

All the best to senior students who are heading into the last week of the formal school academic year.

Arrangements for Seniors

Wednesday 30 October is the last school day for seniors who do not have external exams. If a senior however needs to complete his or her NCEA qualification, they are required to continue at school until necessary.

Friday 1 November is the last formal day for seniors with external exams. Teachers however are available for tutorials. Students need to arrange this with their teachers.

It is important that students use study leave time wisely. Some may prefer to study at school. If so, supervised study is available right through the exam period.

Senior Academic Prizegiving

A warm welcome to our Senior Academic Prize Giving happening next Friday 1 November in the College Hall at 7pm. Students will be notified early this week if they are receiving awards.

Camp Arrangements

Year 10s have received letters regarding camp arrangements.

- **Camp 1:** (Mon 2 - Wed 4 Dec): 10AL, 10AN, 10CO, 10HA, 10IS, 10PA
- **Camp 2:** (Wed 4 - Dec 6 Dec): 10AU, 10CT, 10CE, 10DO, 10DU, 10SY, 10WT

Year 9s will be receiving a letter regarding their camp early next week.

Uniform

Given the colder weather, we have extended the period for students to be in winter uniform by one week.

212 Awards

Well done to the following students who received 212 awards: Ryan Denize, Max Welsh, Sophie Duggan, Lara Forsyth, Thomas Jeyes, Molly Reader and Olivia Adams.

Sports News

Congratulations to all students who received awards at our Sports Prize Giving last night, especially to Josh Barker (All Round Sporting Excellence) and Sports Person of the Year (Guy Johnstone). Other major award winners were Team of the Year (First XV Rugby); Leadership Contribution (Courtney Walsh); Fair Play (Cole Stephenson) and Achievement in a Minority Sport (Cody Macdonald).

RMK Badges

Congratulations to students who recently earned their RMK 40 badges:

Year 10 – Sarah Jamieson, Sophie Millar, Rose Macready, Ania Ballantine, Finn Patterson, Isabella McAuley and Stazia Thom-Taipari.

Year 11 – Narissa Siddens

Year 13 – Bradley Bath (20)

Career News

Women's Loan Fund Thames Coromandel Hauraki **\$1000.00 Gwentyth Wright Study Grant**

The Women's Loan Fund/ Wahine Putea will offer a study grant of \$1000 for students enrolled in a course of studies in 2020.

Study Grant Requirements: Available to women over 18 years of age • NZ resident or citizen • ties to Thames, Coromandel or Hauraki area • proof of enrolment for education courses in 2020 • two references – one academic and one character • CV and cover letter • explanation of how the grant will be used • an update on progress, if applicant is successful is required.

Apply in writing to: Women's Loan Fund, P O Box 566, Thames 3540. Applications close 28 February 2020. The grant will be notified and gifted by 13 March 2020. Further details: thameswomensloanfund.weebly.com

Online resource:

School-leavers-toolkit.education.govt.nz

Featured topics: 1. Loans, scholarships, fees free. 2. Moving out of home. 3. Taking care of myself. 4. Getting a job

Term 4 Calendar:

- **Arts Festival and CD Release Concert:** Tuesday 29 October 7pm in the hall.
- **Senior Prize Giving:** Friday 1 November at 7pm.
- **Year 8 Orientation:** Wednesday 20 November 6 - 8pm.
- **Year 9 Certificate Prize Giving:** Thursday 28 November 10:30am.
- **Year 10 Diploma Prize Giving:** Friday 29 November 10:30am.
- **Junior Camps:** Monday 2 December to Friday 6 December.
- **Year 13 Leadership and Mentoring Camp:** Monday 9 and Tuesday 10 December.

Community News

Liam Malone will be speaking on Tuesday 12 November at the Ngatea War Memorial Hall, starting 7:30pm. Liam is a twice gold medallist blade runner and will focus on:

- Rising from adversity to global sporting success
- What it takes to push beyond the boundaries
- Is gaming a type of mind control?

The event is sponsored by P3 and is part of a series called "Designed to make you think". RSVP Maria Baigent: email longride@farmside.co.nz or Mob 021281 2552

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