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Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

2026 YEA(h)BOOK

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MESSAGE FROM THE *ACTING PRINCIPAL*



As we look back on 2026, there is much to celebrate at Thames High School.

This yearbook captures the learning, achievements, friendships and experiences that have shaped our year, along with the people who make our school a special place.

Some of our most memorable moments have been those that brought us together as a school community. **Athletics Day** provided opportunities for competition, participation and plenty of house spirit, while **Spirit Week** gave students and staff the chance to get involved, have some fun and show their creativity. Our **Matariki celebrations** offered time to reflect, connect and look ahead. Music, performance and cultural activities have also given our students opportunities to share their talents, express their identities and contribute to the life of the school.

Alongside these events, much of the year's progress has happened through the everyday work of teaching and learning. We acknowledge students who have achieved personal goals, persevered with challenges, tried something new or grown in confidence. Success takes many forms, and the effort behind it deserves recognition.

To our students, thank you for the energy, humour and ideas you bring to Thames High School.
Thank you to those who have represented the school, taken on leadership roles, encouraged others or quietly made a positive difference. Your contributions help shape the school we share.

To our teachers and support staff, thank you for your hard work, care and commitment throughout the year.
So much happens behind the scenes to provide opportunities for students and keep our school running well.
Your willingness to give your time and expertise is greatly appreciated.

We also thank our parents, caregivers, whānau and wider community for their encouragement and involvement.
The connections between home, school and community play an important part in our students' learning and wellbeing.

To those leaving Thames High School, we wish you every success in the next stage of your lives.
We hope you leave with good memories, lasting friendships and confidence in what you can achieve.
To those returning, we look forward to building on this year's progress and seeing what 2027 brings.

It has been a privilege to serve as Acting Principal during Term 4. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our school this year. Enjoy looking back through these pages and celebrating all that has made 2026 memorable.

Gareth Wright
Acting Principal / Tumuaki

MESSAGE FROM THE **BOARD**

As community members on your school board, we get to witness beginnings without knowing quite how the story will unfold. Over the years, we've watched you arrive as tentative newcomers and grow into the young adults now preparing to take on the world.

Some of you will be leaving Thames High with wonderful memories, some with a few stories best left untold, and others simply delighted that you are done. Whatever your experience, we hope you leave knowing that your future holds many exciting possibilities far beyond these school gates.

As you turn the page to the next chapter, we would like to offer some words of encouragement.

Feel proud. Not just for the qualifications gained, milestones reached, or achievements recognised, but for the challenges overcome, the friendships made, lessons learned, and the person you have become.

Be brave, embrace opportunities, and step confidently into the wider world.

Be curious, use your voice for truth, back yourselves, take a few risks, and don't be afraid to follow a path that might look different from the one you first imagined.

We know that for some of you, leaving school can't come soon enough. You don't have to look back on every experience fondly to appreciate that it has helped shape you. If school wasn't where you found your wings, don't mistake that for not having any.

Your story is yours to write.

Never underestimate how many people are in your corner. There are parents, teachers, coaches, and members of this community who have watched you grow up, quietly celebrated your milestones, and who will be cheering you on long after you've graduated. Some you know, some you don't, but they all share one thing: they want to see you do well.

Wherever life takes you, remember that you carry a little piece of Thames with you.

Our school values will serve you well into the future — everyone belongs, everyone matters, and everyone has potential (Manaakitanga).

May you go out into the world with confidence, kindness, and a willingness to make a difference. Say yes to opportunities that come your way (they are multiplied as they are seized), create a few of your own, and never underestimate what you are capable of.

And remember: Don't do what you are told; do what is right. Character, integrity, and how you treat others matter. Your mistakes don't define you; they grow you, and being humble is the strongest sign of strength.

“No legacy is so rich as honesty.” — William Shakespeare

Be proud of who you are, excited about who you might become, and always remember where you came from.

It has been a genuine privilege to be a part of the school community that has contributed to your journey so far.

With our very best wishes for the journey ahead,

The Thames High School Board

Alia Finn, Siobhan Flannigan, Cindy Dargaville, Ngaio Hodsen-Rapana, Lydia Lester, Kim Ju Taing, Daniel Neufeld, Shannon Paki, Brendon Wilkinson, Phil Taylor.

DEPUTY PR/NC/PAL'S WELCOME

From the pānui



Christopher Ashforth
Tumuaki Tuarua /
Deputy Principal Junior School

"Kia ora, Talofa lava, Malo lelei, Ni Hao, Konnichiwa, Namaste, Bula and a Warm Thames High School Greeting to all our students and their Whānau."
What an exciting start to the year! As we begin this new school year together, we are filled with optimism and energy for what lies ahead.
We are looking forward to supporting our students in achieving excellent results this year while also nurturing their growth as confident, capable young people.
A very special welcome to our new students — especially our Year 9 students joining our kura. We are genuinely excited to get to know you, guide you, and support you as you begin your secondary school journey. Starting high school is a significant milestone, and we are committed to ensuring every student feels a strong sense of belonging, connection, and purpose.



Gareth Wright
Tumuaki Tuarua
/ Deputy Principal Senior School

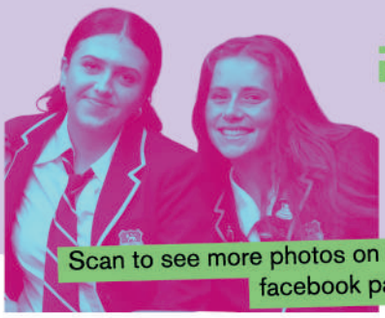
It has been very pleasing to see how positively the senior school has settled into the year. Classes are now well established, students are engaged in their learning, and many subjects have already begun assessment work for the term. Classes are well underway and changes beyond this point can significantly impact students' learning and their ability to successfully gain credits from assessments that have already begun.



Abbygail Patterson
Head Student Leader's
Message

What a start to 2026!!
Term 1 has been packed with so many amazing events and achievements,
and it's been awesome seeing everyone together again, especially all the new faces.
Let's make 2026 a year where everyone feels involved, supported and proud to be a part of our school.
Looking back on Term 1, we've already achieved so much as a student body: we've had sporting and academic success already within our school. Our student leaders have also been killing it lately with these cool events.
This term we had Year 13 dress up day, bringing the energy and spirit at Swimming Sports and Athletics, or even just small cool things like Valentine's day and lots of other school trips and events.
There are so many opportunities within our school!
Committees, sports and groups are now underway and we are so excited to see how these groups continue, grow and develop.
What stands out the most isn't just the achievements themselves but the way everyone has supported each other and put in the hard mahi.
The sense of determination and school spirit is what makes a place thrive and become so special.
A huge thank you to all our staff and coaches who put in countless hours to support us both inside and outside the classroom.
As we head into the holidays, take time to rest, recharge and look after yourselves. When we come back for Term 2, I encourage everyone to get involved, try something new, and keep building on the momentum we've already created!!

STARTING THE YEA(*H*) **RIGHT**



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The Pōwhiri 2026 was a hot hot day in the hall because : RAIN

We began the 2026 school year on Monday 2 February with a pōwhiri to formally welcome our incoming Year 9 students and their whānau. This intake also included new students in various year groups, 16 international students, and several new kaimahi joining our staff.

We are deeply grateful to Ngāti Maru kaumātua Matua Wati and Johnson Reha Watene for leading the kōrero and grounding the occasion in mana, tikanga, and connection. Moments like this remind us who we are, where we stand, and the strength of our partnership with mana whenua.









HAERE MAI **NEW STAFF**



Judith Payton
Board Secretary



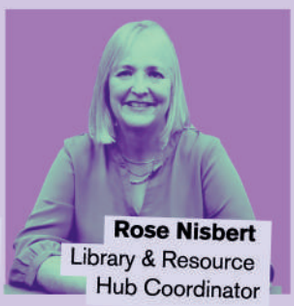
Sally Green
Cleaner



Brylee Gordon
Kaiako: Health & Physical Education



Mohinita Kumari
Kaiako: Science and Horticulture



Rose Nisbert
Library & Resource Hub Coordinator



Karen Anderson
Accounts & Payroll



Shelly Johnson
Whakamana – Pathway to Empowerment Coordinator

HAERE RA **FAREWELL**



Michael hart
Principal / Tumuaki

During Michael's tenure, the school navigated a period of considerable change, including the Covid-19 pandemic, curriculum and qualification changes, and a number of significant school developments and initiatives.
These included strengthening the junior curriculum, introducing the Graduate Profile and Instructional Model, and a renewed focus on attendance, engagement, standards and school identity.

Michael has decided that this is the right time for him to move on to future professional opportunities. The Board thanks him for his six and a half years of leadership and service to Thames High School and wishes him well for the future.



Lesley Inia
Cleaner



Michael Kim
Kaiāwhina (Y9) & Assistant HoD Physical Education & Health Outdoor Education

HEAD STUDENT LEADERS

TERM ONE
at THAMES HIGH SCHOOL



HOLLY BRADLEY
MANUARATAKI-A-KURA / HEAD STUDENT



KYAH LYON
MANUKURA MĀORI



ABBYGAIL PATTERSON
MANUARATAKI-A-KURA / HEAD STUDENT



ANNIE PERRETT
MANUARATAKI-A-KURA / HEAD STUDENT

STUDENT LEADERS



ZAYDEE PRASAD
MANUKURA MĀORI



BROOKLYN JIANG
MANUARATAKI-A-KURA / HEAD STUDENT

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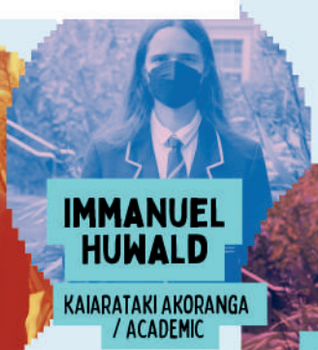
ZARA CHAMBERLAIN
KAIARATAKI AKORANGA / ACADEMIC



IMMANUEL HUWALD
KAIARATAKI AKORANGA / ACADEMIC



CARSON FLETCHER
KAIARATAKI HĀKINAKINA / SPORTS



GRACIE MILLER
KAIARATAKI HĀKINAKINA / SPORTS



LAWRON WAITE
KAIARATAKI HĀKINAKINA / SPORTS



KIM JU TAING
KAIARATAKI TAIAO-A-KURA /SERVICE & ENVIRONMENT



ANNA DOBIE
KAIARATAKI TIKANGA-Ā-IWI /ARTS & CULTURE



ELI LESTER
KAIARATAKI TIKANGA-Ā-IWI /ARTS & CULTURE



DIMPLE MARTIN
KAIARATAKI HAUWHARE / HOUSE



LORENZO YAMAMOTO
KAIARATAKI HAUWHARE / HOUSE



SHANNARA SMOOK
KAIARATAKI TAIAO-A-KURA /SERVICE & ENVIRONMENT



LEXI DINNEEN
KAIARATAKI HAUORANGA / WELFARE



BEN FITZGERALD
KAIARATAKI HAUORANGA / WELFARE

YEA(H) 13 CAMP





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On the 16th of February, our Year 13 group got the amazing opportunity to attend a 3-day camp, staying in lodges at the Kauaeranga Education Camp.

This camp gave us a chance to foster leadership skills, teamwork, and helped to strengthen our relationships with one another and the staff.

Over the three days, many memories were made, as we completed a range of activities such as Mountain Biking, River Activities, Team-Building, planning for 2026, a Burma Trail, and a Skit Night.

These experiences pushed all of us outside our comfort zones, challenging us in interesting ways, while remaining fun.

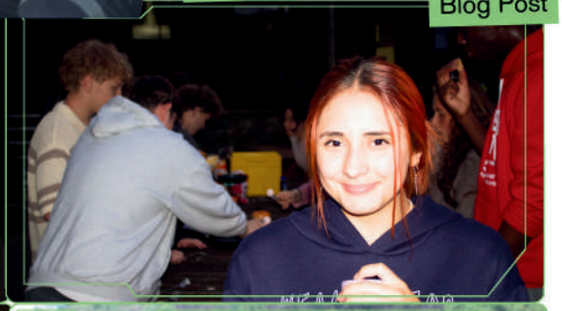
Whether we were laughing through skit night or trying not to have too much of a good time covering each other in mud on the Burma Trail, every activity brought something different, providing us with an opportunity to bond with each other in a special way that we could never do in the classroom.

On behalf of the Year 13 students, we are so grateful to everyone who made camp happen, as this experience is one we'll never forget.

Camp has also been a positive way to start the final year of our High School journey.

Holly Bradley
Head Student Leader



























ATHLETICS (HOUSE ACTIVITIES)

Victory and Vibes: Thames High School Athletics Day 2026



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The sun was out, the house colours were on full display, and the energy at the track was high for our annual Athletics Day!

It wasn't just about the personal bests and the finish lines; it was about the incredible sea of blue, red, gold, and green coming together to celebrate sportsmanship and community.

Some of our house captains had this to say about the day:

"Rudman had a great day… It was awesome to see lots of participation from our house group and joining in on the chants. Fantastic relay, and thank you to everyone who participated for that—we look forward to seeing what's coming up next and bringing our best house spirit!"
"Athletics Day was an absolute blast, and it was awesome to see the students in Hoult getting involved and giving it their all. The energy and enthusiasm were unmatched, with our house spirit shining through in every event… everyone played a part in making the day such a fun and memorable one!"
"The all around vibe was amazing with everyone cheering and showing great team spirit. I loved taking part in all the different activities. It was amazing seeing my house, Adams, coming together to cheer and encourage our house!!"

Regardless of which house took home the most points, the day was a success because of the collective effort of the students. As one leader summed it up:

"Athletics day was an enjoyable day as we got to witness the house spirit of all the students and how much fun they all had trying out different athletic activities throughout the day."

A massive thank you to our Sports Coordinator, Tess, the staff, and the student leaders for making 2026 one for the history books.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JUNIOR AGE GROUP CHAMPS

JUNIOR GIRL
TRACK CHAMP - ALYXES KENMARA 48 POINTS
TRACK RUNNER UP - LILY MATSON 26 POINTS
FIELD CHAMP - ALYXES KENAMARA 40 POINTS
FIELD RUNNER - MILLA TULL 34 POINTS

OVERALL JUNIOR GIRL ATHLETICS CHAMPION - ALYXES KENMARA 88 POINTS
OVERALL JUNIOR GIRL ATHLETICS RUNNER UP - CAITLIN KENNY 48 POINTS

JUNIOR BOY
TRACK CHAMP- JAI BRADLEY 42 POINTS
TRACK RUNNER UP - ALESSANDRO YAMAMOTO 24 POINTS
FIELD CHAMP - FYNN PAKI 46 POINTS
FIELD RUNNER UP - JETT ELLIOTT 38 POINTS

OVERALL JUNIOR BOY ATHLETICS CHAMPION - FYNN PAKI 66 POINTS
OVERALL JUNIOR BOY ATHLETICS RUNNER UP - JAI BRADLEY 43 POINTS

HOUSE POINTS

ADAMS	HOULT	DORRINGTON	RUDMAN
297	408	472	262







CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JUNIOR AGE GROUP CHAMPS

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HOUSE POINTS

ADAMS	HOULT	DORRINGTON	RUDMAN
297	408	472	262

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR INTERMEDIATE AGE GROUP CHAMPS

INTERMEDIATE GIRL
TRACK CHAMP - MAIA WHITNEY - 46 POINTS
TRACK RUNNER UP - ALZORA TAYLOR - 38 POINTS
FIELD CHAMP - ALZORA TAYLOR 43 POINTS
FIELD RUNNER - GWEN KINGI - 25 POINTS

OVERALL INTERMEDIATE GIRL ATHLETICS CHAMPION - ALZORA TAYLOR 81 POINTS
OVERALL INTERMEDIATE GIRL ATHLETICS RUNNER UP - MAIA WHITNEY 66 POINTS

INTERMEDIATE BOY
TRACK CHAMP- LUCA YAMAMOTO - 46 POINTS
TRACK RUNNER UP - TYRON BAKER - 43 POINTS
FIELD CHAMP - TYLER SMITH - 40 POINTS
FIELD RUNNER UP - ARCHIE STOVE - 36 POINTS

OVERALL INTERMEDIATE BOY ATHLETICS CHAMPION - LUCA YAMAMOTO 62 POINTS
OVERALL INTERMEDIATE BOY ATHLETICS RUNNER UP - ARCHIE STOVE 56 POINTS

HOUSE POINTS

ADAMS	HOULT	DORRINGTON	RUDMAN
417	478	484	214

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SENIOR AGE GROUP CHAMPS

SENIOR GIRL
TRACK CHAMP - JESS RENDALL 58 POINTS
TRACK RUNNER UP - MILLA SAWYER / LILY MCCARTHY 18 POINTS
FIELD CHAMP - DIMPLE MARTIN 40 POINTS
FIELD RUNNER UP - MIYA COSTELLO 27 POINTS

OVERALL SENIOR GIRL ATHLETICS CHAMPION - JESS RENDALL 78 POINTS
OVERALL SENIOR GIRL ATHLETICS RUNNER UP - DIMPLE MARTIN 42 POINTS

SENIOR BOY
TRACK CHAMP - WALTER WIKI 42 POINTS
TRACK RUNNER UP - COLE MUIR 38 POINTS
FIELD CHAMP - WALTER WIKI 54 POINTS
FIELD RUNNER UP - ISAYAH BOYD 41 POINTS

OVERALL SENIOR BOY ATHLETICS CHAMPION - WALTER WIKI 96 POINTS
OVERALL SENIOR BOY ATHLETICS RUNNER UP - ISAYAH BOYD 61 POINTS

HOUSE POINTS

ADAMS	HOULT	DORRINGTON	RUDMAN
188	340	272	688

ATHLETICS {THAMES VALLEY}



TVSS Athletics Results

TOP 4 QUALFIERS FOR WAI/BOP SECONDARY SCHOOL ATHLETICS

SENIOR GIRLS
JESS RENDALL - 2ND HIGH JUMP, 2ND 100M , 3RD 200M
MILLA SAWYER - 4TH 800M
MIYA COSTELLO - 2ND HIGH JUMP
DIMPLE MARTIN - 4TH JAVELIN

SENIOR BOYS
WALTER WIKI - 1ST LONG JUMP, 2ND 200M, 3RD 100M
ISAYAH BOYD - 1ST TRIPLE JUMP, 2ND LONG JUMP
COLE MUIR - 4TH 800M, 4TH 1500M

RELAY RESULTS
JUNIOR BOYS - 3RD
JUNIOR GIRLS - 6TH
INTERMEDIATE BOYS - 5TH
INTERMEDIATE GIRLS - 4TH
SENIOR GIRLS - 5TH
SENIOR BOYS - 2ND

TVSS Athletics Results

TOP 4 QUALFIERS FOR WAI/BOP SECONDARY SCHOOL ATHLETICS

JUNIOR GIRLS
LILY WATSON - 3RD 3000M
MILA TULL - 4TH TRIPLE JUMP
ALYXES KENMARA - 4TH 1500M

JUNIOR BOYS
ALEX ATRILL - 2ND SHOT PUT
FYNN PAKI - 4TH 100M
JAI BRADLEY - 4TH 3000M
ATTICUS KANARA-TOKOA -2ND 300M

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS
MAIA WHITNEY - 1ST LONG JUMP
TELEAH HAROLD - 4TH HIGH JUMP
ALZORA TAYLOR - 1ST DISCUS, 3RD SHOTPUT, 2ND JAVELIN

INTERMEDIATE BOYS
LUCA YAMAMOTO - 2ND 3000M, 2ND 1500M
TYLER SMITH - 1ST TRIPLE JUMP
ROCKY TUHAKARAINA - 2ND TRIPLE JUMP



SPORTS

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Leaps and bounds

Athletes from high schools across the Thames Valley touched down at the Paeroa Domain on March 11 for a day of athletic competition. The Thames Valley Secondary Schools Athletics event saw students sprint, leap, throw and give it their best shot-put.



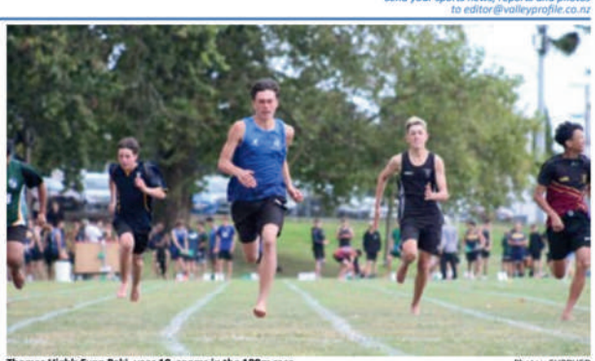
Toby Kemble of Hauraki Plains College breaks the Intermediate Boys High Jump record with 1.87m.



Mercury Bay Area School's Daniel Vaughan, 14, in the javelin throw.



Thames High's Annie Perret of Year 13 takes a leap.



Thames High's Fynn Paki, year 10, zooms in the 100m race. Photos: SUPPLIED



Mercury Bay Area School's Ella Adlam, 13.



Waihi College's Trent Ewing in the triple jump.

ATHLETICS {WAI-BOP}

Waikato & Secondary School Athletics Championships

Thames High School celebrated an astounding 20 students qualifying for the Wai/Bop Secondary School Athletics Champs for 2026. 15 athletes traveled to Tauranga to compete against the region's best. Special congratulations go to Tyler Smith, Maia Whitney, and Milla Tull for placing in the top 6 of their respective events. Extra recognition goes to Rocky Tuhakaraina, who placed 4th in the Intermediate Boys Triple Jump, officially qualifying him for the North Island Championships.








Waikato Secondary Schools Athletic Champs 2026

TRACK EVENTS

JAI BRADLEY - 14TH JNR BOYS 3000M
LUCA YAMAMOTO - 9TH INT BOYS 3000M , 11TH 1500M
FYNN PAKI - 10TH JNR BOYS 100M - PB
ATTICUS KANARA -TOKOA - 9TH JNR BOYS 300M - PB
JESS RENDALL - 8TH SNR GIRLS 100M - PB , 11TH 200M - PB
ALYXES KENMARA - 13TH JNR GIRLS 1500M - PB

FIELD EVENTS

ALZORA TAYLOR - 8TH INT GIRLS DISCUS
12TH JAVELIN, 12TH SHOT PUT
MAIA WHITNEY - 6TH INT GIRLS LONG JUMP - PB
DIMPLE MARTIN - 7TH INT GIRLS JAVELIN - PB
MILLA TULL - 6TH JNR GIRLS TRIPLE JUMP
ALEX ATRILL - 10TH JNR BOYS SHOT PUT
TYLER SMITH - 5TH INT BOYS TRIPLE JUMP
ROCKY TUHAKARAINA - 4TH INT BOYS TRIPLE JUMP

HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The annual THS House Swimming Carnival was a vibrant success. It was fantastic to see students of all houses dressing up in their respective colours, giving every race a go, and loudly cheering on their classmates from the sidelines.

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Miya Costello / Dimple Martin / Maia Whitney
Alzora Taylor / Alyxes Kenmara / Jess Rendall
Milla Tull / Alex Atrill / Atticus Kanara -Tokoa
Jai Bradley / Luca Yamamoto / Fynn Paki
Tyler Smith / Rocky Tuhakaraina



FROM THE PĀNUI

TERM ONE
at THAMES HIGH SCHOOL

Headz Up Leadership Day

Our student leadership team recently headed over to the WILSS - Waikato Institute of Leadership and Sports Studies at Waikato University, for the annual Headz Up Leadership Day. The day focused on growth, connection, and defining what it means to lead in our local community.

From interactive workshops to networking with peers from all over the region, our students walked away with fresh perspectives and a renewed drive for the year ahead. Here is what they had to say about the experience:

"The Headz Up Leadership Day was an incredible experience and a great opportunity to connect with student leaders from across the region. It was so valuable to share ideas and learn from one another.

We were also fortunate to hear from several accomplished speakers who shared their personal journeys and insights on what it means to be an effective leader. One thing I learned from the day is that strong leadership isn't about doing everything yourself, but about supporting others and bringing out the best in your team."

Student Leader Annie Perrett

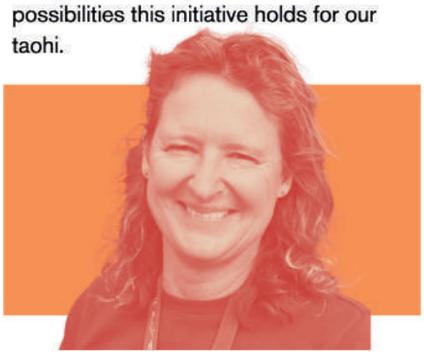


Introducing Shelly Johnson: Te Ara Whakamana

Te Ara Whakamana is a small, locally delivered pathway designed to support a small number of young people who need a more flexible, relationship-based approach to learning. This programme allows students to remain connected to their school, community, and whānau while re-engaging with education.

This isn't just an "alternative" program; it's a commitment to empowerment. By providing a learning environment that is responsive to individual needs, we are ensuring that every student has the opportunity to succeed on their own terms.

Shelly is incredibly motivated by the possibilities this initiative holds for our taohi.



"Te Ara Whakamana is a meaningful opportunity to support students in a way that truly meets them where they're at. It builds confidence, connection, purpose."



The Te Ara Whakamana Learning Space

Debating Regional Win

The 2026 Cooney Lees Morgan Bay of Plenty Regional Debating Championships proved to be a landmark event for our school's orators.

One of our teams, consisting of Eikura Emery, Kim Ju Tiang, and Alessandro Yamamoto, held their own against seasoned competition to secure a round win, while the trio of Luca Yamamoto, Felix Milner, and Alex Atrill dominated their section. By winning all three of their preliminary rounds—including a "prepared" debate where they famously had only five minutes to study the moot—they fought their way into the finals, placing in the top seven out of more than 15 regional teams.

Individual excellence was also recognised, with Felix receiving the Commended Junior Speaker award and Immanuel Huwald being selected as a reserve for the official BOP Regional Debating Team. Their sharp wit and composure under pressure have earned the school an invitation to further competitions at Waikato University, marking a stellar year for the debating program.



Thames Valley Article on on the debating team on the next page->

Music Department Update

Last year, the Thames Music Group stepped up with incredible support, and we are thrilled to see that generosity finally come to life in the classroom. Our Year 9 music students are officially "hands-on," trading textbooks for tech! Having these keyboards available means music theory is no longer just a concept on paper—it becomes practice the moment our students hit the keys.

We also want to send a heartfelt special shout-out to our mystery benefactor! An anonymous donor dropped off a clarinet the other week, and while we don't know who you are, please know how much we appreciate your support

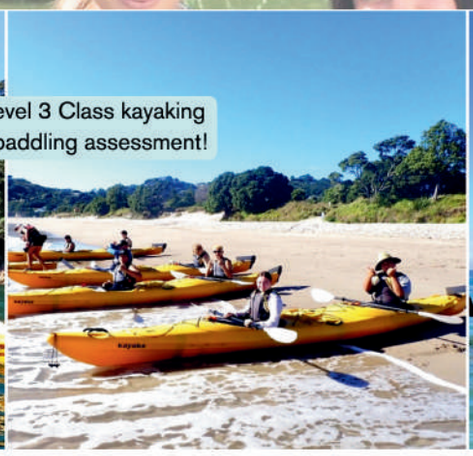


FROM THE PĀNUI continued

Outdoor Education Update

Here are some photos of the Outdoor Ed Level 3 Class kayaking to Cathedral Cove in Hahei as part of their paddling assessment!







Art Department Update

Our Year 11 Level 1 Art students recently visited Matai Whetū Marae. Thanks to Ngāti Maru for hosting us and sharing your mātauranga / knowledge with us.
Mātua Wati Ngamane spoke to us about the carvings in the meeting house, Te Rama o Hauraki, and also spoke about the Venus star migration, which is depicted in a lot of the imagery.



SPORTS OVERVIEW TERM ONE

A High-Energy Start to 2026

Term 1 has moved at an incredible pace at Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga / Thames High School. Blessed with fantastic summer weather, our fields, gym, and local environment have been buzzing with activity. Led by our dedicated Kaiaratki Hākinakina (Sport Student Leaders) and Sports Co-ordinator Tess Watts, the school has embraced a culture of participation, inclusivity, and competitive excellence. From casual lunchtime games to regional championships, our students have represented Thames High with immense pride and outstanding sportsmanship.

Individual Sporting Success & Student Sportlights:

Jess Rendall – Football Excellence
Huge congratulations to Jess Rendall, who was selected to attend the New Zealand U20 Women's Football Trials.

