



School Newsletter
20 May 2021

Dear Parents

Our Year 5/6 classes started heading to their 3-day camp at Wainui this week, which is an exciting time for them. I would like to thank our Year 5/6 teachers and the parent helpers who run these camps. Without their commitment and energy these camps would not be possible. Our new playground continues to progress well. This is in the final stages of completion with a handover day being scheduled for next week ... hopefully! The road works continue on Ilam Road, please see details below about a major temporary change to this road that will have an impact on travel in the area.

This newsletter contains information on the following topics:

- **Pink Shirt Day - TOMORROW**
- **Teacher ONLY Day - Friday 4th June - School CLOSED**
- **New Website**
- **Road Works**
- **Mihi Whakatau - Wednesday 26th May**
- **2021 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)**
- **PTA**
- **After School Extra Activities at Ilam School**

Pink Shirt Day - TOMORROW

Tomorrow, Friday 21st May is Pink Shirt Day in N.Z. Children are encouraged to wear something pink on this day. Celebrated annually around the globe, Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007. Pink Shirt Day in Aotearoa has been celebrated since 2009. The Mental Health Foundation runs Pink Shirt Day at the end of Bully-free N.Z. week to raise awareness about bullying prevention in workplaces, schools and communities. While classes will have spoken about bullying, (what it is and what it isn't) we have this focus each term at Ilam, not just for one week a year. We talk about the difference between 'mean' behaviour and 'bullying'. 'Mean' behaviour is about 'one off' incidents that happen at school. We discuss with the children that bullying includes three distinct elements:

- Bullying is **deliberately harmful** behaviour.
- Bullying is behaviour that is **repeated** over time.
- Bullying involves a **power imbalance** between those who bully and those being bullied

What we are endeavouring to achieve is create an environment where all people feel safe, valued and respected, regardless of age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, or cultural background.

Ilam School Teacher Only Day - Friday 4 June - School CLOSED

Please note that Ilam School will be closed for children on Friday 4th June for a Teacher Only Day. The staff's focus on this day will be around our reading programmes, teaching and supporting culturally and linguistically diverse learners in the classroom and refining our emergency evacuation procedures. Please also note that this is just before Queen's Birthday Weekend, where Monday 7th June is a public holiday, therefore the school will also be closed on this day.

New Website

We have recently updated the school website, giving it a fresh look that aims to be helpful and useful to both current and future parents. If you haven't already, take a look - <https://www.ilam.school.nz> Any

feedback is welcomed. Please send this to: admin@ilam.school.nz A new feature that you can use to report an absentee can be found on the home page. Simply click on the '[Report an Absentee](#)' button.

Ilam Road Road Works

We have been advised by Fulton Hogan that from Tuesday 8th June (following Queens Birthday weekend) Ilam Road will be restricted to a one way street. Cars will only be able to travel in a North to South direction, that is from the University end of Ilam Road to Riccarton Road. In addition you will not be able to turn left from Ilam Road onto Kirkwood Ave. There will be some 2 minute, 'Kiss and Go' parking on Ilam Road by the school field during this time. This change will last for 6 weeks and will have a significant impact on travel to and from school. Please remember that the University of Canterbury kindly allows Ilam families to park in their Ilam Road car park for a quick drop off.

Mihi Whakatau - Wednesday 26th May

Next Wednesday, we will formally welcome any children and their families who started their schooling at Ilam from 26th of March 2021 up until Wednesday 26th of May 2021 at our Mihi Whakatau starting at 2:00pm in the school hall. 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. At the conclusion of the Mihi, families are invited to mingle and chat over a cup of tea and some afternoon tea.

2021 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Registrations are now open for the 2021 ICAS exams. Like last year the 2021 ICAS will be completed online. The dates for the 2021 examinations are below:

Writing – Monday 9 August 2021

Digital Technologies - Tuesday 10 August 2021

English - Tuesday 17 August 2021

Science - Monday 23 August 2021

Spelling Bee - Wednesday 25 August 2021

Mathematics - Tuesday 31 August 2021

To enrol for ICAS, visit our school website (<http://www.ilam.school.nz>) and select '**ICAS 2021**' from the home page to see more information and the enrolment form for each year group. Bookings and payments must be received by Friday 2 July 2021. No payment, no entry! NO CASH PLEASE

Ilam School Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

The next PTA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 8th June starting at 7:30pm. All parents are welcome to attend. If you, like a number of our parents, cannot attend PTA meetings but would like to be informed about PTA events, where you might be able to help out, please email pta@ilam.school.nz and you will be added to the 'friends of the PTA' email list.

PTA Hot Chocolate Morning - Friday 11th June - 8:30am in the Science and Tech Room. \$1 - cash only. Bring your own keep cup or buy a keep cup with hot chocolate for \$3 (limited Supply). Thank you to Ilam New World for donating the milk.

Extracurricular Activities at Ilam School

German Language and Culture After School Classes available at Ilam School

Learn German in an interactive and fun environment. Call or text Peggy: 022 58 78 260 Email: nzgerman@mail.com Website: www.germanlanguageclub.com

Please note: Ilam School staff are not involved in the development and teaching of the above extracurricular programme and take no responsibility for the content taught.

Noho ora mai (All the best)



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