



GREYMOUTH High School

Te Kura Tuarua O Māwhera

Parent Newsletter – Term 2 Week 6: Wednesday 6 June, 2018

Tēnā koutou katoa

As we head into the second half of Term 2 students and staff are busy! Senior students are focused on NCEA and Year 9 and 10 have practice exams in Week 9 for some subjects. There are also a number of trips happening over the next week, both curriculum and sporting. Our PB4L focus for the next two weeks is on the learning expectation. The Senior Leadership Team will also be doing classroom walk-throughs, asking students about their learning and how they are going.

Our congratulations goes to **Ben Williams** in Year 13, the only junior named among nine runners selected by Athletics New Zealand to compete at the 2018 World Mountain Running Championships in Canillo, Andorra, on September 16. This is an outstanding achievement for Ben. **Angus Watson** also performed extremely well at the weekend gaining a South Island Golden Glove title.

The Greymouth High School talent on show at the Gap Cafe 'open mic' night on Friday was fantastic! Well done to everyone who performed. Another event involving a number of students and staff is the Operatic Society performance of 'The Addams Family'. Tickets are on sale now so we hope to see you there!

On Monday 11th June and Tuesday 12th June, we have two Mind Over Manner Workshops running which are open to all members of our community. See the last page of this newsletter for details.

Have a great week.

Ngā mihi

Ms R Stuart

Acting Principal

WITNESS: Stamping Out Bullying Culture in our Schools

Students in Years 11-13 will attend a one hour workshop in Week 7. 'Mind Over Manner' who present these workshops are a registered non-profit organisation. For more information: www.mindovermanner.co.nz

WITNESS is a theatre inspired workshop for high school students. Using a team of actors and a facilitator, life-like scenarios around themes such as social exclusion and cyber bullying are examined and unpacked using the input and suggestions of the students themselves. WITNESS asks "Do you want a culture of domination or a culture of respect?"

Important Dates

- **Wednesday 13 June:** GHS PTA meeting, 7.30pm in the staffroom. Guest speaker: HoD English – Sandra Quick.
- **Thursday 28 June:** Years 11-13 Parent/Teacher Evening – more details later.

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School Calendar

June

Thursday 7 & Friday 8 June	Chemistry/Physics Trip to Canterbury University.
Friday 8 June	West Coast Secondary Schools' X-Country held at the Floating Basin Reserve, Westport.
Tuesday 12 June	LATE START. 9.00am Period 1.
Wednesday 13 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7.30pm GHS Parent Teacher Association meeting in the staffroom. Guest Speaker: HoD of English – Sandra Quick. West Coast Secondary Schools' Senior Boys and Girls Basketball Tournaments. Boys (Westland Recreation Centre and Girls, Westport).
Tuesday 19 June	LATE START. 9.00am Period 1.
Thursday 21 June	West Coast Pathways Roadshow @ John Paul II High School.
Monday 25 – Friday 29 June	Junior Exam Week. More details next week.
Tuesday 26 June	LATE START. 9.00am Period 1.
Thursday 28 June	Year 11-13 Parent/Teacher Evening. More details later.

July

Friday 6 July	End of Term 2.
9-11 July	South Island Secondary Schools' Junior Netball Tournament, Christchurch.

Student Absences: 0800 GREYHIGH (0800 473 944)

Email: attendance@greyhigh.school.nz

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be closed on **Thursday 14th June**. Please contact the school office if you need help.

Breakfast Club open any day in TWK.

Greymouth High School Parent Teacher Association

ALL are welcome and especially our families new to Greymouth High School.

PTA meetings are held every 2nd Wednesday of each month @ 7.30pm in the staffroom except during school holidays. Dates are as follows unless otherwise advised.

13 June: Guest speaker – HoD English, Sandra Quick.

July – no meeting

8 August

12 September

October – no meeting

14 November

December TBA

TUTOR TIME



Wednesdays after school

3:15 pm - 4:15 pm

Graphics Room

Come along if you want help with your homework or classwork in any subject

Student Achievement

Student Achievements

Principal's Awards. This is an accumulative list of all students who have achieved Principal's Awards this year. Recent awards are in bold.

