



School Newsletter

29 July 2021

Dear Parents

It is great to have your lovely children back at Ilam for Term 3; I have enjoyed listening to their holiday adventures as I have wandered around the school this week. A special welcome to new families, whose children have started at Ilam this term.

Unfortunately the rain at the start of the week has delayed the use of our new bike/scooter path, however I'm sure it will be worth the wait once it is completed. Thanks again to Fulton Hogan for the installation of this amazing new feature to the school.

This newsletter contains information on the following topics:

- **Mid-Year Learning Conferences/Reports**
- **Mihi Whakatau - Wednesday 4 August 2:00pm**
- **PTA**
 - **PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale - TOMORROW**
 - **Hot Chocolate Morning - NEXT Friday 6 August, 8:30am**
 - **Calendar Art**
- **Concerns and Complaints and Behaviour Management Policy Review**

Mid-Year Learning Conference/Reports

Learning Conferences are scheduled for *next* Wednesday, 4 August and Thursday, 5 August. Positive, open relationships between parents and teachers are paramount in achieving success for children. The children's mid-year reports will be the basis of the discussion at the conferences. We have reformatted the reports this year, with these being available as a paper copy for all parents. By the end of each learning conference we want parents to have a clear understanding of the following:

- How children are in class from a social/emotional perspective.
- Where children are achieving at on the New Zealand Curriculum for the areas reported on.
- How this achievement compares to the 'Ilam End-of-Year Expectations' for their year group.
- What progress children have made this year.
- What children's next learning steps/goals are.

Mihi Whakatau - Wednesday 4 August 2:00pm

This year we plan (depending on COVID-19 Alert levels) on holding 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 26 May 2021 up until Wednesday 4 August 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 School Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

- The next PTA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 10 August starting at 7:30pm in the school staffroom. 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.
- Second Hand Uniform Sale - TOMORROW, Friday 30 July - A reminder that the Term 3 Second Hand Uniform Sale is TOMORROW, Friday 30 July, 8.30am - 9.00am in the Science & Technology Room. EFTPOS available.
- Hot Chocolate Morning -Friday 6 August - 8:30am. Located in the Science and Technology Room. \$1 - cash only. Bring your own keep cup. Thank you to Meadowfresh for donating the milk.
- Calendar Art - The PTA want to let you all know that it's that time again where your talented children and teachers are gearing up for Calendar Art to be ready to order in Term 4. More information will be sent out closer to the time of ordering. This is where your children's class art work can be ordered on calendars, cards, diaries and notebooks. A fabulous Christmas gift for friends and family and a great opportunity to show your support for our wonderful school.

Policy Review

You may recall that the Ilam School Board of Trustees works on a subscription basis with SchoolDocs to maintain, update, and review our policies. SchoolDocs provides us with a comprehensive core set of policies which have been well researched and follow the Ministry of Education National Administration Guidelines. The policies and procedures are tailored to our school, and the school supplies specific information such as our charter, and procedures for behaviour management, reporting to parents, etc. Policies are monitored by SchoolDocs and updated, modified, or created in response to changes in legislation, significant events, Ministry guidelines, reviews/requests from schools, and regular reviewing from the SchoolDocs team. Our Board of Trustees has the opportunity to view changes and additions and comment on them before they are implemented.

Currently our **Concerns and Complaints** and **Behaviour Management** policies are up for review. The Board welcomes your feedback on this. Follow the steps below:

1. Visit the school website <http://https://www.ilam.school.nz/our-school/#Policy>
2. Click on "SchoolDocs site"
3. Enter Username: ilam and Password: ilamschool
4. Click on "Current Review"
5. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
6. Read the policy.
7. Click the Policy Review button at the right hand top corner of the page.
8. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
9. Enter your name (optional).
10. Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can easily provide you with printed copies of the policy and the review form.

Nga mihi nui (Kind Regards)



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