

# THAMES HIGH SCHOOL

TE KURA TUARUA O HOTERINI

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



## Principal/Tumuaki Message

### Industrial Action by PPTA Members

Following on from the strike action last Wednesday, members of the Post Primary Teacher's Association (PPTA) will be involved in further industrial action in the coming weeks. This is part of action that is being taken throughout NZ.

From next week, teachers will be involved in 'rostering home' – this means that teachers who are PPTA members (and that is most of our teachers) will not teach particular year levels on particular days.

The schedule of action is:

|                                     |                |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>  | <b>Year 9</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b> | <b>Year 10</b> |
| <b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b> | <b>Year 11</b> |
| <b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>  | <b>Year 12</b> |

This won't affect year 9 students on 4<sup>th</sup> June, as the school had already notified a Teacher only Day (and so there won't be students at school on that day).

It will however affect students at year 10, 11 and 12 on the dates indicated above. This means that classes will not run for year 10 students on 11<sup>th</sup> June, for year 11 students on 25<sup>th</sup> June and for year 12 students on 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

We will not be able to provide supervision for these students – we do not have enough non-PPTA teachers for this to happen.

## COMING UP...



**June 1 – 30 – Matariki Celebrations**



**June 7 – Board of Trustees Ballot Closes at Noon**



**June 7 – Thames Valley Squash in Matamata**



**June 14 – Victoria University Talk**



**June 14 – 16 – 48 Hour Film Festival**



**June 14 – International Department trip to Field Days**

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



### Positive Behaviour for Learning – Thames High School ROLES

Thames High School is part of the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) model that looks at behaviour and learning from a school wide as well as an individual students' perspective.

The PB4L school-wide framework helps schools to build a culture where positive behaviour and learning is a way of life. The framework is tailored to each individual school, based on their own environment and cultural needs.

Thames High School PB4L kaupapa is centered around R.O.L.E.S.

Respect for Others, Respect for Learning, Respect for the Environment and Respect for Self. For 2 – 3 weeks we collectively, as a whole school, focus on a particular letter e.g. "O" Respect for Others and then in the next whole school assembly we celebrate how students have demonstrated this at each year level before focusing on the next letter, which in this case would be "L" Respect for Learning.

This model is not about changing the student, it's about changing the environment, systems and practices we have in place to support them to make positive behaviour choices.

## Senior Whānau Kaitiaki Parent Interviews

The senior (Year 11, 12, 13) whānau kaitiaki parent interviews will be held in week 9, Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June between 1.45pm and 7.30pm. Please lock this date into your diaries. Further information will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.

## Board of Trustees Election 2019

Kia ora whānau,

Voting papers for our Board of Trustees Election should be arriving in your mailbox now if you are eligible to vote in the election.

Please get in touch with me if you haven't received yours yet. Please take some time to read the candidate statements and place your vote on the voting paper.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** All voting papers need to be received at the school by noon on election day (**7 June**) to be counted as valid. There is a voting box in our reception if you would like to drop it in rather than post it.

In accordance with legislation, a voting paper received after noon on election day is invalid, unless the voting paper was posted and the date stamp on the envelope shows that it was posted before noon on election day.

When is a vote invalid?

A vote is invalid for any of the following reasons:

- The voter votes more than once in the election
- The voter votes for more candidates than there are trustees to be elected
- The voting paper was not contained in the envelope included with the voting paper
- The voting paper does not, in the opinion of the returning officer, clearly indicate the candidate or candidates for whom the voter intended to vote, or
- The returning officer believes on reasonable grounds that the voting paper was not issued to the voter by the returning officer
- There are two voting papers in one envelope



## NCEA Fees

Tēnā koutou,

The Minister of Education has announced that families of secondary school students will no longer have to pay fees to enter NCEA and New Zealand Scholarship.

This charge will remove financial barriers and ensure all the credits received towards NCEA will be visible on students Record of Achievement.

These changes also mean schools no longer need to collect fees from around 168,000 New Zealand domestic students, or students from the Cook Islands and Niue, who are entering for NCEA and New Zealand Scholarship.

Any fees already collected from these students for 2019 will be refunded by schools. NZQA will be in contact soon with those schools which have already remitted fees, and NZQA will be working to award credits and qualifications earned in previous years where fees were not paid. In the first instance, any NCEA fees already paid will be credited towards any other outstanding fees on your child's account. If there are no fees outstanding the school will grant a full refund. The refund process will take a few weeks, so please be patient.

The Minister has also announced a range of improvements to NCEA, and that the Government will fund the continued roll out of the NCEA online programme.

If you have any queries, please contact the school office or the accounts department on [accounts@thameshigh.school.nz](mailto:accounts@thameshigh.school.nz) or phone **07 868 8688** extension **806**.

More information about NCEA online can be found here: <https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/about-us/future-state/digital-assessment-ncea-online/>

Further information about the NCEA Review can be found on the NCEA Review website: <https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/ncea-review/>

Kia ora rawa atu,

Jen Fletcher  
Principal's Nominee

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## Sports Department

### The Amazing Race 2019

Cross Country this year was given a makeover and renamed 'The Amazing Race'. There were challenge stations set up along the course from tongue twisters to human pyramids and a tyre roll to finish off. Every student that took part enjoyed themselves and all finished with a smile on their face. Even the rain didn't dampen their sprite!



