



Whānau Pānui 2023 Year 11-13

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Kia ora e te Whānau

As we prepare for the start of 2023 this pānui has some important information for our Year 11 -13 taiohi.

We will be holding a pōwhiri for any new students/taiohi to Thames High School in 2022 including our Year 9's for 2023. We invite all students/taiohi to be part of our pōwhiri either as manuhiri (visitors) or Tangata whenua (the hosts).

This will be on Wednesday 1 February, after the Anniversary Day weekend. Please arrive by 9 am for a 9.30 am start.

2023 Starting Programme

Wed 24 Jan	School Office open for new enrolments and enquiries.
Mon 30 Jan	Auckland Anniversary Day School closed
Tues 31 Jan	Course confirmation Day for Year 11 – 13 students.
Wed 1 Feb	Pōwhiri for Year 9 and new taiohi / students and staff members. All Taiohi, whānau and community welcome to attend.

Orientation for Year 9 (Only Year 9 & 13 taiohi / students at school)

Thurs 2 Feb
Timetabled classes begin for all year levels.

Arrive by 8.35 am for 8.45 am start.

School day starts at **8:45 am** with a Rōpu class.

Mon 7 Feb
Waitangi Day observed (no school)

Pōwhiri

We start the year with a pōwhiri for new taiohi / students and kaimahi / staff. All community and whānau are welcome to attend.

If you are Manuhiri (visitors), please gather from 9:00 am for a 9:30 am start. Gather outside the waharoa (entrance to the Wharenuui) on Sealey Street.

Wait for the karanga (calling) that begins the pōwhiri. Please join us for the Pōwhiri to welcome you to Thames High School followed by kai (tea and coffee and a biscuit) to formally end the pōwhiri.

If you are Tanga whenua (have already been part of a pōwhiri in 2022 or earlier) please be seated to the left of our Wharenuui, as we look from the road.

After the pōwhiri, taiohi will move to the hall and library courtyard area, whānau are encouraged to join them. There will be tea and coffee and a biscuit (kai) to formally end the pōwhiri.

Only Year 9 and 13 taiohi will have a formal programme for the afternoon. However, if you are new and would like to be part of an orientation please let Mrs O'Neil know prior to the day.



Whānau class and organisation 2023

Here at Thames High School, house spirit is a focus for 2023. With our Whānau organised into the house groups – Rudman House -Blue, Adams House - Green, Hoult House- Yellow and Dorrington House – Red, at all year levels. This will lift the profile of our house system, along with more opportunities to connect with our senior school who are organised in Whānau by house groups.

Please note that there has been a change to the Whānau kaitiaki for 2023 for H1WIC to be H1ALN with Whaea Rahea Allen to be the Whānau Kaitiaki.

If you are a Year 11 student you will receive an email to indicate which whānau you will be part of for 2023. This should be the Whānau you have been connected with as a Year 10 and your family. If this is incorrect please contact Mrs O'Neil.

Bus information for 2023

The provider for our bus service is Go Bus. The times and pick up locations will continue to be the same as in 2022. As part of the expectations for using this service taiohi/ students are to be in full school uniform and to exhibit 'Our Tikanga – Our ROLES' at all times. The bus service will be running on Wednesday 1 February for all students.

Bus Schedule

This schedule may be subject to change. Any changes will be communicated directly to students who use the bus service.

School Bus Timetable

Bus		Morning	After school
		Depart time	Arrival times
Tairua/Hikuai	Tairua Toilets	7.30am	4.25pm
	Prescott's Garage	7.45am	4.10pm
Tapu	Tapu Campground	7.40am	4.10pm
	Royal Oak Hotel	7.55am	3.50pm
	Waiomu	8.05am	3.40pm
Puriri	Te Puru	8.10am	3.35pm
	Puriri School	8.05am	3.40pm
	Matatoki School	8.10am	3.30pm
	Totara Valley Road	8.15am	3.25pm
Parawai	Totara Store	8.15am	3.25pm
	Devcich Gate	7.45am	4.00pm
	Kauaeranga Valley	7.55am	3.45pm

School timetable/Hōtaka 2023

The Timetable/ Hōtaka for 2023 is the same as in 2022 with assemblies held on a Wednesday.

