



Newsletter

18 February 2021

Dear Parents

Thank you for your co-operation and support as we organised and implemented the required processes for Level 2 this week. While hopeful that we will shortly return to a Level 1 situation, we will continue to keep you updated of events such as next week's Learning Conferences and the PTA Family Fun Night closer to the time.

This notice contains information on the following topics:

- **Lateness**
- **Mihi Whakatau**
- **Start-of-Year Learning Conferences - Wednesday 24 & Thursday 25 February**
- **PTA**
- **Community Dental Van**
- **Upcoming Events in Term 1**
- **Uniform**
- **Years 2-4 Cricket Coaching Opportunity**

Lateness

A reminder that the day's learning at Ilam begins at 8:55am. A number of children are arriving at school after the 8:55am bell has rung. It is disruptive for classes when late children enter, and also means that the late children are missing the important set-up for their day. Children are welcome at school from 8:30am. Arriving at this time or shortly afterwards allows time for socialising with friends, talking to teachers and getting organised for the day ahead. Please try and have your children arrive at school on time. At the end of the school day a 3:15pm a 'clearing' bell is rung. This is so children who are still at school at this time come to the office so we know where they are, and ensure they are supervised and safe until you arrive. Please do not ask them to wait somewhere else in the school grounds after 3:15pm. If children arrive late to school or leave early it is important that they sign in or out on our tablet in the office. It is vital that we know who is at school and who isn't at any moment of the school day.

Mihi Whakatau - Wednesday 3rd of March 2:00pm.

Any children, families and staff who arrived at Ilam after the 24th of October 2020 up until Wednesday 3rd of March 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 the new people 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.

Start-of-Year Learning Conferences - Wednesday 24 & Thursday 25 February

Learning Conferences for all children, except those in Room 15, are still scheduled to take place next Wednesday 24 February (3:15-6:00pm) and Thursday 25 February (3:15-8:00pm). The Learning Conferences will be 15 minutes in duration. Parents will be doing the majority of talking as they inform

teachers about their children's learning strengths and needs. This allows teachers to understand individual children more fully, and so cater more adequately for their individual requirements. Details on how to book a time for the conferences was sent home last Thursday 11 February.

PTA

Congratulations to the following people who have been nominated to the following positions on the PTA for 2021:

- Tenika Wikatene and Annabel Brodie will be the Co-Chairs.
- Digby Symons who continues as Treasurer.
- Vicki Teesdale will be the PTA Secretary and Communications Officer.

Sincere thanks goes to these people for putting their names forward for these positions.

The next PTA Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 9 March starting at 7:30pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

PTA Family Fun Night!

A reminder that the PTA's Family Fun Night is scheduled for next Friday 26 February from 5:00pm - 7:00pm. Held on the school field, this is an opportunity to reconnect our Ilam Whānau after a disruptive 2020. It is intended to be a laid back evening where families can bring a picnic dinner or takeaways and enjoy some fun activities. We are looking for helpers to set up, assist during the evening and pack up afterwards. We are also seeking support from local businesses for prizes (goods or services) for our raffle. Please contact pta@ilam.school.nz if you can help on the evening or make a donation.

Community Dental Van Visit

One of our Community Dental Service vans will be making a visit to Ilam soon. **Only the children who currently require a check-up will be seen at this visit.** Please do not be concerned if your child is not called for a check-up this time. If your child requires any other dental care, they will bring home a 'Care Plan' which will explain what dental care and appointment times are required.

Upcoming Events in Term 1

The Upcoming Events page of our website - <https://www.ilam.school.nz/our-school/upcoming-events> has a detailed list of events for parents. Please keep a note of this page so there are no surprises for you and your children when an event occurs.

Uniform

Thank you for ensuring your children are dressed in the correct Ilam uniform. The hot weather this summer is a timely reminder that royal blue wide-brimmed hats are part of the uniform in Terms 1 & 4. For your own sanity please ensure these are clearly named.

Old Boys Collegians Cricket Club - Years 2, 3 and 4

Old Boy's Collegians Cricket Club would like to invite your child to take part in six cricket game sessions at Ilam School during Term 1. Sessions will be run by professional club coaches on Monday afternoons from 3.15-4.00pm. The sessions will take place from 22nd February to 29th March. There will be a small fee of \$40 for the 6 sessions. To book go to: www.coaching-solutions.co.nz/bookings Any questions contact Richard: richard@coaching-solutions.co.nz

Noho ora mai (All the best)



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