### Coaches and Managers

Without the support of all our volunteer Coaches and Managers our teams wouldn't exist. On behalf of our sports department and students, we want to say a huge thankyou to all our volunteers who make our team sports happen each week by giving up their time for our students.



## Kapa Haka

### **Tainui Kapa Haka Regionals 2019**

This year on Friday 28th of June, Te Puna O Te Pito Mata Kapa Haka rōpū will grace the stage at the Tainui Kapa Haka Regional competition. This is the first year that Thames High School will be represented. They will be participating in the Whakangahau section (entertainment) to be held at Te Wharekura O Rakaumangamanga. This is in preparation for the Hauraki Festival later in the year.



## Matariki 2019

Kia ora e te whānau,

As June has arrived, we would like to let you all know that we have a very exciting line up for Matariki. Matariki is a cluster of stars known as the seven sisters or Pleiades. This is a celebration of the Māori New Year and is a time of whanaungatanga and solidarity. The month of June will be packed with loads of fun activities and kemu (games) to get everyone involved.

### **HOUSE POINTS WILL BE UP FOR GRABS!**

“Ka puta Matariki ka rere Whānui.  
Ko te tohu tēnā o te tau e!”

“Matariki re-appears, Whānui starts its flight.  
Being the sign of the New Year!”





## Pink Shirt Day 2019

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May we celebrated Pink Shirt Day at Thames High School. This was a day that staff and students joined together to take action against bullying.

The aim of Pink Shirt Day is to reduce bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting positive social relationships. It also promotes an environment where people feel safe, valued and respected regardless of their age, sex, orientation, ability or cultural background.

At Thames High School we celebrated the day by dressing in pink, handing out the positive messages that the students had written during the week for their peers and holding a Pink Shirt Assembly. Following the assembly, all students and staff formed on the field in support of a bullying-free environment.

We were supported on the day by Catherine Wild from Hauraki Family Intervention Network and Becky Armstrong from Thames Youth Centre. Also, a big thank you to Pak n Save Thames for their very kind donation which helped make our day a great success!



## INTERNATIONAL NEWS HOMESTAYS REQUIRED



Noa is a 15 year old German girl who will be attending Thames High for Term 3 and 4. She describes herself as honest, open-minded, organised, kind and funny. She is looking forward to spending time with her host family and learning more about their culture. Noa's favourite subjects are history and politics and she is interested in pursuing journalism. In her free time she likes to go swimming, bake, watch movies and catch up with friends. Noa is vegetarian.

If you'd like to host these students and offer them a fun and enriching experience please email Pauline internationalsupport@thameshigh.school.nz or phone on 078688688 or 0275361001. In return, you will receive \$260 per week.



Friedrich is a 15 year old German boy who will be attending Thames High also for Term 3 and 4. His brother also went to Thames High two years ago and loved it so much he has decided to attend school here. Friedrich plays soccer and enjoys outdoor pursuits and water sports. He says he is "humorous" and open to trying new things. He is looking forward to experiencing a different way of schooling than in Germany.



Luca is a 17 year old Austrian boy who will be attending Thames High for one year from this July. He enjoys audiobooks, photography, biking and climbing and describes himself as adventurous. He is looking forward to participating in Outdoor Education in NZ and trying jaffas!

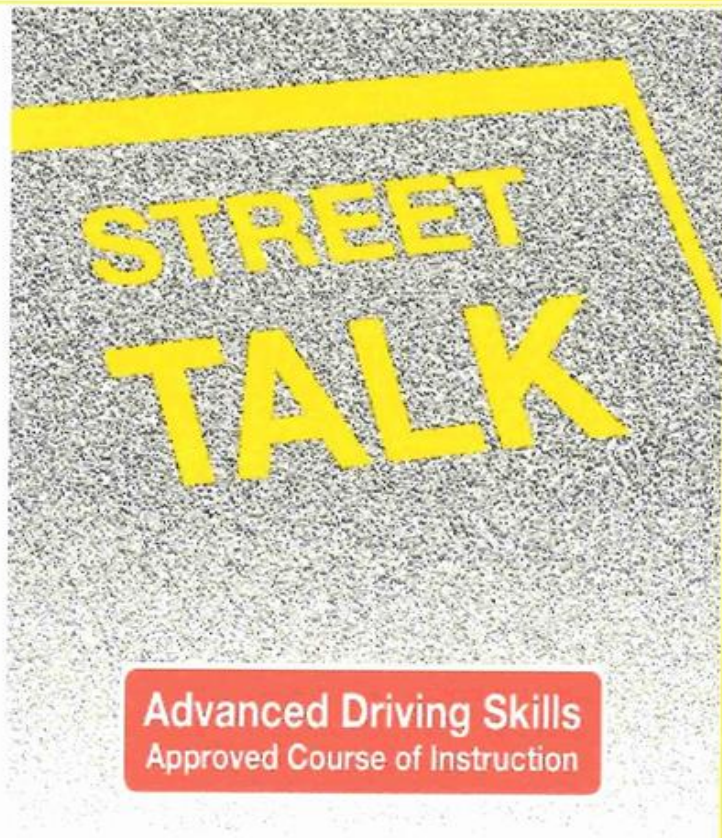


Welcome to the



Presentation  
of the  
Street Talk

Driver Education  
course



Enables you to take your Full Class 1 driver licence test after 12 months instead of 18 months.  
The course consists of four 2 hour in-class sessions and 1 in-car session with instructor over a 2-week period.

