure Race

HUGE thanks to Triathlon and Multisport Southland for putting on another epic 4 x 4 Adventure Race. What a day! The course was challenging (the trekking and mountain biking sections were definitely demanding but seeing all the James Hargest students from Year 7 to 10 tackle the challenge with enthusiasm—whether competitive or just out for a laugh—was the best part. As always, the kayaks were a massive hit. A special shout-out to Southland Secondary School sports and all the amazing volunteers around the course. Your hard work is what makes days like this happen—we appreciate you so much.

We enjoyed every second, and after a taste of that adventure, you can bet we'll be BACK IN FORCE for 2026 - get ready!

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

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or phone 2179250

E-mail Newsletters

The next newsletter will be issued via email on Monday 16 February 2026. 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

December

Tue-Wed	2-3	Senior Documentation Day, 9:00am - 1:30pm Main Office foyer
Wed	3	Senior Prize Giving 7:30pm, Gym 3
Thu	4	Graduation Dinner 7:00pm, Ascot Hotel
Fri	5	Junior Prize Giving 12.30pm, last day of classes
Thu	11	PTA Uniform Sale - Senior Campus Hall Buy Back 4:00pm - 5:00pm Uniform Sale 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Junior Campus

December

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

Coming Events for 2026 Senior Campus

January

Thu	22	PTA Uniform Sale - Senior Campus Hall Buy Back 4:00pm - 5:00pm Uniform Sale 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Tue	27	Course Consultation 9:30am - 11:00am - Year 13 12:30pm-2:00pm Year 11 & 12 10:00am - 3:00pm Peer Support training

February

Mon	2	Ka Hikitia - Year 9's start 8:30am at Junior Campus
Tue	3	Year 9, 12 and 13 in attendance
Wed	4	Whole school in attendance
Thu	5	Whole school in attendance
Fri	6	Waitangi Day observed
Fri	13	House Day
Mon	16	House Day - postponement day

Junior Campus

January

Thu	22	PTA Uniform Sale - Senior Campus Hall Buy Back 4:00pm - 5:00pm Uniform Sale 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Fri	30	Meet the Teacher, Junior Campus 1:00pm - Year 8 2:00pm - Year 7

February

Mon	2	Ka Hikitia - Year 9's start 8:30am at Junior Campus Year 7 & 8 in attendance: 11am - Year 8 11.20am - Year 7 11:30am - Mihi Whakatau
Tue	3	Year 7 & 8 in attendance
Wed	4	Whole school in attendance
Thu	5	Whole school in attendance
Fri	6	Waitangi Day observed
Fri	13	House Day
Mon	16	House Day - postponement day
	16	Year 7 Camps begin
Mon	23	Year 8 Camps begin

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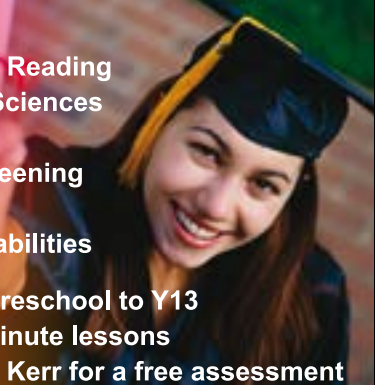
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