



# Greytown High School

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Although Greytown High produced outstanding Grade 12 academic results in term 1, we are aware and acknowledge that there is a lot of room for improvement at the top end (we were ranked number 1 in the district based on our pass rate, not our highflyers). You will receive the scopes today of what will be tested in the exams. Please print the scopes and go through them in detail with your child. Ensure that all the work has been covered, review the class notes, activities done, informal and formal tests. Problem areas need to be identified now (anything where your child got below their normal mark or below 50%) and a strategy needs to be drawn up to deal with these areas. This could be in the form of preparing and redoing tests activities, getting a peer or teacher to explain the work, reading or watching Youtube videos. One can't ignore a section that you performed poorly in as it could destroy your child in an exam. In addition to the content, please prepare your child physically to write an exam.

You can't run 3 km a day and then try to run the 90 km Comrades marathon - your child needs to prepare their body to write a 3-hour exam. It will take weeks of practice, concentrating for long periods of time, writing for long periods of time, eating the right food and controlling the toilet breaks to be in the right physical state to write exams. As a parent, you have to ensure that your child has the right environment and setting to practice for the exams, from food to time at the desk. It is also important to have the right study breaks and to exercise. A healthy body is a healthy mind.

Over the past few weeks, our learners have shown why Greytown High is such a renowned sporting school with a proud sporting history. Not taking anything away from the girls (after playing brilliant hockey all day, they lost 0-1 in the final to Ladysmith whom they had beaten earlier that day. Yet I have no doubt that we were the best hockey team on the day) one needs to acknowledge the background staff who, although we lost the final on Saturday, to me it was a victory as it was clear that Greytown High had come out winners in so many ways and more importantly we are heading in the right direction.

The grounds on Saturday were immaculate and one got the sense watching people as they walked in, they would say "wow". The ground staff have worked incredibly hard to get the grounds ready. The organization on Saturday went like clockwork, everything was in its place and happened as it was supposed to. I had numerous people come up to me and comment that it was one of the best run Spar tournaments. To me however, it was the passion, pride and belief in Greytown High that was so clear on Saturday. The joy and jubilation from all staff and learners when a goal was scored was unbelievable. The girls were lifted by this support and put on a wonderful display of hockey. This pride and belief was evident in the dress of all learners who were there on Saturday. This did not go unnoticed as I must have had close to 10 people commend me on the dress, manners and the way Greytown High students conduct themselves. Well done parents and learners!

Please get your Old Scholars' weekend golf and bowling teams (4 per team for Friday, the 24<sup>th</sup> May) in to Mrs Ortmann by Monday, the 20<sup>th</sup> May. We also encourage all parents and the community to form teams and join the Potjiekos competition on Saturday, the 25<sup>th</sup> May from 11:00 to 17:30. Here you will get a chance to showcase your culinary skills by cooking your best stew outdoors in a cast iron pot over an open fire. This will be followed by a potjiekos dinner and a dance for parents and old scholars in the school hall. Please see the attached flyers.

Let's make Greytown High School GREAT.

Regards

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PRINCIPAL