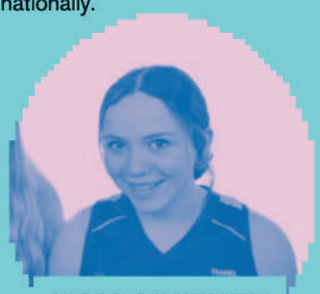


JESS RANDELL

Jess is an exceptionally dedicated and committed footballer, and the school community wishes her the very best as she chases her national selection goals.



Jack McLaren – Dirt Bike Racing Maverick
Year 11 speedster Jack McLaren took his talents to the national stage, competing in his first-ever New Zealand National-level Cross Country Dirt Bike Racing series. Racing across grueling farmland, bush tracks, and riverbeds in the Under-16 Junior division, Jack showed immense grit —including fighting from dead last to 7th in a field of 60 riders during one round, and placing 4th in Nelson. He concluded the four-round series placing an impressive 6th overall nationally.



MAIA WHITNEY

Maia Whitney – Swimming Sensationalist
Maia Whitney proved to be a powerhouse in the pool this term. At the Thames Valley Swimming Championships, she claimed 1st overall in the Intermediate Girls division. She then travelled south to Dunedin for the National Division 2 Swimming Championships, where she smashed personal bests (PBs) in all five of her races, capturing three Top 10 finishes (4th in 100m Backstroke, 6th in 200m Backstroke, and 8th in 100m Freestyle for 15-year-old females).

Carson Fletcher – Rugby Academy Selection
Sports Student Leader Carson Fletcher reached an elite milestone by being chosen as one of just 25 players nationwide to attend the prestigious International Rugby Academy in Wellington. Carson spent a week refining his skills under the guidance of former All Blacks legends like Rodney So'oialo before competing in an elite tournament against the top 16–18-year-old rugby talent in New Zealand.

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Thames football talent takes national shot

FOOTBALL

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

There's always something to be learned in football.

It's why Jess Rendall is so passionate about the sport.

"I love playing football because it's a sport that you can't conquer," the 17-year-old footballer told *The Profile*.

"There's always something that you can improve on, whether it's attacking or defending or working on different set piece skills, there's always something that you can learn or perfect."

The young athlete, who has played for the Thames High School senior girls team as well as the Thames Football Club's women's team, said the skill she was currently focussed on was shooting the ball low into the bottom corners with power. "I am also working on perfecting my corner kicks to help create better set piece chances this season."

It's no wonder the promising footballer landed an opportunity to trial for the New Zealand U20 Women's Football Team last month in Mount Roskill, Auckland.

"This is what I have dreamt of since I was a little kid." Those were the words Jess calmed her nerves with on the way to the trial.

"I just had to go out on the field and do the best I could and just be me."

The star athlete said the most exciting part was that she got to play against a really good top division women's team in Auckland and felt like she was able to "hold my own".



Jess Rendall has trialled for the New Zealand U20 Women's Football Team. Photo: MARK BROWN

There were 26 girls who trialed and were split into two teams.

The first team played one half and then Jess's team played in the second half which was better, she said, because she could sit on the side, watch the game and "mentally prepare myself" so she knew which players to be aware of.

Though she's yet to find out if she made the NZ U20 team, the opportunity to be selected would "mean everything to me and my family", and it would "sort of repay" her parents for driving her to football training and games.

She believed people who grew up in small towns didn't always get as many opportunities as some people in the big cities.

"It would also mean so much to be able to show younger kids that it doesn't matter where you come from, it's about where you end up... [and] to show younger girls that if you stick with a sport you never know where the opportunities might take you," she said.

She looked up to people such as Football Ferns player Olivia Chance.

"She is left footed - just like me and she plays on the left wing and centre mid which are the positions I mainly play," she said.



Another person she said she looked up to was Keltie Mcmanus, who played for the Thames Football Club's women's team.

"She inspires me so much. I remember the first year I played for the women's team in 2024 she scored over 30 goals."

Jess was also an avid cricketer and played for the Morrinsville Piako Women's team, as well as regional cricket for Waikato Valley Under 19s.

"I have also been fortunate enough to play for Northern districts under 17s in 2024 and 2025."

Jess' hope for next year was to head to university and study a bachelor of physiotherapy and keep playing football.

In the meantime, Jess was in preparation mode for the 2026 football season with two to three training sessions a week, she said.

"I love the challenge that football brings. It inspires me to get better."

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Archer's aim delivers gold medal

ARCHERY

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

Daniel Neufeld's dream is to one day represent New Zealand on the archery world stage.

It's a target that's drawn closer with his recent competition victory.

The archer, who is also the HOD of maths at Thames High School, competed at the North Island Archery Championships in Palmerston North on March 14-15.

That's not all, the athlete clinched the gold medal win in the masters class for ranking day and snapped up a silver medal for match-play day.

His first-place finish stunned him.

"I won't lie. It felt really good and I was a little surprised. I was coming off an injury and hadn't been able to train as hard as normal so it was a very satisfying result," he told *The Profile*.

Ranking day is where archers shoot one or two rounds of 72 arrows.

"These scores count towards your national ranking and arrange the pairings for the following match-play day," he said.

Match-play is when an archer competes in rounds of three arrows against an opponent.

"If you win a round, you get two points, and a tie gets one point. The first to six [points] wins and then you take on another winner."

While Daniel said he hoped for the gold on the match-play day, there were many good archers there and it was "easy for the mental challenge to overwhelm you".



Daniel Neufeld, left, prepares for the competition.

In such intense head-to-head matches, he was happy he could "keep it together" well.

His journey into the world of archery started when he was a teenager. "I have had three phases. My father has always been a hunter in Canada and in my late teens, I did some bow hunting but quit when I started uni."

In his thirties, he lived in Japan and one day by chance, he met the head sensei of the local kyudo, a traditional Japanese archery club.

"The club was gorgeous and he was hilarious, so I started training in that for two years, gaining ikkyu level (like a Brown belt)," he said.

Daniel took a break from the sport until three years ago when he and his son signed up for a lesson package.

"I really liked it and the instructor became my coach. I have been training quite hard ever since."

When it comes to distractions, the biggest one was "always the inner voice", he said.

He trained at the Thames Clay Target Club so became "very immune" to sudden external noises, he said. "I am tremendously grateful to the Clay Shooting Club for their support."

Daniel used to be part of the Riverglade Club in Hamilton, but last year formed a competition group called the Thames Archery Group (TAG).

The next goal on the horizon for Daniel was the Auckland District Archery Championship.



"I am working to build on my national ranking and [to] maintain number one in the masters division so I can apply for the national team when the next international opportunity arises."

The inspiration to do his best in archery came down to one person.

"My son always inspires me. It is every father's hope that their children are proud of them."

It was evident archery influenced Daniel's outlook on life.

"When you are aiming high, the path to one's goal is rarely straight or easy and no doubt full of ups and downs," he said. "But you have to take it all in stride and keep going, not forgetting to enjoy the journey as you go."

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Carson to kick off at International Rugby Academy

RUGBY

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA



Carson Fletcher is off to the International Rugby Academy of New Zealand in Wellington. Photos: SUPPLIED



Carson Fletcher knows what it means to face adversity.

"In 2024, I faced one of my biggest challenges when I broke my collarbone," the 16-year-old rugby player from Thames High School told *The Profile*.

"This was a really tough period for me as I had to spend a long time recovering and watching from the sidelines instead of being able to play."

Through the frustration, the young athlete said he tried to stay involved and helped manage and support his team wherever he could.

It taught him a lot about resilience, patience, and the importance of being a team player "even when I couldn't contribute on the field", he said.

By the time the next season rolled around, Carson said he was "fully motivated" to head back stronger and "pushed myself even harder" in training.

He used the setback as motivation to "grow and become a better player", he said.

It is what makes his recent achievement one to truly celebrate.

The promising rugby talent was selected to attend the International Rugby Academy of New Zealand in Wellington for an advanced training programme starting this week.

He said he felt proud of himself and what made the moment "even more special" was to know his efforts paid off. His goal was to "push myself outside my comfort zone" on his quest to improve and refine his rugby skills.

"Most importantly, I want to use this opportunity to grow as both a player and a person, and to learn how to take my rugby further in the future."

The rugby star, who is also a sports leader at Thames High, said the role allowed him to encourage others to get involved in sport and help them build confidence.

He also represented Thames Valley in the Under 14s in Taupō and the Thames Valley Rugby Under 16s Skulls development programme, he said.

The experiences strengthened his desire to continue to improve and "reach my goals in rugby", he said.

He was excited and inspired to train with coaches who were former All Blacks such as Rodney So'oialo, he said.

"It's a great opportunity to learn from some of the best in the game, and to gain insight into what it takes to perform at an elite level," he said.

Carson believes he "always gives 100 per cent" in every rugby training session or game.

It's what gives him an edge.

"What I believe makes me stand out is my strong work ethic and determination.

"I also think my rugby smarts set me apart, as I have a good understanding of the game, can read situations well, and make smart decisions under pressure."

The way he stayed motivated when faced with challenges was to picture himself as though he had already achieved his goals, he said.

"I use this as a way to keep pushing forward, even when things get difficult, as it reminds me of what I am working towards," he said.

"This mindset helps me stay focused, positive, and determined to improve, no matter the obstacles I face."





ANZAC DAY

Principal's Message
11 May 2026 | Week 4, Term 2

It was a privilege to see our senior and junior student leaders represent our kura | school at the ANZAC Civic Service on Saturday 25 April. Head Student, Abbygail Patterson, spoke thoughtfully about the sacrifices of past students of Thames High School remembered on the honour boards and memorial at our school.
"ANZAC Day is about recognising its cost — the lives lost, the families affected, and the lasting impact on communities. It is about remembering, so that we may strive for a more peaceful future."
While our memorials honour those who served in World Wars I and II, we also recognise the long and proud history of service from members of our community before and since those conflicts.
Abbygail also shared her reflections at our ANZAC Assembly on Wednesday 29 April, along with other Senior Leaders, giving the full school an opportunity to reflect on how we honour those who served through the way we live — with care, respect, kindness, and service to others.

Abbygail Pattersons Speech

This morning, we gather here to remember, we gather here in honour, we gather in admiration to those who so selflessly served the future generations of our nation.

To honour the fallen soldiers.
We come together as a community, united as one, together in gratitude and reflection. It is a time set aside to honour, to acknowledge sacrifice, and to remember those who never returned home.

On the 25th of April, 1915, Australian and
New Zealand soldiers landed on the shores of Gallipoli. Many of them were young, not much older than some of you standing here today. They stepped into the unknown, facing unimaginable hardship. The conditions were harsh, and the cost was high. Yet in the face of this, they demonstrated extraordinary courage, resilience, and loyalty to one another.

Here in Thames, we are especially aware of the importance of remembrance. This town has sent its sons and daughters to serve, and their names are etched into our memorials and our history.

They were members of this community, students, workers, friends, and family members whose lives were shaped by service and, in some cases, taken by it.

As a Thames High School student myself, and speaking on behalf of Thames High School. We express profound gratitude to the young soldiers who gave everything before they had the chance to truly live. Between WW1 and WW2, 436 Thames High School students left behind classrooms and childhood to answer the call of war. They replaced dreams with duty, and comfort with courage.
Their bravery protects the freedoms we enjoy today.

Abbygail Patterson
Head Student

This Anzac Day, I had the honour of speaking at the service at the Thames War Memorial. This was an opportunity I had been looking forward to, and it became a deeply educational experience for me. While researching and writing my speech, I gained a much deeper sense of compassion, gratitude, and understanding for the sacrifices made to secure the freedoms we enjoy today. Anzac Day is a vital part of our culture, and it is something we must continue to pass down to future generations.



My great-grandfather at the early age of 19, served in the war in the Middle East, he was serving in Egypt when he was left overnight on the battlefield with a wounded leg from a machine gun.
During the night in order to survive he had to steal clothing of deceased soldiers in order to provide warmth. He survived the night and further recuperated in hospital, as a part of his recovery he then became a driver supplying resources to Israel and back.
Soon after recovery he then re-enlisted to serve as he wanted to protect and serve alongside his brother who had enlisted for the first time.

Luckily he did return home to New Zealand, but he brought the memories of war that scarred him, he mentioned how he saw things he never wanted to see again claiming it was a painful experience.

Remembrance is about understanding that the freedoms we enjoy today were not guaranteed. They were earned through sacrifice, it was earned through hardships. Our responsibility is to ensure that those sacrifices are not forgotten, and that the lessons of the past continue to shape the choices we make in the present.

As a community and a nation, ANZAC Day challenges us to reflect on our own responsibilities. While most of us will never be called to serve in war, we are called to live by the values the ANZACs demonstrated.
As a community we are called to stand up for one another, to show strength in difficult times, and to act with integrity, compassion, and respect in our everyday lives.

ANZAC Day is not about glorifying war, it's about standing proud and in utter gratitude for those who fought with loyalty. It is about recognising its cost, the lives lost, the families affected, and the lasting impact on communities. It is about remembering, so that we may strive for a more peaceful future.
They were ordinary individuals who stood up in leadership to sacrifice with such selflessness, protecting our lives and way of living for future generations.

May we leave here today with a renewed commitment to remember, to respect, and to live by the values that define the ANZAC spirit not just today on ANZAC Day, but that we show love and respect every day.
We salute their unwavering bravery.

We will remember them.

FROM THE PĀNUI



Environmental Leaders Summit 2026

Recently, Roy Rettymon (Year 10) and August Reid (Year 9) proudly represented Thames High School at the Environmental Leaders Summit 2026, held at the O-Tawhao Marae in Te Awamutu.

The summit was a fantastic opportunity for our young leaders to develop their leadership skills and explore actionable ways to care for the environment within our own community. Beyond the workshops, Roy and August did an excellent job networking and building meaningful connections with like-minded peers from schools across the entire Waikato region.

A major highlight of the trip was a visit to the Maungatautari Mountain Sanctuary, where students got to experience conservation efforts firsthand before returning to school.

We are incredibly proud of how well Roy and August represented our school values on this trip. We would also like to extend a huge thank you to Enviroschools (WRC) for hosting such an empowering and well-organised event.





Term 1 Year 9 Art:

Full Colour Artwork: This vibrant collection explores how everyday signs and symbols influence our personal outlook. Students deconstructed the visual "white noise" of modern life to create bold, colourful pieces that reflect how iconography shapes our identity and perspective.

Black & White Artwork: In a shift toward mindfulness and observation, students took their pens and paper outside to document the school environment.



FROM THE PĀNUI



Drama Department:

From Mr Devery:

"Huge success for Year 12 & 13 Drama students performing for the Tauranga Jazz Festival at the Katikati Street Party!"

We were incredibly fortunate to host a very special guest at kura today: the phenomenal Eve Gordon, co-founder of The Dust Palace Theatre. As both an accomplished actress and world-class acrobat, Eve brought a unique energy and expertise to our performing arts department.

The day kicked off with our Year 9 Active As class. Eve wasted no time getting our taiohi moving, focusing on the fundamentals of onstage movement and the mechanics of safely lifting others. It wasn't just about physical strength; it was about the communication required to keep a partner safe in the air.

Later, Eve worked with our Drama 2 & 3 students, pushing their physical theatre skills to the next level. By the end of the period, the classroom was transformed into a space of high-stakes teamwork. Students who started the hour on the ground were suddenly:

Lifting peers with confidence and technique.

"Flying" through the air supported by their classmates.

Communicating with the precision and trust required for professional performance.

Seeing our students embrace such a vulnerable and challenging art form was truly inspiring. Under Eve's expert guidance, they moved past their comfort zones to create a supportive, team-building environment where everyone felt empowered to take flight.

A massive thank you to Eve Gordon for sharing her craft and upskilling our next generation of performers!













These two lolly pop ladies were stopping foot traffic on Main St next to State Highway 2's pedestrian traffic lights. Photos / Merle Cave

Katikati parties it up on Main St

Intriguing sights, relaxing sounds and free children's activities pulled quite crowd to Katikati's Main St on March 28, as the town's annual jazz party unfurled for 2026.

Part of Tauranga's 2026 jazz festival, Katikati's instalment brought rhythm and energy to Main St all day long as people – young and old – flocked to enjoy the free entertainment.

Talented musicians, street performers, and a kids' circus workshop under blue skies drew audiences, while usual a weekend market outside the memorial hall and vehicles flooding through Main St on the way to Beach Hop on the Coromandel also added to the hype.

Katikati News reporter Merle Cave caught some of the fun on camera.



Rowan Ford Dawson helps Rosie Oberholzer, 6, across a balance beam at Circus in a Flash Ltd's kids' play area.



Band Ceviche Jam performing outside the Western Bay Museum at Katikati's Jazz party on March 28.

All sorts of entertainers walked Main St – this duo singing songs to people they came across.



A bird lady on stilts entertains youngsters at the jazz party.

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PINK SHIRT DAY

Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora!

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Our kura was transformed into a vibrant sea of pink recently as students, taiohi, and staff came together to celebrate Pink Shirt Day 2026. It was incredible to see the school community stand loud, proud, and united to spread aroha, celebrate our diversity, and take a powerful stance against bullying.

A Massive Shoutout!

A huge, heartfelt thank you goes out to our incredible Welfare Student Leaders, Lexi and Ben, for their hard work in organising such a fantastic and impactful day.

We also want to extend a massive thank you to everyone who brought in a gold coin donation. Thanks to your generosity, all proceeds are being sent directly to the Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand. These funds will go a long way in helping keep our kura and wider communities safe, supportive, and inclusive for everyone.

While standard school uniform rules have now resumed, let's make sure the beautiful energy, kindness, and inclusivity we showed on Pink Shirt Day stay with us every single day of the year.

Thank you, THS, for being ultimate upstanders!







FOOD FESTIVAL



The Food Festival was an absolute masterclass in school spirit! Bringing our community together to share food and celebrate our incredible diversity was a true highlight of the term. Behind every delicious dish was immense teamwork and high-pressure time management. Our student chefs handled the kitchen like absolute pros!

A massive shout-out to Anna and Eli for managing the immense planning and logistics. You both smashed it!

Thank you to everyone who supported our Cultural Leaders in making this vision a reality.
A special mention to our Year 9s who jumped right into this massive project with courage.By working together, our chefs, leaders, and junior students perfectly demonstrated our tikanga value of Whanaungatanga—building the connected, collaborative relationships that embrace our community.

Thank you to the talented students who kept us all well-fed and smiling:
Alex, Alessandro, Alma, Alzora, Amisha, Arabella H, Armani, Ava, Bella, Blake, Chloe, Daniel & Daniel, Eli M, Eliza, George, Gracie, Haeley, Holly, Immanuel, Jess, Jemima, Jette, Jewel, Katleyn, Keanu, Leah, Lianna, Lily McCarthy, Maggie, Marilyn, Milla, Miya, Nova, Otoju, Pia, Precious, Preston Rooney, Rupali, Sana, Sigi, Sophie W, Tara, Trisha, Tyra-Lee, Yukako, and Ylvie.





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Sustainability Spotlight: As part of the Food Festival

We would like to extend a massive thank you to Rachael Cheeseman for her incredible support and mentorship of our student Environment Leaders, Kim Ju and Sharnarra. As part of the Enviroschools Program, climate summits, and Hauraki Plains Environmental initiatives, Rachael brings an invaluable wealth of sustainability knowledge to our kura.
Rachael has been a driving force behind several of our recent green initiatives, providing both practical guidance and hands-on support:

- International Food Festival: At our recent festival, Rachael was instrumental in setting up effective systems to recycle plates and manage food waste. She went above and beyond by preparing all the necessary gear and even sourcing vouchers and prizes to incentivise students to separate their waste correctly.
- Daily Support & Planning: She is a regular face at our Enviro Group meetings, working closely alongside student leaders like Kim Ju and Shannara to help them plan, structure, and organise their goals.
- Community Projects: Rachael's impact extends beyond our school gates—last year, she successfully coordinated a collaborative planting day with our students at Parawai School.

What's Next?
The green momentum isn't slowing down! Rachael is currently helping us plan our upcoming School Waste Audit, taking care of the logistics, managing the booking, and providing all the specialised equipment we need to measure our progress.
Thank you, Rachael, for your endless enthusiasm, practical support, and the gear that empowers our students to drive real, positive change in our community!

THE BALL

Shining Bright: A Night to Remember at the Thames High School Ball 2026



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On Saturday, 20 June, the Thames Civic Centre was transformed into a dazzling spectacle for the annual Thames High School Ball. Centred around the theme "See the Lights," the evening was a magnificent celebration filled with laughter, music, and unforgettable memories.

The festivities kicked off outside the Civic Centre with the beloved Thames High tradition of watching the students arrive. Spectators were treated to a wonderful display of creativity and flair as students pulled up in an array of unique rides—ranging from classic vintage cars and tractors to an extraordinary arrival in a fire engine!

Inside, the venue looked incredible. Between the vibrant light display, music, and exquisite decorations, the atmosphere was electric from the moment guests stepped through the doors.

"The school ball was a memorable night that I had been looking forward to for a long time. Getting ready with my friends was one of my favourite parts of the evening… When we arrived at the venue, it looked amazing with all the decorations, lights, and music creating a great atmosphere. Throughout the night, I spent time talking, laughing, and taking photos with my friends… Looking back, the ball was more than just a formal event—it was an opportunity to celebrate, make lasting memories, and enjoy one final special occasion with friends."

— Ben Fitzgerald, Welfare Student Leader / Ball King



Special Thanks & Acknowledgements

An event of this scale takes immense effort and dedication. A massive well done to the Ball Committee for their hard work in organising such a success!

We would also like to extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed behind the scenes:

- **Make Your Day Events & Taryn**: A huge thank you to Taryn for generously giving her time to guide the committee and help bring the vision to life, as well as to all the family members who helped set up the venue.
- Technical Production (Lighting & Sound): **Jacob White, Josh Hall, Jayden Marris, and Martin Rodley** for creating a fantastic audio-visual experience.
- Photography: **Shadow Productions / One of a kind Photography** for beautifully capturing the joy and energy of the night.
- Catering: **Burtons** for the wonderful food.
- Teacher in Charge: **Jen Fletcher** for her guidance and support throughout the planning process.

Ngā mihi to everyone who made the Thames High School Ball 2026 a night to remember!



Congratulations to all the category winners who added extra sparkle to the night:

- Ball King: Ben Fitzgerald
- Ball Queen: Annie Perret
- Prince: Daniel Burchell
- Princess: Lily McCarthy
- Best Dressed: Ali Agudelo
- Best Suit: Hunter Okeefe
- Best Couple: Lawron Waite & Dylan Cameron
- Best Besties: Jemima & Lianna
- Best Bromance: Titan & Taka
- Best Ride: Bella Bevan & Ryan
- Best Dressed Teacher: Mr. Major

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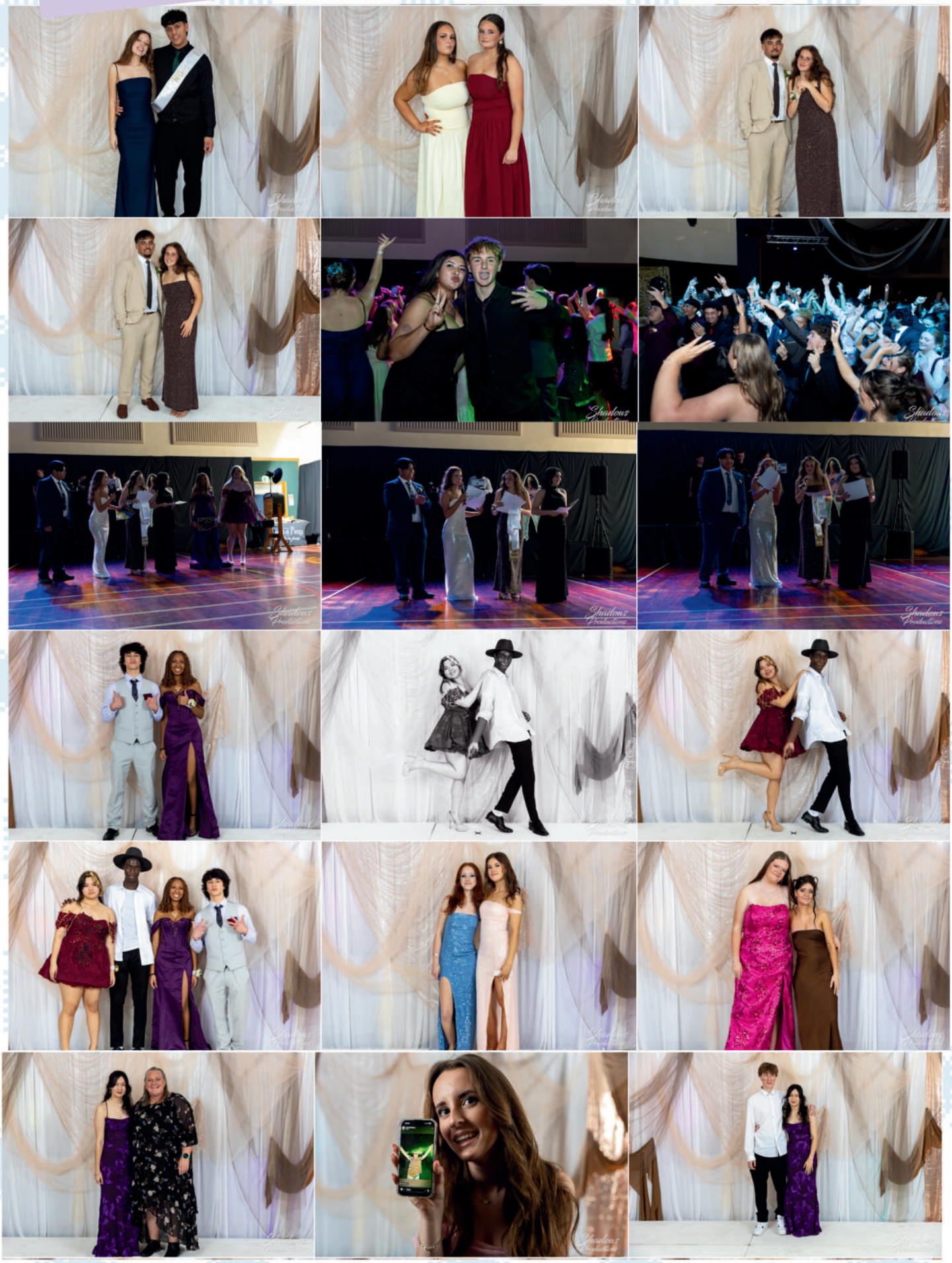


FROM THE PĀNUI

Pride in Schools 2026

As Pride in Schools 2026 comes to a close, I am proud of the students, staff, guest speakers, and allies who helped plan and deliver this year's programme. Across the week, students had opportunities to engage with a diverse range of perspectives, stories, and experiences that celebrated identity, fostered connection, and provided both inspiration and practical support. The enthusiasm and participation throughout the week made the event a genuine success.

Pride in Schools is part of a nationwide initiative coordinated by InsideOUT Kōaro to support rainbow and takatāpui students, staff, and whānau. The programme aims to foster belonging, increase visibility, promote inclusion, and help create safer school environments.

"It was a nice experience getting together to do things with my friends."

"It was very interesting to hear about the experiences of people who grew up in a less welcoming era."

"The bracelet making was awesome."

-Student Voice

At Thames High School, activities included displays of queer literature and resources, community speakers sharing their lived experiences, creative lunchtime activities, and a visit from MP Lawrence Xu-Nan, who spoke about identity, education, leadership, and his personal and professional journey.

Thank you to everyone who contributed their time, energy, and support to make the week possible.

The positive response from students and the wider school community highlights the value of creating spaces where diversity is celebrated, and everyone feels they belong. We look forward to gathering feedback and building on this year's success as we begin planning for Pride in Schools 2027.

Michael Richardson
Student Counsellor

National Volunteer Week

A massive shout-out to our student body and to our wonderful Student Volunteer Army (SVA) and Welfare Leaders, Kim Ju Taing and Shannara, for organising an incredible food drive as part of National Volunteer Week!

The drive brought in a fantastic wave of donations for the local Baptist Church food bank. We received some lovely feedback from whānau teachers who noted just how enthusiastic and deeply invested their students were in the cause. In tough economic times like these, every single donation matters immensely, and the Baptist Church was incredibly grateful for our school's support.

As Kim Ju beautifully put it:

"Our purpose was achieved—to show that everyone can help! Even a little bit. Small things together make a big impact."

Goldfield students in the Art Department

Fridays are a highlight in the art department! Every week, we welcome the students from Goldfields School into our classroom for a morning of creativity and hands-on art-making. It is always a pleasure having their energy, great personalities, and bright smiles in the studio. We love seeing what they create each session.