Year 9

Blake Evans	Summer Murcott	Breagh Watson x 2	Finn Efford
Kobe Hewison	Joel Sheehan	Jessie Magon	Liam Wilson x 2
Sophie Donaldson	William Cleghorn	Adrian Bullimore	Jamie Christie
Eilish Morgan	Jack South	Mackenzie Hallberg x 2	Holly Smith
Liam Barrett	Kyle Hsieh	Latai Tau	Dillon Cooksley
Calib Arnesen	Yana Latta	Greanne Williams	Jordan Baker
Troy McLaughlin x 2	Theo Barnett x 2	Lakin Cousins	Ella Beirne
Kieran De Klerk	Catrin Grant	Haylee MacKinnon	Joseph Cotterill
Taygen Lloyd	Alex Muir	Ben Birchfield	Shialla Steel
Jayden Topliss	Ben Oates	Finlay Brown x 2	Matthew Davey
Alex Fraser x 2	Jamie Meihana-Whittle	Gage Jamieson	Paris Jackson-Roberts
Seetai Barrow x 2	Faith Walker		

Year 10

Emma Boddy	Ashleigh Stanton	Sophie Speirs	Mishka Lombaard
Connor Henderson	Mitchell Smith	Hayley Jo Jacobs	Alex Kennedy
Dominic Cate x 2	Matthew Robbins	Joel Dumelow	Jameila Kitchin
Camerons Simons	Aedan Gunn	Alyssa Blacktopp x 2	Ben Ching
Liam Efford	Sam Welsford	Grace Wallace	Sophie Allison x 2
Sophia Keown	Connor Howe	Zion Meihana-Whittle	Caleb Wanstall
Connor Green	Dean Wisdom	Christopher Jones	

Anzac Day Thank you

We received a letter of thanks from the Mr John Morel, President of the Greymouth RSA thanking Angus Watson, Head Boy, and Maka Manuel, Poumanawa, for doing the ODE in English and in Te Reo Māori at the dawn service in Greymouth.

School News

Mike Wolking visit: The role of technology in developing key competencies.

On Thursday 31 May, Greymouth High School hosted Mike Wolking, an Axford Fellow, pictured right with Angela Seyb, HoD Social Science and Madeline Campbell and usually based in Los Angeles, who is spending nine months in New Zealand researching the role of technology in developing key competencies in the New Zealand Curriculum. Key competencies are the skills students need to access lifelong learning: thinking, relating to others, using language, symbols and text, managing self and participating and contributing.



Year 13 History students, Year 12 English Literature students, 10QI and MSA students all met with Mike and shared their experiences of learning at Greymouth High School. Level 2 English students shared their perspectives on the highs and lows of the chromebook era and ways in which teachers are adapting learning tasks to make them more relevant to students' lives. MSA students shared their stories of their journey to being more engaged with education. 10QI students were interested to find that Mike had worked with some of the 'real' Freedom Writers in Los Angeles, as we have been studying the film "Freedom Writers" this term.



Mike also spent time with Madeline Campbell talking about our work on using devices to make learning deeper and more relevant and with Angela Seyb on our upcoming school project linking blogs (digital learning portfolios) with our graduate profile. In junior classes in 2018, students are blogging in each subject at least once per term, and building up evidence of the range of their learning over their time at Greymouth High School.

Sandra Quick
HoD English

Attention Year 11 doing SCI 111

All Year 11 students doing SCI 111 will be doing a digital trial examination on **21 June 2018**. The students shall be attempting the "Acid and Bases" Achievement Standard 90944 in preparation for the Science External examinations held 15 November 2018. Any queries or concerns please contact Morag Newberry, HOD Science.

Australian Mathematics Competition – last chance...to enter

The Australian Mathematics Competition will be held on the 9th August (Term 3). Entry is open to all students (Years 9-13). To enter, please pay \$6.50 to the school office by Friday 8th June.

