

THAMES HIGH SCHOOL

Principal's Message...



As we reach the end of term 2, it's a good time to reflect on some of the achievements of the year so far, and to look forward to what is to come. From an academic point of view, students should all be aware of where they're at, and what they have to do next. Over the past term parents have received detailed reports on the learning progress of their students, and over the past 10 days many parents have taken the opportunity to meet with teachers to talk about how things are going. Term 3 will bring with it the challenge of preliminary exams – a real challenge for year 11, 12 and 13 students – and another opportunity for them to gauge their learning progress.

The preliminary exams are in week 5 of term 3, and so those students who are serious about doing well in the exams will be getting their study programme underway over the next two weeks. As the old saying goes, "If you fail to prepare, you prepare to fail". A copy of the timetable for the preliminary exams is included in this newsletter and on the school website.

Early next term we will be holding individual interviews for year 13 and year 12 students. These are intended to provide some focus for the rest of the year, and to discuss future plans in terms of requirements for tertiary courses or other training and employment options. At this stage, we are intending to hold year 13 interviews during week 1 and year 12 interviews during week 2.

COMING UP.....



Monday 29 July - Term 3 starts



**Tuesday 30 July - Allied Health Expo for Yr 12/13
10.00am to 1.00pm**



Wednesday 31 July - Studylink seminar in hall for Yr 13's and parents - 2.00pm



Thursday 1 August - Science Roadshow for Yr 9 students



Wednesday 7 August - Board of Trustees meeting, 7.00pm



Thursday 8 August - Yr 10-12 Option Evening

The school calendar is now available online through a parent portal.

At assembly this week we farewelled Ms Laura Bluett, who is leaving Thames High School at the end of this term. Ms Bluett has taught history, english, social studies and classics over the past two and a half years, and she is highly respected by her students and colleagues. She is planning to travel and teach overseas, with her first stop being London. We wish her well for the future and hope to see her back in Thames again. At the start of term 3 we will welcome Ms Naomi Hansman to our teaching staff – Ms Hansman will pick up the classes that have been taught by Ms Bluett. Ms Hansman has been teaching at St John's College in Hastings, and prior to that taught for several years at Colenso College in Napier. We welcome her aboard!

Hillary Challenge Team

The Thames High School Hillary Challenge team competed at the North Island qualifier event in Rotorua on the 7th of July. 28 teams from around the North Island converged at the Blue Lake for a stunning day of mountain biking, kayaking and trail running. Thames had a great mix of veterans and groms and performed at the top of their game for most of the 6 hour race.

Samuel Aldrich and Tayla Cox put Thames right out in front during the kayak leg, with the rest of the team maintaining pole position. After some great performances by Isabella Joe and Julius Adler over a range of problem solving events, all 280 students converged on a single track for a 12km cross country run. Thames High was first out of the bush with some cunning navigation from Matthew Goodall. Louise Hinds-Haye was able to pull herself together after having to leave several spews along the run. After a quick transition (where the team guzzled down jelly joiners and slurped down Leppin's) the team set off on a 3 hour mountain bike rogaie around the world class Redwoods trails. As always with adventure racing there are unforeseen dramas and after taking a nasty spill Karl Attwell dislocated his pinky and snapped his derailleur. With time closing in the team had no choice but to push the bike to the finish line. Even though they were the last team across the line they finished 4th out of the 28 teams and this is testament to the high calibre of the team's performance. This was Kayla Stuart's last race with the Hillary Challenge team and she has been an incredible asset to the team giving 200% to everything and providing strong leadership. The team qualified for the Hillary Challenge Finals which is a 5 day adventure race in May 2014, congratulations to the team and their coach, Mr Sitnikoff. With the senior students leaving we are eager to fill their shoes with new talent. Hillary Challenge trials take place in Term 3. If you love adventure, are keen for some hard work and can function in a team come along to some trainings. More details next term!

R Nutter French Exchange

As part of a longstanding Thames High School tradition, this week we are pleased to welcome Aude Raffestin and Louise Bras from Blois, France, who are staying with Christiana Hartley and Laurie Rogers. Their visit was made possible by the generous endowment of Mr Raymond Nutter, a New Zealander who lived the latter part of his life in Blois. The Nutter Trust established as his legacy, offers scholarships for two Thames High Year 12 students of French to spend December and January in Blois, attending the Lycée Augustin-Thierry, and for their French 'brother' or 'sister' to come and stay with them in July and August. The Exchange has been an outstanding success every year since 1987, leading to a rapprochement in France-New Zealand relations on a personal scale, and every student who has had the experience has counted it a highlight of their lives. Many families have kept in touch, one example being the Meek - Cabourg families.