Take a look at some of the fantastic work they put together!









BUILDING COMMUNITY BONDS

Our community, our strength - Ko to hapori, kō mātau.

At our kura, we live by our motto: "We work together to achieve one's true potential." The close relationship we share with our community is our greatest strength, and we are immensely proud of these bonds.

Our community supports our students in diverse ways. We see it in our dedicated sports volunteers, academic study sessions, and staff volunteer firefighters - like English Kaiako Ms Yorke, whose recent Sky Tower Challenge provided phenomenal role modeling for our taiohi.

Our Gateway programme thrives thanks to local businesses providing vital real-world experience.

We also appreciate environmental guidance from Rachael Cheeseman at Enviroschools, the Thames Community Centre's Drivers Programme, music donations, collaborations with Thames Music Group, and whānau initiatives like the Ball Dress Lending scheme.

Equally inspiring is our Student Volunteer Army (SVA), led by Student Leaders Kim Ju Taing and Shanarra Smook.

Our SVA volunteers have been doing amazing work, from supporting the Rhodes Park rugby event and Christmas Parade, to packaging flood-relief parcels for local families.

Recently, they spent a week assisting the Salvation Army and helped Moanataiari School with poster distribution, security, and parking management for the Light Up Thames event.

These volunteer hours cross-credit for students participating in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

On top of this, our Enviro group managed waste at the food festival and attended the Climate Summit to study sustainability.

Weekly student leadership also thrives within our walls through peer tutoring, refereeing, and library assistance

Looking ahead, the SVA is excited to partner with Thames Coast KiwiCare, participate in Tapu planting, and run a Food Bank drive to celebrate National Volunteer Week, with all proceeds donated to the Baptist Church.

Thank you to everyone strengthening our kura!

- Supplied by Thames High School

-from The Valley Profile



FROM THE PĀNUI

Drama Department Update

We would like to express our immense pride in the senior Drama students! Not only did they perform amazingly in their recent assessments, but they also went above and beyond the standard brief. The students made the bold decision to create their entire performance piece from scratch—aiming for a much higher calibre than what was strictly required for their NCEA credits. Demonstrating incredible dedication and collaborative spirit, they worked tirelessly together during their lunch breaks to polish up the performance and make it happen for themselves.
Ka pai to these brilliant senior students for taking true ownership of their creative craft!



International Department Update



This term our international students have enjoyed MANY trips either with the Outdoor Education Programme or with Pauline. Including every Friday Surf lessons!
We also farewelled students who leave at the end of the term with a BBQ last Friday. It was lovely to connect with all the homestay families over some kai. We presented the students with their certificates and gifted them a taonga.

Rock Climbing

In June, the Level 3 Outdoor Education students carried out their Rock Climbing assessments at Extreme Edge in Panmure.



Outdoor Education Updates

Bush Survival

Our Outdoor Education students headed up the Karaka Track to put their survival skills to the test!
Here's a quick look at what they mastered in the dense New Zealand bush:

- Shelter Building: Constructing emergency bivvies from scratch (way harder than it looks!).
- Navigation: Putting map-reading skills to work to navigate challenging terrain.
- Bush Chef: Whipping up hot, hearty meals over camping stoves.

Ka pai to our awesome explorers for stepping out of their comfort zones and mastering the wild



FROM THE PĀNUI





Congratulations to Ms Yorke

Massive congratulations to our very own Ms Yorke, who completed the gruelling Firefighter Sky Tower Challenge!
Climbing 51 flights of stairs (1,103 steps!) in full firefighting kit is no easy feat, but she smashed it as part of the Mayor View Fire Brigade.
Most importantly, the event raises vital funds for Blood Cancer New Zealand.
Ms Yorke called it a "fantastic event and a great challenge"—and she's already looking forward to doing it all over again next year!
We are incredibly proud of your amazing effort and contribution to such a great cause, Ms Yorke!

Waikato Young Leaders Day (WYLD) 2026

Our Year 9 students recently had the incredible opportunity to attend the Waikato Young Leaders Day (WYLD), hosted by the University of Waikato in partnership with WILSS. Bringing together up to 450 Year 9 students from schools across the Waikato region, this inspiring event encouraged students to discover their leadership potential and believe in what they can achieve.
Throughout the day, students were challenged to reflect on the importance of focus, setting achievable goals, patience, perseverance, and believing in themselves. Through engaging activities and discussions, they explored what it means to be a positive leader within their school and wider community.
The event encouraged students to develop confidence in themselves and others, embrace new challenges, work effectively as part of a team, and recognise their own strengths and passions. They also learned the value of sharing their ideas while respecting and appreciating the perspectives of others.
The day centred around three key themes:

Knowing Who You Are – understanding your strengths, recognising your passions, building confidence, and feeling comfortable being yourself.

I Choose –
making positive decisions, embracing opportunities, overcoming challenges, and encouraging those around you.

Walking the Talk –
believing in yourself, taking small steps towards bigger goals, and returning to school ready to lead with enthusiasm and purpose.

We are incredibly proud of the way our students represented our school throughout the day. They embraced every opportunity to learn, connect with others, and grow as young leaders. We look forward to seeing them put these valuable leadership skills into action as they continue to make a positive difference in our school and community. Well done, Year 9!

Please read what Anja Patrman (Year 9), River Taverner (Year 9) and Lily Watson (Year 9)wrote about the day by scanning this QR code











EPRO8 CHALLENGE

The Valley Profile article _> _>

We couldn't be prouder of our incredible students who absolutely dominated at the EPro8 Inter-School science and engineering competition in Hamilton!
Out of roughly 35,000 students competing nationwide, our teams showed everyone exactly what Thames High School is capable of.
Huge congratulations to our teams for these massive results:

- 🥇 1st Place: Junior Team A
- 🥈 2nd Place: Junior Team B
- 🥉 4th Place: Senior Team

Because of these amazing results, all three teams secured their spots in the semi-finals!
A massive shoutout to our digital technology teacher, Jesse Watson, for coaching the students over the last term and a half, and to Year 10 student Alex Atrill for leading the charge on those quick math challenges!
From building solar panels that track the light to mastering complex electronics, your teamwork, tinkering, and problem-solving skills are next level.
The seniors compete in their semi-finals today, and our juniors hit the floor tomorrow. Let's wish them all the best of luck as they push for a spot in the grand finals!



Scan the QR code for more photos

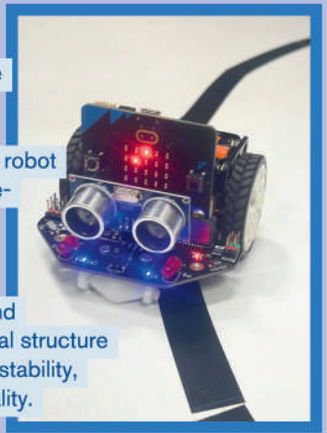
S.T.E.M ROBOTICS

SCIENCE

Understanding physical concepts such as force, torque, friction, gear ratios, and electricity.

TECHNOLOGY

Working with software development, sensor integration, and user interfaces to make the robot autonomous or remote-controlled.



ENGINEERING

Designing, building, and prototyping the physical structure of the robot to ensure stability, balance, and functionality.

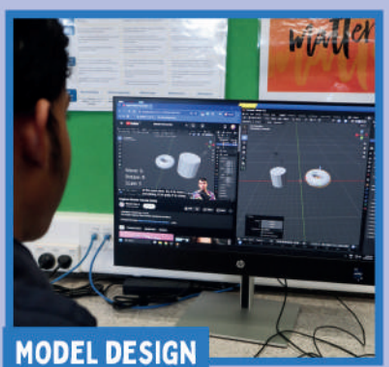
MATHEMATICS

Calculating distances, angles, speed, wheel circumferences, and using coordinate systems for navigation.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY SPOTLIGHT



CODING



MODEL DESIGN



3D PRINTING

At Thames High School we aim to give taiohi/ young people a wide range of experience with digital technologies so that they can follow their interests and passions in different areas of computer science and digital media. Students take on hands-on projects that give experience in different areas such as programming, photo editing and animation, website design, 3D modelling & video editing. Learners are encouraged to be creators of new technologies as well as proficient users.

Digital Technology at Thames High School empowers students to take the reins of modern innovation.
Digital Technologies is introduced to our Year 7 & 8 juniors before branching out into a specialised, single subject at NCEA Levels 1, 2, and 3, where students develop vital skills in program design, creation, and testing.

Taiohi / Young people are encouraged to challenge themselves through hands-on, real-world engineering and problem-solving in the prestigious EPro8 Challenge, pushing the boundaries of their creativity. This innovative spirit is further brought to life with the addition of our 3D printer, giving students the cutting-edge tools they need to turn their digital designs into tangible reality.

Education

ADVERTISING FEATURE

Thames students soar to EPro8 semi-finals

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

Three groups of Thames High School students engineered a storm at the EPro8 Inter-School event in Hamilton on June 24 and June 25.

The annual science and engineering competition sees around 35,000 students from across New Zealand take part.

But the Thames High students didn't just take part, they dominated their challenges with two junior teams smashing out first and second places and the senior team snapping up fourth place.

Each team has secured entry into the semi-finals, which will take place on June 30 for senior students and July 1 for juniors.

Year 10 Alex Atrill, whose team took out the top spot, told *The Profile* he was excited to head to the semi-finals and for the chance to progress on to the grand final and "maybe win".

Thames High digital technology teacher Jesse Watson said he was proud of the students and happy to see them go on to the next round after all their practice had come together.

Jesse coached the students for the last term and a half once a week after school leading up to EPro8.

He said the junior challenge involved students setting up a solar panel that followed the sun - or in this instance, a torch, from east to west.



The junior team works away at their EPro8 challenge. Photos: SUPPLIED

It worked by connecting a motor to gears that turned the panel as the light sensor followed the light, he said.

"They then connected a sequence box so the panel would rotate around to rest in position for the next 'morning'."

It's undeniable the team worked well as a unit and all stepped up to the plate to make things happen.

Alex said he thought the team had a pretty good system.

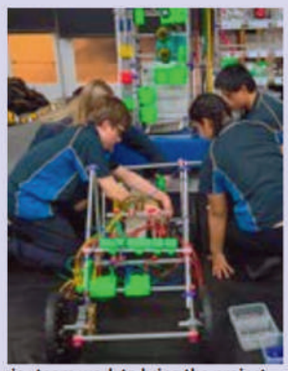
"We all work together, flip flop around, do a bunch of different things. But a couple of people usually tend to work on electronics more than others. Some people work on building a frame, and it's basically whoever comes up with a working idea first, just test it out, see if it works. If it does, great. We make sure everything's stable and working and get the judge to come check it out. But if it doesn't, then we can run through the next idea."

Alex said some people had tasks they enjoyed doing more than others.

"I know a couple of people that really enjoy doing electronics but don't particularly like the actual building.

"Anytime there's a math question, I'm always the first one to volunteer for that. I always try to go for challenges with those ones because they're usually pretty quick."





The second junior team, left, and the senior team work to bring the project together. BELOW: Juniors marvel at their work.



Jesse said to prepare for the semi-finals, they would chat about what went well at last week's comp, what didn't go well and some of the traps and pitfalls that could happen and also practice.

Alex's advice for students curious to know more about EPro8 or joining the Wednesday practice group was "if you're interested, just give it a shot".

"You might find it's your thing, [or] might find it doesn't really suit you, but there's no harm in giving it a try."

It might interest students who are into machines, have a technical mind or like to take things apart and put them back together, Jesse said.

"If you like tinkering with things, finding out how machines work and watching them work, then you would probably be interested in this."

Thames student drives road safety doco

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

When it comes to road safety, Abbygail Patterson is a proud advocate.

The 17-year-old is developing a new documentary, *One Split Second*, as part of a road safety project aiming to drive positive change.

Development of the documentary is in its early stages. Abbygail, a head student leader at Thames High School, said the documentary will be focused on dangerous driving, speeding, distraction, drink/drug driving and fatigue.

The safe driving advocate said her journey to the documentary began through her role as a national youth advocate in the Students Against Dangerous Driving (SADD) National Leadership Programme, where she said she saw firsthand the urgency of road safety. She told *The Profile* her role as head student gave her "a deeper understanding" of her influence as a role model. "I've realised that this position carries a weight of responsibility that extends far beyond the classroom. It has challenged me to be more intentional with my own actions, knowing that my choices can set a standard for my peers," she said.

"This documentary is an extension of that leadership to influence my community toward safer, more responsible decisions on the road."



SADD national youth advocate and Thames High School head student leader Abbygail Patterson initiates new documentary *One Split Second*. Photo: SUPPLIED

The "true inspiration" for *One Split Second* came from a desire to bridge the gap between awareness and reality, she said. "I want to move beyond statistics and show the profound, ripple effect trauma that a single moment has on individuals, families, and entire communities. I chose a documentary because the film captures the raw emotion that statistics can't," she said.

"While data shows the problem and still works great, stories from individuals show the human cost. It is the most powerful way to make my generation truly feel the weight of their responsibility behind the wheel."

Her primary vision is for the documentary to be integrated into the school curriculum as a way to ensure every student understood the real life impacts of dangerous driving.

Even though the project is rooted in protecting young drivers, she hoped the message would reach all ages, and would tackle the multi-layered dangers of fatigue, substance impairment and the risks faced by restricted drivers.

It's clear how important the cause is to Abbygail.

"I have not fundraised money for this documentary, I am simply filming it on my camera from home and getting in touch with people. I am currently reaching out to the community for collaboration. I would love for anyone to get involved by sharing personal stories, relevant statistics, or local expertise," she said.

The change-maker said she also recently launched the first ever SADD group at Thames High School.

"My goal is to build a lasting legacy that continues to protect our community long after I finish [school] this year. By involving my peers and local community members in this documentary, I hope to create a powerful, collective voice that drives real change and ensures road safety remains a priority for generations to come."

To reduce dangerous driving, Abbygail said "we need to shift the culture from compliance to community care".

"It's not just about following rules to avoid a ticket, it's about acknowledging that every person on the road is someone's loved one."

DETAILS: Email Abbygail to find out more about the project: Abbygail-pat16@gmail.com.

MANAWATIA A MATARIKI



Scan to see more photos on our Facebook Post

On Friday, 26 June, we celebrated Matariki at kura in collaboration with Kaumātua, Te Kura o Te Kauaeranga - Thames South School, Te Kōhanga Reo o Matai Whetu, and Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki.
The day was thoroughly enjoyed by our taiohi and guests from these rōpū!
The activity rotations included a range of the following:
Tītītorea (traditional Māori stick games) & Mau Rākau
Horohopu & Tapuwae (fast-paced games blending elements of frisbee, netball, and tag rugby)
Manu Aute (creating beautiful modern versions of traditional kites in the Art Department)
Māra to Plate (Whaea Jo and Whaea Tess sharing their expertise in the horticulture space on ways of cooking kūmara over an open fire)
We also can't forget the beautiful shared lunch we all enjoyed together, beautifully provided by Gateway Catering!
It was an incredible day of connection, waiata, laughter, and reflection.
A massive thank you to the committee who helped plan and project-manage this event alongside our Manukura Māori leaders, Kyah and Zaydee, and to everyone else who helped make the day so incredibly special!
Ngā mihi nui.





GATEWAY

On behalf of Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga | Thames High School, our staff, and our students, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to the local business community for your ongoing support, dedication, and mentorship through our Gateway Programme.
What is the Gateway Programme?
The Gateway Programme is a key initiative designed to help senior secondary students build a bridge between school and the workplace. It offers students structured, hands-on workplace learning opportunities across a wide range of industries, including trades, hospitality, health, retail, and local services. Through Gateway, students:

- Gain real-world practical skills and industry-specific experience.
- Work toward recognised unit standards and NCEA qualifications tailored to their career interests.
- Explore potential career pathways, make informed choices about their future, and build confidence in professional environments.

Without the willingness of local employers to open their doors, share their expertise, and mentor our young people (taiohi), this valuable learning experience would not be possible. By providing guidance, encouragement, and a safe environment for our students to learn on the job, you are helping shape the future workforce of our region.
Thank you for investing your time, knowledge, and community spirit into our youth. Your mentorship makes a lasting difference, helping our students grow, achieve, and realise their true potential.

Here are a few Facebook posts shared:





SPORTS OVERVIEW
TERM RUA

It has been an incredibly busy and action-packed few months at Thames High School. From hitting the pool and racing across brutal cross-country mud to making history on the rugby field and dominating the basketball courts, our athletes have been representing Thames High School with immense pride, determination, and heart.

Alongside our competitive achievements, we also celebrate the amazing student volunteers and community members who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make sport happen every single week.



Positive Vibes

Thames High School is proud to showcase our ongoing partnership with Sport Waikato's 'Positive Vibes Only' (PVO) initiative!

While the PVO campaign is designed to build supportive, positive environments on the sidelines and on the field, we are bringing those same values right into the classroom. From the high-stakes pressure of the exam room to the physical grit of the rugby field, our goal remains the same: fostering a school-wide culture of support, inclusion, and mutual respect.

We want Thames High to be a place where every student-athlete and classmate feels safe, valued, and empowered to be themselves.

Sporting Success: Maia Whitney

Huge congratulations to Maia Whitney for her fantastic performance at the Waikato Secondary Schools Swimming Championships!

Competing against the region's best, Maia secured top spots across her events:

- 🥇 1st Place: 100m Backstroke
- 🥈 2nd Place: 50m Backstroke
- 🥉 3rd Place: 100m Freestyle

Her stellar swims earned her a massive 50 points, placing her 4th overall in the Intermediate Girls division.

Awesome work, Maia! The Thames High School community is incredibly proud of you!

Cross Country

We had an awesome day of competitive Cross Country!

Shoutout also to all the staff and students who helped marshal on the day—we couldn't have done it without you!

Congratulations to RUDMAN for winning the competitive points, and a huge well done to our overall 2026 champions!

2026 Cross Country Champs

SENIOR BOYS CHAMP – JACK MCLAREN
SENIOR BOYS RUNNER UP – LORENZO YAMAMOTO

SENIOR GIRLS CHAMP – LILY MCCARTHY
SENIOR GIRLS RUNNER UP – JESS RENDALL

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS CHAMP – PEARL NEWTON
INTERMEDIATE GIRLS RUNNER UP – MAIA WHITNEY

INTERMEDIATE BOYS CHAMP – LUCA YAMAMOTO
INTERMEDIATE BOYS RUNNER UP – TYRON BAKER

JUNIOR GIRLS CHAMP – ALYXES KENMARA
JUNIOR GIRLS RUNNER UP – LILY WATSON

JUNIOR BOYS CHAMP – JAI BRADLEY
JUNIOR BOYS RUNNER UP – LUKE DE LA RIVE BOX





Photos: Jayme Jamieson









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Thames Valley Cross Country

We had a fantastic and highly competitive field of runners at this year's Thames Valley Secondary Schools Cross Country event, with 13 Thames High School athletes proudly representing us across all age groups.
A massive congratulations to Jack McLaren, who placed 2nd overall in the Senior Boys division, and Maia Whitney, who took out 3rd overall in the Senior Girls field—both achieving outstanding podium finishes competing in the tough U20 age group!
Well done to all of our runners for an exceptional effort on the course

2026 Thames Valley Secondary School Cross Country Champs

YEAR 9 – GIRLS –3KMS
LILY WATSON – 14TH
CAITLIN KENNY – 15TH
KORA LAMONT – 20TH

U16 BOYS – 4KMS
LUCA YAMAMOTO – 6TH
JAI BRADLEY – 7TH
LUKE DE LA RIVE BOX – 9TH

U16 GIRLS –3KMS
PEARL NEWTON –6TH

U20 BOYS –6KMS
JACK MCLAREN – 2ND
LORENZO YAMAMOTO –6TH
TYRON BAKER – 9TH
COLE MUIR – 10TH
BALZE HOUGHTON – 11TH

U20 GIRLS – 4KM
MAIA WHITNEY – 3RD

Waikato Secondary Schools Cross Country Champs
This year, we were incredibly lucky to have the Waikato Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships held right here in our own backyard in the Thames Valley! Known across the region as one of the toughest and most challenging courses around, it truly put our athletes' endurance to the test.

Thames High School was proudly represented by a fantastic team of determined runners:

- **Lily Watson**
- **Kora Lamont**
- **Caitlin Kenny**
- **Maia Whitney**
- **Jai Bradley**
- **Luke De la Rive Box**
- **Luca Yamamoto**
- **Jack McLaren**
- **Cole Muir**
- **Balze Houghton**

Our students competed at an exceptionally high level, digging deep against some of the most talented runners from the wider Waikato region.

A huge well done to the entire squad for their incredible effort! We also want to give a special shout-out to the following athletes who secured top-tier finishes in massive fields of well over 60 runners per age group:

- **Maia Whitney**: 25th overall (U20 Girls)
- **Jai Bradley**: 25th overall (U16 Boys)
- **Jack McLaren**: 35th overall (U20 Boys)

Sensational work, team!











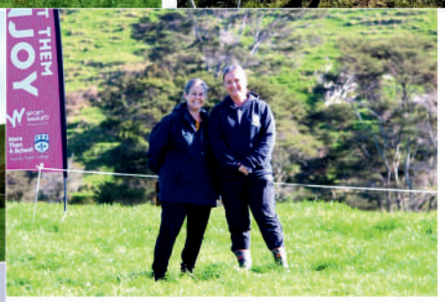
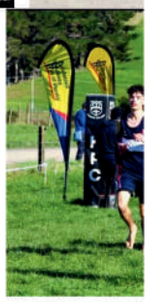





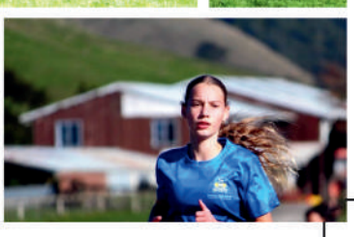

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Basketball

June 12
What a phenomenal performance from our Senior Boys Basketball team! The boys hit the court with absolute intensity and walked away with an outstanding, well-deserved WIN!
A massive thank you and appreciation goes out to our exceptional coaches, Phill Taylor and Luke Hale. Your selfless dedication, time, and energy poured into coaching these young men is what makes moments like this possible.
Awesome effort, team—keep that momentum going!



U16 Boys

Huge congratulations to our Thames boys —Jason, Jedi, Zack, Jett, and Thameon—on being selected for the Thames Valley U16 Boys Representative Basketball team!
During June, the team hit the court at the Mid-North Regional Championships, putting on a fantastic display of skill and eamwork to place 4th in their division for the Under 16s.
Outstanding effort, boys! The THS community is incredibly proud of your hard work and achievements on the regional stage

U18 Boys

Fantastic results from our Under 18 boys—Cole, Max, Brandon, Carson, Takalia, and Tyler—who represented the Thames Valley U18 Basketball team!



The team had an incredible run at the Mid-North Island Under 18 Basketball Competition, showcasing outstanding skill and determination to claim 3rd place in the highly competitive Division A.
Brilliant work on the regional stage, boys!



1st XV Girls Rugby

We are absolutely thrilled to be able to field our very own 1st XV Girls Rugby team for the 2026 season!
Our girls have shown immense dedication, turning up to every training session with a fantastic attitude and a true love for the game. Even though they have faced some incredibly tough match-ups on the field, absolutely nothing has dampened their fire.



Their team spirit remains sky-high, and we are so excited to watch them dig deep and finish the season even stronger!
A massive thank you to Jonas Patrman and Tania Lyon for capturing some wonderful action shots of the team.

Nail-Biter Win for the 1st XV Boys Rugby!

Saturday June 6
It was a hard-fought battle on the field for our 1st XV Rugby Boys!
The team faced some intense pressure,



leading to an absolutely nail-biting second half that kept everyone on the edge of their seats. Showing incredible determination, grit, and teamwork, the boys dug deep right until the final whistle to secure a well-deserved WIN!
Fantastic effort, team! Your hard work and perseverance continue to pay off. The entire THS community is incredibly proud of you!



Taonga gifted to Rugby 1st XV Team

We would like to sincerely thank Steve Gage and Wepiha Webster for their generous gift of a taonga (pictured, held by our current Captain - Walter Wiki) to our 1st XV rugby team.
This special taonga represents much more than a trophy or keepsake—it symbolises the values of pride, respect, commitment, and the rich traditions of our rugby programme. We are incredibly grateful for Steve and Wepiha's generosity, thoughtfulness, and ongoing support of our students. The taonga will travel with the team to every game, serving as a constant reminder of the legacy they are privileged to be part of and the responsibility they have to uphold the values it represents.
It will be treasured by current and future members of the 1st XV for many years to come.
Thank you, Steve and Wepiha, for this meaningful contribution to our school and our rugby whānau.
-Jen Fletcher

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Tough Guy & Gal Challenge

A massive shoutout and awesome effort to all our students who competed in yesterday's Tough Guy & Girl Challenge! Our amazing students from PED3 and Elevate 2/3 took on the gruelling 6km Off-Road Run, tackling the mud, obstacles, and tough terrain. They weren't just running for fun, though—they were pushing hard to clock the times needed to secure 4 credits toward Achievement Standard 91501!
We are incredibly proud of the grit, determination, and teamwork shown by everyone out there. You all smashed!

Mountain Biking Update

Our Mountain Biking team has continued to train hard throughout Term 2, with riders thoroughly enjoying the chance to tackle a variety of our fantastic local tracks!
A special mention and massive thank you to Lisa Barnett and Chris Harrison, who generously give up their time each week to ensure mountain biking can happen for our students.
We are also thrilled with the addition of our new mountain bike trailer and a fresh fleet of mountain bikes, purchased via Active As. These new assets make transport and logistics a breeze, allowing us to provide significantly more opportunities for our riders to get out on the trails.
Lastly, a huge shout-out to local business Hydrolink Thames for sponsoring brand-new, long-sleeve mountain biking shirts for our team! These look amazing and will be put to great use in our upcoming rides and events.



Netball: Thames Valley Under 14

A huge congratulations to Sapphire Taurua-Stoneham and Kayla Schultz on their selection for the Thames Valley Under 14 Netball team!
The squad of 11 talented players represents a proud combination of players from Paeroa, Morrinsville, Te Aroha, Ngatea, and Thames. In preparation for the North Island Junior Championships in New Plymouth this July, the team has been working hard and competing at various lead-in tournaments.
Coach Kelly Taurua shared some wonderful praise for the side:
"They are a talented and dedicated group who continue to demonstrate commitment, determination, and a strong willingness to learn, challenge themselves, and grow together as a team."



Boulton Cup

Every year, Thames Valley hosts the annual Boulton Cup, a highly anticipated tournament exclusive to Senior netball teams. This year, the action took place over in Ngatea!
Our Senior A Girls hit the court and played with an immense amount of heart, grit, and determination against some tough competition. While we didn't walk away with the overall win this time, the day was an absolute success, filled with great sportsmanship, smiles, and plenty of enjoyment from all the players.

A massive thank you to our incredible coaches, **Teresa and Kelly**, as well as our fantastic umpire, **Bernie**. We truly appreciate you giving up your time to support, guide, and cheer on our team throughout the tournament!



SPIRIT WEEK

Term 3 so far has been packed with energy and school spirit! —from the epic sportsmanship during Spirit Week and the Te Aroha College Sports Exchange to top placings at the Whakatāne Parliamentary Debating competition. Outside the classroom, students explored Rotorua's geothermal culture, watched Auckland Theatre Company's production of Macbeth, planted trees at Tapu School, and welcomed our new German exchange students. Let's keep this awesome momentum going as senior exams and tournament weeks approach!
Abbygail Patterson
Head Student Leader

"Spirit week has been so much fun and has honestly been an amazing experience. We have had PJ day , anything but a bag and meme day , everyone has been so creative and showing off their school spirit. It's been so great seeing everyone get involved and have fun. To finish off the week we had a day full of games and activities making it the perfect way to end an awesome spirit week".
- Tyla Cullen (Year 13)





SPORTS EXCHANGE

Our annual sports exchange with Te Aroha College was an unforgettable day full of high energy, remarkable school spirit, and outstanding athleticism! From a moving opening pōwhiri to competitive matchups across volleyball, basketball, rugby, netball, football, golf, and badminton, our students gave it their all and represented our school with pride. To read full details and check out the list of MVP honourees from both schools, to read more click through to our blog post.

Our Sport Student Leader, **Gracie Miller,** had this to say about the day:

"The sports exchange with Te Aroha College was a great day. I like how it falls in with Spirit Week here at school because we get to show examples of positive sportsmanship to the rest of the school, and the spectators really put in the effort to support those of us who were playing."

