

THAMES HIGH SCHOOL

TE KURA TUARUA O HOTERINI

"TO INSPIRE LIFE-LONG LEARNERS WHO ACTIVELY BUILD A DIVERSE, JUST AND SUSTAINABLE SOCIETY"

Principals Message

Congratulations to all of the students who received awards at our Junior Prize Giving last Tuesday. It was wonderful to see so many of you recognized for your efforts in class during 2018, and also for a range of service contributions to our school and community.

This year we introduced '7Cs' awards to recognize students who had consistently demonstrated the learning dispositions of critical thinking, creativity, curiosity, communication, connectedness, courage and collaboration throughout the year. Alongside awards for excellence and distinction in traditional subject areas, the '7Cs' awards give an all-round picture of student learning progress and achievement.

A feature of our Junior Curriculum is that it is language rich. Students have the opportunity to learn and practice language skills – reading, reading comprehension, writing and speaking – in a range of contexts that are meaningful to them.

As a consequence of this, student results in standardized national tests as well as other assessments have shown remarkable progress.

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COMING UP.....



21 January 2019 – School Office re-opens



23 to 25 January 2019 – Year 13 Camp



30 January 2019 – New Enrolments and Course Confirmation Day



31 January 2019 – Yr 9 and 13 students at school



1 February 2019 – Year 9 Rōpū Day Out



4 February 2019 – All students at school

The school calendar is now available online through the parent portal and THS App.

The learning progress, as evidenced in literacy assessments for both year 9 and year 10 students, is significantly in advance of what we have experienced in the past. Comparisons have been made with data from previous cohorts to give a measure of difference, and they show that our year 9 and 10 students have made phenomenal progress in their literacy learning.

Literacy underpins the learning, achievement and assessment in years 11, 12 and 13. We know that students need good skills in reading and writing if they are to succeed in gaining NCEA qualifications, and so I congratulate the year 9 and 10 students, and their teachers, on their success in 2018.

2019 Year 13 Camp

The Year 13 Camp will be held from the 23rd to the 25th January, 2019 in the Kauaeranga Valley at the DOC Education Centre. The students will stay overnight on the Wednesday & Thursday nights, returning to school on the Friday afternoon around 3pm.

The aim of the Year 13 Camp is for this year group to participate in a range of team building/leadership activities and experiences that help develop and improve relationships between each other and teachers.

The cost of the camp is \$90.00 (includes transport, accommodation, food and resources for activities). It is highly recommended that all year 13's attend this camp, however it is not compulsory.

Parents, we need you to sign the Parent/Caregiver EOTC Consent Form and pay the \$90. Your student should have bought this form home (together with a gear list). Please remind them to come to the school office for the forms, or call in and collect one. Any questions please contact the school on **07 868 8688 or by email office@thameshigh.school.nz**

Regards,

David Harrison, Year 13 Dean.

Stationery Lists 2019

Stationery lists for 2019 are now available from Warehouse Stationery Thames, Paper Power Thames and online at officemax.co.nz. Copies are also available from the school office when we re-open from the 21st January.

Junior Curriculum Course Selection Booklets 2019

2019 Junior Curriculum course selection booklets will be sent out via email over the next 2 weeks. There will be hard copies available from the main office from the 21st of January.

2019 Start Dates

Monday 21 January:	School office re-opens
Wednesday to Friday 23 - 25 January:	Year 13 Camp at the DOC Education Centre
Tuesday 29 January:	Teacher Only Day
Wednesday 30 January:	New enrolments/Course confirmation for years 12 & 13
Thursday 31 January:	Years 9 & 13 students at school. Powhiri at 9am
Friday 1 February:	Year 9 Rōpū Day Out
Monday 4 February:	All students at school

2018 Haurakian

Yes it's finished and ready to be collected. If you have paid your school donation your copy will be free. Otherwise you can purchase a copy for \$7.00 (this is the actual cost of printing). This can be arranged when the school office re-opens on the 21st January 2019.

Thank you to the Trillian Trust

The Trillian Trust is a New Zealand based charitable trust, incorporated in May 1999 under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957.

The Trust was formed to provide support to other New Zealand-based charitable and not-for-profit organisations through grants for specific purposes that benefit the community.

Since that time the Trust has provided over \$105 million in grants to thousands of community organisations.

In March of 2018, Trillian Trust brought their roadshow to Thames to generate funds for our local community. Thames High School applied for a grant and we received \$2,500 in funding.

