



## School Newsletter

3 June 2021

Dear Parents

Talofa Lava!

This week is Samoan language week / Vaiaso o le Gagana Sāmoa. Samoan is the third most spoken language in New Zealand, with 144,000 people at the last census identifying as Samoan. The theme for this year's Samoan language week is: 'Poupou le lotoifale. Ola manuia le anofale' which means to strengthen the posts of your house, for all to thrive. Language weeks help all of us journey towards shared cultural understandings which gives us insight into new ways of thinking, and to different beliefs and cultural practices. Through these shared experiences, not only are we endeavouring to ensure that different cultures' identities are being kept alive, but we also endeavour to ensure all children and their families feel as if they belong at Ilam School.

Our thoughts go out to all of those in the Canterbury region who were affected by the flooding this week. We have added a banner to the top of our new website pages (<https://www.ilam.school.nz>) so you can easily see what is happening as far as school is concerned during such events. The banner currently has information about school being closed tomorrow for Teacher Only Day.

This newsletter contains information on the following topics:

- **Teacher ONLY Day TOMORROW - Friday 4th June - School CLOSED**
- **Congratulations - West Zone Cross Country**
- **2021 Curriculum Overview Reminder:**
- **New Website**
- **Road Works**
- **PTA**

### **Ilam School Teacher Only Day TOMORROW - Friday 4th June - School CLOSED**

Please note that Ilam School will be closed for children tomorrow 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.

### **Congratulations - West Zone Cross Country**

Congratulations to the 30 students who represented Ilam at the recent West Zone Cross Country, held at Halswell Quarry. Many thanks to the parents who were able to transport the students to the event. Congratulations to the following students who will now be going forward to the Canterbury Primary School event: Year 5 Boys: 2nd Baruch Boamponsem, Year 5 Girls: 2nd Christina Symons, Year 6 Girls: 5th Suraya Johnson. Well done also to Charlie Price who was 4th in the Year 4 Boys event.

## 2021 Curriculum Overview Reminder:

In 2021 we will have four focused Inquiries over the year. They are intended to develop key content knowledge and understanding as well as developing skills that can be utilised across the curriculum.



### Term 2's Inquiry focus is around The Arts with a focus on Dance, Drama and Music.

This term we hope you will notice your child coming home and sharing their class experiences with drama, music or dance. Each team has planned a number of engaging activities that develop skills, knowledge, attitudes, and understanding for aspects related to The Arts. We look forward to sharing some of this learning with you at our Matariki Evening that will take place on Wednesday 7th July, further details to come closer to the time.

Belinda Kennedy  
Deputy Principal

### New Website Updates

[Year 5/6 Wintersport](#) - Information (Teams, Draws and Maps) regarding Year 5/6 Wintersport are available from our school website under '[Communication - Sports Communication](#)'  
[Photo Gallery](#) - We are delighted to share our school memories with families, please visit our website and view our photo gallery. [Ilam School Photo Gallery](#)

### Ilam Road Road Works

We have been advised by Fulton Hogan that from **next 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.

### 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](mailto: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.

Manuia tele (Kind Regards)

Paul Dolan  
Tumuaki/Principal