



GREYMOUTH High School

Te Kura Tuarua O Māwhera

Parent Newsletter – Term 1 Week 8: Wednesday 18th March, 2020

Kia ora koutou

I'll make a separate "Coronavirus / COVID-19 update page" to avoid clogging up my weekly news! So please check next page for important updates about what we're doing.

What I need you to do, though, is take a common-sense approach as many already are:

- If your child is sick, keep them home (we already have a higher rate than usual of sick absences so people are paying attention, thanks). Call 0800GREYHIGH freely.
- Ensure you teach and provide for good handwashing (soap is better for your hands and cheaper than hand sanitizer)
- Ideally postpone any overseas travel plans
- If you do not have the internet, please consider getting connected. If school is closed, we will run online learning which will require a normal internet connection. If you need help of any sort with this, please let us know by calling our office.

Parent - Teacher interviews this week will go ahead as planned. Please be extra cautious about your attendance though and stay at home if you are sick or think you may have been in close contact with someone who has been at risk of contracting Covid-19.

We often highlight amazing things our students do, but our staff are amazing too. Our Heads of Departments are currently doing evening presentations to each other and the Board. They are discussing 2019 academic results, evaluating their planning and performance and sharing good ideas. My thanks to them all for their professionalism and commitment to our school.

Ngā mihi

Mr Andy England
Principal



Gardening Class. Assisted Learning students pictured with Whaea Annette and Teacher Aide, Cherie Ashley starting on a class gardening project.

Important Dates

- **Thursday 19th March:** Years 9/10 Parent/Teacher interviews. Booking details Page 2.
- **Thursday 26th March:** Years 11-13 Parent/Teacher interviews. Booking details.

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Parent Teacher Interviews Seniors

Thursday, 26 th March	5:00pm to 7:30pm
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Each interview is 5 minutes long. Please ensure you arrive on time to each interview.

Booking your interviews

The booking website will open Thursday, 19 March at 3:00pm, and will close Thursday, 26 March at 3:00pm.

1. Go to parentinterviews.co.nz, enter the event code **84JVXEYR** and click Go.
2. Enter your name, email address and the names of the students you wish to make bookings for.
3. Select the teachers you'd like to book by ticking the checkbox beside their name, and then click the Book Interviews button at the bottom of the page.
4. Using the timetable, click the Book button beside the time slot you'd like to book for the teacher. You'll be asked to confirm your booking.
5. Continue until you've booked all teachers.

Once you're finished, you can view your timetable by clicking My Interviews at the top of the page. You can also print a PDF timetable to take to your interviews.

Before your interviews, you'll receive an email reminder containing your timetable. If you need to cancel any interviews, you can do so by following the link in the email you received when you first signed up.

Unfortunately the following teachers are unavailable for Parent Teacher Interviews. You are able to contact them to arrange an appointment at an alternative time.

- Mr A Dempster: dempstera@greyhigh.school.nz
- Mrs K Hanson: hansonk@greyhigh.school.nz

COVID-19 / Coronavirus update (more urgent updates will be emailed and placed on our website)

What we are doing:

- Careful approach to everything we do
- Updating staff frequently
- Ensuring stocks of soap, paper towels and hand sanitizer
- Looking to set up hand sanitizer in each classroom with expectations for use
- Stopping hongi, handshakes and hugs
- Advising people who know they've been in close contact (1.5m for 15mins) with anyone with the virus to stay away/self-isolate
- Advising staff against any travel overseas including personal
- No whole-school assemblies until advice changes
- Extra risk assessment for overnight trips and any event with groupings larger than a normal class
- Working with our DHB directly
- Checking MoE advice multiple times a day and acting immediately on advice provided.

If you want to know more about COVID-19 please make sure that any reading you are doing is from a reliable source. The Ministry of Health is the best source of information for New Zealand and they update this information regularly - <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

The COVID-19 symptoms are a fever, coughing and difficulty breathing. If anyone has these symptoms and has recently been to a [country or area of concern](#), or have been in close contact with someone confirmed with COVID-19, please encourage them to contact Healthline (for free) on [0800 358 5453](tel:08003585453) (or [+64 9 358 5453](tel:+6493585453) for international SIMs) or their doctor immediately.