MVP Honourees

To wrap up an unforgettable day of competition, we celebrated the individual standout performances across each sport. A massive congratulations to the MVPs named from both schools!

Thames High School MVPs

Senior Boys Basketball: **Tokolia Turner**
Senior Girls Basketball: **Simmrat Kaur**
Badminton: **Ricky Anson & Oscar Zhang**
Volleyball: **Jess Rendall**
Netball: **Dimple Martin**
Golf: **Chris Killian**
Senior Girls Football: **Jess Rendall**
(a double MVP day!)
Girls Rugby: **Gracie Miller**
Boys Rugby: **Carson Fletcher**

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Sports and spirit

It was a day of sportsmanship and "fierce competition" for Thames High School at their recent annual sportsexchange with TeAroha College.

THS student leader and year 12 student Gracie Miller said it was a great day at the event which was hosted by Thames on their home turf.

It also coincided with Thames High's Spirit Week celebrations.

"I like how it falls in with Spirit Week here at school because we get to show examples of positive sportsmanship to the rest of the school and the spectators really put in the effort to support those of us who are playing," Gracie said.

Spirit Week is a time for Thames High students, staff and whānau to "show off their school spirit". From lunchtime karaoke, dressing as their favourite meme, to taking part in "anything but a bag day" - instead using such items as a stroller, basket or chilly bin - Thames High celebrated Spirit Week in style.





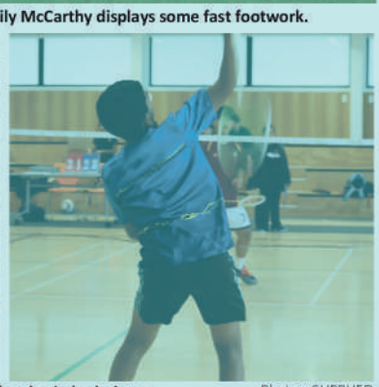
Sports student leader Gracie Miller, left, makes a run for it, while Lily McCarthy displays some fast footwork.





Simrat Kaur, year 11, holds on to the ball, left, while Takalia Turner shoots.





Thames High vs Te Aroha in rugby, left, while Ricky Anson, year 9, battles in badminton.

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FROM THE PĀNUI

Principal's Message

"Kia whakatōmuri te haere whakamua."
We look to what has gone before as we move forward.
As we reach the midpoint of Term Three, and the days lengthen as we approach spring, this is a good time to take stock of our progress and focus on the important weeks ahead.

There has also been plenty to celebrate in the wider life of the kura. Spirit Week was a real success, with a great atmosphere across the school and a wider range of activities this year. Well done to our senior student leaders for the energy and organisation they brought to the week.
As the winter sports season draws towards a close, there is much to acknowledge.

Our teams have represented the school with pride across a range of codes, and special congratulations go to our Senior Girls Basketball team, winners of the 2026 Thames Valley Secondary Schools Basketball competition. This is a fantastic achievement and a fitting reward for their commitment throughout the season.

Our annual Te Aroha sports exchange was another highlight. While Te Aroha took the overall honours this year — reversing our result from 2025 — it was a thoroughly enjoyable day of competition, school spirit and connection between our two schools.

None of these opportunities happens without significant support. A sincere thank you to the parents, whānau, coaches, managers, officials and staff who give their time throughout the winter season to transport, coach, manage and support our students. Your contribution makes a real difference.

Michael Hart
Principal

Macbeth: Auckland Theatre Company



Monday 17 August, a group of our Senior English and Drama students had the fantastic opportunity to travel to the theatre to attend Auckland Theatre Company's production of Shakespeare's *Macbeth*.
It was an unforgettable experience for everyone involved, and the production was nothing short of **phenomenal**! From the moment the curtain went up, our students were captivated by the powerful performances and the striking, epic set design—which staff member Mr. Devery noted paid brilliant homage to the iconic Globe Theatre.



Among the many highlights, the crowd-favourite was undoubtedly the character of the **Porter**, whose sharp comedic timing offered welcome relief in such a dark, intense play. Attendees were also raving about the clever casting choice to have three children portray the Witches, bringing an eerie and compelling dynamic to the stage.

Parliamentary Debating



On Saturday 8 August, our Debate team headed out to Whakatāne for a Parliamentary Debating Competition.
The day was filled with both nerves and laughter. Some of our teams came away with 1st and 2nd placings.
Luca Yamamoto was an outstanding team player as he debated by himself, having no partner. It was overall such a great learning experience, and the team can't wait to do more upcoming trips.

Eikura Emery (Year 13)
Debate Team Member

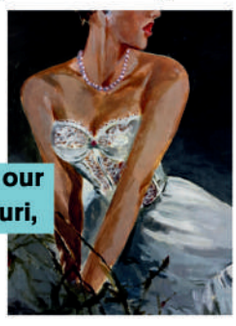




Learner Support Department

Learner Support teacher Michelle Tupper visited Te Puru School with Fynn and Jake to work with Year 8 students. Fynn and Jake demonstrated how to use a C- Pen—a portable scanning tool that reads printed text aloud to help with reading challenges and dyslexia.
Thank you to the Year 8 students for sharing their own favourite reading techniques with Fynn and Jake.

Check out these lovely paintings our Japanese International student, Juri, has done in class!





FROM THE PĀNUI

Enviro Group Tree Planting

Members of the Thames High School Environmental group and Pare Hauraki visited Tapu School for a tree-planting initiative.

After a welcome with waiata from the Tapu School community, students from both schools worked together through a tuakana/teina partnership to plant trees on site.

The Enviroschools initiative offered Tapu students a chance to connect with THS before making their transition to high school—and our students were glad to hear they enjoyed the recent "Anything But a Bag" day during Spirit Week.

Thank you to everyone involved for organising a practical and supportive morning for both schools.







Spotlight on Te Ara Whakamana

Learning looks a little different in Te Ara Whakamana—and that's exactly what makes it special! Moving away from traditional classroom settings and rigid routines, our class provides a safe, low-pressure space where students can thrive through hands-on learning.

We are all about practical, active experiences—whether that's making, doing, measuring, drawing, counting, baking, gardening, or heading outdoors to explore!

As one of our students put it: "Some students like that they can work with fewer people around them, and the work is fun!"

We're so proud of the creative, supportive environment our students are building together every day.













Here is some photos of Dels Epere's art work she has produced throughout the year.







DAFFODIL DAY

$200 raised for Cancer Society on Friday 28 August



ROTORUA TRIP

The senior Geography and Tourism students recently returned from an unforgettable trip to Rotorua, packed with hands-on learning, cultural immersion, and memorable team- building experiences. The group gained valuable insights into Māori culture through traditional performances and explored the region's famous geothermal wonders, including geysers and native Kiwi sanctuaries. The adventure continued with exciting activities like the Luge and an evening stroll through the Redwoods Tree Walk, taking in the stunning night-light displays high among the trees.



Beyond the curriculum, the trip provided a fantastic opportunity for our international and local students to connect, build lasting friendships, and experience the very best of New Zealand together.
Here is what one of our International Students, Lianna, said about her experience :

"The geography trip to Rotorua was a really great experience. We learned a lot about the Māori culture with a traditional performance. We were able to see the geysers and NZ native bird, the Kiwi". Through all these fun activities like the luge and the tree walk, the international students connected well with the local students, which improved our experience. At night we did the Redwoods Tree walk and we looked at the stunning light shows as we walked through the forest. Overall, it was a great experience to see new things and explore New Zealand"





PINNACLES OVER NIGHT ADVENTURE







Our Outdoor Education (OED3) students headed out on an overnight trip to the Kauaeranga Pinnacles this week!As part of their assessment (AS91504: Analyse issues in safety management for outdoor activity to devise safety management strategies), students were put to the test—evaluating real-world risks, planning safety protocols, and demonstrating leadership in the field while taking in some of the most stunning views the Coromandel has to offer. Massive well done to all our students for their hard work, preparation, and great team spirit throughout the trip!



NUTTER EXCHANGE

Congratulations to **Sophie Whyte (Year 11)** and **Tara De La Rive Box (Year 11)**, who have been selected for the **Nutter Exchange scholarship**!

In December, they'll be travelling to France to participate in our ongoing exchange programme with Robert Badinter International School (formerly Augustin Thierry High School).

Thames students set sights on France

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

There's something special that connects the Thames Valley in New Zealand with the Loire Valley in France.

It's an experience Thames High students Tara De La Rive Box, 16, and Sophie Whyte, 17, will get to live out this December when they will head to the town of Blois in the Loire Valley of France to study for two months as part of the Nutter Exchange.

It's a long-standing cultural and language exchange programme between Thames High School and Robert Badinter International School, formerly called Augustin-Thierry High School in Blois, France, and was established in 1985 through the bequest of Mr Raymond Nutter.

He settled in Thames in 1949 and in his later years, split up his time between Thames, Sydney and the town of Blois, France.

The exchange is managed through the Thames High School Raymond Nutter Trust.

When Tara and Sophie, who both study the French language, found out they received scholarships through the trust to go on the exchange - they said they were excited.

"I was so happy that I told all of my friends instantly," Tara told *The Profile*. She was excited to meet new people and learn about French culture.



Thames High students Sophie Whyte, left, and Tara De La Rive Box, will head to France in December as part of the Nutter Exchange. Photo: SUPPLIED

"I started learning French in year 10, because I wanted to travel after school, and France was a country I really wanted to visit. It has been difficult learning it online, but I am very grateful that I'm not doing it on my own," she said.

When Tara gets to France, she will stay with a home-stay family and then next year, the student from that family will stay with Tara's family in New Zealand.

She said she studied a lot of French and hoped it would be enough to be able to "keep up" when she heads over there.

"I really want to travel after school, so this would be a great opportunity to experience travelling."

Meanwhile, Sophie said she was "so overjoyed" about her news of getting accepted to the programme and "couldn't keep it to myself".

It will be Sophie's first time to France, a trip she said she's excited about as it was a place she dreamed about going to for years. "I hope to experience an authentic part of French life that you wouldn't get as a tourist just passing through. It will be exciting to speak French in everyday conversations and put my French skills to the test after learning French for three years," she said.

She believed there was significance in encountering other ways of life.

"I think it's important to discover and experience different cultures and languages because it pushes you out of your comfort zone or what's normal for you," she said.

Her goal was to represent Thames High School by embodying the school values, such as manakitanga.

"Everyone belongs, everyone matters and everyone has potential. I will treat everyone with respect and kindness that manakitanga asks for."

FROM THE PĀNUI

Principal's Message

There has been a great deal happening across the kura | school this term. Alongside everyday teaching and learning, students have represented the school through sport, cultural activities, competitions, trips, Trades Academy experiences and many other opportunities.

Thank you also to the staff, coaches, managers, whānau and community members who make these experiences possible. Much of what students enjoy beyond the classroom depends on people contributing additional time, expertise, transport, encouragement and care.

Finally, thank you to our students for their efforts and the many ways they contribute to our kura; to our staff for their considerable work, care and commitment; and to parents, caregivers and whānau for your support and partnership.

Schools work best when those connections are strong — whether through encouraging attendance, talking about learning, supporting an activity, celebrating achievement, or contacting us when support is needed.

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



Ngā manaakitanga
Michael Hart
Tumuaki | Principal

Students Represent THS at Battle of Britain Commemorations

Thames High School was proudly represented at this year's Thames Battle of Britain Commemorations by Manukura Māori Student Leader, **Zaydee Prasad**, and **Frankie Merret**, who opened the event with a karakia. The organisers expressed their gratitude for their involvement, praising the girls for delivering a meaningful karakia that beautifully represented our school community during the service.

Another Thames High School Year 10 student, **Sophia Haakma**, sang the national anthem beautifully with her mum, Jo.





School Board Student Representative Election Results



We are pleased to announce the results of the 2026 School Board Student Representative Election.
Official Election Results:

- Kim Ju Taing: 137 votes
- Jessica Atrill: 55 votes
- Lexi Thomas: 36 votes
- Roera Thorne: 27 votes
- Eliza Carter: 26 votes

I hereby declare **Kim Ju Taing** duly elected as the Student Representative for 2026.

Thank you to all candidates for standing and for demonstrating fantastic student leadership, and to all students who took the time to cast their votes. Please join us in congratulating Kim Ju on this achievement!

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

Manukura Māori Student Leaders Kyah Lyon and Zaydee Prasad did well to organise a week of fun lunchtime activities centred around the promotion of speaking Te Reo at school.

CONGRATULATIONS TO H3!
Massive shoutout to class H3 for taking out the top spot as the crowned champions of our Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori Whānau/Rōpū Challenge!
H3 blew us away with their incredible teamwork, creativity, and commitment to bringing Te Reo Māori and our Thames High School values to life!

They hit all the criteria with flying colours:

- Outstanding creativity & originality
- Fantastic use of Te Reo Māori
- True representation of Thames High School values
- Awesome whānau participation & teamwork

Enjoy your special prize, H3—you earned it! Whanaungatanga and Manaakitanga in action!



FROM THE PĀNUI

Eve Gordon from the Dust Palace Workshops

Eve brings a wealth of expertise as an acclaimed NZ actor and the Artistic Director of The Dust Palace, New Zealand's premier physical theatre company. Our students had an incredible time learning dynamic acrobatic skills, pushing their boundaries, and building confidence together.







Scan to see more photos on our Facebook post

Art Department: Goldfield Students' Exhibition







Our wonderful Goldfields students recently had an exhibition of their work in the Paeroa Memorial Hall!

Here are some pictures of our Superstars alongside Matua Caleb, who is also a total Superstar.

FROM THE PĀNUI ART DEPARTMENT

Year 9 Art Rotation: looking at signs and symbols.



Our (always) wonderful **Goldfield students** have been drawing the Taniwha . A lot of people will not know what the Taniwha looks like because they have never seen it . Well , now you know !



Our **Year 9 rotation** have just been finishing off their terms work by producing a painting inspired by our local landscape . It was a rush to get them finished but they are a fun little way to sign off the term . >>>>>>>>>>>>

Year 10 Art

Here's the latest Year 10 group and these are their paintings about the History of the World in 10 - 15 images touching on how it all began, how it might end and all the important bits inbetween !







CONCERT at ST GEORGE'S

Dr Voice's Speech on the day:

As Camp Manager and HOD for the Music Department at Thames High School, I want to share my heartfelt thanks to the Thames Music Group, our convenor Rachel, our dedicated itinerant staff, and our brilliant sound team for making this year's concert possible.

Special thanks to Mr. Ewan Grant-Mackie for stepping in on short notice to complete our violin harmony, and to our Thames High School colleagues for supporting our music program alongside their own curricula.

Most importantly, thank you to our performers. You showed immense courage and talent, presenting a wonderful cross-section of what our department creates daily. You have done yourselves and Thames High School proud!

Over my six years at this school, I've watched our students tackle challenges with incredible creativity and teamwork—from hauling three loads of gear during a weather bomb without a single scratch, to independently solving a major harpsichord transport hitch right before a show. Moments like those showed me just how capable and self-driven our students are.

This year, our Year 13 MCs Leah Comrie and Pyper Liddell, alongside Eikura Emery on video, took full charge of producing the annual concert. It's inspiring to see our musicology majors take the lead and showcase the department in their own unique way.

We are also deeply grateful for the community support funding our violin classes, and thrilled to have ex-student Harris Elliot-Hogg back to guide our new sound team. Thank you to everyone who makes our department thrive!

Dr. Nichi Voice
Head of Department Music

















SPOTLIGHT ON FABRIC & FASHION TECHNOLOGY







Our students across all levels have been hard at work bringing creativity, culture, and practical skill to life in the classroom:
Sensory Creature Project: Our Senior students designed non-wearable creatures tailored to stakeholder needs. Grounded in Te Whare Tapa Whā, these creations use textures, weighted sections, and scents to support hauora and wellbeing.

Matariki Beanies: Year 9 students crafted personalised beanies for stargazing with whānau, featuring star patches inspired by the qualities of the nine Matariki stars.

Pepeha-Inspired Modelling: Another Year 9 class explored identity, place, and culture through creative textile techniques—including fabric painting, appliqué, screen printing, and e-textiles—to tell personal stories.

Senior Fashion Design: Check out these progress photos of dye and print work happening in the classroom as senior students work towards completing their final garments!
Also, check out the Silver Fern beanies our international students made recently to keep them warm while they explore the Coromandel.
We are so proud of the thoughtful planning, technical skill, and heart our students are pouring into their work!













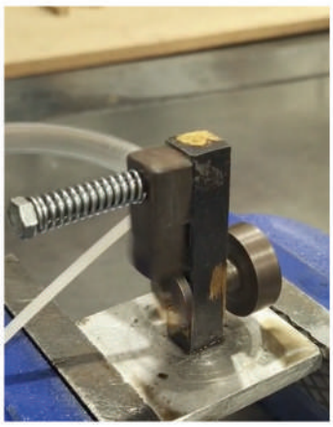




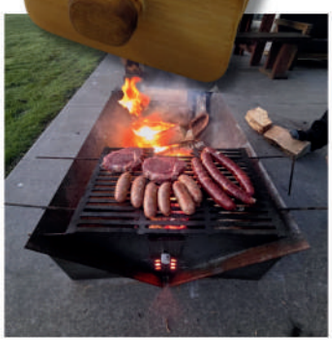


SPOTLIGHT ON HARD MATERIALS TECHNOLOGY





Our students have been hard at work in the Hard Materials Technology workshop, bringing creative concepts to life through hands-on craftsmanship and engineering!
Here is a look at some of the incredible projects our students have been creating:
Bandsaw Craftsmanship: Yui showing off a beautifully detailed bandsaw box.
Mechanical Engineering: Year 12 Mechanics students putting their compressed air engines to the test!
Precision Furniture Design: Year 13 Furniture students using the CNC router to carve out intricate designs for their final projects.
From mastering raw materials to operating complex machinery, our students are gaining practical skills, precision, and problem-solving abilities that will serve them well into the future.





Here are some photo of our German International students getting to experience something very differnet from their normal school life: Learning to work with wood!















SPOTLIGHT ON DEBATING

Felix Milner writes about a fun afternoon of debating with Hauraki Plains College:

"On Tuesday 22 September, there was a friendly debate between our school and Hauraki Plains College hosted at Thames High School.
It was kindly adjudicated by Ruth (ex–Thames High librarian) and an external adjudicator, Sally Poulgrain, who graciously agreed to help us. A Junior and Senior team, consisting of three people each from both schools, competed against each other in two debates.
The first debate was a prepared debate where everyone was given the topic the day before to freely research and prepare. The topic was whether AI facial recognition software should be used in stores like PAK'nSAVE and New World to prevent shoplifting, with Thames arguing in favour and HPC opposing. The junior team won their debate, while the senior team suffered a narrow loss. The debate covered themes around the accuracy of AI, the morality of using AI to "spy" on people, and the practical benefits involved.

After a brief intermission, we were given the second topic of the day, which differed between the age groups.

The juniors argued that social media has negatively affected mental health, while the seniors opposed the idea of establishing a system to rate teachers. Each group was given half an hour to prepare before returning to debate. This time, both Thames teams clinched victories in their respective debates. The junior debate covered ideas of addiction, reduced attention spans, and how teens navigate social interaction, while the senior debate focused on student bias, practicality, and the potential impact on educational integrity.
This was the first time our two schools have debated against each other, and we hope it becomes an annual event. Overall, it was a stellar day for all teams, with Thames High School achieving great results.

Junior Team: Felix Milner, Alex Atrill, Luca Yamamoto
Senior Team: Immanuel Huwald, Lorenzo Yamamoto, Kim Ju Taing. "
Teacher in charge, Ms Emery, gave a special mention to Academic Student Leader Immanuel and House Student Leader Lorenzo Yamamoto for arranging the logistics of hosting the event, saying they did a great job of welcoming our guests!







Thames High debate culture on the rise

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

Immanuel Huwald expects opposing debate teams to make at least one good point in their argument.

The year-13 Thames High School academic student leader and debate team leader told *The Profile* there were two parts to countering good points.

The first step was to weaken the opponent's point by showing how it had a smaller impact, he said, and the second was to compare it to his own points to show that his side had the greater benefit overall.

It was something the Thames High debate teams put into practice at the recent Cooney Lees Morgan Bay Of Plenty Regional Championships on March 14, where one of the teams swept up a top seven spot out of more than 15 teams. They also won the prepared moot category with only five minutes of preparation time due to a missed email.

Fellow debate student Felix Milner was also named a commended junior speaker overall, while Immanuel was selected as a reserve for the Bay Of Plenty Regional Debating team.

The young leader said in each debate, each speaker was assigned speaker points on how well they spoke individually.

He said he "performed well in my speeches" which set him apart for the selection.



Thames High School debate students. Photo: SUPPLIED

Supervising teachers ex-librarian Ruth Howes and English teacher Juliette Emery were both "shocked" and "very proud" of the team's achievements at the event, Juliette said.

"The senior students have had to quickly learn organisational skills, how to teach the younger members and inspire them with the confidence to stand up and express a viewpoint."

She believed that debating was a "brilliant skill" for use not only in a court room but a multitude of work places.

Something important to Immanuel was that the teams were in sync.

"We make sure to co-ordinate well," he said.

In preparation for competitions, the debate student said his teammates took the time to exchange ideas and "ensure our speeches will mesh well".

When it comes to the biggest challenges, Immanuel said it was communication.

"If two speakers do amazingly and one speaker does badly then you end up with a below average debate."

It was important for everyone to understand what they were doing, as the debate time limits meant people were "already pressed for time" just thinking about their own speeches, he said.

His passion for debate was clear.

He wanted to encourage everyone to "give it a try" because the only real requirement was to have the confidence to get up and speak, he said.

"You really don't need prior experience as long as you are willing to try."

COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING



Huge congratulations to our Year 13 student, **Eikura Emery**, who recently represented Thames High School in Wellington at the annual Student CHOGM (Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting)!

Student CHOGM (Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting) is an annual Youth Parliament–style simulation held in Wellington, organised by the Commonwealth Youth Movement for Aotearoa New Zealand. High school delegates from across the country step into the shoes of global leaders, represent various Commonwealth nations, and debate pressing global issues inside Parliament.

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

Debating Team
2026



Back Row: Immanuel Huwald, Brooklyn Jiang, Juliet Emery (Teacher), Alex Atrill, Lorenzo Yamamoto
Front Row: Eikura Emery, Shannara Smook, Kim Ju Taing
Absent: Felix Milner, Luca Yamamoto, Oscar Zhang, Alessandro Yamamoto

Here is what Eikura had to say about her incredible experience:

"Being a part of Student CHOGM was such a rewarding experience. I recently went down to Wellington for a week to take part in this yearly event. I was assigned Head of Government (Prime Minister) for Nigeria and had an awesome partner to work with.

During these three days, we debated in Parliament about current global issues and collaborated with other countries to establish agreements. We had tours of Parliament, went to Massey University for a quiz night, and even had lunch with a few MPs!

Talking to other delegates and meeting so many new people from all around the country was one of the most exciting things, as well as hearing different voices and opinions from other countries. Being accepted into this event was such an honour.

We had to research issues from different perspectives that were not necessarily my own views and, alongside my partner, communicate these views confidently during the discussions and debates. Being placed in a very formal and political environment challenged me to become a lot more confident in expressing my ideas and adapting to situations when ours didn't go to plan.

One of my biggest takeaways from this event was that leadership is not simply being the loudest or smartest person in the room—it encompasses so much more."

We are so proud of you, Eikura!

STUDENT **SPOTLIGHTS**



LEXI THOMAS YEAR 11

What do you enjoy most about Thames High School?

enjoy the classes, learning and the opportunity's our school offers.

What subjects, activities, sports, arts, or groups are you involved in?

I am the Year 11 Representative on the Student Council and a part of: He Taringa Whakarongo - A Listening Ear, Student Volunteer Army, the Arts and Culture Committee and out of school I am involved in St John Cadets and Thames Music and Drama.

What has been a highlight of your year so far?

Getting elected onto the Student Council

Which Thames High School value best represents you and why?

Probably Mātauranga - I strive for academic excellence, and do to the best I can at everything I do.

What is something you have learned about yourself this year?

That I am more resilient than I give myself credit for.

What advice would you give to other students?

To try your best and not put yourself down if you dont get your desired grade



EIKURA EMERY YEAR 13

What do you enjoy most about Thames High School?

I love the spirit that we can have, whether it's at sports days like swimming sports or even just a regular day at school. As well as all the opportunities that we are offered. I also love the close bond I can have with a lot of the teachers, whether its making silly jokes or just having some banter here and there.

What subjects, activities, sports, arts, or groups are you involved in?

Some of the subjects that I enjoy are Music as well as Photography. I am also a part of the Debate Team which is an awesome team to be a part of, I like to share my opinions on things that I have a strong passion about. Outside of school I also do dance at Paeroa Contemporary Dance and I'm also part of Thames Music + Drama.

What has been a highlight of your year so far?

Traveling to Wellington for a week to debate at Parliament with the Student Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM).

What is something you have learned about yourself this year?

I've realised that I can achieve more than I sometimes think I can. I've definitely surprised myself this year by stepping up and giving things a go, and sometimes you just have to give it a go and see what happens.



CHLOE BERGERSON YEAR 11

What do you enjoy most about Thames High School?

I enjoy the opportunities that are available to me here; they make school much more fun and give me things to enjoy outside of the classroom.

What subjects, activities, sports, arts, or groups are you involved in?

I am in the Thames High troupe, I am in the vocal ensemble and take piano, saxophone and vocal lessons. I am an active member of Thames MAD

Which Thames High School value best represents you and why?

Maanakitanga, because I believe that everyone has potential to do well and everyone should be treated with kindness.

What is something you have learned about yourself this year?

I learnt that I am much more resilient than I thought. I used to doubt myself when things got overwhelming or hard, but I have realised I have the capability to stay calm and figure things out.

What advice would you give to other students?

Take every opportunity that gets shown to you.



CLEO CHALLIS YEAR 11

What do you enjoy most about Thames High School?

I enjoy the range of people we have at Thames High School. Since we have transfer students from around the world, we get to make new friends and learn about one another's cultures.

What subjects, activities, sports, arts, or groups are you involved in?

Drama troupe, hockey, SVA, Environmental club, Model UN, Art, Scouts, Thames MAD, Chess, Tennis TV

What has been a highlight of your year so far?

My half-mask drama performance, "Porridge and Bleach"—a story based on Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

Which Thames High School value best represents you and why?

Whakawhanaungatanga - I love to connect and meet new and diverse people.

What is something you have learned about yourself this year?

I have learned that resilience is key for me to face hardships.

What advice would you give to other students?

You can change parts of yourself to fit in, but you always have to remember your roots and don't forget who you truly are.

STUDENT **SPOTLIGHTS**



When I first came to Thames High School from Thames South School, I was a pretty shy and nervous kid. I didn't really know what to expect from high school, or who I would become over the next five years.

But looking back now, I can honestly say that I've grown more than I ever expected. I've stepped outside my comfort zone, taken on challenges I never thought I would, and become someone that the Brooklyn from five years ago would be proud of.

One thing I've learned at this school is that hard work really does open doors. If you put in the mahi, you can achieve more than you might think. And along the way, you're surrounded by people – your friends, teachers, support staff and whānau – who genuinely want to see you succeed.

Thames High has given me countless opportunities to learn, grow and pursue the things I'm passionate about. For me, two of those opportunities were the Student Volunteer Army and the Rotary National Science and Technology Forum.

In Year 10, I joined the Student Volunteer Army, a group focused on encouraging young people to give back to our community. Through volunteering, I learned how to communicate with all kinds of people, work as part of a team, and understand the impact that even small acts of service can have.

I was also given the opportunity to attend the Rotary National Science and Technology Forum. I spent two weeks living in the halls of residence at the University of Auckland, attending lectures and workshops with experts across science and technology. It gave me my first real glimpse into university life – and I absolutely loved it.
Not only did I discover that I could, somehow, survive on hall food, but I also met lifelong friends who shared the same interests and ambitions as me.

Next year, I'll be heading to Auckland to pursue a Master's in Aerospace Engineering. I'm excited for what's ahead, but no matter where I go, I'll always remember where I started. My roots are here – in Thames, at Thames High School, and with the teachers, friends and whānau who supported me along the way.
So, to everyone here: take the opportunities you're given. Try something that scares you. Put in the mahi. Step outside your comfort zone.
Because you never know where it might take you.



I started my journey here at Thames High School in 2022 as a Year 9, coming from Te Puru Primary School, which is a pretty different environment to high school, especially considering the school is literally on the beach!
So I remember what it was like coming from a small primary school and suddenly being surrounded by so many new people, bigger classes, and so many different opportunities.

