



New Coasters Newsletter

January + February 2018

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New Zealand
Newcomers Network
Connecting People

Kia Ora and Haere Mai!

It was such a pleasure to finish off our activities in 2017 with a fabulous 'Street Party' to celebrate World Migrant Day together.

Thanks to everyone who came along and contributed!

I hope you had a nice Festive Season and made the best of the various opportunities to celebrate summer and life in general...

For me 2018 started with quite a few 'special moments':

I celebrated my 10th summer Christmas which feels better each year, but is still kind of strange considering what customs I grew up with...

It's now been 7 years since I handed the key to my tiny apartment in the big city of Cologne over to the landlord and left most of my worldly belongings and some dear people behind to start a new chapter of my life in a big house in a small town on the West Coast...

I dare to say that I feel quite settled; my old German friends reckon I'm becoming more and more 'Kiwi', whereas New Zealanders frequently ask me where I come from...

I also celebrated my birthday in early January and the Kiwi custom of congratulating people BEFORE the actual event still gives me big goose bumps – in my home culture this is a huge NO NO as people believe it means bad luck. But how can people here know??

Migrating always means a mix of maintaining some of your customs & habits, adapting to new ones and handling the rollercoaster of emotions that comes with this process. When at times you feel like a fish out of water, focusing on the positive changes and new opportunities usually helps. As Alain de Button says: "When we go to different places, we come across different rules. This is an invitation to change yourself".

It's good to know that all this is fairly normal for many migrants and that New Coasters provides a platform to talk about these experiences. We always encourage open conversations to ensure we support and learn about each other. Our new 'projects' for 2018 will be the establishment of a 'West Coast Migrant Forum' and the development of cross-cultural trainings – watch this space and get in touch if this sounds interesting to you...

I look forward to catching up with you and sharing our stories & more

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Welcome Newcomers!

We are an informal social network which supports people in Greymouth, Hokitika and surrounding areas. 'Newcomers' can help you get in touch with others, meet local people, find out about clubs and organisations and help you feel at home in your new environment. Please feel free to come along to our activities or contact us via phone/ email/ facebook.

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Opening Times of our office vary depending on other events.

For details see poster @ the office or contact me to make an appointment.



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NEWS FROM THE HEADQUARTER

Celebrate CULTURAL DIVERSITY!

Statistics NZ is projecting that New Zealand's population will increase by about 1 million in the next 20 years, with **all major ethnic groups growing**. In many parts of the country you find Multicultural Councils and Migrant Centre which are 'go-to' places for all cultural and ethnic matters. Their purpose is to promote, support and share information among ethnic groups & communities to achieve positive race relations.

The West Coast is becoming more ethnically diverse as well. New Coasters has been organising a growing number of cultural celebrations in the past two years. We see the predicted developments as a great chance to learn and benefit from each other. At the same time, we are aware that increasing diversity also comes with some challenges. We want to **start the conversation** between new migrants, established migrants AND other community members.

We are planning to establish a FORUM that

- 👉 discusses chances and challenges,
- 👉 enables constructive conversations and the development of new ideas,
- 👉 supports language learning and educates about cultural customs
- 👉 initiates ideas to improve inclusion and connectedness
- 👉 embraces diversity and organises cultural celebrations
- 👉 represents a range of Ethnic groups on the West Coast.

Please get in touch with me if you (or someone you know) would like to join our Migrant meet-ups, get involved in upcoming cultural celebrations (Waitangi Day, Chinese New Year, Race Relations Day) and more.

Chinese New Year Celebration

16th February 2018 marks the start of the Year of the Dog – Chinese New Year and Spring Festival. New Coasters acknowledges the importance of this event for Chinese, Cantonese, Taiwanese and many other Asian migrants in New Zealand. We are collaborating with Tai Poutini Polytechnic in Greymouth to **organise celebrations on 16th February and wish to include as many people as possible.**

We are thinking of...

- Hands-on activities for people to participate in (Calligraphy, Kung Fu, Bamboo Dance, etc.)
- Offering authentic Food and Tea Ceremonies
- Providing information about the history of Chinese Settlers
- Performances – music and more...