Thames High School Timetable/Hōtaka									
Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
8:45 Period 1		8:45 Period 1		8:45 Period 1		8:45 Period 1		8:45 Period 1	
75		75		75		75		75	
10:00		10:00		10:00		10:00		10:00	
Whānau/Rōpu		Whānau/Rōpu		Whānau/Rōpu or Assembly*		Whānau/Rōpu		Whānau/Rōpu	
20		20		20		20		20	
10:20		10:20		20 25*		10:20		10:20	
Interval		Interval		Interval		Interval		Interval	
25		25		25		25		25	
10:40		10:40		10:40		10:40		10:40	
10:45		10:45		10:45		10:45		10:45	
Period 2		Period 2		Period 2		Period 2		Period 2	
75		75		75		75		75	
12:00		12:00		12:00		12:00		12:00	
Period 3		Period 2		Period 3		Period 3		Period 3	
75		75		75		75		75	
13:15		13:15		13:15		13:15		13:15	
Lunch		Lunch		Lunch		Lunch		Lunch	
45		45		45		45		45	
13:55		13:55		13:55		13:55		13:55	
14:00		14:00		14:00		14:00		14:00	
Period 4		Period 4		Period 4		Period 4		Period 4	
70		70		70		70		70	
15:10		15:10		15:10		15:10		15:10	

Please check out the [parent portal](#) on the Thames High School Website to view the timetable, attendance, and school calendar. Login is with a student ID number and either a student password or a caregiver password. Login information will be sent out via email to each student/taiohi and caregiver. Please note that the timetable information will not show until mid January.

Senior Hōtaka/Timetables

In a separate email the provisional subjects in taiohi/students' timetable/hōtaka will be sent to you. This Timetable/Hōtaka must be reviewed to see if there are gaps or clashes. Some subjects may be listed but may be subject to getting good results in the external examinations. This is a draft only and taiohi will need to confirm their courses on course confirmation day. While the timetable team has done its best to make a timetable that fits most student choices, there are limits on how well that works. There are always clashes where subjects are on at the same time. When there are clashes students need to choose another subject that will fit the timetable.

Senior Course Confirmation (Years 11-13)

Senior Course Confirmation is held on Tuesday 31 January 2023. Please note that if taiohi/students do not attend course confirmation they may not get the



subjects that they want as subject sizes must be managed.

11:00 am – 1:00 pm: Years 12 and 13

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm: Year 11

All Year 12 & 13 are required to confirm their timetable. They must go to the School Hall at 11am to be welcomed back and to get information about the process to confirm their timetable.

Year 11 only attend course confirmation if there are gaps, clashes or changes requested. Students/Taiohi must go to the School Hall at 1.30 pm to be welcomed back and to get information about the process to confirm their timetable.

School uniform is required. As for any day the school is open for instruction, taiohi/students are expected to attend school in full school uniform. Please review the uniform requirements below

Stationery and BYOD

Stationery lists and the requirements for devices have been updated and [can be found on our website](#) or by clicking the following links,

[Year 11](#)

[Year 12 and 13](#)

Being prepared for class is a great start to making progress. Taiohi/students are expected to be organised and bring what they need to support their learning.

The basics include a school bag, stationery (books, paper, pens, etc.). A learning device is highly recommended.

Pastoral Care in 2023

Whānau and Rōpū Kaitiaki

The main point of contact for parents/caregivers and the school is the Whānau Kaitiaki. It is a hallmark of Thames High School that this relationship between the school and Whānau is strong as there is a relatively small number of taiohi / students and whānau the Kaitiaki connects with.

Kaiāwhina / Pastoral Care Leaders ('Deans')

Our Kaiāwhina will be supporting our Rōpū and Whānau Kaitiaki in creating ways we can celebrate and support our students/taiohi to be the best they can be.