Looking back at when I first came into high school, I honestly never would have imagined how much this place would become a part of who I am.

One of the biggest things I've learnt is how important the school culture and community are. You come into Year 9 knowing people from your own primary school, but you quickly start meeting people from all over. Some of my closest friends now are people I had never seen in my life before starting high school.

There are also so many opportunities here to find your place. In my junior years, kapa haka was a huge part of that. It's something our school offers that anyone can be involved in, whether you've done it before or have absolutely no experience. It's given me friendships and lots of memories.

Another thing I've learnt is not to be afraid to step outside your comfort zone. Netball was always my comfort sport; it was something I had done for years and felt confident in. But coming to Thames High gave me the opportunity to try things like basketball and rugby, and I ended up finding passions in both that I never expected.

There are also so many leadership opportunities, both in the junior and senior school. I've been really lucky to have been given opportunities through my role as Manukura Māori, where I've been able to represent our kura and be involved in things that I probably never would have had the confidence to do when I was younger. It's shown me that leadership isn't just about having a title, it's about getting involved and making a difference in your school community.

So my biggest piece of advice is to just get involved. Try new things, meet people and take the opportunities that Thames High School has to offer. Enjoy it, because these five years go a lot faster than you think.



What do you enjoy most about Thames High School?

I enjoy how friendly the teachers are and how they genuinely try to get to know you and make up fun, playful nicknames for you.

What subjects, activities, sports, arts, or groups are you involved in?

I am part of the Thames High School Senior Girls Football Team; I am part of the Kiaido Ryu martial arts community; I dance hip hop at Thames Hauraki Dance School, and I teach a young hip hop class there; and I recently joined the Thames Sea Scouts Group. In addition, every year I absolutely love being able to watch or be a part of the Thames MAD shows.

Which Thames High School value best represents you and why?

Manaakitanga (Everyone belongs, matters, and has potential.) I truly believe in this value; I think everyone matters and has the potential to be great. I also find genuine joy in making someone feel like they belong, whether new or old, because I know that's how I would like to feel if I was feeling nervous or unsure.

What is something you have learned about yourself this year?

I have discovered that I enjoy performing, singing, dancing, meeting new people, and forming new connections.

What advice would you give to other students?

Don't be afraid to be yourself. If you spend your years of high school feeling as if you need to fit in or 'be popular', you will only find yourself having to transform into a person who is not truly yourself. Do what you want to do, be authentic and do every sport or group activity you can possibly do to get out of class!



I've been thinking about the night I came along with my mum to this same event (Open Evening) with a mix of nerves and excitement as I saw all of the new faces that would form part of my incoming year nine cohort – the people I would be spending the next five years with. I spent my primary school years at Thames South School and then on to Te Puru School – and I thought those schools would be a hard act to follow.

The transition is a big one and high school is certainly different (especially because you'll also be diving into your teenage years – note to parents navigating this for the first time – we all turn out OK in the end!).

I took a little time to adjust, but a lot of that was fast-tracked due to getting involved in sport, which is what I want to talk to you about tonight. You will open your school year with swimming and athletic days, and I have to say experiencing the last of those earlier in the year was really tinged with sadness. Trust me, they're fun guys!

In my first year I played netball and basketball – two completely new sports for me. I also played in our hockey team out at Ngatea and over the next few years, I signed up for countless sports. In year 11 I began playing football – and headed off to tournament week in Palmerston North with a fantastic group of girls. Even in my final year at school, Thames High is still allowing me to pursue new sports. This year I joined the girls' 1st XV, which has been a definite highlight.

I was also lucky enough to get selected for the Thames High School Senior Mixed Touch Team and we've been training all year as we prepare for the Nationals in December. Last year the team finished 8th – a massive achievement for a small-town school playing other teams with rolls exceeding 1,500 plus students. If I were in a bigger school, it would be harder for me to access all these sporting opportunities, which I will no doubt remember for the rest of my life.

You will hear it time and time again, but sign up for anything that interests you, sports or otherwise. Sport in particular kept me fit and helped me tremendously mentally through the past few years. It has the power to build you into a better person in terms of discipline, commitment, teamwork, resilience and of course social networks. Like everything, if you put in the effort, the pathways are there to take your sport as far as you want to take it. Get into it – you won't regret it!

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What an incredible term of sport it has been at Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga. From leadership workshops and regional tournaments to our annual sports exchange and local league victories, our students have represented Thames High School with outstanding pride, determination, and sportsmanship.
Inside this issue, you'll find updates and achievements across badminton, rugby, touch, swimming, basketball, football, volleyball, mountain biking, and more—along with highlights celebrating our individual student successes and community supporters.
Thank you to all the coaches, managers, families, and local sponsors who continue to make school sport possible. Enjoy reading through our team highlights and celebrating the fantastic achievements of our young athletes!
Welcome to our latest Sports Pānui! We are running a little behind schedule, but better late than never—especially with so much to celebrate from an incredible term of sport at Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga. From leadership workshops and regional tournaments to our annual sports exchange and local league victories, our students have represented Thames High School with outstanding pride, determination, and sportsmanship.

Developing Future Sports Leaders: Our School, Our Legacy

This term, our sports department teamed up with Sport Waikato to host two leadership workshops for sports-minded students across all year levels.

Centred around the theme "Our School, Our Legacy," the program challenged students to look beyond titles and focus on leadership through action.
Students worked on connecting senior and junior mentors, taking active roles in Active As and Positive Vibes, and choosing specific positive actions to implement this term. Our goal is to inspire students across all year groups to think about the positive mark they want to leave at Thames High School both now and in the future!



Badminton

Thames High School Badminton Champions

Thanks to all who participated! Badminton has been hugely popular, and development in this code has been massive at our kura.

Doubles Champions

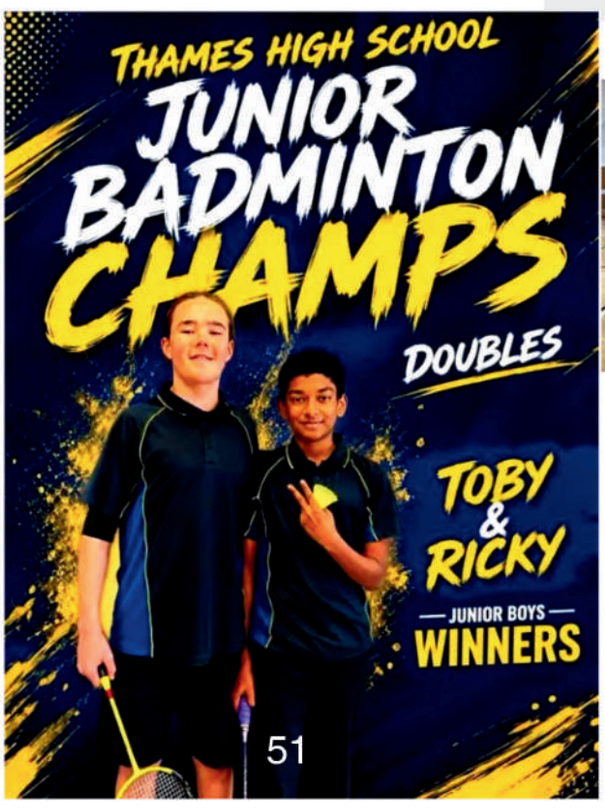
- **Senior Doubles Champions:** Gwen & Eva and Dev & Henric
- **Junior Doubles Champions:** Ricky Anson & Toby Dryden

Singles Champions

- **Senior Girls Singles Champion:** Dimple Martin
- **Senior Boys Singles Champion:** Henric W
- **Junior Boys Singles Champion:** Ricky Anson









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Badminton cont.

Thames Valley Badminton Championship

Once again, we had a strong representation at the Thames Valley Badminton Champs this term. Our kura hosted the two-day event, welcoming close to 300 badminton players from around the Thames Valley. Special thanks to Jeremy Rout from TV Badminton for assisting and helping make the event such a success! A special mention goes to Toby Dryden and Ricky Anson, who placed 3rd in the Junior Boys doubles.





Rugby

Girls Rugby on the Rise

Just wanting to acknowledge our 1st XV Girls' Rugby team who, after a tough secondary school rugby season, came away with their first win at our annual Sports Exchange against Te Aroha College.

Your determination, patience, and resilience throughout this season are to be commended. We are proud to support the growth and development of our girls' rugby and are excited for what's ahead for our girls. Special mention and thanks to Jon Liddell, Noel Bower, and Tania Lyon, who have been an amazing coaching/management team. Thank you for believing in and supporting our girls.



Rugby Representatives

Huge congratulations to **Carson Fletcher, Tyler Smith, Archie Stove, Dontae Loka, Gwen Kingi,** and **Olivia Lamont** on their selection to regional age-group representative rugby teams!
It is a fantastic achievement to represent our region, and we are so proud of your hard work.

Shoutout to Walter Wiki on his selection for the U18 Boys squad, and to Gracie Miller, Annie Perrett, Alla Guptill, and Dimple Martin for making the U18 Girls squad!

Touch

Here is an announcement from the Thames Valley Touch Page:
THAMES VALLEY PATHWAY | BIG NEWS!

We're incredibly proud to see 12 Thames Valley U16 athletes and four of our coaches selected to take part in the Touch NZ Emerging People Programme this Sunday at Hamilton Suburbs! The Emerging Peoples Programme brings together emerging talent from across Aotearoa, creating opportunities to learn, connect, develop and take the next step in the Touch pathway.

U16 Female Athletes
Alyxes Kenmara
Aiyana Peyton Fair
Delta Van Hellemond
Lillian Berghan
Harley Williams
Katie Davies
Kiara Noa-Paul
Isla Freeman

U16 Male Athletes:
Elijah Riri
Kobe Leenan
Archie Stove
Fynn Paki

EPP Coaching Programme
Rangimarie Wirihana
Alex Morrison
Te Aroha McKain
Shannon Paki
A massive congratulations to everyone! Your hard work, commitment and potential have earned you this opportunity.Go well, represent Thames Valley with pride, and make the most of every opportunity to learn, connect and grow.

New Zealand Secondary School Swimming Championships

At the start of Term 3, four of our students represented our kura at the New Zealand Secondary School Swimming Championships—one of the largest secondary school swimming events ever, featuring over 800 competitors nationwide across four days of racing.
Maia Whitney, Lorenzo Yamamoto, Luca Yamamoto, and Alessandra Yamamoto all delivered exceptional performances.

Highlights included Maia setting personal bests in three of her events and achieving top-15 finishes in both the 100m and 50m backstroke for 16-year-old girls.
Your dedication and hard work have truly paid off—congratulations to you all!



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Thank you to our Sponsors

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our recent Bingo Fundraiser Night!

Thanks to your incredible support, we are one step closer to sending our Senior Mixed Touch Team to the NZSS Touch Nationals!
We would like to extend a special thanks to all of our amazing local sponsors and supporters who made the night possible >>>>>>>>>>>>



Get2Go Regional Challenge

Our Thames High School Boys and Girls teams recently headed to Lake Karapiro Reserve for the Get2Go Regional Challenge—an action-packed day featuring kayaking, paddleboarding, mountain biking, orienteering, and problem-solving.
With no prior experience required, Get2Go is all about giving exciting new activities a go, and our students achieved some fantastic results in a competitive field. Over 30,000 New Zealand students have taken on Get2Go since 2006, and our teams represented our kura with pride. A sincere thank you to our students and families for your fantastic support. We are looking forward to our next event at Opoutere School in October!



Thames Valley Basketball Championships

Huge congratulations to our Senior Girls Basketball team for claiming the Thames Valley Secondary School title after an edge-of-your-seat final against Coromandel Area School! Shoutout to team members Dimple Martin, Mia McCaskill, Pearl Newton, Arlea Douglas, Simrat Kaur, Olivia Baines, and Aiyana Penton Fair (Mania) for an outstanding season. We extend a massive thank you to Coach Shannon Paki for his incredible dedication and leadership!



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Mountain Biking

Mountain biking continues to gain momentum at our kura!
We are fortunate to have so many fantastic local trails available for our riders to explore and develop their skills.
A huge thank you to **Chris Harrison and Lisa Barnett** for generously giving their time and support to guide our riders each week.



Black Rock MTB Race 2026

Riders **Blake McLaren, Toby Dryden, Luke De La Rive Box, Chris Killian, and coach Chris Harrison** all competed at the recent Black Rock MTB event held in Whangamatā.

THS had a clean sweep on the podium:

- 1st: Blake McLaren
- 2nd: Luke De La Rive Box
- 3rd: Chris Killian

Coach Chris Harrison also took out 1st place in his category!

Huge congratulations to the entire team—all their hard work and determination are paying off.



Football

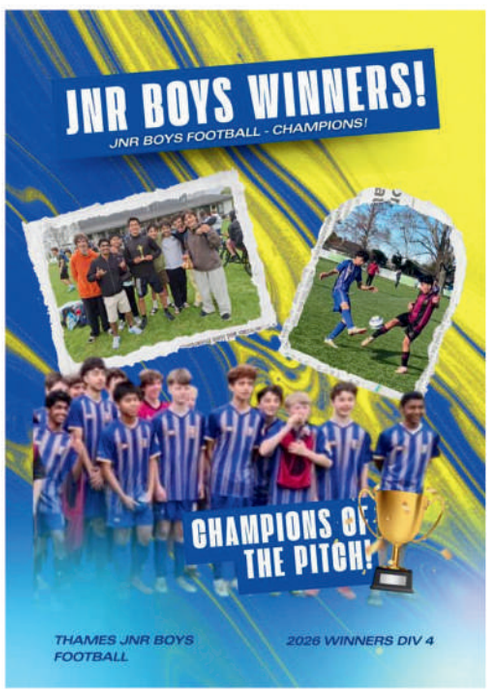
Senior Girls Football Tournament Week
Our Senior Girls Football team attended the Grant Jarvis Tournament held in Hamilton during Winter Tournament Week.
Here are a few words from Manager **Taryn Baines:**

"Our team was one of the youngest at the tournament, and the weather was brutal with wind and rain most days. Not once did our girls give up. They pushed hard through games against much older, more experienced teams who have played together for years. Throughout the week, we were complimented on our team spirit, positive attitude, and behaviour. It's easy to be in good spirits when you win, but true character is shown in how you respond to a loss. Our girls fought hard, always smiled, and the whole coaching and management team felt privileged to be part of this amazing team's 2026 Tournament Week."

A special thanks to **coach Xavier Brown, manager Taryn Baines, and Alicia Costello** for supporting the girls throughout the week!

Junior Boys Football claim victory for a second year

Congratulations to our Junior Boys Football team for an outstanding season on the field!
As winners of both the Waikato Secondary Schools Division 4 competition—where they faced tough opposition and delivered fantastic results—and the Waikato 5-a-Side tournament, they have had an incredible run.
Awesome season, boys! A huge well done to **coach Xavier Brown, manager Michael Dobie,** and all the players for a fantastic team effort.





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Volleyball

Thames Valley Senior Volleyball

Our Senior Girls competed in the Thames Valley Volleyball Competition held in Katikati during the last week of term.
We are super proud of how far this team has come—winning 3 out of their 6 games is huge progress! It's exciting to see what lies ahead for these players. They are definitely a team to watch!



Sporting Success: Caitlin Kenny and Zara Johnson

Gymnastics Success at Waikato School Gym Festival
Congratulations to **Zara Johnston and Caitlin Kenny**, who recently represented our kura at the Waikato School Gym Festival (Years 7–10) held at Hamilton City Gymnastics!
Both athletes delivered fantastic performances against strong competition, achieving outstanding overall results:

- 🥇 Caitlin Kenny: 1st Place Overall (Level 4)
- 🥇 Zara Johnston: 4th Place Overall (Level 3)

Fantastic effort and achievement, girls—we are so proud of you both!







Sporting Success: Jett Elliot

A huge congratulations to Year 9 student Jett Elliott, who has wrapped up an incredible athletics season with an outstanding collection of medals and awards!
Jett, who has been competing with the Paeroa Athletics Club since primary school, capped off his best season yet with a stellar performance at the Children's Champs at Porritt Stadium in Hamilton. Competing against top talent across the region, Jett brought home an impressive six medals:

- 🥇 Gold: Shot Put & Discus
- 🥈 Silver: High Jump, 4x100m Relay, and 1600m Mixed Relay
- 🥉 Bronze: Field Relay

His hard work and dedication were further celebrated at the Paeroa Club Prize-giving, where Jett walked away with four major honours:

- Laurie Bramble Trophy (Most Field Points, Grade 12–13)
- Brian Gray Cup (100m Sprint Champion, Grade 12–13)
- Club Cup (Most Improved Athlete)
- 1st Place Trophy (13-Year-Old Grade Champion)

Congratulations on an amazing season, Jett—your school community is incredibly proud of your achievements!

Hockey

Our mixed Hockey team wrapped up a fantastic season filled with great energy, growth, and team spirit!
We were thrilled to welcome a lot of new players who stepped up, gave hockey a go, and brought incredible enthusiasm to every game. Throughout the season, our students showed impressive commitment, improvement, and—most importantly—had heaps of fun on the field.
A big thank you to everyone who supported the team this year. We are super excited to build on this momentum and continue growing hockey at our kura next year!



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Netball

✨Magic in the Making Advance Camp 2026✨

Huge congratulations to **Bella McCulloch**, who has been named in the 22-player squad to attend the **Magic in the Making Advance Camp** on October 18!
Selectors named the squad after evaluating and testing 66 of the region's top secondary school players across two cluster development sessions in Whatakatāne and Morrinsville.
We are super proud of your achievement, Bella—congratulations!





Good Sorts Spotlight: Sapphire Taurua Stoneham

A huge congratulations to rising umpire **Sapphire Taurua Stoneham**, who was recently invited by Turua School to umpire at the 2026 Zespri AIMS Games!

Sapphire represented Thames High School with outstanding pride and integrity throughout the tournament, earning glowing feedback from the Turua team:
"Sapphire has been absolutely amazing. She has been helpful, kind, inclusive, and has done such an amazing job as an umpire. She got on so well with our team, watched our games, and supported us whenever her timetable allowed. She has been such a great representation of Thames High, showing all of your core values—we have loved having her as part of our group. She even showed me a Social Studies assignment she was working on, so she's been keeping up with her schoolwork too! Thank you for allowing her to come with us—she has definitely done herself and her school proud!"
Thank you for being such a fantastic role model and ambassador for our kura, Sapphire!

Thames netballer lands squad selection

By DAVIDDA HIKATANGATA

Isabella McCulloch is not afraid to step outside her comfort zone.

The 16-year-old netballer from Thames High School proved it recently when she put her best foot forward at a Netball Waikato-Bay of Plenty development session alongside 66 of the top secondary school players.

"The testing was challenging but also a really good experience because it pushed me to show what I could do as a player," she said.

Not only did it boost the year-12 student's confidence, from there the young star was selected to join a 22 player squad for the Magic in the Making Advance camp on October 18 at the Matamata Netball Centre. The camp is a high-performance development training event hosted by Netball Waikato Bay of Plenty Zone.

"I was honestly excited and proud of myself when I found out I had made the squad."

"Being selected out of 66 players is [a] really special achievement for me. It meant a lot to me because I know how much work I had put into my netball and it was exciting to see that hard work pay off," she told *The Profile*.


Isabella McCulloch, 16, was selected to attend the Magic in the Making Advance Camp. Photo: SUPPLIED

The camp "definitely met" Isabella's expectations because she said it offered her the chance to "challenge myself, build my confidence" and learn new things.

One of the biggest challenges was "performing under pressure" alongside so many talented players. Although it was difficult at times, the young athlete said she tried to stay focussed and "trust my abilities".

One thing was certain: "my love for the game has continued to grow".

Isabella began her netball journey at the age of 10 and said she enjoyed being able to learn and improve her skills ever since.

She started off in centre position but switched to shooter in 2025 due to getting appendicitis.

"It was supposed to be a temporary position while I recovered from the surgery but I ended up loving and having a passion for the position."

Isabella's netball experience was supported by others in her circle. "My mother is a big advocate for me for she has been encouraging me and taking me to the places I need to be to have achieved this far."

Someone she looked up to was her teacher, Michelle Tupper, who was a "big encouragement for me" in netball, she said.

"[She] has supported me and motivated me to keep going. She was one of the players for [the Waikato Bay of Plenty] Magic in 2000 and 2001 and she is my inspiration." Isabella also valued time with her team.

"Being on the court with my team mates gives me a feeling of excitement, happiness and belonging," she said.

"I love the energy we bring, being able to trust each other and working together towards the same goal."

The promising player's positivity and clear mindset was a strength. "I think it's important to aim for the stars because you never know what you can achieve unless you're willing to challenge yourself."



48 HOUR FILM COMPETITION

Our students take on the 48 Hour Film Challenge!

Huge congratulations to team Golden Ratio for completing the ultimate 48 Hour Film Competition challenge! In just two days, these creative students scripted, filmed, edited, and submitted their fantastic short film,
'THE GRATE HEIST'.

We are immensely proud of their hard work, teamwork, and dedication.

A massive thank you to Coromind Magazine for sponsoring our students and supporting local youth talent! Check out their article written by Year 12 student Trisha Twigley.

Students involved:

Leah Comrie
Felix Milner
Anna Dobie
Coby Franklin
Jemima Chewe
Lianna Sanchez
Tayo Elusanmi
Amrit Thayyi
Kim Ju Taing
Yuna Watanabe
Miya Costello
Rupali Singh
Tara De La Rive Box



GOLDEN RATIO IS BACK

Thames High and the 48Hour Film Competition

Once again, Golden Ratio has participated in the 48 Hour Film Competition, a competition in which the title is pretty self-explanatory: 48 hours to make a 5-minute short film. On 31st July, we grouped up in Thames High School (which was also to be our filming location) to find out our theme and four mandatory elements; we ended up with The Hacker/Heist Film with: an extreme close-up, an interruption, a rumour, and an illustration/portrait. After getting all of our information as the costumes were being designed, our script writers spent all night brainstorming characters and putting together our script for 'THE GRATE HIEST'.

The next morning we all got straight to work. We had 8am to 10pm to get all of our scenes done, so we began by getting our filming sets ready, costumes prepared and make-up done to prepare for a long day of filming. Once everything was prepared, we began shooting.

There were disagreements, laughs and arguments, with our cameraman constantly changing, but overall we finished right on time at 10pm.

This year we had one person on our post-production team, so on Sunday, all of the work went to Yuna – she worked hard to shorten the film to 5 minutes from about 13 minutes without muffing the script up and making the film totally confusing. I'm happy to say she succeeded. With some terrifying problems exporting the video, we ended up uploading the film just on time at 6pm!

I personally don't mind if we don't win anything. I found this experience even better than last year as we've all learnt from past mistakes and have greatly improved. This time I'm proud to say I was a part of Golden Ratio's team this year! Despite a lot of us being busy with school work and extracurricular activities, I'm glad we all managed to group up again with some new faces this year. I'd like to give a special thanks to Coromind for once again sponsoring us for the challenge; without them we wouldn't have been able to participate. This time we'd love to try making an extended cut version for everyone to enjoy our original script. We'll try to make sure you all see us again for the challenge next year!

Words by **Trisha Twigley**







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SPOTLIGHT ON INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

I'm going to write about my class,Te Ao Haka. The base movements of Haka are Takahi and Wiri. Takahi is the movement of stamping your right foot and Wiri is the movement of shaking your hands. These two movements can be seen in any dance, and I'm always aware of doing them.

In this class, I learned Te Akau o Te Aroha and Kikō, Kikō - Tirohia. Te Akau o Te Aroha is my most favourite piece. I really like it because the harmony is really beautiful and I love the dance. Kikō, Kikō - Tirohia performed using a traditional tool called poi. This is really difficult, so I usually practice a lot in the Whare.

We have Noho once every 2 weeks from Friday to Saturday. It's a hassle, but the food is tasty. At Noho, I do a lot of practice, but I also play games like charades and quizzes in Māori. When it's time to sleep at Noho, I lay out a bed inside the Whare. They wake me up at 6 in the morning with blasting music, which is really funny, but everyone is still half asleep. We do about 30 minutes of exercises like star jumps, planks, and squats before breakfast, but honestly, this is the hardest part at Noho. Other than breakfast and lunch, most of the time until 3o'clock is practice.

These practices are all for preparation for the Hauraki festival, which is happening in November. Performing at the Hauraki festival helps students to achieve credits from performing in front of an audience. Schools compete in the festival and can win prizes.

Kaori Nagai (Year 11)
From Japan





Volleyball Sport Team- At Thames High School

This year being a part of Thames High School has given me the chance to try new things, meet people and make great memories. In 2025, I came to Thames High School as an international student. At first I felt scared and a little lonely because I missed my old friends and the time I used to spend with them. Everything was new to me, and I had to go to a different school and had to make new friends. However, in 2026 I started having new experiences that made my school life more enjoyable.

In 2026, I decided to join the volleyball team at Thames High School. Playing volleyball with other students has made me have more fun in school. Spending time with them was creating memories and giving me an opportunity to try sports. I like playing together, cheering each other on and helping one another during the games. It was a great way to enjoy my time at school and do something different from my usual school work.

One of the best parts of playing volleyball was going to another school for a competition. It was exciting because I got to play against students from a different school and experience something new as a team. The competition gave me more experience and something new. I enjoyed being there with my teammates and playing together as a team. The competition gave me more experience and helped me learn how other students play volleyball. It also shows me that school sport is not just about winning. It is about having fun, trying your best and learning from others.

Being part of the volleyball team has taught me that teamwork is very important. We need to support each other, communicate and work together. Sometimes, we make mistakes, but we can learn from them and keep trying. When I first came to Thames High School, I was worried about making new friends and getting used to a new place. Joining volleyball gave me a chance to meet other students and enjoy new experiences. It taught me that trying something new can help us feel more confident and become part of a team.

Looking back, I am happy that I decided to play volleyball in 2026. It has given me fun, memories, new experience and the chance to represent at Thames High School with my teammate. My journey from being a new international student to joining a school sports team has taught me that trying new things can make a big difference.

Sivhorn Khly (Year 12)
From Cambodia

SPOTLIGHT ON INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



School in Japan versus school in New Zealand

I'm going to compare the differences between schools in Japan and New Zealand that I've noticed through my own experiences. Firstly I will talk about school age, compulsory education and choosing subjects. In Japan, children usually start primary school at the age of six, whereas in New Zealand, they usually start at five. Compulsory education in Japan lasts until the age of fifteen, while in New Zealand, students must attend school until the age of sixteen. One of the biggest differences is that students in New Zealand have more freedom to choose their own subjects as they get older, depending on their interests and future plans. In Japan students take many compulsory subjects. They can choose some electives, but their choices depend on their school's curriculum and whether they follow an academic or vocational course.

Another difference is school events. In Japan, students have school trips with everyone in the same year group, as well as cultural festivals and sports festivals. These events help students work together and make memories. In New Zealand, students sometimes go on class trips to learn outside the classroom. Some schools also celebrate Pink Shirt Day to stand against bullying and encourage kindness. I think school events are a great way to make friends and enjoy school life. The most difference is who organises it, and whether everyone works together as a team.

In Japan, students often clean their own classrooms, hallways and other school areas. Students work together to keep their school clean. I think this teaches students to be responsible and to take care of their school. However, in New Zealand, cleaners usually clean the classrooms and other areas. Students do not usually have to clean the whole school themselves. I think this is an interesting difference because, in Japan, cleaning is part of school life. Students can learn the importance of teamwork and keeping their environment clean. But I think that by not cleaning the school ourselves, we have more free time. We can use this time to study, relax or enjoy activities with our friends.

In New Zealand, students have four terms and about two weeks holiday between most terms. They also have summer holidays of about six to seven. In Japan, students usually have three terms, with spring, summer and winter holidays. Spring holidays and winter holidays are two weeks to three weeks long. Summer holidays are five to six weeks in Japan. In New Zealand students attend school for about 190 days a year, while Japanese students attend school for about 200 days a years

From these differences, I think Japanese schools help students develop teamwork and a sense of responsibility. On the other hand, I think New Zealand schools respect students' choices and time. I believe both approaches have their own advantages.

By Otoju Iga (Year 12)
From Japan

This year, I'm taking a Te Ao Haka class at Thames High School.

It's very fun and exciting, because in the Haka class we sing and dance.

I usually practice poi, but I'm not good at poi.

It is difficult to move the poi well, but I want to get better.

We sleep at school once every two weeks. This is called a Noho.

I use a sleeping bag when I'm staying at school, but it is hard to sleep in a sleeping bag.

In the morning, the teacher plays music at 6 o'clock.

