



23 August 2021

Dear Parents

As per the Prime Minister's announcement this afternoon, the Alert Level 4 Lockdown is continuing. As a result, Ilam School will remain closed until at least next Monday morning, at the earliest. Information is below as to what the rest of the week, from a learning perspective, might look like and some information that has been sent out by the Ministry of Education that might be helpful for families.

This newsletter contains information on the following:

- **Distance Learning for the rest of the week.**
- **Digital Safety (repeated from Friday).**
- **Year 6 Families (Cobham Intermediate Information).**
- **Information regarding Alert Level 4, from the Ministry of Education that may be helpful.**
- **Cut Me Some Slack - Advice for parents of young children.**

Distance Learning for the rest of the week

Classroom teachers will continue to be in contact, via email, with families and will be providing specific learning activities for children. Additional activities can also be found on the COVID-19 Home Learning page of the Ilam [website](#). If you are yet to receive an email from your child's classroom teacher please contact them directly. Refer to this [link](#) for staff email contacts.

Home Learning TV, developed by the Ministry of Education, can be [accessed on demand here](#) or via the TVNZ App on a device (mobile phone, smart tv or tablet).

Digital Safety

With increased use of devices during the Lockdown, parents may be concerned about keeping their children safe online. Parents can enable a safe filter on their Windows, Mac, iPad or Chromebook devices via N4L. (N4L is a government owned company that provides a safe and reliable internet connection to 99% of New Zealand schools, including Ilam, to help protect

tamariki from inappropriate content and online threats. This [link](#) takes you to the safe filter instructions on their website.

Year 6 Families (Cobham Intermediate Information) - Cobham Intermediate enrolments for 2022 close this Friday, 27 August 2021. Enrolments can be completed online via this [link](#). The ballot, scheduled for 1 September, will likely be delayed and will be held once we are able to do this safely before a Justice of the Peace, following Government Covid-19 guidelines. If you have any queries, please email christine.lambie@cobham.school.nz.

Information regarding Alert Level 4 that may be helpful.

- **School Sites are Closed** - A reminder schools, school grounds and playgrounds remain closed at Alert Level 4.
- **Information Hub for Pasifika Parents and Families** - Kia orana, Noa'ia, Talofa lava, Mauri, Mālō e lelei, Tālofa, Ni Sa Bula Vinaka, Fakaalofa lahi atua and Mālō ni, the Ministry of Education has created an online info hub for Pasifika parents, families and communities to support learning during Alert Level 4. [You can find the information hub here.](#)
- **Learning Resources Link for NE to Year 13 Students** - [Learning from Home online](#)
- **Pacific Dual-language Resources Link** - [Dual-language resources](#)
- **Information for migrant communities** - The Ministry for Ethnic Communities | Te Tari Mātāwaka has just released some [videos](#) in different languages about the 'Golden rules for Level 4'.

Cut Me Some Slack - Advice for parents of young children - Parents might find this [link](#) to a blog post on the New Zealand Institute of WellBeing and Resilience helpful.

I will be in touch later in the week when I have new information to inform you about. Take care and stay safe.

Noho ora mai (All the best)



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