Where: Te Puru Boat Club, Seaview Avenue, Te Puru,

When: Tues 11<sup>th</sup>, Thurs 13<sup>th</sup>, Tues 18<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> June

Time: 6-30 to 8-30 pm

Cost: \$190

Contact: Nigel Smith on 027 612 8991

 First Class Driving Tuition

Email: [firstclassdrivingtuition@gmail.com](mailto:firstclassdrivingtuition@gmail.com)

# THAMES AA Defensive Driving Course

Reduce the time on your restricted licence and become a safer driver

**Starts 4th June, places limited, book now!**



- 9 hours learning time in total with 4x two hour face to face evening group sessions
  - Individual one on one driver tuition for one hour
- AA Defensive Driving Course NZTA approved certificate (great for your CV)
- BONUS! e-drive online learning for home study!

**Book now – see our website or facebook for bookings!**

**w: [thamesdrivertraining.co.nz](http://thamesdrivertraining.co.nz)**

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**AA Motoring**

**Driving School**





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## We can help with:

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Welfare (Work and Income)  
Tenancy  
Immigration  
and more

**Every second Wednesday at:**

**Thames Library  
503 Mackay Street  
Thames**

**(This service was previously held at Thames Community Link)**

**Nau mai, haere mai**

**To make an appointment please phone:  
Community Law Waikato on  
0800 529482**

Email: [reception@clwaikato.org.nz](mailto:reception@clwaikato.org.nz)

Tokoroa, Putaruru, Thames, University of Waikato (Student Services), Settlement Centre Waikato,  
Ngaruawahia, Otorohanga, Te Aroha, Te Kuiti, Huntly, Raglan

Level 2, 109 Anglesea Street, PO Box 1319, Hamilton 3240 **Phone.** 0800 529482 **Fax.** 07 8395158





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**Come along to our free Force Information sessions and find out more about careers in the NZ Army, Navy and Air Force**

## FORCE INFO

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## FORCE FITNESS

Get an introduction to Defence Force fitness standards. Find out what to expect at your Assessment Day fitness test and how to get Force Fit. Remember to bring your workout gear if you would like to participate.

These sessions are open to everyone – Parents, caregivers, partners, friends and teachers are all welcome!

For further info or to register your interest to attend please contact your local Defence Careers office:



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NZDF Defence Careers

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## LOCATION

Defence Careers Office  
95 Devonport Rd  
Tauranga

- Thu 27th June 2019
- 6pm – 7.30pm





## **Girls Rugby 'Have a Go Day'**



**When: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

**Where: Paeroa Domain**

**Time: 10am – 2pm**

The Thames Valley Rugby Union would like to invite **all** School Girls from year 6 and up to attend a "Rugby Skills" day that will be held during the week.

In recent years there have been a number of NZ representative women's players that have originated from Thames Valley - and with Women's 7's rugby now an Olympic sport - we want to find the next NZ rep(s) from the province.

**Come along and learn a range of rugby specific skills  
with top class coaches**

Registration is free.

Register now by returning the registration form to your school or the Thames Valley Rugby Development Officer Marcus Howie or Women's RDO Mathew Abraham by

e-mail: [marcus.howie@tvrfu.co.nz](mailto:marcus.howie@tvrfu.co.nz)

e-mail: [Mathew.abraham@tvrfu.co.nz](mailto:Mathew.abraham@tvrfu.co.nz)

drop into the office: 140A Normanby Road, Paeroa



## **Girls Rugby 'Have a Go Day'**

### **Registration Form**

Wednesday 5th June - 10am – 2pm

Paeroa Domain

I wish to register for the Girls Rugby Have a Go Skills Day

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club/School: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please register by 29<sup>nd</sup> May 2019.

[marcus.howie@tvrfu.co.nz](mailto:marcus.howie@tvrfu.co.nz)

Fax: 07 862 7677

Any queries please phone 07 8626352 or 0272438656





**If your child is going to be absent from school,  
there are several ways you can let us know:**

- ✓ **Give the School a call** on 07 868 8688
- ✓ **Email us** [attend@thameshigh.school.nz](mailto:attend@thameshigh.school.nz)
- ✓ **Text us on 3255** Please start your text with THSC followed by a space. Then add the students name and the reason for the absence. EG: "THSC Prim Everdeen Unwell today."
- ✓ **Use the school App** Head to the Playstore or iTunes and download the APP by searching for "Thames High School"

No matter how you contact us, please make sure you let us know:  
**the students name, year and the reason they're not at school.**

