



GREYMOUTH

High School

Te Kura Tuarua O Māwhera

Parent Newsletter – Term 1

Week 2: Friday 9 February 2018

Ngā mihi o te tau hau; welcome back to Greymouth High School for the 2018 school year.

It's great to see everyone back at school and I've been really impressed with attendance, respectful conduct and the good uniform from our Year 13s (others too, but it's the first year in uniform for the "seventh form" for as long as anyone can remember).

There is lots of staffing news, with the following new teachers:

- Miss Dickson, teaching PE, Health and Science
- Mr Ellis, Geography teacher and Dean, joins us in Week 8 (Ms Moffitt and Mrs Roney cover until then)
- Mrs Halls, teaching Maths and Social Studies
- Miss Hamilton, teaching Social Studies, Geography and Tourism
- Miss Quinnell, Assistant Principal, teaching English.
- Miss Wood, teaching Drama

We also welcome back Mr DeGoldi, who has been studying towards a Master's Degree, and, following Mr McLeod's move to Nelson at the end of last year, we congratulate Miss Cooper on her new job as HOD of PE. Miss Thompson will be Dean for Year 10.

Our Board of Trustees has a new Chairperson, Marg Crawford. I would like to thank the outgoing Chairperson, Mel Sutherland (still a parent Trustee) for his huge investment of time and energy as Board Chair from 2014 until now. Mel has governed through some great developments at Greymouth High School.

Our provisional NCEA results show a significant drop at Level 1 which is concerning - however, these students can work with our staff to address this as long as they approach this year with a 'can do' attitude. NCEA Level 2 was similar to national averages and where we were at last year. NCEA Level 3 results improved hugely, which we should be very proud of, and University Entrance improved significantly too. We have been looking at the achievement data and checking it against what we saw, to keep on improving what we do. We need students to also reflect on what they could do better and to learn from last year, for example "did I prepare properly for my exams at the end of the year?"

There are many student achievements to mention. Endorsements are listed in this newsletter - these students showed great organisation and commitment, as well as academic talent, in achieving to this high level; excellence endorsements in particular are very rare and my congratulations go to all the students named. But the scenes from Waitangi Day's beach clean-up are fresh in my mind and I want to acknowledge the many students and school families who volunteered their day off to tidy up this environmental disaster. Everyone on the day was struck by the scale of the plastic problem and the need to approach waste management differently going into the future to account for our changing world. I see this as motivation for our students, the next generation, to learn from the mistakes of the past and to learn ways to keep the world a beautiful place into the future.

Ngā mihi

Andy England
Principal

School Calendar

February

Wednesday 14 February	7.30pm – Parent Teacher Association meeting in the staffroom. ALL welcome.
Tuesday 20 February	School Athletics Day @ Anzac Park.

March

Wednesday 7 March	7.00pm – GHS Board of Trustees meeting in Te Whare Akoranga.
Tuesday 13 March	NCEA Information Evening. More details later.

April

Wednesday 4 April	7.00pm – GHS Board of Trustees meeting in Te Whare Akoranga.
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Student Absences: 0800 GREYHIGH (0800 473 944)

Email: attendance@greyhigh.school.nz

Uniform Shop OPEN Tuesday & Thursday, 2.00-5.00pm during term time. Located in the gym quad off Marlborough Street.

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.

14 February	14 March	11 April	16 May	13 June	July – no meeting
15 August	12 September	17 October	14 November	December TBA	

2018 School Day

8.40am	Mentor Time (Mon/Wed/Fri)
8.50am	Period One
9.50am	Period Two
10.50am	Break time
11.10am	Warning bell
11.15am	Period Three
12.15pm	Period Four
1.15pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Warning bell
2.05pm	Period 5
3.05pm	School finishes



Part Time School Canteen Staff Required

At the canteen at **Greymouth High**

Full training and procedures to follow in the canteen will be given.

We are looking for someone who is honest, reliable and has a strong commitment to work in the school community

School hours only – Monday to Friday

Between 8.30am to 2.30pm (approx.)

Term 1 start - School holidays & weekends off

Please forward your CV to **Carla Carrodus**

: email carla@libelle.co.nz

or call **021 709 711**



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