Kelvin Meek went on exchange to Blois in 1989, staying with Abel Cabourg. This week Abel's daughter, Léna, visited Thames High School with her friend Albane Crespel. The two girls are in New Zealand for a month during their summer holidays, staying with Gary and Cheryl Meek,



Kelvin's parents, whom Léna describes as another wonderful set of grandparents. In the picture from left to right are: Léna Cabourg, Albane Crespel, Aude Raffestin and Louise Bras.

International Food Festival



On Wednesday 3rd July the annual International Food Festival was held in the school hall. Teams of students had spent many weeks planning the food they would cook, making the decorations and information boards and preparing delicious samples of food from a total of sixteen countries. A flag-bearing ceremony was held in assembly, during which representatives of each team spoke in the language of that country and introduced their menu. It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to hear some of the other languages spoken at our school, and to see how many different nationalities are represented here at Thames High School. The food on sale was all of a very high standard and many stalls sold out in no time! The support of the students, parents and teachers of Thames High School was overwhelming, and many of our international students rate this event as the highlight of their time here so far. A huge thank you goes out to all those involved!



Prelim Exam Timetable for Term 3 (also available to view on the school website)

PRELIM EXAM TIMETABLE 2013 Week 5 Term 3 V2

	am Exam 9am to 12 noon			pm Exam 1.20pm to 4.20pm		
Day	Year 11	Year12	Year13	Year11	Year12	Year13
Mon 26 Aug Day 3	101/102ENG Hall 3hr ENG103Workshop 2hr C1	ART201 2hr C11 /3hr FRE201 1hrC5 2hr Hall	Chem301 Hall 3hr MEC 301 2hrAuto Garage DTC302 3hr CR GRN GRA301 2hr C6	HIS101 3hr Hall DRA101 2hr Hall DTC101 3hrCR GRN/CHV	ENG201/202 Hall 3hr ENG203 Workshop 2hr C1	MUS301 (2)Hall 3hr MTC301 Hall 3hr DRA301 2hr WS DDR NKL
Tue 27 Aug Day 4	MAT101 3hr Hall MAT102 2hr wkshop A12 Mat 105 workshop 2hr A11 MAT 103 wkshop 2hr A10 MAT102 2hr WRD Hall	FAB 201 2hr H2 GRY MEC201 2hr Auto Garage ART201 3hr wkshop C11	301HIS 3hr Hall 303ENG workshop 2hr C1 HTH301 3hr Hall DTC301 3hr CR CHV	MUS101 Hall 2hr HOS101 2hr Hall PHL HOS101 3hr WS H2 PHL PE101 workshop1hr P1BLM DRA101 WS 2hr DDR NKL	201HIS Hall 3hr PE201 workshop 2hr G3 DTC201 3hr CR CHV###	ENG 301/302 3hr Hall
Wed 28 Aug Day 5	GEO101 3hr Hall	GEO201 3hr Hall GRA201 2hr C6	GEO301 3hr Hall ART301 workshop 3hr C11 DRA301 3hr Hall	SCI101 2hr Hall SCI103 Rm A2 1hr	MAT201 3hr Hall MTC201 2hr Hall MAT202 workshop 2hr A12 FIT201 workshop 2hr G3	ECO301 3hr Hall BIO301 2hr Hall Sust SCI301 2hr workshopA3 PHO301 3hr workshop P5 FAB301 2hr H1 GRY
Thurs 29 Aug Day 6	ECO101 3hr RmA9	FUR201 2hr E1 LYN PHX 201 2hr Hall MUS201 3hr Hall ECO201 3hr Hall FRE202 2hr G1/BAR	HOS301 3hr H1 PHL HOS301 2hr Hall PHX301 2hr Hall	FUR101 2hr H1 LYN FIT101 workshop 2hr G3 FAB101 2hr H2 GRY DTC102 3hr CR GRN FRE101 1hrC5 2hr Hall	PHO201 wkshop 3hr P5 CHEM201 2hr Hall	CLA301 3hr Hall MTC301 3hr Hall MUS301 (1)Hall 3hr
Fri 30 Aug Day 1	ACC101 3hr Hall ART101 3hr C11 101 Maori 2hr Hall MEC101 2hr E2 GRA101 3hr C6	BIO201 2hr Hall DRA201 2hr Hall SCT204 1hr Hall		HTH101 2hr Hall PE101 workshop1hr P3BAV DRA201 2hr WS DDR NKL	HTH201 2hr Hall HOS201 2hr Hall HOS201 3hr H1 PHL SCT 202 1hr Hall	

PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) - Loyalty Cards

This term we have 4 students who have each completed 10 or more loyalty cards. These students are; Jack Campbell and Austin Wealleans, both from 9CRL and Katie Callaway and Jessica Ferguson both from 9WHB. For their efforts these students have each received a \$20 Warehouse voucher. Well done! We have also recognised the roopu/whanau with the most cards completed - well done to roopu 9WHB and whanau H2 - you will receive a 'class feed' in Term 3.

