



## Newsletter

6 May 2021

Dear Parents

Welcome to Term 2! It is great to have all your children back at school and hear about all the exciting things they took part in during the holidays. Lots of exciting learning opportunities are planned for this term. As well as covering our core subjects of Reading, Writing and Maths, our whole school inquiry under the concept of, 'Identity:Creativity' which will be explored through The Arts (Music, Dance & Drama) is starting. I'm sure there will be some powerful thinking going on and lots of curiosity as this learning gets underway.

This newsletter contains information on the following topics:

- **New Website**
- **Mihi Whakatau - Wednesday 26th May**
- **2021 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)**
- **School Photos Order Forms**
- **PTA**
- **After School Extra Activities at Ilam School**

### **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](mailto: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.

### **Mihi Whakatau - Wednesday 26th May**

This year we hope (depending on COVID-19 Alert levels) to hold a Mihi Whakatau each term to welcome new families and staff to our school. Previously we have done this twice a year. Therefore, any children and their families who started their schooling at Ilam from 26th of March 2021 up until Wednesday 26th of May 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 Road Roadworks**

You would have noticed that our Ilam Road entrances have been blocked by Fulton Hogan as they complete their work outside the school. As a result staff and vehicles are using the Kirkwood entrance to the school staff car park. Please be aware that extra care is needed in this area when dropping off or picking up children from school.

### **2021 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)**

Registrations are now open for the 2021 ICAS exams. Like last year the 2021 ICAS is 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**

### **School Photos Order Envelopes - Return by Friday 14 May**

We would appreciate it if all parents can return the school photos order envelopes by Friday 14 May. The envelopes must be returned to school regardless of payment method.

### **PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale - Friday 7th May**

A reminder the Term 2 Second Hand Uniform Sale is on Friday 7th May from 8.30 am - 9.00 am in the Science & Technology Room. EFTPOS available

### **Extra-curricular Activities at Ilam School**

Did you know that your children can be involved in a number of extra-curricular activities either before or after school? More detailed Information is also available from the school office.

#### French Classes - Wednesday Mornings - 8.00am - 8.45am - School Library

La Petite Acadēmy offers an exciting opportunity for students to learn French. La Petite Acadēmy has been teaching quality French lessons in various schools for over a decade. The teaching staff at La Petite Acadēmy are experienced, enthusiastic language teachers, with a passion for French. To enrol go to [www.lpa.co.nz](http://www.lpa.co.nz), click on 'FIND YOUR SCHOOL' and follow the prompts.

#### Kelly Sports

Kelly Sports is returning in Term 2 running their Warm Up Winter Sports Programme. This weekly programme gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment giving children the confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future. For any further information please email on [chch@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:chch@kellysports.co.nz) or to sign up please visit: [https://www.kellysports.co.nz/kelly\\_events/view/12737](https://www.kellysports.co.nz/kelly_events/view/12737)

*Please note: Ilam School staff are not involved in the development and teaching of the above extra-curricular programmes and take no responsibility for the content taught.*

Nga mihi nui (Kind Regards)

Paul Dolan  
Principal

### **Term 2 Assembly Timetable**

**Our whole school assemblies are held fortnightly on a Wednesday starting at 2:15pm. Classes and School Groups take turns at hosting our assemblies. All parents, grandparents, caregivers and 'friends of the school' are welcome to attend these whole-school events. The Groups/Classes that will host the assemblies this term are:**

Week 2 - School Council

Week 4 - Mihi Whakatau

Week 6 - Room 4

Week 8 - Room 3

Week 10 - Language Support