

Whānau Pānui

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Kiā ora e te whānau

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Board Election Update

A reminder that votes for the Parent election must be received by **4.00 pm** on **Wednesday 7 September**.

All eligible electors were sent details about e-voting by email. Those without email were sent a voting form. That form can be emailed to the Returning Officer election@cessl.org.nz or you can bring your vote in the sealed envelope to the main school office by the deadline. You can read the candidates' profile [here](#).

Parent and Staff election timeline:

Election Day	Wed 7 Sept (4 pm)
Results expected	Tues 13 Sept
Board Takes Office	Wed 21 Sept

Student election

Nominations for the student representative on the school board are now open. All taiohi have been emailed a nomination form. It must be submitted by **Monday 5 September**.

The student board member election (annual election) will be held on **Wednesday 21 September**. The Returning Officer for the election is Mrs T Reed (Board Secretary).

For more information see Mrs Reed in her office (next to main reception). This nomination paper should be delivered by hand to Mrs Reed.

Timeline

Call for Nominations	Tues 30 Aug
Nominations close (12 noon)	Mon 5 Sept
Voting forms/link sent out	Mon 12 Sept
Election Day	Wed 21 Sept
Student Rep Takes Office	Wed 28 Sept
1 st board hui for Student Rep	Mon 31 Oct



Kia Manawaroa

The Ministry of Education's pānui for whānau Māori is written by Māori for Māori, with information about opportunities and milestones in education, Māori success as Māori, Te Reo Māori, and COVID-19 updates relevant to whānau as and when appropriate.

Here is the latest issue of [Kia Manawaroa Pānui](#) with updates about:

- Te Wiki o te Reo Māori dates
- New resource to support tamariki transition into kura
- Whānau wellbeing and support



Learning Recognition Credits

NZQA announced on 10 August that the learning recognition credit (LRC) system used in 2020 and 2021 is being used in 2022. This is to “recognise the impact student and teacher absences due to COVID-19 and other winter illnesses have had on teaching, learning and assessment this year.” LRCs only are earned for credits earned in the current year.

What does this mean?

Summary of changes

- One Learning Recognition Credit (LRC) for every 5 credits earned through assessment to a maximum of 10 for level 1 and 8 for levels 2 and 3. For those who qualify for the maximum number of LRCs the new totals of credits that need to be earned will be required for NCEA Level 1 is 70 credits, rather than 80. For Level 2 and Level 3, 52 credits, rather than 60.
- To receive a Certificate Endorsement**, students will need 46 credits at Merit or Excellence level, instead of the usual 50.
- To be awarded **University Entrance**, students will need 14 credits in each of two UE Approved Subjects, and **12 credits in a third UE Approved Subject** (they will also need to attain NCEA Level 3 and meet the regular literacy and numeracy requirements).
- The dates for Visual Arts portfolios and the Digital Technologies Common Assessment Task (DCAT) are not changing.
- Where learning needs to extend into 2023, NZQA help students be awarded their qualification earlier in the year, outside of the normal annual cycle. That means a student who doesn't complete Level 2 in 2022, who then completes sufficient credits early in 2023 can then be officially awarded NCEA Level 2.
- Externally assessed portfolios for some areas have also been moved back one week. This will only affect Technology (NCEA Levels 1-3) and Music (NZ Scholarship) at our school.

NCEA Level	Maximum LRCs
1	10
2	8
3	8

Winter Sports / Tournaments

Senior A Netball Final

Thames High School netball A team recently played in the collegiate round FINAL held in Whitianga against Mercury Bay Area School. It was a fantastic game, and the FINAL SCORE was 26 -24 to Mercury Bay.



The Senior A netball team, coaches and managers want to THANK their amazing umpire Kelz Ngamane-Hudson and Ngā mihi to all their supporters who travelled over to watch the game.

Tess Watts
Sports Coordinator

Senior A Netball Female Team and Senior Male Football Team

After two years of cancelled sport tournaments, our Senior A Netball female team are super excited to be heading off to UNISS and the Senior Football male team to New Plymouth. This is the week where these taiohi get to live their best life, playing the sport they love. We appreciate the time and effort put in by the coaches, managers and travelling volunteers that have supported these teams throughout the season and this week. Good luck 🍀

To our sponsors, Ngā mihi, you are a big part of making this week happen for these teams.



Carolyn Green
TIC Sports

Thames Valley Rugby

A group of Thames Valley High School taiohi / students assisted Thames Valley rugby with the Junior Tackle Day held at Rhodes Park recently. It is great to see our taiohi out there volunteering and sharing their rugby knowledge with Junior rugby players.



Appreciation feedback was received from Thames Valley, Scott Day, TVRFU:

"I want to pass on my HUGE appreciation to Thames High School referees for the amazing job they did at the Junior Tackle Day. They showed so many great qualities and I thoroughly enjoyed working alongside them.

I have received 3-4 emails from schools complementing the referees for their refereeing".

School Exams

Years 11 to 13 students sit examinations from **Thursday 15 September to Tuesday 20 September**. During this time, we will run an examination timetable. As for NCEA examinations, school exams are up to three hours long if taiohi are sitting three standards. Most subjects offer one or two external standards; some offer three and students are expected to sit all examinations that are part of their course.

The examinations have three main purposes.

1. They are great practice for the [NCEA external examinations](#), to work out what needs to be worked on before the final examinations.
2. They assess level of understanding and application of the course material in class, proving evidence for the senior awards, such as first in subject and the special awards.
3. They provide evidence of derived grades if an [unexpected event](#) happens during the NCEA examination period.