Level 3 Business Studies Workbook

An optional Learning Workbook for the external exam standard AS91380 (Strategic Business Response) is available, for Level 3 Business Studies. To order one, please pay \$12.00 to the student office.

2018 NZQA Fees

For All NCEA Students: Students must pay a standard annual fee to have their results recorded on their Record of Achievement, qualifications awarded and to receive certificates. The fee for each student is \$76.70 including GST. This payment can be made to the school and we transfer this on to NZQA, and payments must be received by the school **by the 31st August**. Payments will need to go directly to NZQA after this date.

Your child may be eligible for **financial assistance**, which subsidises the cost of NCEA and New Zealand Scholarship. Financial assistance applications must be made to schools using the Application for Financial Assistance form (forms can be collected from the school office or use this [link](#)). To be eligible for financial assistance, the applicant (normally the parent or guardian of the candidate) must be the fee-payer and must apply under one of the following application categories/types:

Benefit-based: This includes those already receiving a Work and Income or Study Link benefit. The fee payer must have provided their benefit/Work and Income (WINZ) Client number or Community Services Card (CSC) number in section C on their completed application form.

Income-based: This includes those that do not have CSC, but have a joint family income that would entitle the applicant to receive a CSC. The fee payer ticks the box in section D on the application form to confirm their income qualifies. For more information regarding the income limits for receiving a CSC, see Work and Incomes community services card income thresholds.

Family-based (multiple candidate). This includes fee-payers with two or more children who are entered for national secondary school assessment, where the total fees to pay would otherwise be more than the \$200 multiple candidate maximum. The fee payer ticks the box in section E to confirm the multiple candidates listed in section B are family* members.

How much will I need to pay?

	I am eligible for beneficiary or income-based assistance	I am not eligible for beneficiary or income-based assistance
I am paying for one child who is a candidate	\$20.00	Full fees (\$76.70 for NZQF and 3 Scholarship subjects)
I am paying for two or more children who are candidates	A maximum of \$30.00 per family. ¹	Where fees are payable for more than one candidate, a maximum of \$200.00 per fee-payer. ²

Mr Scott Bermingham
Deputy Principal

Careers - 2018 Liaison Visits and other Activities of interest

Date	Provider	Venue	Time
Thursday 21 st June	West Coast Tertiary Pathways Roadshow.	John Paul II High School.	Year 10-Year 13 – will be timetabled and bussed to John Paul II High School.

Keystone Trust 2019 Scholarships are NOW OPEN!

Keystone Trust Scholarships are now open and will close on 24th August. Study Award Scholarships are available to school leavers entering their first year of University in 2019. We will also award six Key Partner Scholarships to students already studying at tertiary level.

The Keystone Study Award is the most premium scholarship available to students entering the property and construction sector. The scholarship comes with three years of financial assistance, as well as mentoring and networking opportunities across all of our sponsor family which far outweighs the monetary contribution. In 2019 we also have two new awards for school leavers; the Kiwi Property Scholarship and the Miles Construction Scholarship. Each award has its own criteria, so take a look at our website to learn more. www.keystonetrust.org.nz

Sporting News

U15 Rugby v Buller High School - Wednesday 30th May

We took 17 of our young U15 boys to Westport last Wednesday to take on Buller High School on their home field. It was a fresh but stunning morning and the boys were pretty buzzed to get into the game. Our coaches got the boys warmed up well and you could tell from the first whistle our boys meant business.

After some great periods of play from both sides, and later than expected, the first points were on the board. Buller opened the game up with a converted try. However, we were quick to reply with **Peter Bradley Kee** slicing through multiple defenders and dotting down under the sticks and **Matthew Robbins** added the extra two. Buller got another try in the first but couldn't get the conversion leaving the first half with Buller with the slim lead 7 - 12. The second half started well with **Matthew Robbins** getting through the defenders just on our side of halfway and then none of the Buller boys could catch him and he converted adding the important extra points. Buller put together some good phases of play using their bigger boys to cause some problems for us in the middle of the park and it paid off with them getting in for another converted try. **Riley Pascoe** played out of his skin and was rewarded through some slick running breaking through three tackles for another 5 points. After some good building in the forwards the ball was swung out wide and **Ben Willman** scored another try for us in the corner. **Riley Pascoe** combined extremely well with his midfield partner **Matthew Robbins** and was set up with a fantastic ball scoring his second in the corner. Second half 22 - 7 to GHS. **Full Time score:** 29 – 19.

