



## Whānau Pānui (Newsletter) - Update – 23 June 2023

### The Week Ahead

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Kia ora e te whānau

This brief pānui (notice) covers some important information about next week, the last week of term. Then we can enjoy a break after Friday, with Term 3 starting on Monday 17 July.

#### No Rostering Home!

A reminder to everyone that the industrial action previously advised has been called off, so every year level attends school every day next week. We all hope that the arbitration process results in an agreement, so we have a normal term three.

For more details : [RNZ News](#) (21 June 2023)

#### Paid Union Meeting (PUM) - Tuesday

While the industrial action has been stopped the PPTA has confirmed that that a Paid Union Meeting (PUM) is still scheduled for next week, Tuesday 27 June. Union members are legally entitled to attend up to two PUMs. This is not something we have any choice about and we know this is not ideal, but the good news is that we will still have school.

The PUM for our teachers is being held in Paeroa at 9.00 am, and the arrangements are outlined below.

We will have a **late start on Tuesday - starting lessons at 11.30 am** with normal classes. This allows teachers to attend the PUM and make their way back.

Those who do not travel by bus are to **arrive at school at 11.15 am ready for a 11.30 am start.**

The plan for **bus students** is below.

We will either have all four lessons on Tuesday or periods 2 to 4, so it is important that everyone comes to school on Tuesday and not miss any more time.

#### Bus students

The **Tapu and Te Puru buses** will run later to arrive at school at 11.15 am. Go Bus will confirm the pickup times and we will advise those affected on Monday (by email).

The **Kauaeranga (Pārāwai) and Puriri buses** will be at the normal time as primary school students are on these buses and so the times cannot be changed.

Students on these buses can go to the library from 8.45 am for supervised study. An attendance roll will be taken. They can read, study, seniors can help juniors with their work (tutorials) or plan board games. Students are not allowed to be in town after 8.40 am, as we need to be able to ensure they are supervised, as for any school day.

#### Under 14s

We will also offer supervision for those under 14, should parents advise student support:  
[studentsupport@thameshigh.school.nz](mailto:studentsupport@thameshigh.school.nz)

#### Report conferences - Wednesday

Many thanks to whānau and taiohi (young people) for attending conferences on Thursday evening. It was great to see students talking with teachers and parents. There was some great feedback and many remarked that it was very useful to talk to teachers, to understand what is needed to support better learning.

The next verbal reporting evening is on **Wednesday 28 June 3.00 – 7.00 pm.**

We have a normal school day school starts at 8.45 am and ends at 3.10 pm.





Interviews for all year levels will be in the Library or C Block only, so it is convenient for taiohi / whānau to move from place to place. Check the specific rooms when you make the booking.

Conferences are 10 minutes in duration and can be booked via

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/>

Use the Event code: **pxyr3**

### The easy way to book.

Now you can book for school events when it suits YOU.  
Simply enter the event code and press **GO**.

We'll guide you through three simple steps, and moments later you'll get an email confirming your bookings. Easy!

You can choose to do face to face conferences or via a video conference. We encourage taiohi/ students to attend. There will be an email sent to whānau when bookings are open.

You may also book an interview by phoning the school office 07 868 8688

If you are unable to attend the interview/s you are welcome to arrange a hui, either face to face or via phone call with the kaiako / teacher.

Please email the school office [christinesutton@thameshigh.school.nz](mailto:christinesutton@thameshigh.school.nz)

## Celebrating Matariki - Friday

As advised earlier we will celebrate the approach of the rising of **Matariki - Te Tau Hou Māori (Māori New Year)**. Our kura / school would like to mark this celebration with a "Noho tahi and Kai tahi", coming together as a school community as one whānau over shared kai / hangi.

Many thanks to the many whanau who have offered kai (food) or time to make this event happen.

The final programme will be sent out early next week.



*Matariki (the Pleiades)*

The longest night of the year has passed, and the rising of Matariki is only a few weeks away. It's an important time to slow down, reflect and connect as we remember our loved ones and prepare for the year ahead.

For more information about Matariki: <https://teara.govt.nz/en/matariki-maori-new-year>

<https://nzhistory.govt.nz/te-akomanga/contexts-activities/matariki>

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