The music is very loud, so I cannot sleep any more and have to wake up.

Everyone wakes up at 6 o'clock.

I practice singing, dancing and doing poi during the Noho. It's so hard.

But I enjoy the Noho, because I like the dinner that we have.

The reason we practice the haka during an overnight stay is that we participate in the Hauraki festival and we want to get as much practice as we can so that we will do well.

The Hauraki festival includes singing, dancing and poi.

Riko Namai (Year 11)
From Japanese student



SPOTLIGHT ON THE INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT



Blog Post: August 11, 2026

Our first Canyonz experience rotation for our Wild Fridays programme is officially underway, and it has kicked off to a fantastic start!

Our new July intake of international students didn't waste any time diving right into the action. Last Friday, they took off into the breathtaking wilderness of the Coromandel for their very first day of adventure. From mastering abseiling down steep rock faces to traversing waterfalls and navigating canyon trails, the students embraced every challenge with huge smiles and incredible energy.

Wild Fridays is all about getting out of the traditional classroom to build technical skills, foster confidence, and make unforgettable memories together. Seeing our new cohort push their limits and bond over their shared excitement was the perfect way to start Term 3. >>>>>>







<<<<<Blog Post: Hobbiton
September 9, 2026

Yesterday, Pauline took our German international students, along with Yui from Japan, on an unforgettable day trip to Hobbiton! It was a fantastic journey into the heart of Middle-earth, full of sightseeing, fun, and wonderful memories.

Throughout the trip, everyone had an absolute blast exploring the iconic Shire. Pauline was especially impressed by the students' commitment to practising their language skills—they spent the entire day chatting away with each other in English! Seeing everyone from different corners of the world connect and communicate so fluently was truly a highlight of the outing.

To wrap up a wonderful day, the group gathered at the Green Dragon Tavern in Hobbiton to relax and toast to their adventures with a cup of the famously delicious special brew ginger beer. It was the perfect, refreshing end to a magical day out!

Excerpt from Blog Post: Driving Creek
October 29, 2026

Last term, our wonderful International Programme Manager Pauline headed out for an action-packed day at the iconic Driving Creek in the Coromandel.

It was an incredible opportunity for our students to step away from the classroom, immerse themselves in New Zealand's native bush, and try out some truly unique Kiwi experiences.

Here are the highlights from our fantastic day out!

V V V V > > > >





We cant forget about the amazing time our student have been having learning to Surf in Whangamata too! This is part of the Wild Friday programme. V V V V





∧∧∧ Scuba Diving in Term 2!

SPOTLIGHT ON ACTIVE AS





Environmental - Active As 2026

The programme provided students with a meaningful, hands-on connection to their local environment. Through hīkoi, science, restoration, monitoring and reflection, students developed a deeper understanding of the Karaka Stream and their role as kaitiaki. The journey connected classroom learning with real-world environmental action and strengthened students' sense of place, responsibility and belonging.







KARAKA STREAM







Photo Bomb from other Active As Diciplines











Monday for our students is like a lot of students, teachers and workers who get that "Oh man! Not Monday!" feeling. It can be hard to start the week on a high. But the highlight of every Monday is Active As class at Thames High. Whatever start of the week "funk" we might be in, it is gone as soon as we see the Active As visual up on our timetable on the wall. Our tamariki know exactly when the bell rings, and they are out the door faster than you can say "Come back. . ..we still haven't finished our literacy!!"

Over the last three years, our Goldfields tauira have joined in with Tess and their Thames High peers in a range of fun as, inclusive as, active as activities, which have helped them grow physically, and socially. They love being part of a group, taking on new wero, and seeing what they can achieve when they keep practicing. An example of this that comes to mind straight away is Matthew and his skipping. For the first couple of months he was liable to whip your head off with the way he was swinging the rope around. But he kept practicing, we bought him a similar rope to practice with in class, and he is now so amazing at skipping that he can do some of the tricky flip moves that Super Skipper Sacha teaches him.

Right across the classroom though, our tamariki have taken on new sports, and learned new skills that they wouldn't have learned if we had just stayed in class. They have learnt to skip, how to box, how to lawn bowl, how to explore VR and so much more. They have learned how good exercise feels, how fun it is to do it with friends, and most importantly, being included in their kura, and having their mana enhanced with every session.

A huge thank you to Active As for being "awesome as", and being the highlight of our Monday.

- Matua Caleb Koia Hamling

SPOTLIGHT ON ACTIVE AS



Thank you to our Active As teachers Alicia Costello and Xavier Brown

Enhance the wellbeing of rangatahi through physical activity

increase the physical activity levels of rangata particularly those that are less active





























SPORTS AWARDS

Celebrating Athletic Excellence: Thames High School Sports Awards 2026

What an incredible evening of celebration, pride, and community spirit! The 2026 Thames High School Sports Awards brought together students, whānau, coaches, and supporters to honor the outstanding achievements, dedication, and sportsmanship of our athletes across a vast range of codes.

From athletics, swimming, and cross country to rugby, netball, mountain biking, adventure racing, and beyond, our students have shown immense grit, passion, and teamwork throughout the year.

A heartfelt ngā mihi goes out to the many coaches, managers, organizers, drivers, and supporters from our school and local community who give their time and energy to support our sports teams—without you, none of this would be possible!

2026 Major Award Winners
We are thrilled to highlight the recipients of our top prestigious awards for 2026:

- Team of the Year: **Senior Mixed Touch Team**
- (Thames Valley Secondary Schools Winners, 8th Overall at NZ Secondary Schools, and Ranked 5th in NZ)
- AMP Trophy / Colin Barlow AMP Cup (Best All Round Contribution to THS Sport): **Dimple Martin**
- The Maureen Coakley Cup (Best All Round Girl in Sport - Senior): **Lily McCarthy**
- The McConnell Cup (Best All Round Boy in Sport - Senior): **Walter Wiki**
- The Steven Hadley Award (Most Outstanding Achievement in Sport - Senior): **Walter Wiki & Jack McLaren**

Scan to see a more photos on our blog post

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SPORTS AWARDS

Service to Sport (Year 13)
Special acknowledgment goes to our Year 13 students who have generously given their time, effort, and support to Thames High School and the wider Thames sporting community:

- **Annie Perrett**
- **Kyah Lyon**
- **Lawron Waite**
- **Jess Rendall**
- **Lorenzo Yamamoto**
- **Isayah Boyd**
- **Walter Wiki**
- **Romie Dargaville**
- **Abbygail Patterson**
- **Immanuel Huwald**

Congratulations to all award winners, badge recipients, and participants who represented Thames High School with pride this year! Ka rawe!











SENIOR PRIZE GIVING

On Thursday, we came together as a community to honour the outstanding academic accomplishments, leadership, and dedication of our senior students at our annual Senior Prize-giving.

The celebrations kicked off in the afternoon with a special Valedictory Assembly honouring our Year 13 school leavers. We extend a sincere thank you to David Hoult, representing the Milford Foundation, for presenting this year's scholarships. It was a wonderful occasion to celebrate the achievements of our graduating cohort and recognise our 2026 scholarship recipients and officially announce our incoming 2027 Student Leaders and House Captains.

In the evening, our main prize-giving ceremony brought together students, families, staff, and distinguished guests. We were privileged to welcome His Worship the Mayor Peter Revell and MP for Coromandel Hon Scott Simpson, both of whom presented special awards to our deserving recipients.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Thames High School alumnus Daresh Patel. Daresh shared his personal journey of starting out in one university degree before pivoting to criminology, delivering a poignant message on perseverance and the power of aiming to try 1% harder each day.

We also heard inspiring addresses from the Presiding Member of the Board (speech included below) as well as three of our 2026 Head Students: Brooklyn Jiang, Kyah Lyon, and Annie Perrett.

Special mention must go to the vocal ensemble for their wonderful rendition of 'Englishman in New York'!

A massive congratulations to our top academic achievers for 2026:

Dux 2026: Immanuel Huwald



Proxime Accessit to Dux 2026 (Joint): Milla Sawyer and Lorenzo Yamamoto



SENIOR PRIZE GIVING

Top Awards Cont.

























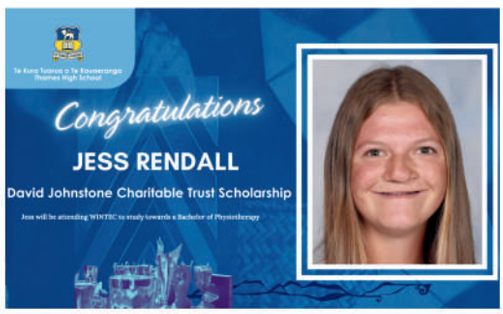




SENIOR PRIZE GIVING

Scholarship Recipients:













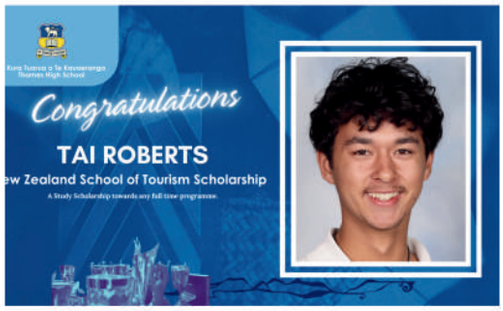














All photos can be viewed on our blog post by scanning this QR code

Year 11 Award Winners

Chloe Bergersen: 1st in Drama; Distinction in Art, English, Music, and Science
Chloe Booth: 1st Equal in English; Distinction in Health, Mathematics, and Science
Lana Bornman: 1st in Digital Applications; Distinction in Food & Hospitality
Jessica Darwall: 1st Equal in Art, 1st in Food & Hospitality; Distinction in English, Health, Mathematics, and Science
Lilly Donaldson: Distinction in Physical Education
Iwan Du Plessis: 1st in Mechanical Engineering; Distinction in Music
Cameron Duthie: Distinction in Science
Halle Earnshaw: Distinction in Horticulture
Laura Elliott: Distinction in Food & Hospitality, and Mathematics with Statistics
Eva Ellis: 1st in Te Ao Haka; Distinction in Mathematics with Statistics; Winner of the Walter Taipari Memorial Prize for Contribution to Kapa Haka
Aidan Fitzgerald: 1st in Geography
Jesse Fowles: Distinction in Mechanical Engineering
Lucy Gage-Maddox: Distinction in History
Arabella Hall: Distinction in Science
Teleah Harold: Distinction in Furniture
Gianni Hatawira: Distinction in Te Ao Haka
Dante Ioka: Distinction in Science
Alexa Jordan: Distinction in Mathematics with Statistics
Simrat Kaur: 1st in Horticulture, 1st in Physical Education; Distinction in Mathematics and Science; Winner of the Edwin Brown Trophy (Top Yr 11 Girl in PE) and the W H Baker Cup (Top Yr 11 Student in Mathematics)
Arabella King: Distinction in English
Blake McLaren: Distinction in Furniture
Felix Milner: 1st Equal in Level 2 Chemistry, 1st in Digital Technologies, 1st Equal in English, 1st in Level 3 Mathematics with Calculus, 1st in Level 2 Physics; Winner of the Sir Euler Calculus Cup (Top Yr 13 Calculus Student) and the 1955 Pupils 75th Anniversary Cup (Top Academic Performance in Year 11)
Kaori Nagai: Distinction in Mathematics
Keira Nunn: Distinction in Art and Drama
Eli O'Neil: Distinction in History and Science
Hunter Patterson: Distinction in Mechanical Engineering
Jason Prak: Distinction in Physical Education; Winner of the Jack Price Trophy for Top Yr 11 Boy in Physical Education
Amber Rayment: Distinction in English and Physical Education
Uniquewa Reynolds-Kokiri: Distinction in Te Reo Māori
Ankit Sami: 1st Equal in Mathematics with Statistics; Distinction in Horticulture
Arpit Sami: 1st Equal in Mathematics with Statistics; Distinction in Horticulture
Julieanna Sem: 1st in History; Distinction in Art, English, Mathematics, and Science
Alzora Taylor: Distinction in Art
Ruby Te Raki-Coleman: Distinction in Geography
Amisha Thayyil: 1st Equal in Art; Distinction in Science
Lexi Thomas: 1st in Health, 1st in Science; Distinction in English, Drama, and Mathematics
Lexie-Mae Wells: 1st in Fabric; Distinction in Mathematics with Statistics

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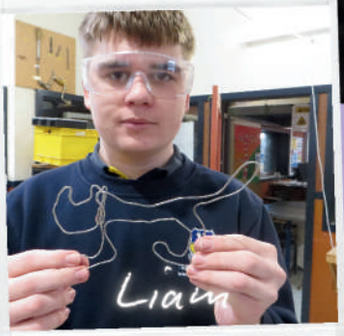
El resultado está asegurado y las quejas también



If it's meant to be, it will be.



I don't want a quote



I came, I saw, I dipped



Idk what to say



"i'd never order a whole pizza for myself" -tanka jahari



"Simply Lovely"
- Max Verstappen



Common sense is the collection of prejudices acquired by age 18.



It's not about being better than someone else. It's about being better than you were the day before.



Served 4 years atonement at Thames Jugendstrafanstalt



Never doubt my skills, just watch me.



"abcdefg i have to go" - Kourtney K



I wish I was playing minesweeper right now



Sayonara



My dad wore white shoes to school so it's prolly chillin if I do.



Tutorial Completed sandbox mode has now been enabled Big Takiwa out

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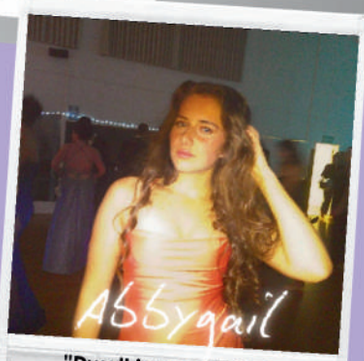
call me yeast for the amount of bread im bouta make



"Dwell in possibility"



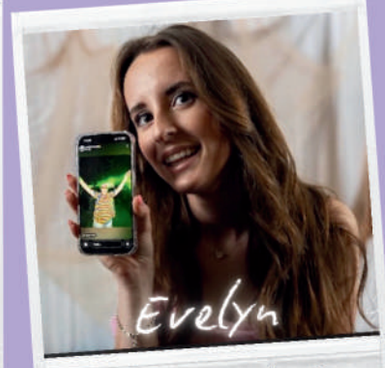
Be the reason someone still believes there is goodness in the world



A bombshell has left the villa.



For the homie dj screw 🗣️ ‼️ 🔥🔥



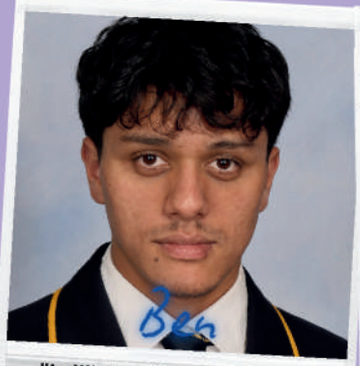
Pst 0800 Phone Away



"100% pure Japanese, as you can probably tell from my flawless English... 404 Error: Language not found."



"Bye"



"I still don't know what an adverb is"



Academically questionable, character development undeniable.



"I need a room full of mirrors so I can be surrounded by winners" - Kanye



Don't get so busy making a living that you forget to make a life.



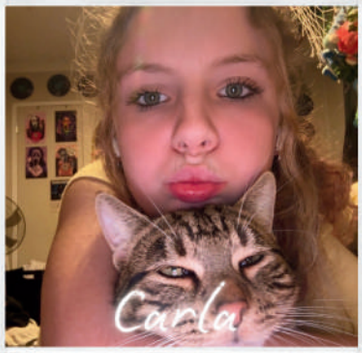
I put the "pro" in procrastination



But are you a different animal and the same beast? - you're welcome.



get me out



"What will your verse be?" - Robin Williams

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Good things take time that's why me and Lawron were always late Thank you, Bye



Good things take time that's why me and Tai were always late. Thank you bye



Came for English. Mastered "Sorry?"















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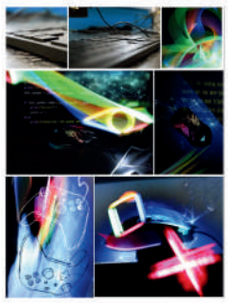
Aidan


Alzora


Amber


Arabella

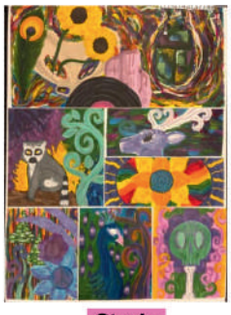

Anekah


Cameron


Amisha


Tyron


Sylvia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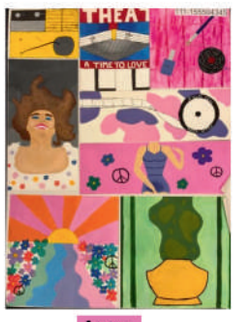


Lana


Riko


Te Anahera


Georgia

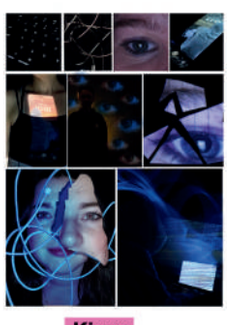

Reign


Mya


Lexi


Lexi-Mae


Gianni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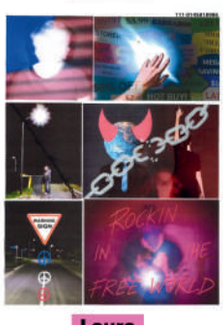


Laura


Julieanna

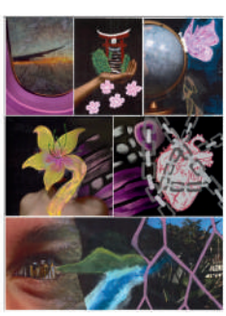

Kaori


Jessica


Isla


Halle


Faria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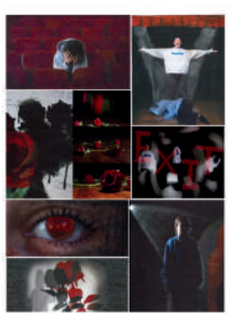
Ethan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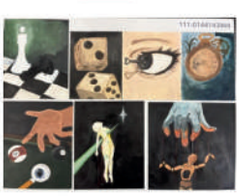
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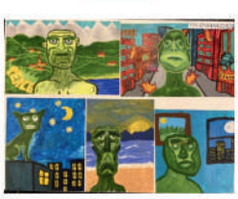
Flynn

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Trisha



Tyrah-Lee

Ngila





Wryn

Chevy





Nova

Frankie





Alla

Ai





Lianna

Miya





Karamea

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2025 HAURAKI KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL



Each year, after this yearbook goes to print our Kapa Haka Rōpu compete at the Hauraki Kapa Haka Festival.

Here are the photos from the 2025 festival.
From facebook:

🌿 **We were proud to have Te Puna o Te Pito Mata represent our kura at the 52nd Hauraki Kapa Haka Festival, held at Kerepehi Marae.**

Ngā mihi nui to our amazing tutors and helpers: **Johnson (Riha) Watene, Tahjonell Kaitamaki-Topia, Veronica Pakinga, Punehu Williams, Wiremu**, and our supportive parent helpers and wider school community — your dedication ensured our taiohi were well prepared, supported, and cared for.

A very special acknowledgement goes to **Whaea Anita and Whaea Irene**, and your team of helpers, for creating our beautiful piupiu and maro, worn for the first time this year. Your mahi is truly taonga — words can never fully express our thanks.

We also acknowledge our team leaders **Harris Elliott-Hogg and Akeira Houia**, and congratulate the rōpū on their strong performances across both the Hauraki and Open sections.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa, and we look forward to next year's festival at Te Aroha.
-Whaea Ra





















9AGRD



Ricky Anson
Lylah Bain
Matilda Bett
Jakayla Brockbank
Rio Edwards
Grace Hale
Jesse Hubscher
Atticus Kanara-Tokoa
Caitlin Kenny
Kora Lamont
Manu Ross
Peter Sothear
Alivia Takiwa
Kahlea-Lexi Tapp
River Taverner
Kathleen Wright-Ngeru
Miss Gordon (Teacher/Kaitiaki)

Absent: Jedi Taylor, Indica Wilson Bennett.

9DMCN



Addison Asafo
Alexander Bull
Khloe Donaldson
Jett Elliott
Riki Folau-Smith
Chantal Howard
Zara Johnson
Alyxes Kenmara
Hayz Kingi-Kahui
Logan Lee-Mason
Jayden Lourens
Rosie Moke-Nicholls
Skye Rameka
Ithaca Sherson
Declan Stirling
KimLeng Taing
Jahziah Tiraha-Hetet
Rhys Warne
Tyler Williams
Jorjena Willoughby
Mrs McLean (Teacher/Kaitiaki)

9HBYS



Blake Bergersen
George Duff
Nick Haakma
Jade Harrison
Kyla Howard
Joshua Le Roux
Eli Mathieson
Farron Mobberley
Jordy Rohrlach
Preston Rooney
Mavia Shiriwastow
Rene Sibanda
Holly Van Houtte
Anahera Wright
Alessandro Yamamoto
Ms Baylosis (Teacher/Kaitiaki)

Absent: Lilly-Anne Sands-Gage, Mila Tull.

9RAKH



Zoe Birch
Hunter Bodman
Amber Chaffey
Lachie Corbett
Ivy Goodman-Tomsett
Ali Gurnick Riddell
Ryley Hutton
Jewel Jana Rebin
Joseph Mc Gregor
Anja Patrman
Persia Rakete-Ross
August Reid
Reave Richards
Kayla Schultz
Katelyn Sem
Umā Shakespeare
Sigi Somervell
Te Haumia Tenboom
Lily Watson
Felix Welsh

Absent: Mrs Akhtar (Teacher/Kaitiaki).

10ASLA



David Charles
Zavian Douglas
Daniel Jennings
Eboni Miller
Caspian Milner
Manuel Moreno
Finn O'Shea
Daniel Restauro
Roy Rettymon
Benji Sawyer
Silver-Jay Thomas
Pep Thongsri
Roera Thorne
Aidan Tinto
Dan Walmsley

Absent: Dylan Cooper Wairepo, Boston Graham, Riley Knudsen-Whelan, Mia McCaskill, Pearl Newton, Mr Slaney (Teacher/Kaitiaki)

10DGDR



Cavika Booth
Tumai Cameron
Maggie Carter
Bayley Lee David
Tylahzae Feilo-Eketone
Declan Fenton
Haeley Gabb
Keanu Godwin-Kepa
JP Green
Phoenix Horton
Katelyn Jiang
Shauna Keane McNamara
Olivia Kenny
Darcy King
Zack McNair
Ava McQuarters
Nikau Racey - Williams
Kane West
Kade Williams
Kaleb Wynen
Mr Gador (Teacher/Kaitiaki)

Absent: Fynn Paki.

10HEMY



Olivia Baines
Raiden Dean
Jayda Fraser
Bianca Garland
Olivia Gill
Boston Gray
Sophia Haakma
Moana Harrison
Amelia Humphries
Jaxon Inch
Jacob Kidd
Thamenen Kong
Liam Le Roux
Ezra Lester
Pearl McWatt
Arnica Morrison
Lily O'Neale
Alina Pleydell
Sapphire Ross
Tyron Takiaho
Sapphire Taurua-Stoneham
Amy Titchner
Yuki Zhang

Absent: Alex Atrill, Dylan Black, Dels Epere Reuben, Jasmine Mariano, JJ Owen, Nate Whitney, Sirius Wilcox, Ms Emery (Teacher/Kaitiaki).

10REDW



Savannah Bevan
Jai Bradley
Esther Bullock
Sharleigha Burton
Luke de La Rive Box
Joseph Dobie
Sophie Hayward
Ayden Humphrey
Mickey Jordan
Lexie Lee-Ross
Ollie Louden
Neave Merrett
Lucie Miller
Raniera Rakete-Ross
Riley Richards
Nico Rolton
Jake Sara
Devon Smith
Niya Welsh

Absent: Toby Dryden, Phoenix Ellerington, Byron Johnson, Mr Edwards (Teacher/Kaitiaki).

A1



Absent: Darryl De Thierry, Sana Mono, Eli O'Neil.

A2



Absent: Honoka Shibata, Ariana Welch-Paki, Ms Phillips (Teacher/Kaitiaki).

A3



Absent: Toma Morikawa, Abhinav Sami, Mr Harrison (Teacher/Kaitiaki).

D1



D2



D3



Absent: Karlo Casertano, Bella Finnerty, Pia Handrick, Jayme Jamieson, T'aaliyah Moke, Zepplin Parkin, Arabella Simpson, Archie Stove

H1



Brandon Berger
Cleo Challis
Diontay-Rain Corry
Halle Earnshaw
Lucy Gage-Maddox
Devan Hotene
Fuku Kiyohara
Stevie Logan
Felix Milner
Tai Roberts
Taitan Topia
Lawron Waite
Oscar Zhang

Absent: Miakoda Burns, Devon Hodson, Rerenga Maxwell, Aly Mobberley, Tre' Paki, Mrs Kumari (Teacher/Kaitiaki).

H2



Hunter Bell
Holly Bradley
Wyatt Doherty
Aidan Fitzgerald
Yukina Hosono
Immanuel Huwald
Arabella King
Lena Kolvenbach
Kyah Lyon
Taiga Neufeld
Uniquewa Reynolds-Kokiri
Jack Smith
Shannara Smook
Fynn Tyson
Lorenzo Yamamoto
Luca Yamamoto

Absent: Daniel Burchell, Exodus Kanara, Ms Ferguson (Teacher/Kaitiaki).

H1



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Lawron Waite
Oscar Zhang

Absent: Miakoda Burns, Devon Hodson, Rerenga Maxwell, Aly Mobberley, Tre' Paki, Mrs Kumari (Teacher/Kaitiaki).

H2



Hunter Bell
Holly Bradley
Wyatt Doherty
Aidan Fitzgerald
Yukina Hosono
Immanuel Huwald
Arabella King
Lena Kolvenbach
Kyah Lyon
Taiga Neufeld
Uniquewa Reynolds-Kokiri
Jack Smith
Shannara Smook
Fynn Tyson
Lorenzo Yamamoto
Luca Yamamoto

Absent: Daniel Burchell, Exodus Kanara, Ms Ferguson (Teacher/Kaitiaki).

H3



Absent: Kaori Nagai, Lincoln Rodgers, Lauryn Welch-Paki.

R1



R2



Absent: Jack Busch, Liam Corbett, Riko Namai, Javan Rolton, Paige Van Bussel, Isaac Wood, Whaea Rahera (Teacher/Kaitiaki).