Subjects having examinations

- **Year 11/Level 1** – English, Mathematics, Music, Geography, History and Science.
- **Year 12/Level 2** – Biology, Chemistry, English, Geography, Health, History, Mathematics, Music, and Physics.
- **Year 13/Level 3** – Biology, Chemistry, Calculus, English, Geography, Health, History, and Physics.

- Students taking **Hospitality Mechanics, Furniture and Fabric** classes will also have a one-hour sessions to help complete portfolio or practical work.
- **Distance education students** will sit their exams on Wednesday 14 September: Level 1 French and Spanish and Level 3 Japanese.

The final school examination timetable will be shared next week.

Study leave for Year 13 students only

Year 13 students who are entered in external papers, who do not have an examination will be on study leave from Thursday 15 September to Tuesday 20 September, unless they have an examination. This is for those who meet our attendance and values expectations. **Study leave means studying at home.** For those who travel by bus in the morning, they need to study quietly in the school library.

Year 11 and 12 students at school

While Year 11 and 12 students are sitting their examinations, those students who are not sitting an examination will be in supervised study classes or, if teachers are available, may be able to spend time in speciality rooms to complete their work.

- Preparing ('studying') for an examination in the future; or
- Catch up or complete internal assessments or external portfolio work.

Option selection for 2023

Years 9 to Year 12 students will begin their 2023 option choices soon. We need this information for next year's timetable. Information about this will be shared with taiohi in whānau and rōpu classes, including making wise decisions. More information about the process will be shared next week.

Closing dates for option selection:

- **Years 10-12:** Friday 23 September 2022 (Year 11-13 options for 2023)
- **Year 9:** Wednesday 28 September 2022 (Year 10 options for 2023)



NCEA and Options Information for parents

For parents of Year 10, who want to know more about NCEA and senior options, or for anyone else that would like a refresher, we will hold a **NCEA and Options Information session** in the THS Library on Monday 19 September at 6.00 to 7.00 pm.

As always, all courses in 2023 are subject to sufficient students opting for them and being able to schedule the right teachers at the right times (i.e. timetabling). That means that taiohi will typically be asked to select 'reserve' options.

Eva Hammond Scholarship Trust Award

Any past student who is about to commence a course of tertiary education including students who are within 6 months of leaving Thames High School for that purpose are eligible to apply.

The purpose of the award is to give financial assistance to eligible current or past students, of Thames High School in respect of any recognised course of tertiary education but with priority given to university education wherever possible. The assistance should benefit students on a basis of financial need and such other deserving qualities as the Trustees may elect.

You can click [here](#) for an application form. Applications close Friday 14 October (4.00 pm)

Tracey Reed
Principal's PA

Vacancies

Technician(s)

We seek one or two technicians to support the work of the Science and Food Technology departments.

The position(s) are term-time only for a total of 17 hours per week (Science, 12 hours & Food, 5 hours) and candidate/s may apply for one or both roles.

For more detailed information and role descriptions refer to our website www.thameshigh.school.nz/vacancies

Applications close Monday 5 September (4.00pm)

Start date: Monday 12 September 2022

For more detailed information, please refer to our website www.thameshigh.school.nz/vacancies/

Tracey Reed
Principal's PA

Cleaner

Are you keen to help ensure our school is a clean and healthy environment for learning and teaching? Do you enjoy cleaning and want to join our friendly and motivated team? We would love to hear from you.

We are looking for a cleaner who will be employed by Edpro Group who manage the property for Thames High School.

The most important attributes we look for are honest, hardworking people and who able to work well within a team environment.

The hours are Monday to Friday from 3.15 pm to 7.00 pm, but these hours are flexible for the right candidate.

If this opportunity sounds of interest to you, please email lynleystrange@thameshigh.school.nz

Craig Patton
EdPro Group

Community Events

Moanataiari School 50th Reunion Celebration 23 – 25 September 2022

[Invitation](#) to past students, staff, School Trustees, and those connected to Thames North, Central & Kopu Schools are welcome to attend the Moanataiari School 50th Reunion celebration.

Julie White
Moanataiari School



Key Dates

Dates may be subject to change and will be advised.

Term 3: Monday 25 Jul to Friday 30 Sept

Wed 7 Sept	Election Day
Thu 15 Sept to	Senior School Exams (Y11-13)
Tue 20 Sept	
Mon 19 Sept	NCEA and Option Information for parents of Year 10 students
Wed 21 Sept	Sports Photos (TBC)
Thu 22 Sept	Numeracy Assessment (Y10)
Fri 23 Sept	Option selections Y10-12
Mon 26 Sept	Full Board Hui – 5.30 pm, Wharenui (Te Puna o Te Pito Mata)
Wed 28 Sept	Option selections for Y9
Fri 30 Sept	End of Term 3

Term 4: Monday 17 October to Friday 9 December 2022.

Mon 24 Oct	Labour Day
Wed 16 Nov to	Junior School Exams (Y9-10)
Fri 18 Nov	
Mon 31 Oct	Full Board Hui – 5.30 pm, Wharenui (Te Puna o Te Pito Mata)
Wed 2 Nov	Senior Prize giving
Mon 7 Nov-	NCEA Exams start
Fri 2 Dec	
Fri 25 Nov	Teacher Only Day - NCEA Accord Day
Mon 28	Teacher Only Day - NCEA Accord Day
Fri 9 Dec	Last day Term 4

