



16 September 2021

Dear Parents

Thank you for your continued support in signing in and for wearing masks when you enter the school grounds. We continue to prefer parents don't enter any classrooms or buildings, including the office during Level 2. Please call (03 348 7492) or email (admin@ilam.school.nz) with any queries. If you wish to talk to your child's teacher, please email them initially.

Next week at Alert Level 2 we will continue to see a focus on children washing, drying and sanitising hands after playing outside/before and after eating as well as being supervised while they eat in their classrooms. This also requires us to ask that children are collected as soon as possible after 3:00pm and do not play at school.

This rest of this email contains information regarding:

- **Teacher Only Day - Rescheduled for Friday 1 October 2021**
- **PTA Calendar Art**
- **After School Wednesday Chess Club - Does not operate at Level 2**
- **Year 5/6 Sports Uniforms**
- **New ICAS dates**
- **Term 4 Mihi Whakatau**
- **Ilam OSCAR - October School Holiday Bookings close TOMORROW**
- **Nor'west Arc Cycleway - Consultation Open**

Teacher Only Day - Rescheduled for Friday 1 October 2021

You may recall that our Term 3 Teacher Only Day which was scheduled for last Friday, was cancelled due to schooling at Level 2 just commencing. I have rescheduled the Teacher Only Day for the last day of this term, Friday 1 October. I apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause families. I did look at the possibility of having this day in the holidays, however unfortunately, due to the short rescheduled time, there was not a day available in the holidays where everyone who needed to attend was available. The staff's focus on this day will be around continuing our professional development of Reading with the National Literacy Advisor, Chris Henderson as well as analysing our mid-year progress data. Ilam OSCAR will be open on this day. Please visit this [link](#) to make your bookings.

PTA Calendar Art

Celebrate your child's artistic talent with our PTA calendar art fundraiser, last held in 2019. You will be able to order calendars, diaries, notebooks, packs of cards and mouse pads. All feature your child's art and are perfect to send overseas as gifts or to keep for yourselves at home! Orders open Monday 27 September and Close Friday 8 October 2021. **NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** More information on how you can order your child's Artwork will be sent home with your child shortly.

After School Wednesday Chess Club

Because of the number of children involved this event will not take place during Level 2

Year 5/6 Sports Uniforms - Friday afternoon Winter Sport for Year 5/6 children has now finished for the year. A reminder for Year 5/6 children to ensure they have their washed winter uniform in their school bag *every day* from next week. Thank you for your time involved in getting these back to us.

New ICAS Dates

Due to the recent lockdown we needed to change the sitting dates for the ICAS exams. ICAS exams will now take place in Term 4. The dates for the 2021 examinations are below:

Writing – Thursday 21 October 2021

Science - Thursday 28 October 2021

Mathematics - Tuesday 9 November 2021

Spelling Bee - Tuesday 16 November 2021

Term 4 Mihi Whakatau - Wednesday 20th October 2:00pm.

In Term 4 we hope to hold a Mihi Whakatau (depending on COVID-19 Alert levels) to welcome new families and staff to our school. Therefore, any children and their families who started their schooling at Ilam from 7th of August 2021 up until Wednesday 20th of October 2021 will be formally welcomed to the school at our Mihi Whakatau starting at 2:00pm. This event is not only for new families; current families are welcome to join us as we formally welcome our new whānau to our school. Parents and children will have an opportunity to speak in Māori, English or any other language if they so wish during this event. We anticipate the Mihi Whakatau lasting about 30 minutes. At the conclusion of the Mihi, families are invited to mingle and chat over a cup of tea and some afternoon tea.

Ilam OSCAR - October School Holiday Bookings - The Ilam OSCAR October Holiday Programme is now open for bookings. Please visit this [link](#) to make your bookings. We may need to alter a couple of days if we are still at Level 2, but have planned to operate during this level. In order to allow time to roster staff and confirm numbers, bookings will close tomorrow, **Friday 17th September**. Please email (oscar@ilam.school.nz) if you have any questions.

Nor'west Arc Cycleway - Consultation Open

The city council are seeking feedback about the proposed third and final section of the Nor'west Arc Cycleway. This involves proposed changes to Ilam Road from the University to Aorangi Road. You can visit this [website](#) for more information and to make a submission.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support as we move through Level 2.

Nga mihi nui (Kind Regards)



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