

Thames High School

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga



Kia kōtahi ai te piki ake, kia ikeike rawa ki te taumata / We grow together to achieve one's true potential

Whānau Pānui – 10 November 2023

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Teacher only days

The [teacher-only day](#) that is provided for teachers to implement the changes to NCEA and the 'refreshed curriculum' is on **Monday 13 November 2023**.

We have chosen this date as the external advisors working with our teachers are available.

There is no school for students on that day.

Friday 8 December 2023 is the last day of Term 4 and is a **teacher only day** for planning for and readiness for 2024.

Year 8 Orientation Day

The Year 8 Orientation Day is on **Wednesday 15 November 2023** and is about inviting all of our Year 8 taiohi / students to visit Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga / Thames High School for the day.

To book an appointment contact Cheryl Jordan, Student Support Officer, email: studentsupport@thameshigh.school.nz



Junior Exams

Junior Exams begin on **Monday 20 November** to **Wednesday 22 November 2023**.

These exams will assist teachers to give a final assessment of your child's achievement this year. Results will also be used to identify areas of focus in 2024.

All students in Years 9 and 10 will do their English exam on **Monday 20 November**. The Year 9 Maths exam will be on **Tuesday 21 November** (there is no Year 10 Maths exam). Science exams for both levels will be on **Wednesday 22 November**.

Junior Prizegiving 2023

Our Junior Prizegiving will be held on **Monday 4 December** at 1.30 pm. We will celebrate the academic and sporting achievements of our students / taiohi.

Year 9 / 10 Activities

Information regarding the students/taiohi selections for Year 10 End of Year Activities have been emailed home and meetings about these activities are currently taking place. This year we have groups going to Rotorua/Taupo for Outdoor Experiences, Whangamata for Surf & Sea, Kauaeranga Valley for Bush Camping and Discovering Port Waikato.



Year 9, and those Year 10 students who have not been able to select any of the above activities, will have a variety of short and sharp activities to select from. Students will be selecting 4 activities to take part in over Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday will see activities that involve the whole of Year 9.

These last three days of activities will be a great way to finish the year and make further connections outside of the classroom.

Key dates - Term 4 2023

Dates are **subject to change** and will be advised.

Term 4:	Monday 9 October to Friday 8 December 2023 (TOD)
Mon 13 Nov	Te Ao Māori Strategic Ohu (TAMSO)
Mon 20 Nov - Wed 22 Nov	Junior Exams begin
Mon 4 Dec	Junior Prizegiving Board hui 5.30 – 7.30 pm <i>Te Puna O Te Pito Mata (Wharenuī)</i>
Tue 5 Dec – and Thu 7 Dec	End-of-year activities for Years 9 Years 10
Thu 7 Dec	Last day of Term 4
Fri 8 Dec	Teacher only day
Sat 9 Dec	School Summer Holidays begin. (Until Mon 29 Jan 2024)

Key dates 2024

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Thu 25 Jan & Fri 25 Jan	Staff only days Preparing for start of year.
Mon 29 Jan	Auckland Anniversary (holiday)
Term 1: Tuesday 30 Jan to Friday 12 April	
Tue 30 Jan	Course confirmation - Year 12 and Year 13 required. - Year 11 – only if changes needed.
Wed 31 Jan	Pōwhiri – new students and staff. Tautoko – whole school in support Followed by orientation and whakawhanaungatanga.
Thu 1 Feb	Start-up programme continues. Senior school timetable starts.
Fri 2 Feb	Start-up programme continues.
Fri 29 Mar Mon 1 Apr Tue 2 Apr	Good Friday (public holiday) Easter Monday (public holiday) Easter Tuesday (school holiday)
Fri 12 Apr	Last day of Term 1
Sat 13 Apr to Sun 28 Apr	School holidays (includes ANZAC Day 25 April)
Term 2: Monday 29 Apr to Friday 5 Jul	
Mon 5 Jul	Term 2 starts.
Mon 3 Jun Mon 28 Jun	King's Birthday (public holiday) Matariki (public holiday)
Fri 5 Jul	Last day of Term 2
Sat 6 Jul to Sun 21 Jul	School holidays
Term 3: Monday 22 Jul to Friday 27 Sept	
Mon 22 Jul	Term 3 starts.
Fri 2 Sept	Last day of Term 3
Sat 28 Sept to Sun 13 Oct	School holidays
Term 4: Monday 14 Oct to Friday 13 Dec	
Mon 14 Oct	Term 4 starts.
Mon 28 Oct	Labour Day (public holiday)
Fri 13 Dec	Last day of Term 4
Sat 14 Dec –	School summer holidays begin. (Until Mon 27 Jan 2025)