Do you want to become involved? Any ideas and suggestions are much appreciated! We are waiting to hear back from the Confucius Institute who will send a new teacher to TPP next week and generally has many resources. In addition, it would be great to have **as much local 'buy-in' and participation as possible to celebrate our cultural diversity and have lots of fun learning about other cultures!**

Please get back to Zane Smith at TPP zanes@tpp.ac.nz or me Birte@newcoasters.co.nz 😊



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Let's get involved in Community events

On Waitangi Day (6th February) both communities Greymouth and Hokitika are organising celebrations – there will be a picnic including BBQ and Hangi food in Dixon Park (more info under <https://givealittle.co.nz/org/greymouthwaitangidaypicnic>) and a Community Fun day on Gibson Quay in Hokitika including a Treaty workshop, BBQ lunch, music, sports and many more activities. **I would like to run a New Coasters stall at both events – who can support us** (as I haven't figured out how to clone myself yet...)?

After the great success of our fundraising stall at the Christmas Street party we have also booked a site for the **Rotary Street Fare on 18th February** to sell food (international flavours).

Who can help on the day and/ or donate food??

Our Knit & Needlecraft group: Win - Win for everyone!

You may be aware of the various benefits of knitting (& crocheting) for health – it improves your mood & motor skills, reduces stress, trains your brain and usually results in colourful and useful products (just to name a few...)

You may also know that SOCIAL knitting has even more benefits - members of our regular groups find support, advice and inspiration, they have developed great friendships and couldn't wait to come back together after the Christmas break (yes, there are some signs of addiction... 😊).



But the coolest thing is that the wider community benefits as well because they donate to a range of Charities and people in need like foster children, dementia patients and many more... Their next big event will be another 'Knitting in the library session' on 27th January where they'll knit 'Fish'n'Chip jerseys for babies which will be given to families in

need by Family Start staff members. They even run a competition for the funkiest jersey! **Want to join them or donate some yarn?**

Contact Maureen 021 0626429 for details!



Activities

Many enjoyed the 'taster' sessions at our Migrant Day Celebration and asked for details: The **belly dancing** group meets every Monday at 6pm at Greymouth's Uniting Church Hall and the **Zula** group (= Zumba & hula hoop) meets Wednesdays 5.30pm above Greymouth's Regent Theatre & Mondays at 6.30pm at Hokitika's gym – they all welcome new members!!

A New Year often comes with resolutions for health and wellbeing... here are just a few more suggestions that might encourage you to get out and get active:

Our **Tai Chi** classes in Hokitika re-start on 29th January (every Monday at 6pm) at Hokitika's Grey Power rooms and the **Nuline Dance** classes start 1st February in Greymouth.

We'll host **Yoga** in the town classes from 7th February in our Greymouth venue and if anyone knows a suitable venue for yoga weekend retreats please get in touch with Ilana ilana.yannai@gmail.com . Laksmi is back to hosting **yoga classes and meditation sessions** at her place in Hokitika – find out more on [her facebook page](#) . Those who are missing their aqua gym classes due to the pool closure can now join "Just Aqua" on Tue & Thu at 5.30pm classes at the Grey High Pool ([link](#)). And the popular [Essentrics](#) classes restart in term 1 as well 😊



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Boomerang Bags

It's amazing to see more and more reusable products being developed and the awareness of the REDUCE-REUSE-RECYCLE concept increasing! Unfortunately, I also just heard that the average amount of waste per person in New Zealand is fairly bad compared to other OECD countries... Let's be good role models and work on improving this!

In 2017 New Coasters members and friends have produced around 500 Boomerang Bags – uniquely handmade sturdy fabric bags which are available at the libraries and some other local shops to use instead of plastic bags. They are supposed to be returned (like a boomerang...) so they can be used by others who might have forgotten to bring their reusable bags into town... There is significant demand for more bags and I encourage you to become involved in this great project – even if you don't know how to use a sewing machine... We'll get together again in February to distribute fabric, labels and more – *feel free to come along and see how you can help!*

We also have a small number of **bags available FOR SALE** (yes, then you can keep them 😊). The money generated by this pays for the printing of labels. Follow our facebook group 'Boomerang Bags West Coast NZ' or contact me to find out more...

WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING

NEW: West Coast Writers group

This group welcomes writers of all genres to talk about all things 'writing' and get feedback on their work, in a respectful, encouraging environment. Don't worry about your level of experience - everyone is welcome! The group **meets on the first Sunday of the month, 11am – 1pm**, at the New Coaster's Office, 38 Albert Street, Greymouth. Interested people should contact Katrina Brown (kbtaiwan@gmail.com)

Do you know any young people aged 17-25? The **Future Leaders programme** will be operating in Greymouth this year and applications are now live (closing date 4th Feb). Spaces are limited so if you know of any young people who you think should be on this programme, go ahead and nominate them on www.inspiringstories.org.nz! Check out their promo video <https://www.facebook.com/InspiringStoriesTrust/videos/2000855139929840/> and contact **Noa Woolloff** 027 952 3234 noa@inspiringstories.org.nz for details!

Interested in PIANO/ Keyboard lessons?

Layla Douthwaite, ATCL qualified, 10+ years' experience is taking new students now. Based in Greymouth. First lesson half price. Contact 0212425800

Who is interested in **Buddhism**? Maybe even practising it? Please get in touch with Simon who wants to connect with other Buddhists: innovate4endeavour@gmail.com

Cute sleep-out available in Stafford St/ Hokitika for rent from mid-February with the option to "help out" with house work in exchange for some of the board. Contact Marie 0211309235.

Childrens' Day in Hokitika is a famous annual celebration and a fun-filled opportunity to become involved in community and support a good cause. The organisers appreciate every **helping hand** – get in touch with Dr. Anna Dyzel annadyzel@westlandmed.co.nz if you can support them!

Is there anyone out there who can check & repair our sewing machines?



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The various benefits of learning LANGUAGES

One really great thing about being part of our group is that many members speak several languages and even better – they are often more than happy to share their knowledge and some have offered to teach languages! **We will celebrate Mother Language Day on 21st February to acknowledge the great diversity of languages spoken on the Coast and invite you to join us for some “Tasters and Teasers” before we start regular language sessions the week after...**



Not convinced yet? Here are just some of the many benefits of speaking two or more languages:

- ☞ **You become smarter** as speaking a foreign language improves the functionality of your brain
- ☞ **You build multitasking skills** because you can easily switch between different structures.
- ☞ **You stave off Alzheimer’s and dementia by about 4 years or more**
- ☞ **Your memory improves** - the brain is like a muscle which functions better with exercise...
- ☞ **You become more perceptive** - multilingual people are better at observing their surroundings. They are more adept at focusing on relevant information and editing out the irrelevant.
- ☞ **Your decision-making skills improve** - bilinguals tend to make more rational decisions. They are more confident with their choices after thinking it over in the second language and seeing whether their initial conclusions still stand up.
- ☞ **You improve your mother language** - learning a foreign language draws your focus to grammar and sentence structure which makes you more aware of language, and the ways it can be manipulated. These skills can make you a more effective and sharper...

**Now you just have to decide which language to start with 😊.
Talk to us on International Mother Language Day & register for one of the upcoming classes:**

- ☆☆☆ FRENCH CONVERSATION ☆☆☆
- ☆☆☆ MANDARIN FOR CHILDREN ☆☆☆
- ☆☆☆ SPANISH CONVERSATION ☆☆☆

☆☆☆ Mandarin for adults @ Tai Poutini Polytechnic ☆☆☆
*... and of course our **conversational English classes** continue to run weekly in Greymouth and Hokitika...*



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Regular activities at & with New Coasters

Thanks to our wonderful volunteers & tutors we offer a variety of activities which provide great opportunities to meet others who share similar interests, find out about local information & develop new friendships! Huge THANKS to those who volunteer to organise the activities and WELCOME to anyone who wants to get involved – talk to me about your ideas & we'll make it happen!

 **Conversational English Language classes** (\$5 per class) Learn with friendly teachers and improve your vocabulary, pronunciation & knowledge of local phrases –good English language skills open the doors to new friends & job opportunities... Join our groups any time!