Our boys fronted up strongly in the set pieces causing some trouble at scrum time, and later into the game our line out started to come together well with from fantastic teamwork. **Tristan Howard** was a workhorse throughout the game clearing out and protecting our ball and with the other senior players of **Riley Pascoe**, **Matthew Robbins**, **Reuben Lee** and **Fred Christian** who all helped to take a leading role within our young side, in the end we had a lot more puff left than Buller which caused the scoring to open up later in the second. Great effort team - looking forward to the game this week!

Thank you to our hosts, Buller High School, referees and officials, the coaching duo of **Marc Whitehead** and **Tom McGirr** and to our 17 boys who really put everything on the line and played out of their skin!



NEXT GAME: Wednesday 6th June, Westland High School Grounds. Details in next week's newsletter.

Ben Williams - New Zealand Mountain Running Team

Massive CONGRATULATIONS to our running machine **Ben Williams**, who has now been named in the New Zealand Mountain Running Team who will be heading away in September to Canillo, Andorra, Spain to compete in the World Mountain Running Championships! This is a huge achievement for Ben as he is the only junior in the 9 person New Zealand team. He has been competing extremely well in every event he has entered along with being a student leader in school and succeeding well academically. Ben is a very humble person so we would not be surprised if you are not aware of how great he is doing!



Watch this space as going away to this competition requires a fair amount of funding - I am sure Ben and his family would really appreciate your support. Congratulations again Ben, we cannot wait to see you in action at the World Champs!

Tournament Costs

Part and parcel of being chosen for a tournament team means there is always a large cost associated with the selection. Individual costs per team are being calculated and can often range from \$350 to \$500 a player. However, you can begin putting money into your child's account to cover these costs as this helps make the bill not seem so big in August when the full cost must be paid.

Fundraising for Tournament

Each tournament team will have multiple fundraising opportunities offered to their team. It is the responsibility of the players and parents/family to get involved in fundraising to help reduce costs. You will not automatically be given fundraising money towards your costs. The work you put in will reflect how much your total costs will be reduced. Please ensure you take these opportunities when they present themselves.

Fundraising Guidelines:

- All fundraising up to \$5,000 must be approved by the Principal/Executive Officer and fundraising over \$5,000 must have Board of Trustees approval. Timeframes for seeking approval should be considered before planning such activities.
- All fundraising monies must be receipted by the main office.
- Monies that are raised by fundraising are not refunded to students if the trip or an individual student does not proceed. These funds are raised on behalf of Greymouth High School and can be retained for future trips.
- The raffle board with school logo should always be used at raffle tables. This is available from the school office.

Payment and Consent Forms for Trips

For your child to attend a trip the payment and consent form **MUST** be paid and returned by the date stated on the parent letter. Without both of these your child will not be attending. There are various methods to how you can pay for trips, please contact the office to find out about these.

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REALISING THE POTENTIAL OF DIFFERENTLY WIRED MINDS

You are invited to a pair of Mind Over Manner workshops on sensory over responders & sensory seekers.

Mind Over Manner uses theatre techniques to provide fast-track education about teenagers who think, learn and behave differently. Our experienced team will bring a number of charged scenarios to life then work with you, our participants, to unpack, and reevaluate our responses to difficult situations.

These workshops are open to all members of the community. We encourage all whanau, educators & professionals to get involved.

Where: Greymouth High School

When: 11th June 6-8pm - Over Responder
12th June 6-8pm - Sensory Seeker

Cost: Koha (donation)

Please RVSP to anthea@mindovermanner.co.nz

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