Grants were then given to students who have shown extra commitment towards their chosen sports and in doing so, have represented both the school and themselves on the national and international stage, or have achieved a major goal. This contribution has helped them towards the extra costs incurred in their chosen sport.

These students are:

Karate – Kiado Ryu Martial Arts

Mitesh Patel	3 rd Degree Black Belt
Marisa Dehar	2 nd Degree Black Belt
Jayden Fowler- Reynolds	2 nd Degree Black Belt
Grace Wood	1 st Degree Black Belt
Riley Elliott-Hogg	1 st Degree Black Belt
Claire Smith	1 st Degree Black Belt

Thames Valley Netball Representatives

Jess Hayes	Ashley Rohrlach
Tegan Foster	Chanele Wiperi-Karauria

NZ Secondary Schools Swimming Championship

Jade Palethorpe	Jack Lees
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Adventure Racing

Mohjo Saunders

NZ Squash – Trip to India

Georgia Robcke

Athletics

Here's a little snapshot of the weekend away to Dunedin for the National Secondary Schools' Athletics and Road Race Champs.

We had some great results and personal bests over the weekend. It was an amazing experience for all involved.

Big thanks to our main sponsor - STM Enterprises.

Results:

Jade Palethorpe, Sienna Hall, Heather Underwood and Charlotte Ramsey - 3rd Junior Girls Road Race Team

Clark Veal - 4th Junior Boys High Jump - 1.8m and 9th in the Long Jump.

Jade Palethorpe also had top 20 placing's for 1500m and the Road Race.

Personal best times for Jack Clark - 100m and Sienna Hall, Heather Underwood, Charlotte Ramsey, Jessica Hayes and Amber Edlington for the Road Race.





Te Tonga O Hoterini Kōhanga Reo

At the start of term two this year, a group of year 13 students made contact with a local pre-school with a view to using their skills to make some equipment for the pre-schoolers to use.

Damien Law, Tai Anderson-Wakahoe, Ra Mahal and Frhee Pennell walked down to Te Tonga O Hoterini Kōhanga Reo in Thames, to see how they could help. As it turned out some play equipment was required. The boys came back to school buzzing with ideas and set to work planning and building the kind of things that Kathleen Cox (from the Kohanga Reo) had described.

Two terms later, the finished equipment was delivered by Damien and the FUR301 teacher, Mr Lynch. The pre-schoolers were immediately excited putting the pieces together and crawling and walking all over them. We hope they enjoy their new toys for a long time.



Pianos for Sale

- Good quality piano in good condition. Brand: Charles Begg & Co. Price negotiable. Please contact Ms Pauline Bassett on 027 227 1863
- Good quality piano in excellent condition. Brand: Yamaha. Valued at \$3500. Please contact Ms Judy Albertsen on 07 868 5224

Gym Sports 2019

Gymnastics - Based in **Kopu** in 2019

Thames Gymsports is moving to a new dedicated venue, which gives us the chance to expand the options and number of spaces available – we think you'll find something your kids will love, at a time and day that will fit in with other commitments.

Register interest now via our email address - thamesgymsports@gmail.com we'll put your names down and keep you updated with the finalised timetable and fees.

- **Junior** - 5 to 7 years
- **Senior** - 8 to 12 years
- **Teen** - 12+

- **NEW - Free G** - run, jump and swing. it is no surprise to us that ex-gymnasts perform so well at Ninja Warrior - check out the you tube clip of [Free G](#) - bring it on, we think this will be popular!
- **NEW - Pre-school**
- **NEW - Team Gym**
- **NEW - Tumbling**
- **NEW - Boys only** classes
- **NEW - Competition**

For more details check our website - <https://thamesgymsports.co.nz/>



REGIONAL FINAL

2019 REGIONAL DATES

OPEN TO ALL
SECONDARY
SCHOOL STUDENTS



YEAR 9 TO 13

COMPETE IN
TEAMS OF

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YOU DON'T
HAVE TO BE
THE SAME
AGE OR EVEN
FROM THE
SAME SCHOOL

\$5 TO ENTER!
FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

WWW.TEENAG.CO.NZ

TASMAN

02 MAR CULVERDEN

AORANGI

23 FEB OAMARU

OTAGO/SOUTHLAND

16 FEB MILTON

NORTHERN

16 MAR WARKWORTH

WAIKATO/BAY OF PLENTY

23 MAR MATAMATA

TARANAKI/MANAWATU

06 APR WHANGANUI

EAST COAST

13 APR DANNEVIRKE