R3



Absent: Tayler Ri[illegible]

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

Staff 2026



Back Row: Romel Gador, Michelle Mulholland, Leanne Ardern, Sharen Stevenson
5th Row: Karen Anderson, Ravenesh Nand, Rodney Milner, Lisa Barnett, Donna Sawyer, Tessa Watts, Christine Sutton
4th Row: Cheryl Jordan, Jasmine Yorke, Anukar Kumar, Michael Kim, Luke Devery, Brylee Gordon, Pauline Managh, Xavier Brown
3rd Row: Tracey Reed, Clive Nixon, Shane Major, Jesse Watson, Rod Edwards, Michelle Tupper, Tai Pio, John McKeowen, James Elder
2nd Row: Jonah Caigoy, Svargo Svargo, Donna Mills, Juliet Emery, Rose Nisbet, Rawinia McLean, Mohinita Kumari, Jennifer Baylosis
Front Row: David Harrison, Daniel Neufeld, Michele Scoggins, Gareth Wright, Michael Hart, Chris Ashforth, Rahera Allen, Nichola Voice, Stephen Slaney
Absent: Mubashara Akhtar, Sharyn Baker, Sonya Brown, Lara Battson, Pauline Choppin, Paul Coleman, Alicia Costello, Pauline Elisara, Jen Fletcher, Kylie Finch, Chloe Ferguson, Carolyn Green, Raewyn Grey, Ann Hoover, Delwyn Houston, Shelley Johnston, Caleb Koia-Hamling, Cath Larden, Justina Lardner-Burke, Tony Mumford, Sarah Moffitt, Diana Maher, Dianna Phillips, Hayden Pearce, Michael Richardson, Sheree Riley, Mahbub Rahman, Simon (Sam) Rogers, Ken Rowe, Paul Ross, Roy Sharp, David Salisbury, Shade Smith, Lynley Strange, Carolina Tornero Martos, Susan Williams, John Wright, Sally Green

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

Student Leaders 2026



Back Row: Anna Dobie, Gracie Miller, Zara Chamberlain, Carson Fletcher, Dimple Martin, Kim Ju Taing
2nd Row: Lawron Waite, Shannara Smook, Lorenzo Yamamoto, Eli Lester, Ben Fitzgerald, Immanuel Huwald, Lexi Dinneen, Jen Fletcher (Teacher)
Front Row: Kyah Lyon, Holly Bradley, Brooklyn Jiang, Annie Perrett, Abbygail Patterson, Zaydee Prasad

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

Head Students 2026



Back Row: Holly Bradley, Kyah Lyon, Zaydee Prasad, Abbygail Patterson
Front Row: Brooklyn Jiang, Jen Fletcher (Teacher), Annie Perrett

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

Duke of Edinburgh
2026



Back Row: Luke de La Rive Box
2nd Row: Chloe Booth, Chloe Bergersen, Luca Yamamoto, Pauline Managh
Front Row: Eliza Carter, Kiera Nunn, Sophie Whyte

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

Hockey
2026



Back Row: Hunter Bodman, Arabella Hall, Miya Costello
2nd Row: August Reid, Cleo Challis, Eli Lester, Blake Bergersen, Laura Elliott, Pauline Managh
Front Row: Kiera Nunn, Haeley Gabb, Eliza Carter, Kiara Colquhoun, Katelyn Jiang
Absent: Bella Bevan, Ezra Lester, Kathleen Wright-Ngeru

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

Chess Team
2026



Back Row: Felix Milner, Byron Johnson, Alex Atrill
Front Row: Marilyn Simon Joseph, Kim Ju Taing, Precious Bulawan
Absent: Immanuel Huwald

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

Cheese Rollers
2026



Back Row: Lexi Dinneen
2nd Row: Charlie Lyon, Jess Rendall, Dimple Martin, Jeena Wilkinson
Front Row: Eikura Emery, Michele Scoggins, Evelyn Darwall

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

Librarians
2026



Back Row: Marilyn Simon Joseph, Sivhorn Khly, Precious Bulawan, Yukako Yoshima, Amisha Thayyil
2nd Row: Leah Comrie, Esther Bullock, Lily Watson, August Reid, Trisha Twigley, Yukina Hosono, Rose Nisbet
Front Row: Lily Hudson, Jesse Fowles, Roera Thorne, Raniera Rakete-Ross, Miya Costello
Absent: Rupali Singh

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

EARS
2026



Back Row: Marilyn Simon Joseph, Eliza Carter, Lexi Dinneen, Precious Bulawan, Yana McCabe
2nd Row: Lexi Thomas, Sophie Whyte, Tyla Cullen, Sivhorn Khly, Kylie Finch (Teacher)
Front Row: Kim Ju Taing, Brooklyn Jiang, Ben Fitzgerald, Shannara Smook, Dimple Martin
Absent: Armani Parata, Raelin Alvi, Hattie Aisbury, Ezra Lester

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School
2026



Troupe

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

Te Puna O Te Pita Mata Kapa Haka
2026



Back Row: Olivia Baines, Fuku Kiyohara, Taaliyah Royal-Wilson, Lilly-Anne Sands-Gage
4th Row: Sylvia Willoughby, Yukako Yoshima, Anahera Wright, Te Ora Moka, Zaydee Prasad, Kayla Schultz, Gianni Hatawira
3rd Row: Carbon Gage, Jayda Fraser, Kei Osone, Exodus Kanara, Eva Ellis, Gemmell Webster
2nd Row: Whaea Rawinia McLean, Pep Thongsri, Kaori Nagai, Alyxes Kenmara, Anekah Bennett, Ai Watanabe, Silver-Jay Thomas, Hunter Bodman, Mahia Wiremu Eketone
Front Row: Tyrah-Lee Fello-Eketone, Bayley Lee David, Uniquewa Reynolds-Kokiri, Tylahzae Fello-Eketone, Alia-Marie Guptill-Bronlund, Te Haumia Tenboom, Ruby Te Raki-Coleman, Toby Dryden
Absent: Johnson Reha Watene (Tutor), Tahjonelle Kaitamaki-Topia (Tutor), Riko Namai

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School
Netball - 10A
2026



Back Row: Neave Merrett
2nd Row: Mia McCaskill, Pearl Newton, Lucie Miller, Kelly Taurua (Coach)
Front Row: Sapphire Ross, Sapphire Taurua-Stoneham, Alina Pleydell
Absent: Savannah Bevan, Silver-Jay Thomas

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School
Student Volunteer Army
2026



Back Row: Evelyn Darwall, Miya Costello, Dimple Martin, Eliza Carter, Chevy Wilcox
4th Row: Amrit Thayyil, Charlie Lyon, Sivhorn Khly, Jess Rendall, Yukako Yoshima, Alisson Agudelo Posada, Precious Bulawan, Lexi Thomas
3rd Row: Sophie Whyte, Byron Johnson, Cleo Challis, Kei Osone, Tayo Busanmi, Thamenen Kong, Leah Comrie, Aryan Sharma, Chloe Bergersen
2nd Row: Jessica Atrill, Yukina Hosono, Chloe Booth, Ai Watanabe, Jessica Darwall, Katelyn Jiang, Elkura Emery, Faiza Fahim, Luke de La Rive Box
Front Row: Lexi Dinneen, Zara Chamberlain, Marilyn Simon Joseph, Brooklyn Jiang, Kim Ju Taing, Shannara Smook, Raelin Alvi, Zaydee Prasad, Anna Dobie
Absent: Abbygail Patterson, William Jensen, Kiera Nunn

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School
Netball - 9 Blue
2026



Back Row: Desiree Robson (Coach), Addison Asafo, Tyler Williams, Candyce Bain (Coach)
Front Row: KimLeng Taing, Rene Sibanda, Lily Watson
Absent: Jordy Rohriach, Skye Rameka, Mila Tuli, Grace Hale

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School
Netball - 10B
2026



Back Row: Olivia Gill, Arnica Morrison, Riley Richards
Front Row: Nico Rolton, Ava McQuarters, Sharleigha Burton
Absent: Bianca Garland, Lexie Lee-Ross, Pearl McWatt, Pep Thongsri

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

Netball - 9 Gold
2026



Back Row: Lilly-Anne Sands-Gage
2nd Row: Desiree Robson (Coach), Te Ora Moka, Alivia Takiwa, Candyce Bain (Coach)
Front Row: Katelyn Sem, Lylah Bain, Kayla Schultz, Alyxes Kenmara, Anahera Wright

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

Netball - Senior A
2026



Back Row: Holly Bradley, Nova Sawyer, Isabella McCulloch, Lilly Donaldson, Lily McCarthy, Teresa Tauroa
Front Row: Gwen Kingi, Dimple Martin, Lawron Waite, Frankie Merrett, Gracie Miller

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

2026



Senior Netball

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

Netball - Senior B
2026



Back Row: Simrat Kaur, Eva Ellis, Isabella McCulloch, Kelly Taurua (Coach)
Front Row: Lawron Waite, Frankie Merrett, Olivia Lamont
Absent: Taylor Lamont, Lukka McCulloch, Savannah Corbett

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

Rugby - 1st XV
2026



Back Row: Cole Muir, Archie Stove, Takalia Turner, Max White, Dante Ioka, Royal Dean
2nd Row: Jen Fletcher (Manager), Taare Campbell, Hunter Bell, Rocky Tuhakaraina, Tre' Paki, Lorenzo Yamamoto, Gemmell Webster, Mike Campbell (Coach)
Front Row: Taitan Topia, Tyron Baker, Carson Fletcher, Walter Wiki, Tyler Smith, Eli O'Neil
Absent: Isayah Boyd

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

String Group
2026



Eikura Emery, Sophia Haakma, Leah Comrie, Raiden Dean

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

International Students - Term 3 2026



Back Row: Kaori Nagai, Ai Watanabe, Yukako Yoshima, Klara Schiemanowski, Fuku Kiyohara, Otoju Iga
2nd Row: Luna Lam, Line Krapp, Kei Osone, Sivhorn Khly, Yui Eto, Haruma Ikejiri, Pauline Managh (Teacher)
Front Row: Yukina Hosono, Lilli Niemann, Liana Gehrke, Nele Doering, Juri Neu, Juri Tsukagoshi
Absent: Riko Namai, Maxi Banse, Henrik Weissenberger

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

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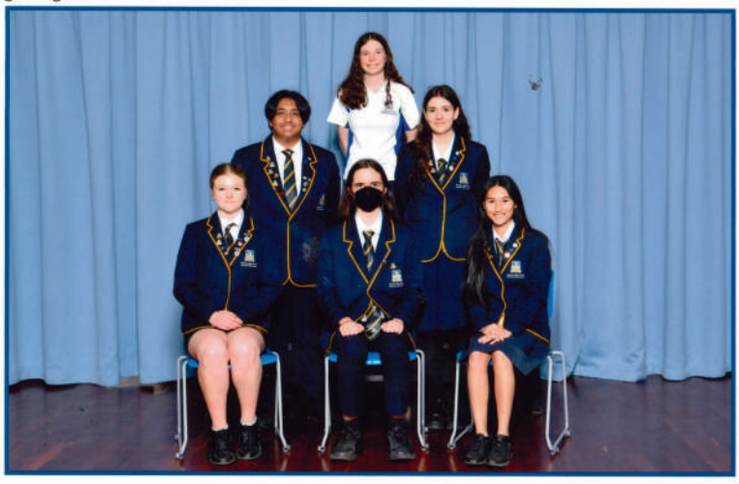


Back Row: Eliza Carter
2nd Row: Brooklyn Jiang, Shannara Smook
Front Row: Zara Chamberlain, Immanuel Huwald, Kim Ju Taing
Absent: Marilyn Simon Joseph

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

Touch - Junior Boys 2026



Back Row: Jedi Taylor, Phoenix Horton, Thamenen Kong
2nd Row: Toby Dryden, George Duff, Bayley Lee David, Manu Ross, Jett Elliott, Nate Whitney
Front Row: Hayz Kingi-Kahui, Devon Smith, Fynn Paki, Jake Sara, Jai Bradley
Absent: Declan Fenton, JP Green, Darcy King, Finn O'Shea, Atticus Kanara-Tokoa, Jayden Lourens, Te Haumia Tenboom, JJ Owen

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

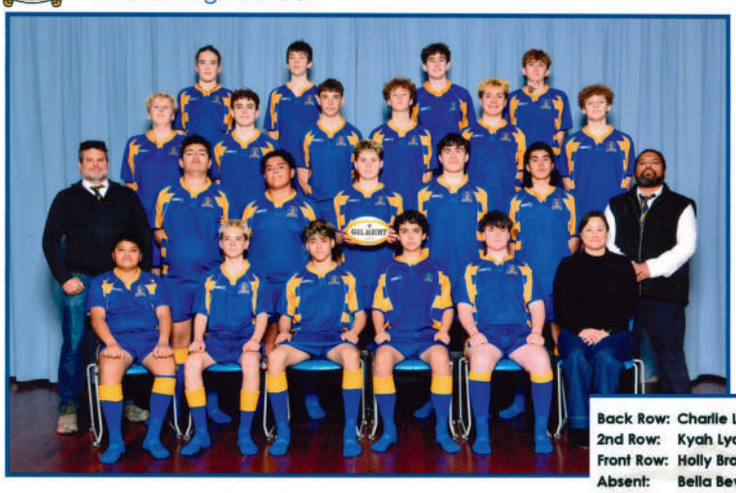
Thames Valley Athletics 2026



Back Row: Jess Rendall, Aizora Taylor, Jedi Taylor, Lucie Miller, Maia Whitney
4th Row: Jason Prak, Nate Whitney, George Duff, Tyler Smith, Preston Rooney, Alex Atrill
3rd Row: Luca Yamamoto, Archie Stove, Fynn Paki, Rocky Tuhakaraina, Jack McLaren, Cole Muir, Jett Elliott
2nd Row: Gwen Kingi, Lily McCarthy, Jai Bradley, Lilly Donaldson, Miya Costello, Alyxes Kenmara
Front Row: Gracie Miller, Annie Perrett, Carson Fletcher, Blaze Houghton, Lorenzo Yamamoto, Kyah Lyon, Dimple Martin
Absent: Walter Wiki, Isayah Boyd, Milla Sawyer, Brandon Berger, Romie Dargaville Rehua, Laura Elliott, Teleah Harold, Mila Tuli, Alessandro Yamamoto, Caitlin Kenny, Kora Lamont, Lily Watson, Jette Diepholz, Rene Sibanda, Amber Rayment, Chris Kilian, Tyron Baker, Alina Pleydell, Raiden Dean, Atticus Kanara-Tokoa,

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

Rugby - Youth Boys U15 2026



Back Row: Toby Dryden, Jedi Taylor, Wyatt Doherty, Jai Bradley
3rd Row: Zack McNair, George Duff, Jett Elliott, Manu Ross, Boston Gray, Preston Rooney
2nd Row: Campbell Duff (Coach), Bayley Lee David, Tylahzae Fello-Eketone, Nate Whitney, Fynn Paki, Te Haumia Tenboom, Wiremu Eketone (Coach)
Front Row: Hayz Kingi-Kahui, Jake Sara, Devon Smith, Phoenix Horton, Zavier Jolly, Kezia Gray (Manager)
Absent: Kingston Morehu, Declan Fenton, JP Green, Darcy King, Kaleb Wynen

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

Rugby - Open Girls 1st XV 2026



Back Row: Charlie Lyon, Pearl McWatt, Ruby Te Raki-Coleman, Taylor Lamont
2nd Row: Kyah Lyon, Nova Sawyer, Alla-Marie Guptill-Bronlund, Annie Perrett, Olivia Lamont, Jayda Fraser, Jon Liddell (Coach)
Front Row: Holly Bradley, Alyxes Kenmara, Dimple Martin, Lily McCarthy, Gwen Kingi, Gracie Miller
Absent: Bella Bevan

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

Rugby - Youth Girls
2026



Back Row: Lilly-Anne Sands-Gage, Pearl McWatt, Jayda Fraser, Jon Liddell (Coach)
Front Row: Persia Rakete-Ross, Te Ora Moka, Alyxes Kenmara, Kayla Schultz, Ava McQuarters
Absent: Lexie Lee-Ross, Mila Tull

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

Sport/House Captains
2026



Back Row: Charlie Lyon, Tyla Cullen, Pyper Liddell, Tai Roberts, Romie Dargaville Rehua, Eikura Emery
Front Row: Dimple Martin, Gracie Miller, Carson Fletcher, Lawron Waite, Lorenzo Yamamoto

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

Touch - Junior Girls
2026



Back Row: Alyxes Kenmara, Sapphire Ross, Raiden Dean
2nd Row: Mia McCaskill, Lucie Miller, Pearl Newton, Sapphire Taurua-Stoneham
Front Row: Alina Pleydell, Caitlin Kenny, Ava McQuarters, Olivia Baines, Sharleigha Burton

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

Touch - Senior Mixed
2026



Back Row: Alyxes Kenmara, Annie Perrett, Maia Whitney, Gwen Kingi
2nd Row: Jen Fletcher (Manager), Tyron Baker, Rocky Tuhakaraina, Fynn Paki, Tyler Smith, Alex Morrison (Coach)
Front Row: Lily McCarthy, Carson Fletcher, Walter Wiki, Archie Stove, Gracie Miller

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

TV Badminton Juniors
2026



Back Row: Ricky Anson, Jai Bradley, Luke de La Rive Box
2nd Row: Toby Dryden, Fynn Paki, Liam Le Roux, Thamenen Kong
Front Row: Yuki Zhang, Peter Sothear, Lucie Miller, Nate Whitney, Sophia Haakma

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

Tough Guy & Gal Challenge
2026



Back Row: Lawron Waite, Tai Roberts, Alia-Marie Guptill-Broniund, Charlie Lyon
2nd Row: Daniel Burchell, Carson Fletcher, Cole Muir, Blaze Houghton, Kyah Lyon, Royal Dean
Front Row: Holly Bradley, Alisson Agudelo Posada, Walter Wiki, Scarlet Crook, Annie Perrett
Absent: Lincoln Rodgers, Liam Marshall, Caedan De Thierry, Isayah Boyd, Reece Frisken, Taj Shirlwastow, Ashton Takiwa, Haruma Ikejiri, Alma Ostermaier, Jette Diepholz, Yivie Becker

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

TV Badminton Seniors 2026



Back Row: Chevy Wilcox, Dimple Martin, Blake McLaren, Gwen Kingi
3rd Row: Wyatt Doherty, Oscar Zhang, Daniel Burchell, Walter Wiki, Devnarayan Don
2nd Row: Fynn Tyson, Archie Stove, Aidan Fitzgerald, Rocky Tuhakaraina, Billy Beaton, Tyron Baker
Front Row: Kim Ju Taing, Lilly Donaldson, Lily McCarthy, Lexi Dinneen, Jess Rendall, Maia Whitney, Gracie Miller

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

TV Golf 2026



Back Row: Gwen Kingi, Eli O'Neil, Iwan Du Plessis, Lily McCarthy
2nd Row: Archie Stove, Takalia Turner, Rocky Tuhakaraina, Chris Killian, Taare Campbell, Tyron Baker
Front Row: Lilly Donaldson, Taitan Topia, Gracie Miller, Daniel Burchell, Maia Whitney
Absent: Lian Du Plessis, Bella Bevan

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

TV Swimming 2026



Back Row: Maia Whitney
2nd Row: Wyatt Doherty, Lorenzo Yamamoto, Luca Yamamoto, Nova Sawyer
Front Row: Nate Whitney, Toby Dryden, George Duff
Absent: Alessandro Yamamoto

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

TV Tennis 2026



Back Row: Chloe Booth, Cleo Challis
Front Row: Wyatt Doherty, Fynn Paki, Blake Bergersen
Absent: Dimple Martin, Mavia Shiriwastow, Alessandro Yamamoto

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

Vocal Ensemble 2026



Back Row: Chloe Bergersen, Sophia Haakma, Cleo Challis, Arabella Hall
Front Row: Shannara Smook, Chloe Booth, Eikura Emery

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

TVSS Cross Country 2026



Back Row: Luke de La Rive Box, Zara Chamberlain, Alyxes Kenmara
2nd Row: Jai Bradley, Tyron Baker, Blaze Houghton, Jack McLaren, Luca Yamamoto, Pearl Newton
Front Row: Lily Watson, Lucie Miller, Lorenzo Yamamoto, Maia Whitney, Lily McCarthy
Absent: Jess Rendall, Cole Muir, Darcy King, Alessandro Yamamoto, Caitlin Kenny, Kora Lamont, Kayla Schultz

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

Volleyball - Senior Girls 1
2026



Back Row: Miya Costello, Jemima Chewe, Amber Rayment, Dimple Martin
Front Row: Raelin Aivi, Jessica Atrill, Tyrah-Lee Feilo-Eketone, Chevy Wilcox, Kim Ju Taing

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

Volleyball - Senior Girls 2
2026



Back Row: Lianna Sanchez, Eliza Carter, Sophie Whyte
Front Row: Precious Bulawan, Olivia Kenny, Sivhorn Khly
Absent: Anekah Bennett, Payton De Thierry, Rupali Singh, Otoju Iga, Amber Thomson, L

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

Waikato Bay of Plenty Athletics
2026



Back Row: Alyxes Kenmara, Miya Costello, Jai Bradley
2nd Row: Aizora Taylor, Rocky Tuhakaraina, Fynn Paki, Tyler Smith
Front Row: Jess Rendall, Alex Atrill, Dimple Martin, Luca Yamamoto, Maia Whitney
Absent: Walter Wiki, Isayah Boyd, Atticus Kanara-Tokoa, Mila Tuli

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

Waikato SS Cross Country
2026



Back Row: Tyron Baker, Blaze Houghton, Jack McLaren, Luca Yamamoto, Pearl Newton
Front Row: Luke de La Rive Box, Lily Watson, Lorenzo Yamamoto, Maia Whitney, Jai Bradley
Absent: Cole Muir, Caitlin Kenny, Kora Lamont

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

Waikato SS Swimming Champs
2026



Present: Maia Whitney, Lorenzo Yamamoto, Luca Yamamoto, Nova Sawyer
Absent: Alessandro Yamamoto

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

Ball Committee
2026



Back Row: Abbygail Patterson, Milla Sawyer, Lexi Dinneen, Alisson Agudelo Posada
3rd Row: Gracie Miller, Kim Ju Taing, Jess Rendall, Charlie Lyon, Anna Dobie
2nd Row: Zara Chamberlain, Carson Fletcher, Shannara Smook, Kyah Lyon, Pyper Liddell, Tai Roberts, Jen Fletcher
Front Row: Annie Perrett, Lawron Waite, Dimple Martin, Ben Fitzgerald, Tyla Cullen, Brooklyn Jiang, Holly Bradley
Absent: Jacob White, Tai Shiriwastow, Armani Parata

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School
2026



Year 13 - Dress Up

Back Row: Juri Tsukagoshi, Lian Du Plessis, Tyla Cullen, Reece Frisken, Jeena Wilkinson, Yukako Yoshima
4th Row: Jess Rendall, Tai Roberts, Taiga Neufeld, Cooper Greenwood, Liam Marshall, Coby Franklin, Kei Osone, Jack Busch, Taj Shiriwastow, Scarlet Crook
3rd Row: Aryan Sharma, Leah Comrie, Caedan De Thierry, Dylan Cameron, Abhinav Sami, Tayo Elusanmi, Jayme Jamieson, Ashton Takiwa, Walter Wiki, Pyper Liddell, Alison Tomsett
2nd Row: Yukina Hosono, Faiza Fahim, Milla Sawyer, Charlie Lyon, Carla Chaffey, Romie Dargaville Rehua, Lucy Wong, Eikura Emery, Alisson Agudelo Posada, Evelyn Darwall, Yana McCabe, Jen Fletcher (Teacher)
Front Row: Lexi Dinneen, Immanuel Huwald, Lorenzo Yamamoto, Holly Bradley, Abbygail Patterson, Brooklyn Jiang, Annie Perrett, Kyah Lyon, Ben Fitzgerald, Shannara Smook, Lawron Waite
Absent: Devon Hodson, Darryl De Thierry, Lincoln Rodgers, Tayler Richards, Isayah Boyd, Kairah Turoa, Simon Darwall, Jacob White, Liam Corbett, Ariana Welch-Paki, Armani Parata, Jack Robertson, Shiloh Gilmor, Haruma Ikejiri, Lena Kolvenbach, Yivie Becker

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Thames High School
Year 13
2026



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Thames High School
Band - Worst Case Scenario
2026



Chloe Bergersen, Aizora Taylor, Eli Lester, Sophia Haakma

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School
Basketball - Junior Boys Blue
2026



Back Row: Reave Richards, Hayz Kingi-Kahui, Ali Gurnick Riddell, Preston Rooney, Mavia Shiriwastow, Phil Taylor (Coach)
Front Row: Peter Sothear, George Duff, Jedi Taylor, Jett Elliott, Manu Ross

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School
Basketball - Junior Boys Gold
2026



Back Row: Nate Whitney, Fynn Paki, Bayley Lee David, Liam Le Roux, Nathan Wanhill, Tyron Baker (Coach)
Front Row: Caspian Milner, Thamenen Kong, Devon Smith, Zack McNair, Tylahzae Feilo-Eketone
Absent: Boston Graham

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School
Basketball - Junior Boys Tournament Team
2026



Back Row: Tyron Baker, George Duff, Nathan Wanhill, Bayley Lee David, Liam Le Roux, Phil Taylor (Coach)
Front Row: Devon Smith, Thamenen Kong, Jett Elliott, Nate Whitney, Jedi Taylor

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

Basketball - Senior Boys
2026



Back Row: Brandon Berger, Takalia Turner, Obe Fraser, Phil Taylor (Coach)
Front Row: Tyler Smith, Cole Muir, Carson Fletcher, Max White, Koby Maddren

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

Basketball - Senior Girls
2026



Back Row: Simrat Kaur, Pearl Newton, Jayda Fraser
Front Row: Olivia Baines, Dimple Martin, Mia McCaskill

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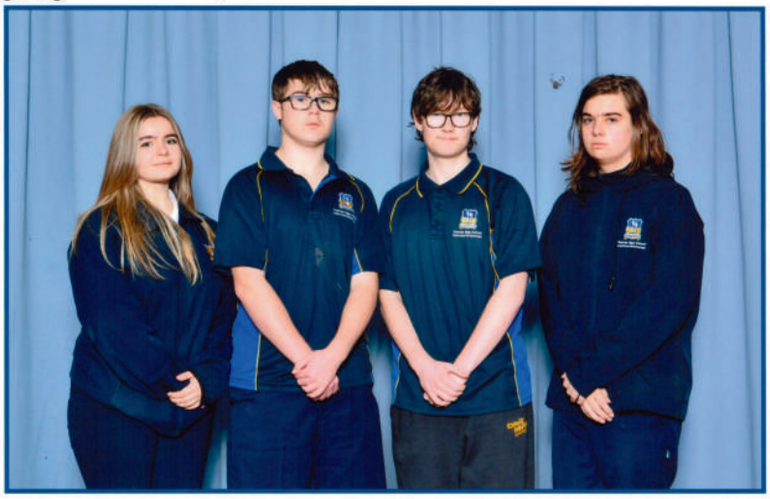
E Sports
2026



Jessica Atrill, Alex Atrill, Byron Johnson, Mickey Jordan

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

Environmental Group
2026



Back Row: Marilyn Simon Joseph, Precious Bulawan, Roy Rettymon
2nd Row: August Reid, Tayo Elusanmi, Kei Osone, Cleo Challis
Front Row: Katelyn Jiang, Brooklyn Jiang, Kim Ju Taing, Shannara Smook, Sivhorn Khly
Absent: Faiza Fahim, Aizora Taylor, Oscar Zhang, Joseph Dobie, Lily Watson

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

Epro8 - Juniors
2026



Back Row: Nick Haakma
2nd Row: Byron Johnson, Blake Bergersen, George Duff, Preston Rooney
Front Row: Jayden Lourens, Alex Atrill, Eli Mathieson
Absent: Alessandro Yamamoto

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

Epro8 - Seniors
2026



Present: Felix Milner, Jessica Atrill
Absent: Arabella Hall, Oscar Zhang

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

Football - Junior Boys
2026



Back Row: Ricky Anson, Declan Stirling
2nd Row: Michael Dobie (Manager), Blake McLaren, Ibrahim Jebril, Alex Atrill, Joshua Le Roux, Xavier Brown (Coach)
Front Row: Roy Rettymon, Luca Yamamoto, Joseph Dobie, Daniel Restauro, Luke de La Rive Box
Absent: Finn O'Shea, Aidan Tinto, Alessandro Yamamoto, Alexander Bull

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

Football - Senior Girls
2026



Back Row: Pep Thongsri, Dimple Martin, Pearl Newton, Olivia Baines, Chloe Booth, Xavier Brown (Coach)
2nd Row: Rechelle Rendall (Manager), Kora Lamont, Jessica Atrill, Sophia Haakma, Alina Pleydell, Faiza Fahim
Front Row: Caitlin Kenny, Lily McCarthy, Jess Rendall, Olivia Kenny, Niya Welsh

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

Get2Go
2026



Back Row: Esther Bullock, George Duff, Toby Dryden, Zoe Birch
Front Row: Luke de La Rive Box, Ryley Hutton, Lily Watson, Sophia Haakma, Jayden Lourens
Absent: Darcy King, Alyxes Kenmara, Caitlin Kenny, Jedi Taylor, Kora Lamont

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga
Thames High School

Gymsports
2026



Caitlin Kenny, Zara Johnson

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Thames High School

House Leaders
2026



Back Row: Eikura Emery
2nd Row: Charlie Lyon, Pyper Liddell, Tyla Cullen, Romie Dargaville Rehua
Front Row: Lorenzo Yamamoto, Dimple Martin, Tai Roberts

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Junior Leaders
2026



Back Row: River Taverner, Mia McCaskill, Peter Sothear, George Duff, Pearl McWatt, Ava McQuarters
Front Row: Raniera Rakete-Ross, Lily Watson, Roy Rettymon, Rene Sibanda, Thamenen Kong
Absent: Darcy King, Niya Welsh, Anja Patrman, Ithaca Sherson

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Mountain Bike Team
2026



Back Row: Ryley Hutton, Blake Bergersen, Billy Beaton, Blake McLaren, Zoe Birch
2nd Row: Lisa Barnett (Coach), Ricky Anson, Jai Bradley, Jack McLaren, Blaze Houghton, Toby Dryden, Luke de La Rive Box, Chris Harrison (Coach)
Front Row: Jayden Lourens
Absent: Kane West, Sirius Wilcox, Atticus Kanara-Tokoa

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Mountain Bike Team
2026



Back Row: Blake Bergersen, Billy Beaton, Blake McLaren, Zoe Birch
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SOME WRITING

THE WILD ONES

A published poem by our English Teacher Ms Yorke!