Conversations English: Thursdays 7pm at Heartlands (Hokitika) & Fridays 10am at New Coasters GM
Easy English (beginners level) Tuesdays 10am at Heartlands (Hoki) and Fridays 9am at New Coasters

 **Coffee morning** Anyone who wants to meet new people and find out what's happening in the community is welcome to join us **once a month** from 10.30am for a cuppa & chat at Ramble & Ritual, 51 Sewell St, Hokitika (usually on a Thursday, occasionally on Saturdays, too ☺)

 **Book Club meeting** All 'bookworms' are invited to come along and discuss BOOKS A great way to share your passion for reading! Please contact the host for details.
Hokitika: group meets every first Tuesday at 7.30pm, contact Kathleen (021 1414851)

 **Needlecraft meetings (=Knitting group)** Contact Maureen for details: 021 0626429 Enjoy a night out and go with the new global trend: knit/ crochet/ stitch in a café while having crafty conversations with others... Beginners and experienced crafters welcome.
Every Monday from 10am at Ali's Café and from 6pm at New Coasters venue, Albert St, Greymouth

 **Explore and discover the West Coast with others** Get to know interesting local short walks! Every third Sunday, the walk starts around 11am. Contact Christina if you need a ride, want to car share or have any questions: 021 1188138

 **Sewing sessions** Would you like some help and inspiration creating or fixing clothes or accessories? Contact Angela 027 3219772 to arrange a time to meet.

 **Learning time with the Literacy tutor** Do you want to study the road code to get your driver's license or work on your CV to apply for a job? Contact Literacy tutor Lesley to arrange a time to meet on Tuesdays: alp@westreap.org.nz

 **Social Chess & other games** Are you interested in playing CHESS or other board games? The regular meetings are taking a break at the moment – contact me if you are interested in games...

 **Tai Chi for health** meets Mondays at 6pm at Grey Power rooms Hokitika. To join this group for a good stretch and relaxation. Contact Jo 022 6907172 about available spaces.

 **Writers' group** Are you interested in writing? A new group meets every first Sunday of the month. Contact Katrina for details: kbtaiwan@gmail.com



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EVENTS in January

(ITALICS = organised at/ by New Coasters; BLACK= community event. For details, click links/ mini-posters.)

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE	CONTACT / more details
23.01. 5.30pm	 <i>Garden group meeting</i>	176 Stafford St, Hokitika + 130 Hall St, Hokitika	<i>We meet to see how others grow their veggies and share tips & more. Start @ Lian's garden, afterwards we'll visit Marj's garden</i>
24.01., 4.30-6pm	 <i>Craft session 'Rock painting'</i>	New Coasters & CoRe venue 38 Albert St, Greymouth	<i>Come along and create some colourful rocks to beautify our towns & gardens. Basic material provided – byo rocks & paint if possible</i>
24.-28.01.	Driftwood and Sand Beach Sculpture Festival	Hokitika Beach	 Make sure you don't miss this famous annual event which turns Hokitika beach into an outdoor art exhibition!
25.01. 6.30-9pm	New Years resolutions 2018 – Vision Board Workshop	New Coasters & CoRe venue 38 Albert St, Greymouth	Try a creative method to you're your focus & pursue your dreams... LINK
26.01. From 5.30pm	 <i>Potluck Picnic & beach bonfire</i>	Cobden Beach (near car park at start of Point Elisabeth Track)	<i>Let's light a fire and enjoy a rustic shared meal on the beach! Please bring your picnic chair/ blanket and food to share.</i>
27.01. 10am-4pm	Gardens Galore Garden Ramble	Start @ Trinity Centre, Greymouth	Devonshire Tea, lots of plants for sale, 10 local gardens to visit – Make sure you support this fundraiser! 
27.01. 10am-12.30pm	 <i>Knit in Public session</i>	Grey District Library Contact Maureen for details: 021 0626429	<i>Join our group of passionate knitters and create something for a good cause or work on your own project</i> 
27.01.	Westland A & P show	Hokitika racecourse	https://www.westcoast.co.nz/events/westland-and-p-show/
27.01. 11am-1pm	Enrolment Day incl. free coffee & BBQ	Tai Poutini Polytech, Greymouth	www.tpp.ac.nz LINK
27.01. 11am-2pm	Bois Gentil KIWI Creche public viewing	Shellback Rd, Atarau, Blackball	See a juvenile kiwi get its final check before release into the wild. Learn about great spotted kiwi & the conservation work that the Paparoa Wildlife Trust does. LINK
27.01. 6.30pm	 <i>Fish & Chips night on the beach</i>	Hokitika Beach front	<i>Let's keep it simple and bring takeaways (or whatever you feel like eating) along! We'll have a look at the beach sculptures after dinner...</i>