School Calendar

March

16-27 March	MSA Induction Camp @ Burnham Military Camp.
Sunday 15 – Thursday 19 March	WIO Environmental Science, Level 3, Week 2, WIO Adventure Tourism leadership Level 2, Week 1.
Thursday 19 March	Junior Parent/Teacher interviews (Years 9 & 10). Technology Block
Sunday 22 – Thursday 26 March	WIO Manaaki Tapoi, Level 3, Week 1
Thursday 26 March	Senior Parent/Teacher interviews (Years 11-13).
Sunday 29 – Thursday 2 April	WIO Uniformed Services, Level 2, Week 1, WIO Tourism Operations, Level, Week 3, WIO Manaaki Tapoi Level 2, Week 1.

April

Sunday 5 – Thursday 9 April	WIO Adventure Tourism Leadership, Level 2, Week 2, WIO Manaaki Tapoi, Level 2, Week 2.
Thursday 9 April	End of Term 1.
Monday 27 April	• Anzac Day observed. School closed.
Monday 27 April – Friday 1 May	WIO Tourism Operations Level 3, Week 4, WIO Environmental Science, Level 3, Week 3, WIO Manaaki Tapoi, Level 2, Week 2.
Tuesday 28 April	Term 2 starts.

Senior Ball @ Shantytown: Saturday 6th June.

Uniform Shop 2020

1.45-4.45pm - Tuesday & Thursday.

Student Absences: 0800 GREYHIGH (0800 473 944)

Email: attendance@greyhigh.school.nz

Homework Club

Students are welcome to come to a safe place to revise, study or do homework after school on Wednesdays from 3.10-4.10pm in Room 1 (Mrs Coutts' room). Teachers will be present to support students with questions, or checking homework. All year groups welcome, and parents/caregivers are also welcome to stop by.

Greymouth High School Parent Teacher Association Meetings

Come and join us. *We warmly welcome and invite* our parents/caregivers along to the Greymouth High School PTA meetings.

Meetings are held every 2nd Wednesday of each month, except during school holidays, at 7.00pm in the staffroom. 2020 dates are listed below.



8 April	13 May	10 June	July – Holidays	12 August
9 September	14 October	11 November	9 December, TBC	

Greymouth High School PTA Fundraising Raffle @ New World

Hourly slots available.

- **Thursday 26th March:** 11.00 – 6.00pm
- **Saturday 28th March:** 9.00 – 6.00pm
- **Thursday 2nd April:** 9.00 – 6.00pm

The Roster is on Greymouth High School's Facebook page or contact Raylene 027 2266 719 to offer your support. Thank you.

Student Achievement

Principal's Awards 2020

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

Year 9

Rata Rushby	Lilly Prouting	Dylan Holliday	Matthew Friend
Brigid Gallagher	Sasha Ellery	Zara Kirk-Pont	Harry Shaw

Year 10

Jessie Baatjies	Destiny Harris	Lexie Scattergood	
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Special Principal's Award

12 March - Liam Belcher, Year 10, received a Special Principal's Award from Mr Bermingham for alerting a staff member to a blocked hand basin in the Social Sciences block and for turning the tap off.

School News

Term 1 2020: ARCH Cards Initiative

The purpose of this Term 1 initiative is to encourage students and staff to demonstrate the ARCH values: Akoranga, Respect, Community and Hauora. The ARCH values underpin our positive school culture. When we are demonstrating and celebrating the values our school community is stronger.

Staff will award ARCH cards in and out of class, and will circle the value that is being demonstrated. Students are responsible for placing their cards into the correct box in the student office, from which their name can be drawn at whole school and year level assemblies.

You can support your student by getting them to explain the school values to you, and brainstorming together ways that the values might be demonstrated at school, at home and in the community.

Thank you for your support.

The PB4L Team



Level 2 Earth & Space Class trip to the Antarctic Centre, Christchurch

Level 2 Earth and Space Science went on a field trip to the International Antarctic Centre (IAC) on Tuesday 17/03/2020. We had a private guide around the IAC including a look at the penguins, Antarctic wind room and 4D movie experience. This was heavily linked to our assessment on Emperor Penguins and what adaptations they have to overcome one of the most extreme environments on earth! The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience as did Mr Tangney!



The University of Otago Junior Mathematics Competition is open to all students in Years 9 -11. The competition involves answering up to six questions with an emphasis is on problem-solving. Examples from the 2019 paper can be seen outside the maths office or at www.maths.otago.ac.nz/jmc/

Competition Date: Wednesday 1st April

Entry: Please contact Mrs Cropp (croppf@greyhigh.school.nz) to register your entry by Monday 23rd March.

Cost: \$5.00.

Students will be offered the opportunity to compete in a number of mathematics competitions throughout the year. Details will be posted in the school newsletter, notices and on the mathematics department website.