Sometimes, walking the track
where the gorse thins
and the fern breathes its damp breath,
I feel it rising in me—

that old, strange longing
for the soft-footed ones
to step out of the shadows
and choose me.

To nuzzle my open hand,
to look up with the moon-wide eyes
of the doe, the rabbit, the wary bird,
as if I were some benevolent queen
whom the forest has finally recognised.

How bright that dream is.
How dangerous.

Because there is another pulse in me, too—
older than language,
sharp as a flint worked to an edge—
the hunter who studies tracks,
who feels the heart quicken
at the rustle in the brush

who imagines the tender body
drawn close,
a kiss of gratitude on its brow
before the swift, final stillness.
And I stand there, ashamed
and astonished,
wondering what kind of kingdom
lives under my ribs—

one hand reaching,
one hand closing.

The trees keep their counsel.
The wild ones stay hidden.

Only the wind answers,
passing through the leaves,
reminding me that love
and dominion
are not the same,

and that sometimes the truest mercy
is to want
and to let go,
and to walk home alone.

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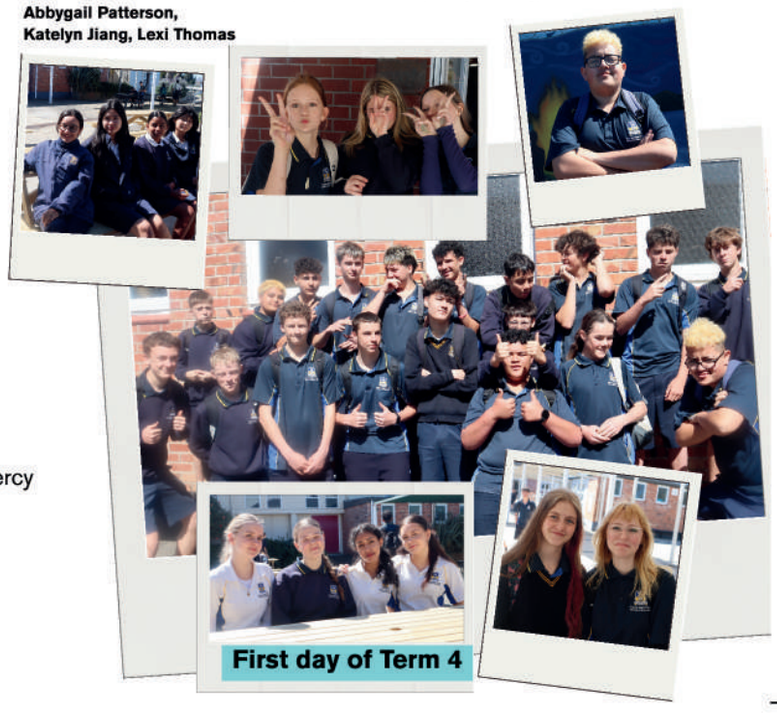
Student Council
2026



Back Row: Zaydee Prasad, Pearl McWatt, George Duff, Leah Comrie, Brooklyn Jiang, Kyah Lyon
Front Row: Alessandro Yamamoto, Frankie Merrett, Holly Bradley, Annie Perrett, Abbygail Patterson, Katelyn Jiang, Lexi Thomas



First day of Term 4

SPORTS AWARDS

Athletics
Old Boys Challenge - Senior Boys Champion
Walter Wiki
Watkin Memorial - Senior Boys Runner up
Isayah Boyd
Carswell Cup - Senior Boys 3000m Champion
Jack McLaren
Rudman Cup - Senior Boys 1500m Champion
Jack McLaren
Bailey Cup - Senior Boys 800m Champion
Isayah Boyd
Casey Athletic Cup - Senior Boys Sprint 100m & 200m
Walter Wiki
Galloway Memorial - Intermediate Boys Champion
Luca Yamamoto
THS Sports Club Trophy - Intermediate Boys Athletics Runner Up
Archie Stove
Miller Cup - Intermediate Boys 1500m Champion
Luca Yamamoto
EG Brown Cup - Intermediate Boys 800m Champion
Luca Yamamoto
RSA Cup - Junior Boys Champion
Fynn Paki
THS Sports Club Trophy - Junior Boys Runner Up
Jai Bradley
Morrisey Cup - Junior Boys 1500m Champion
Jai Bradley
McLeish Cup - Junior Boys 800m Champion
Jai Bradley
Buick Cup - Senior Girls Champion
Jess Rendall
Danby Cup - Senior Girls Runner Up
Dimple Martin
Darrah Cup - Senior Girls Sprint Champion
Jess Rendall
Raewyn Cowles - Intermediate Girls Champion
Alzora Taylor
Whiteman Cup - Intermediate Girls Runner Up
Maia Whitney
Junior Champion Cup - Junior Girls Champion
Alyxes Kenmara
THS Sports Club Trophy - Junior Girls Athletics Runner Up
Olivia Kenny
Rex Pearson Cup - Junior Girls 300m Champion
Alyxes Kenmara

Sports Laurel: Half Colour
Thames Valley Athletics- JNR GIrls 3rd 3000m
Lily Watson
Thames Valley Athletics- JNR Boys 2nd Shot put
Alex Attril
Thames Valley Athletics- JNR Boys 2nd 300m
Atticus Kanara-Tokoa
Thames Valley Athletics- INT Girls 1st Long Jump
Maia Whitney
Thames Valley Athletics- INT Girls 1st Discus , 2nd Javelin , 3rd Shot put **Alzor Taylor**
Thames Valley Athletics- INT Boys 1st Triple Jump
Tyler Smith
Thames Valley Athletics- INT Boys 2nd 3000m , 2nd 1500m
Luca Yamamoto
Thames Valley Athletics- SNR Girls 2nd High Jump , 2nd 100m ,3rd 200m **Jess Rendall**
Thames Valley Athletics- SNR Girls 2nd High Jump
Miya Costello
Thames Valley Athletics- SNR Boys 1st Long Jump , 2nd 200m , 3rd 100m **Walter Wiki**
Thames Valley Athletics- SNR Boys 1st Triple Jump , 2nd Long Jump **Isayah Boyd**

Sports Laurel: Full Colour
Thames Valley Athletics- 2nd Triple Jump : Wai/BoP Athletics-4th Triple jump **Rocky Tukakaraina**

Cross Country
Diamond Jubilee Shield - Senior Boys Champion
Jack McLaren
Thames Goldfields Centennial Cup - Intermediate Boys
Champion Luca Yamamoto
Stewart Cup - Junior Boys Champion
Jai Bradley
Old Pupils Association Cup - Senior Girls Champion
Lily McCarthy
Gwen Brunton Cup - Intermediate Girls Champion
Pearl Newton
Ann Maskell Cup - Junior Girls Champion
Alyxes Kenmara
Boys Cross Country Medal - Fastest Overall Boy
Jack McLaren
Girls Cross Country Medal - Fastest Overall Girl
Lily McCarthy

Sports Laurel: Half Colour
Thames Valley Cross Country- 2nd U20 Boys
Jack McLaren
Thames Valley Cross Country- 3rd U120 Girls
Maia Whitney

Swimming
Australia Cup - Senior Boys Champion
Lorenzo Yamamoto
Brownlee Cup - Intermediate Boys Champion
Luca Yamamoto
Kings Theatre Cup - Junior Boys Champion
Nate Whitney
Joyce Cup - Senior Girls Champion N/A
Twentyman Cup - Intermediate Girls Champion
Maia Whitney
Wilcox Cup - Junior Girls Champion N/A

Sport Laurel: Half Colour
Thames Valley Swimming- JNR Boys 3rd 100m Backstroke
Alessandro Yamamoto
Thames Valley Swimming- INT Boys 2nd in 50m Breaststroke, Backstroke and 100m Breaststroke
Luca Yamamoto
Thames Valley Swimming- SNR Boys 2nd 100m Freestyle, 1st 50m Butterfly ,2nd 50m Freestyle
Lornenzo Yamamoto
Thames Valley Swimming- INT Girls 3rd 50m Breaststroke
Nova Sawyer
Thames Valley Swimming- JNR Boys 3rd 50m Freestyle
Nate Whitney
Thames Valley Swimming- JNR Boys 3rd 50m Butterfly
George Duff

Sports Laurel: Full Colour
Thames Valley Swimming : Intermediate Girls 2nd Overall : Waikato Swimming Champs Intermediate Girls 2nd - 50 Backstroke **Maia Whitney**

Hockey
THS Sport Trophy - Most Valuable Boys Player
Eli Lester
AJR Trophy - Most Valuable Girls Player
Eliza Carter
Cecila Dunlop Cup
- Most Improved Girls Player
Katelyn Jiang
THS 6 Aside Trophy - Best Team Player - Gold
Laura Elliott
THIS 6 Aside Trophy - Best Team Player - Blue
Kiara Coloquin

Representative Sport Badge
Thames Valley Representative U16 Girls
Miya Costello
Thames Valley Representative U16 Boys
Hunter Bodman

Netball
Coromandel Foods Trophy - All Round Excellence in Open A Netball **Lawron Waite**
Coromandel Foods Trophy
- Most Improved Open A Player
Nova Sawyer
Fielder Family Cup
- Most Valuable Player (Open A)
Frankie Merrett
Palethorpe Whānau
- Wahine Toa Trophy (Open A)
Holly Bradley
Watts Family Trophy
- Most Promising Senior B Player
Savannah Corbett
Thames Sports Trophy
- Most Improved Senior B Player
Simrat Kaur
Thames High School Olsen Cup - Most Promising Junior Development Player
Ava McQuarters / Arnica Morrison
Parke Whanau Trophy
- Most Improved Development Player
Olivia Gill
Thames High School Ruru Cup- Most Promising 10A Player
Sapphire Taurua-Stoneham

SPORTS AWARDS

Thames High School Cup - Junior Girl Most Improved Junior Girl Most Improved **Lylah Bain**

Watts Family Trophy - Best All Rounder 9A Netball
Kayla Schultz

Thames High School Year 9 Netball Trophy
- Most Promising 9A Player
Katelyn Sem

Thames High School Netball Trophy
- Year 9 Blue Most Improved Player
Lily Watson

Thames High School Junior Girls Netball Trophy - Best Junior All Rounder - Improvement, Attitude & Commitment to team, coach and her netball team
Rene Sibana

Thames High School Netball Trophy
- Most Improved 10A Player
Pearl Newton

Thames High School Netball Trophy
- Best All Round 10A Player
Alina Pleydell

H Stewart Trophy - Services to Netball Umpiring
Sapphire Taurua-Stoneham

Representative Sport Badge
Thames Valley Representative
Kayla Schultz

Thames Valley Representative
Sapphire Taurua-Stoneham

Thames Valley Representative
Lukka McCulloch

Thames Valley Representative
Bella McCulloch

Waikato Emerging Player Representative
Bella McCulloch

Rugby

Twentyman Kerby Cup - Most Improved 1st XV Player
Hunter Bell / Taare Campbell

Ricky Lidgard Memorial Cup
- Most Dedicated 1st XV Player
Tyler Smith

Richardson Real Estate Trophy
- Most Promising 1st XV Player
Rocky Tuhakaraina

Thames High School Trophy
- 1st XV Rugby Most Valuable Player
Isayah Boyd

Thames High School Trophy
- 1st XV Rugby Best Team Player
Carson Fletcher

Sirelli Knox Trophy - 1st XV Top Try Scorer
Walter Wiki

Thames High School 1st XV Rugby Cup - 1st XV Player of the Year
Walter Wiki

Thames High School 1st XV Rugby - Players Player
Archie Stove

Thames High School 4th Grade Cup (U15) - Player of the Year
Nate Whitney

Thames High School 4th Grade Cup (U15) - Attitude/Sportsmanship & Behaviour to the Team
Tylahzae Feilo-Eketone

Thames High School Medal - Youth Boys Rugby - Top Try Scorer
Jett Elliott

Thames High School Trophy - Youth Boys Rugby
- Most Improved Player
Kaleb Wynen

Eketone Family Trophy - Youth Boys Rugby - Back Player of the Year
Fynn Paki

Eketone Family Trophy - Youth Boys Rugby - Forward Player of the Year **Toby Dryden**

Thames High School Youth Boys - Coaches Player of the Year - All round Commitment, dedication to the team
Bayley David

Thames High School Youth Boys - Players Player
Jett Elliott

Vita Dryden Cup - Girls Rugby - Most Improved Youth Girls Player
Te Ora Moka

Liddell Builders Trophy - Girls Rugby - Most Outstanding Youth Girls Player **Jayda Fraser**

Makara Trophy - Girls Rugby - Best Team Player 1st XV
Annie Perrett

Kerebs Trophy - Girls Rugby - Most Valuable Player 1st XV
Olivia Lamont

Liddell Builders Trophy - Girls Rugby - Most Improved Player 1st XV
Bella Bevan

The Mana Wahine Trophy - Girls Rugby - Strength & Leadership
Gracie Miller

5 Years of Service to Rugby
Walter Wiki / Isayah Boyd

Sports Laurel : Full Laurel - For excellence in Rugby for the 2026, Thames High School Captain, Player of the Year, Thames Valley Skulks programme, Thames Valley U18 Representative, Waikato Provincial Development U18 Camp, NZSS U18 Trialist and NZ Maori U18 Trialist.
Walter Wiki

Representative Sport Badge
Thames Valley Representative U16 Boys:
Archie Stove
Dante Ioka
Carson Fletcher
Tyler Smith
Walter Wiki

Thames Valley Representative U16 Girls:
Gwen Kingi
Olivia Lamont

Thames Valley Representative U18 Girls:
Gracie Miller
Alla-Marie Guptill-Bronlund
Annie Perrett
Dimple Martin

Football

Terry Wood Cup - Excellence in Senior Girls Football
Lily McCarthy

Dovell Trophy - Most Improved Senior Girl
Jessica Atrill

Thames High School Trophy - 1st XI Girls Football Golden Boot
Jess Rendall

Thames High School Medal - Senior Girls All Rounder
Bella Bevan

Baines Family Manawanui Award - Girls Tournament Week Attitude and Dedication **Jessica Atrill**

Warren Kidd Trophy - Best All Round Junior Boy
Luca Yamamoto

Thames High School Trophy - Most Improved Junior Boy
Joshua Le Roux

Sprott Family Trophy- Most Promising Junior Boys Player
Daniel Restauro

Thames High School Trophy - Best All Round Junior Girl
Pearl Newton

Terry Wood Cup - Most Improved Junior Girl
Olivia Kenny

Curnow Award - Outstanding Effort and Sportsmanship
Joseph Dobie

5 Years of Service to Football
Jess Rendall

Waikato Secondary School Soccer Assn - Junior Boys Division 4 Winners 2026
Ricky Ansen, Alexander Bull, Declan Stirling, Alessandro Yamamoto, Ibraham Jebril, Fynn O'Shea, Ayden Humphrey, Blake McLaren, Roy Rettymon, Alex Atrill, Luke De La Rive Box, Joe Dobie, Josh Le Roux, Daniel Restauro

Badminton

Thames High School Badminton Club Trophy
- Senior Boys Doubles Champions
Dev Don / Henric Wessienberger

Thames High School Badminton Club Trophy
- Senior Girls Doubles Champions
Gwen Kingi / Eva Ellis

SPORTS AWARDS

Thames High School Badminton Club Trophy
- Junior Boys Doubles Champions
Toby Dryden / Ricky Ansen
Managh Cup - Senior Giles Singles Champion
Dimple Martin
Maureen Mallinson Cup - Junior Boys Singles Champion
Ricky Ansen
Cunningham Cup - Senior Boys Singles Champion
Henric Wessienberger

Sports Laurel: Half Laurel
Thames Valley Badminton Junior Boys Singles Runner Up
Ricky Ansen

Chess
THS Chess Trophy - Overall Chess Champion
Kim Ju Taing

Sports Laurel : Half Laurel
Hauraki Plains Chess Regionals 1st Place
Kim Ju Taing

Cricket
Representative Sport Badge
Waikato Cricket
Jess Rendall

Volleyball
Thames High School Medal - Senior Girls Most Improved
Miya Costello / Chevy Wilcox
Thames High School Trophy - Senior Girls Most Valuable Player
Jessica Atrill
Basketball
Shane & Sandy Davis Cup - Most Valuable Senior Boy
Takalia Turner
Thames High School Senior Boys Basketball Trophy
- Most Improved Senior Boy
Max White / Cole Muir
Boots 'n' All Junior Boys Basketball Trophy
- Most Valuable Junior Boy - Gold
Devon Smith
Sterling Huett Junior Boys Basketball Trophy
- Most Improved Junior Boy - Blue
George Duff
Thames High School Trophy
- Junior Boys Most Promising Player - Blue
Jett Elliott
Thames High School Senior Girls Basketball Cup
- Most Valuable Junior Girl
Simrat Kaur / Pearl Newton
Thames High School Senior Girls Basketball Cup
- Most Improved Senior Girl
Jayda Fraser

Representative Sport Badge
Thames Valley Representative U18 Girls:
Mia McCaskill
Simrat Kaur
Dimple Martin
Bella McCulloch
Thamenen Kong
Jett Elliott
Jedi Taylor
Zack McNair
Jason Prak
Mavia Shiriwastow
Tyler Smith
Max White
Cole Muir
Obe Fraser
Brandon Berger
Carson Fletcher
Takalia Turner



Thames Valley Secondary School Basketball Senior Girls 2026 Winners
Dimple Martin, Arlea Douglas, Mia McCaskill, Pearl Newton, Olivia Baines, Jayda Fraser, Simrat Kaur

Gymsports
Sports Laurel : Half Colour
Level 4 - 1st Overall Caitlin Kenny
Level 3 - 4th overall Zara Johnson

Motocross
Thames Valley Motorcycle Club Trophy - Most Improved RiderJack McLaren
Thames Valley Motorcycle Club Trophy - All Round Sportsmanship Jack McLaren

Sports Laurel : Full Colour
Excellence in Motocross for 2026Jack McLaren

Touch
Alex Morrison Touch Trophy - Best Team Mates Annie Perrett / Archie Stove
Thames High School Senior Mixed Touch- Most Improved Player Carson Fletcher
Thames High School Senior Mixed Touch - Player of the Year Walter Wiki
Alex Morrison Touch Trophy
- Girls Player of the Year Gracie Miller
Thames High School Junior Touch Trophy - Junior Girls Most Improved PlayerSapphire Ross
Thames High School Junior Touch Trophy - Junior Girls Most Promising PlayerAlyxes Kenmara
Thames High School Junior Touch Trophy - Junior Boys Most Improved PlayerGeorge Duff
Thames High School Junior Touch Trophy - Junior Boys Most Promising PlayerFynn Paki

Representative Sport Badge
Thames Valley Representative U16 Mixed (2025-26)Tyron Baker
Thames Valley Representative U16 Mixed (2025-26)Archie Stove
Thames Valley Representative U21 Mixed (2025-26)Walter Wiki
Thames Valley Representative U14 Boys (2025-26)Jett Elliott
Thames Valley Representative U14 Girls (2025-26)Olivia Baines

Adventure Racing
White Family Trophy - Most Valuable Team Member Luke de La Rive Box
Hinds-Haye Family Trophy - Most Improved Team Member Esther Bullock
Mountain Biking
Thames Mountain Bike Club Trophy - Commitment and Improvement Luke de La Rive Box



Tennis
Sports Laurel : Half Laurel
Thames Valley Tennis- INT Girls Doubles 3rd OverallCleo Challis
Thames Valley Tennis- INT Girls Doubles 3rd Overall Chloe Booth
Thames Valley Tennis- INT Boys Doubles 1st OverallFynn Paki
Thames Valley Tennis- INT Boys Doubles 1st Overall Wyatt Doherty
Thames Valley Tennis-INT Boys Doubles 2nd Overall Alessandro Yamamoto
Thames Valley Tennis- INT Boys Doubles 2nd OverallBlake Bergerson

Service to Sport
Acknowledging the time, effort and support you have given to Sport at Thames High School and the Thames Community. (Year 13)
Annie Perrett, Kyah Lyon, Lawron Waite, Jess Rendall, Lorenzo Yamamoto, Isayah Boyd, Walter Wiki, Romie Dargaville, Abbygail Patterson, Immanuel Huwald

Thames High School Sport - Team of the Year
Senior Mixed Touch Team
Thames Valley Secondary Schools WINNERS,
NZ Secondary Schools 8TH OVERALL,
Ranked 5TH in NZ for Senior Mixed Touch.

Walter Wiki, Carson Fletcher, Isayah Boyd, Gracie Miller, Annie Perrett, Tyron Baker, Archie Stove,Tyler Smith, Rocky Tuhakaraina, Lily McCarthy, Alyzes Kenmara, Fynn Paki, Gwen Kingi, Maia Whitney



Isla Wenhold: Distinction in English
Max White: Distinction in Furniture and Geography
Maia Whitney: Distinction in Mathematics with Statistics; Winner of the Turoa-Tuaiti Trophy for Excellence in English by a Māori Student
Georgia Williams: Distinction in Fabric & Design and Food & Hospitality
Luca Yamamoto: 1st in Music and Science; Distinction in English and Yr 12 Mathematics; Winner of the Corinthian Masonic Lodge Prize for Public Speaking in Year 11
Oscar Zhang: Distinction in Physical Education and Science

Year 12 Award Winners

- Raelin Alvi: Distinction in Health
- Jessica Atrill: 1st in English
- Precious Balawan: 1st Equal in Chemistry, 1st in Mathematics; Distinction in Food & Hospitality and Physics; Winner of the Poulgrain Cup for Top Academic Performance in Year 12
- Eliza Carter: 1st Equal in Chemistry; Distinction in Biology, Geography (Online Learning), Level 3 Mathematics with Calculus, and Physics; Winner of the NZ Geographical Society Cup for Excellence in Geography
- Bryce Chaffey: Distinction in Gateway
- Zara Chamberlain: 1st in History (Online Learning); Distinction in English and Mathematics with Statistics
- Jemima Chewe: 1st in Music; Distinction in Biology
- Diontay-Rain Corry: 1st in Gateway; Winner of the Thames Mitre 10 Vocational Excellence Award
- Ngila Courtney: 1st in Art; Distinction in Health
- Tara De La Rive Box: 1st in Outdoor Education; Distinction in English; Winner of the Troupe Trophy for Contribution to Troupe; Equal Winner of the Raymond Nutter Scholarship Award
- Royal Dean: Distinction in Elevate
- Anna Dobie: 1st in Biology; Distinction in Chemistry and History; Selected to attend the Rotary National Science & Technology Forum
- Ben Eady: Distinction in Photography
- Tyrah-Lee Feilo-Eketone: 1st in Te Reo Māori; Distinction in Te Ao Haka
- Carson Fletcher: 1st in Elevate; Distinction in Physical Education; Winner of the Thames High School PE Trophy for Top Yr 12 Boy
- Alla-Marie Guptill-Bronlund: Distinction in Te Ao Haka
- Blaze Houghton: Distinction in Mechanical Engineering
- Lily Hudson: 1st in Fabric and Design
- Otoju Iga: Distinction in Japanese by Online Learning
- William Jensen: 1st in Digital Technologies; Distinction in English and Computing by Online Learning
- Grace Keogh: Distinction in Food & Hospitality
- Sivhorn Khly: 1st in English Language
- Eli Lester: Distinction in Drama
- Dimple Martin: 1st in Mathematics with Statistics
- Lily McCarthy: 1st in Physical Education; Winner of the Thames High School Trophy for Top Girl in Year 12 for PE
- Jack McLaren: 1st in Mechanical Engineering; Distinction in Horticulture, Outdoor Education, and Physical Education
- Tre Paki: Winner of the Tupper Trophy for Senior Learning Support
- Zepplin Parkin: Distinction in Mechanical Engineering
- Jonas Patrman: 1st in Furniture, 1st in Photography
- Misharna Raumati-Church: Distinction in Geography and Horticulture
- Jake Robinson: Distinction in Physical Education
- Javan Rolton: Distinction in Music
- Nova Sawyer: Distinction in Physical Education
- Marilyn Simon-Joseph: 1st in Health; Distinction in Chemistry and English
- Rupali Singh: 1st in Horticulture; Distinction in Drama
- Wryn Strother: 1st in Drama, 1st in Visual Art Design; Distinction in Mathematics
- Kim Ju Taing: Distinction in Chemistry, English, Level 3 Mathematics with Calculus, and Physics; Winner of the Corinthian Masonic Lodge Prize for Public Speaking in Year 12
- Amber Thomson: Distinction in Mathematics with Statistics
- Takalia Turner: Distinction in Gateway; Joint Winner of the Tupper Trophy for Senior Learning Support
- Ai Watanabe: 1st in Te Ao Haka; Distinction in Art
- Sophie Whyte: 1st in History, 1st in Psychology (Online Learning); Equal Winner of the Raymond Nutter Scholarship Award
- Chevy Wilcox: 1st in Food & Hospitality; Distinction in Visual Art Design

Year 13 Award Winners

- Alisson Agudelo Posada: Distinction in Mathematics with Statistics & Modelling, Physical Education, and Tourism
- Isayah Boyd: Distinction in Elevate
- Holly Bradley: 1st in Art
- Dylan Cameron: Distinction in Gateway
- Carla Chaffey: 1st in Gateway; Distinction in History
- Leah Comrie: 1st in Drama, 1st in Music; Distinction in English and Food & Hospitality; Joint Winner of the Baxters Interiors Limited Cup; Winner of the Furth Cup for Performing Arts in Drama; Winner of the Mackwell Ovation Trophy
- Liam Corbett: 1st in Mechanical Engineering; Distinction in Gateway; Winner of the H G Laing Memorial Cup for Top Student in Engineering
- Romie Dargaville Rehua: Distinction in Health
- Evelyn Darwall: Distinction in Biology
- Simon Darwall: 1st in Physics; Distinction in Chemistry; Joint Winner of the Bowater Award for Creative Excellence in Science
- Lexi Dinneen: 1st in Health; Winner of the Kelly Cup for Top Yr 13 Health Student
- Lian Du Plessis: 1st in Digital Technology; Distinction in Furniture
- Tayo Elusanmi: Distinction in Mechanical Engineering
- Faiza Fahim: Distinction in Photography
- Ben Fitzgerald: 1st in Visual Art Design
- Yukina Hosono: Distinction in Music; Winner of the Thames High School Most Integrated International Student Award; Winner of the Furth Cup for Performing Arts in Music
- Immanuel Huwald: 1st in English; A+ in MATHS 199 (Auckland Uni), A+ in Statistical Methods (Waikato Uni), A+ in MATH198 (Canterbury Uni); Winner of the Romola M Catran Cup for Most Valuable Senior Debater; Certificate of Distinction in Recognition of Excellent Scholastic Achievement in Advancing Mathematics
- Brooklyn Jiang: Distinction in Biology and Chemistry
- Pyper Liddell: 1st in Outdoor Education; Winner of the Wintec Adventurers Cup for Excellence in Outdoor Pursuits; Joint Winner of the Baxters Interiors Limited Cup
- Charlie Lyon: Distinction in Outdoor Education
- Taiga Neufeld: 1st in Chemistry; Distinction in Mechanical Engineering and Physics; Joint Winner of the Bowater Award for Creative Excellence in Science
- Kei Osone: Distinction in Te Ao Haka
- Abbygail Patterson: 1st Equal in Geography, 1st in Mathematics with Statistics & Modelling; Distinction in Health; Joint Winner of the Boots N All Cup for Excellence in Geography; Winner of the Poisson Statistics Cup
- Annie Perrett: 1st in History, 1st in Physical Education; Winner of the Ray Garrett Trophy for Yr 13 PE; Winner of the Thames High School Cup for Excellence in Social Studies
- Milla Sawyer: 1st in Biology; Distinction in Chemistry and Mathematics with Statistics & Modelling; Joint Winner of the Bowater Award for Creative Excellence in Science
- Alison Tomsett: 1st Equal in Geography; Distinction in Biology and English; Joint Winner of the Boots N All Cup for Excellence in Geography
- Juri Tsukagoshi: Distinction in Art
- Walter Wiki: 1st in Elevate
- Lucy Wong: 1st in Photography; Distinction in Visual Art Design
- Lorenzo Yamamoto: Distinction in Chemistry and Physics; Winner of the Boyce Cup for Top Science Student; Winner of the Corinthian Masonic Lodge Prize for Public Speaking in Year 13
- Yukako Yoshima: 1st in Te Ao Haka



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