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27.01. 8pm	Salad Boys concert (Indie Rock)	Barrytown Hall	Poster LINK Event LINK
28.01. 4.30pm	 <i>Incredible Edible get-together</i>	New Coasters & CoRe venue 38 Albert St, Greymouth	<i>Share ideas and make plans how to grow more edibles around town</i>
29.01. 6pm	 <i>Tai Chi</i>	Grey Power room 51 Revell St, Hokitika	<i>Enjoy a relaxing stretching session</i>
29.01. 7pm	Shenandoah Davis Full Band concert	Donovan's Store, Okarito	LINK
29.01.	Poetry Corner	Theatre Royal, Kumara	
31.01.	Emilia Lahti – Soroptomists Guest Speaker	Old Lodge Theatre, Hokitika	Raising Awareness of interpersonal violence LINK
31.01.	Super Blue Blood Moon Eclipse	SKY @ night ☺	

EVENTS in February

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WHEN	WHAT	WHERE	CONTACT / more details
1.2.	Wonder Yoga for wee Coasters classes start	All Saints Anglican Church hall, Hokitika	Facebook link
2.2.	Crusaders vs. Hurricanes rugby game	Rugby Park Greymouth	link
2.2. 9pm	Waitangi Day Party (dance)	Railway Hotel GM	link
3.2. 9am-4pm	Hokitika Garden Ramble	St. Andrews Church hall, Fitzherbert St, Hokitika	 Contact Donna 03 755 8111 for details
3.2.	Inangahua Reefton A&P Show	Reefton Racecourse	https://westcoast.co.nz/events/inangahua/
3.2.	Blackball Pot Black Challenge	The Formerly Blackball Hilton	
4.2. 9.30am	Gold Trail Mountainbike Ride	Shantytown	https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2018/gold-trail/greymouth
4.2. 11am-1pm	Writer's group meeting	New Coasters & CoRe venue GM	
6.2.	Waitangi Day		
6.2.	Waitangi Day Picnic & BBQ	Dixon Park, Greymouth	link
6.2.	Waitangi Day Community Fun Day	Gibson Quay, Hokitika	link
6.2. 6.3pm	From the Earth – Pottery Exhibition opening	Left Bank Art Gallery, Greymouth	Facebook link
7.2. 7pm	Yoga on the town class @ New Coasters	New Coasters & CoRe venue 38 Albert St, Greymouth	
8.2. 7.30pm	Flora & Sean live music	Old Lodge Theatre, Hokitika	Facebook link
8.2. 7.30pm	Baroque Music	St. Patrick's Church, Greymouth	https://www.baroquemusic.co.nz/events