Our Kaiāwhina (formerly know as Deans) for 2023 are:
Mrs Carolyn Green - Year 9 and 10 with a focus on Year 9
Ms Jasmine Yorke - Year 9 and 10 with a focus on Year 10
Dr Nichola Voice - Year 11 focus
Ms Jen Fletcher - Year 12 and 13 focus

Deputy Principals / Tumuaki Tuarua

For Years 9 and 10 taiohi/students and their whānau the key deputy principal is Mrs Natalie O'Neil natalieoneil@thameshigh.school.nz. For Years 11 to 13 taiohi/students and their whānau the key deputy principal is Mrs Penny Keet pennykeet@thameshigh.school.nz. Tumuaki / Principal Mr Michael Hart is also available to discuss concerns or queries. Principal@thameshigh.school.nz

In addition to the Rōpū or Whānau and Deputy Principals, we are very fortunate to have a school guidance counsellor, Ngaio Repia, a Whare Hauroa Nurse Three days a week, Angela Hewlett, and access to a Doctor's services (1 Day a week).

We are also fortunate that we will have two Youth Workers for 10 hours per week as part of the 24/7 Youth Network. Our lead contact is Mr Michael Wilkes and we thank the Living Well Trust for their support in allowing this to happen since 2021 and again in 2023.

Uniform

Please be sure to review the [uniform expectations on the website](#).

Be sure to start school as we mean to continue – in complete and correct school uniform. Please take the opportunity during the break to get uniform items that fit correctly.

This includes shoes – please be sure to review the shoe styles that are expected.

Shoe styles

Shoes are meant to be smart and tidy plain black polishable shoes, **not** "casual" shoes.



See below for some examples (these show the 'look' and are not meant to be an exhaustive). We welcome inquiries to check that shoes are suitable, rather than the disappointment of being asked to replace shoes.

Not: canvas and or rubber-toe flat skater shoes or sneakers or sports styled trainers/shoes or basketball boots, etc. **Not** the shoes marketed as “school sneakers”.

Boys styles of shoes (examples only)



Girls styles of shoes (examples only)



We always welcome comments, queries or suggestions.

Please email office@thameshigh.school.nz (for general inquiries) or principal@thameshigh.school.nz (for the principal or call 07 868 8688)

Ngā mihi o te Meri Kirimete me te Tau Hou – Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Natalie O'Neil
Tumuaki Tuarua / Deputy Principal
natalieoneil@thameshigh.school.nz

2023 Key dates for reference

Dates may be subject to change. Check out the school calendar on our [website](#).

Term 4:

Monday 9 October to Friday 8 December 2023*.

***subject to change.**

Wed 24 Jan Main office open for enquires and enrolments.

Thu 26 Jan 2023 Staff only days
Fri 27 Jan 2023

Mon 30 Jan Anniversary Day (holiday)

Tue 31 Jan Course Confirmation Day (Years 11-13)

Wed 1 Feb **Pōwhiri for new students**
(All Year 13 in support)
Invitation to all whanau, taiohi and community.
Orientation and first day for Year 9

Thu 2 Feb School starts for all Years 10-13
Timetable commences

Mon 6 Feb Waitangi Day (holiday)

Tue 7 Feb School term continues.

Fri 10 Feb THS Swimming Carnival (Whole school)

Tues 14 Feb Teen Esteem for Year 9 students begins.
Continues until Thursday 2 March.

Wed 1 Mar THS Athletics Day (Whole school)

Mon 6 Mar THS Selected Events for Athletics (Those who enter only)

Thu 6 Apr End of Term 1

Fri 7 Apr – School holidays
Sun 23 Apr Includes Good Friday, Easter Monday, and Easter Tuesday

Term 2: Monday 24 April to Friday 30 June
(Tuesday 25 April ANZAC day)

Sat 1 July – School holidays
Sun 16 July (includes Matariki 14 July)

Term 3: Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September

Sat 23 Sept – School holidays
Sun 8 Oct