Spacebase Workshops at Greymouth High School

What started with a balloon race ended with conversations about space tourism and innovative agriculture with satellite imagery. Eric Dahlstorm who helped design the space station and his wife Emeline who helped private astronauts go to the space station were at Greymouth High School to run workshops and an evening of space exploration with the community. As Edmund Hillary fellows they are helping to raise awareness about the fastest growing industry in New Zealand, through Spacebase NZ and we were very fortunate to get their time as a Koha.

The Year 7 & 8 students from Cobden and Paroa Primary schools had lots of insightful questions and got an opportunity to think like engineers while designing balloon rockets. Some thought it would be better to have two balloons and it engendered some fabulous designs and conversations. The Year 9's of course took the activity to the next level and it was all about the competition and even the 10th of a second mattered. With an introduction to the concept of rocketry and how the engines are being designed by the Rocket lab using 3D printers.

Taking it up a notch for the NCEA Level 1, 2 & 3 Game Design and Programming students, Eric and Emeline focused on the space industry and career pathways using



their own space experience; the International Space Station, working for NASA, -the future of food, robotics and data analysis. Some fascinating imagery of earth from space had everyone enthralled! Eventually we ended the sessions with an open forum for the community and the audience explored the various rocket models and special concrete being designed by the University of Canterbury for landing stations.

We would like to thank Eric and Emeline for the time they spent with the Greymouth learning community and helped us demonstrate what the heart of a learning community looks like in actions.

Ms Chowfin,
Digital Technologies Teacher and Space enthusiast.



Careers Education & Guidance

What is LSV

- Live in training course, run over six weeks
- Run by the New Zealand Defence Force
- Mix of physical and classroom activities
- Meet people your age
- Learn life skills

LSV is Free

- We will organise travel to Burnham Military Camp
- Accommodation is provided and lots of good food
- We will help with the clothing you require for the course

Qualifying Criteria

- 17 to 24 year old – 17 accepted on a case by case basis
- In good health, able to take part in outdoor activities



facebook.com/LSVCanterbury

Sporting News

Sport Season Postponements

Due to the recent developments with COVID-19 sporting codes around the country are postponing the start dates of seasons or cancelling tournaments. Please take note of the below postponements for our local sport.

Basketball - Postponed start date until the 25th March. Further updates to come through when notified by Basketball NZ.

Netball - Postponed start date until the 2nd May at the earliest. NO trainings etc. can take place until the first week of April at the earliest.

Rugby Union - Postponed start date until the 18th April. Non contact trainings can still occur at this stage, please contact your own rugby coach/club for updates on your trainings.

Rugby League - Postponed start date until the 14th April at the earliest. NO trainings etc. until the 14th April.

Please keep an eye on the Greymouth High School Sports Hub Facebook Page for updates on the various sports, also check your sport association pages as well. Any information is being published once known, we can understand this is a frustrating time however we must abide by the rules and regulations from our sporting codes.

Greymouth High School Athletics Results

We had a fantastic day on the track for our school athletics and we would like to congratulate the following people for their top efforts of gaining the most points for their house.

House Results from Athletics Day: 1st Rata 366pts, 2nd Pounamu 359pts, 3rd Tawa 350pts, 4th Kahurangi 293pts.

U14 Girls 1 st Reagan Boniface 24pts 2 nd Tiana Baker 14pts 3 rd Kelisha Brandon 11pts	U14 Boys 1 st Declyn King 19pts 2 nd Will van der Geest 12pts 3 rd = Harvey Tacon 13pts 3 rd = Harry Shaw 13pts
U15 Girls 1 st Ella Makuika 29pts 2 nd Haylee Mackinnon 27pts 3 rd = Shialla Steel 15pts 3 rd = Yana Latta 15pts	U15 Boys 1 st Kaleb Holdem 24pts 2 nd Sam Shaw 20pts 3 rd = Xavier Brears 15pts 3 rd = Latai Tau 15pts
U16 Girls 1 st Jenna Mahuika-Apperley 25pts 2 nd Madison Rihari 19pts 3 rd Ashely Mallett 14pts	U16 Boys 1 st Riley Foster 19pts 2 nd Niko Barnett 17pts 3 rd = Connor Howe 10pts 3 rd = Isaac McCallum 10pts
U19 Girls 1 st Klaudia South 19pts 2 nd Alyssa Blacktopp 15pts 3 rd = Grace Wallace 14pts 3 rd = Tyra Jamieson 14pts	U19 Boys 1 st Clark Fountain 38pts 2 nd Reuben Taylor 20pts 3 rd = Brett Rees 11pts 3 rd = Francis Chapman 11pts

Maddy Crawford
Sports Coordinator