The House points (based on loyalty cards) are as follows;

Adams	103
Hoult	99
Rudman	85
Dorrington	78

Keep up the good work and remember to hand your completed loyalty cards into the office.

Guitara Guitara

Thames High School's performance guitar group, Guitara Guitara, have had a very busy schedule this term performing at five local schools. Guitara Guitara features Daniel Kerr, Vincent Thwaites, Pascal Driver-Burgess, Liam Hinton and teacher Dylan Wade. This Friday they play three shows at Manaia, Coromandel Area School and an evening performance at Umu Café in Coromandel Town. They also performed at the recent 'Night of Creation' here at Thames HS, at the GBD, at school assembly and at the Thames Awareness Expo - a total of 13 performances so far. Well done to the group, and we look forward to hearing from them at a full school assembly next term.

Sports News

Get 2 Go

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected for the Get 2 Go teams to compete in the regional competition on August 20th in Hamilton.

Team One:

Keenan Alexander, Hannah Chambers, Cole Edwards, Georgia Follas, Danielle Goodall, Luke Horton, Kelly Jamieson and Mitchell Murphy

Team Two:

Jaimee-Lynn Bax, Evan Chang, Georgia Cook, Matthew de Laborde, James Hamilton, Paige Hayward, Georgia Hinds-Haye and Luis John

Team Three:

Max Bromley, Fletcher Broughton, Nico Fox, Joshua Hinds-Senior, Joshua McWatters, Luke Murphy, Jack Taylor and Jaedyn Wilder

Rugby

Our 1st XV had a nail biting game against Hauraki Plains on Saturday, with Jarrod Goodall scoring the winning try in the last minutes of the game. The score finished 25 - 19. This result secured the Graham Watton Trophy for the 2nd consecutive year as first round winners of the 1st XV competition. This is the 5th time Thames High School has won this trophy in the 10 years that it has been in existence!

Our Development team had another good win on Saturday 22- 7 against Te Kauwhata. Our tries were scored by Tui Kereopa, Ethan Jeffries and Jayden Thwaites, with 2 conversions and a penalty kicked by Aaron Elliott.

The 4th Grade had a home game against Te Aroha on Saturday winning 26 - 5. Tries were scored by Luke Horton, Bradley Wenzlick, Cole Edwards and Isaac Fisher with Matthew Jamieson converting 3 of the 4 tries.

Football

Our senior girls football team won 4 - 0 against Putaruru senior girls on Saturday. They also had a mid week game against the St Peters 1st XI in the knockout cup competition, our team did very well keeping the score to only 5 - 0 to St Peters.

The junior girls football team also had a win against the junior girls Putaruru team on Saturday, winning 8 - 2.

Our boys team had another fantastic win last Saturday, defeating St Pauls 1st XI development team 8 goals to 0. Kaisei Hemsley scored 6 goals, with Peter Rogers and Alan Terada scoring one each. Player of the day was Hugo Parada Fuentes. A big thank you to the exchange students who are leaving the team - Jacobo, Julian, Hugo and Leo.

The team has a home game on Saturday so go down to Danby Field and give them your support. At this stage of the Waikato Secondary Schools Football competition, our three teams are all on the top of the table in their divisions. Keep up the great work!

TVSS Golf

The third round of the TVSS Golf was played at the Waihi golf course last Friday. Only three year 9 students were able to play for Thames High School, Matthew Fulton, Lachlan Anderson and Joshua Hinds-Senior.

They played a very consistent game scoring 60 on the first 9 holes and 60 on the second 9. The last round for 2013 is at the Hauraki Plains golf course on the 20th September.

Sport Fees - A reminder that Sports Fees are now overdue!

For all of our sports team to compete in competitions, whether they are local, Thames Valley or Waikato, our players have to be affiliated. This fee makes up the largest amount charged to students. These affiliation fees have already been paid by Thames High School, so we would appreciate your urgent attention to any outstanding fees. These should be paid to the accounts office urgently at the start of Term 3 (29th July).

Term Three Sporting Dates:

25th - 27th July	NZSS Orienteering Champs	Hastings
7th August	TVSS Football - Boys	Katikati
9th August	TVSS Badminton - Seniors	Thames
14th August	TVSS Football - Girls	Mercury Bay
16th August	TVSS Badminton - Juniors	Thames
16th - 18th August	NZSS Squash Teams Champs	Hamilton
20th August	Get 2 Go - years 9 and 10	Hamilton
23rd August	WaikatoSS Ski and Snowboard Champs	Turoa Ski Field
2nd - 6th Sept	Tournament Week	
6th - 8th Sept	NZSS Swimming Champs	Hamilton
20th Sept	TVSS Golf	Hauraki
24th Sept	Northcote Sports Exchange	Northcote College