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9.-10.02.	Coast 2 Coast multi sport race	Kumara Junction	https://westcoast.co.nz/events/coast-coast/
10.02. 7-9pm	30 & over SPEED DATING	Stillwater Hotel	Facebook link
10.02. 8.30am	Buller Gorge Marathon	Berlins Hotel	https://westcoast.co.nz/events/buller-gorge-marathon/
10.02., 10.30am	 Coffee morning	The Sandwich Company, Revell St, Hokitika	<i>Join us for a hot drink & chat to catch up on the latest news and meet other community members...</i>
11.02. 7.30pm	The Young Folk concert	Old Lodge Theatre, Hokitika	LINK
13.02. 10.30am	Computer classes for beginners (start session)	Wetland District Library, Hokitika	LINK
13.02. 7-9pm	Sign Language class (start)	Greymouth	register your interest with WestREAP by calling 0800 927 327 LINK
13.02. 7pm	Allemande Joy Contra Bus dance live band	St. Andrews Hall Hokitika	
13.02., 7pm	 'Card making fun' Craft evening	Customhouse, Gibson Quay, Hokitika	<i>Come along for some creative time and chats with others. Make cards for Valentine's Day and other occasions. Basic material provided - feel free to bring your own craft box as well...</i>
14.2.	Valentines Day		
15.02. 5.30pm	 Garden group meeting	Paul's garden, Marsden Rd, Boddytown	<i>We meet to see how others grow their veggies, share tips & more...</i>
15.02. 8pm	Jas Josland Album release concert	Monsoon Bar Franz Josef	LINK
16.2.	Chinese New Year		
16.02. 10am-5pm	 Chinese New Year Celebration	Tai Poutini Polytechnic, Greymouth	<i>Join us to celebrate the start of the Year of the Dog, learn about Chinese customs, participate in activities and much more...</i>
17.02.	Absolute Wilderness Adventure Race	Reefton	https://westcoast.co.nz/events/absolute-wilderness-adventure-race/
17.02.	Ladies Tractor Trek fundraiser	Hokitika	Contact 027 2424526 Facebook link
17.02. 7.30pm	Dan Walsh - UK's Finest Clawhammer Banjo Player	Barrytown Hall	link
18.02. 9.30am	 Explore & discover the West Coast: Reefton walks	Meet @ Greymouth trinity Centre for car sharing.	<i>Join Christina & others exploring the area around Reefton Text or call her 021 1188138 for details.</i>
18.02.	Harakeke Flax weaving workshop starts	Greymouth	http://westreap.org.nz/harakeke/
18.02. 4pm	Cassini live music	Greymouth Town Square	Facebook link
18.02. 4-7pm	Greymouth Rotary Street Fare	Greymouth Town Square	Facebook link



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18.02. 7.30pm	Back of beyond concert	Old Lodge Theatre, Hokitika	Facebook link
20.02. 7pm	Greymouth Photography Club Anniversary	Blaketown Band Hall, Steer Avenue	Facebook link
21.02.	International Mother Language Day		
21.02. 5.30pm	 Mother Language Day Celebration	New Coasters & CoRe venue 38 Albert St, Greymouth	<i>Meet people who speak different languages and learn useful phrases and expressions...</i>
22.02., 6.30pm (to be confirmed)	 Boomerang bag sewing session	New Coasters & CoRe venue 38 Albert St, Greymouth	<i>Join us to create funky reusable bags & reduce waste 😊. Sewers and helpers welcome!</i>
23.02. 6pm	 Potluck dinner 'Taste of Summer'	Uniting Church Hall, 203 Tainui St, Greymouth (parking of Shakespeare St)	<i>Bring a summery dish along for a shared meal in good company...</i>
24.02.	Westland A&P show Theme: Mary Poppins	Whataroa	https://westcoast.co.nz/events/south-westland/
24.02.	Old Ghost Road Ultra Race	Westport area	https://westcoast.co.nz/events/old-ghost-road-ultra/
24.02. 1-4pm	Coast Colour rush	Omoto Racecourse Greymouth	https://westcoast.co.nz/events/colour-rush/
24.02. 3-9pm	The Mad Hatters Tea Party	Granity School	link
25.02. 10am	Flips & Tumbling Clinic	Westland Recreation Centre, GM	LINK
25.02.	Harakeke Flax weaving workshop starts	Hokitika	http://westreap.org.nz/harakeke/
27.02. 9.30am-2.30pm	Coaching Conversations workshop	Ashley Hotel Greymouth	link
28.01. 1-2.30pm	Moving Smart Parenting workshop	Blaketown	WestREAP 03 7558700
28.02. 4-5pm (to be confirmed)	 Mandarin class for children (primary school age)	New Coasters & CoRe venue 38 Albert St, Greymouth	<i>You can't start early enough to immerse your brain into different languages... Registration essential</i>
28.02. 5.30 – 6.30pm	 French conversation	New Coasters & CoRe venue 38 Albert St, Greymouth	<i>Brush up your school French or start from scratch – learn the basic from a native French speaker</i>
to be confirmed	 Spanish conversation	to be confirmed	<i>Brush up your travel Spanish or start from scratch – learn the basic from a native Spanish speaker</i>

PREVIEW

21st March marks Race Relations Day – what would YOU like to do? Also coming up:

Buddha's Birthday 29th May, Dragon Boat Festival 18th June,

Ethnic Communities' Celebration in Westland (October/ November) - read more:

<http://westlandmatters.buzzit.co.nz/>