



School Newsletter

22 July 2021

Dear Parents

I hope this finds you well and have managed to spend some quality time with your children during the holidays.

New Bike/Scooter Path

This is just a quick message to let you know that a new bike/scooter track has been installed at the school during the holidays. There are some photos on our Facebook page. Located behind Room 15 & 16, it promises to be an exciting addition to our school. The final markings, signage and planting are scheduled to be installed tomorrow, weather permitting.

A huge thank you goes out to Fulton Hogan who has donated all the materials and labour for this project. This was carried out by them as a gesture of acknowledgment for the disruption that the recent road works outside the school created. I am incredibly grateful for Fulton Hogan's generosity to the Ilam School community.

Initially, to try and avoid the area being overrun, year groups will be rostered to a day where they can bike and scoot on the path at break and lunchtimes if they wish. Those days are:

Monday - Year 6

Tuesday - Year 4

Wednesday - Year 5

Thursday - Year 3

Friday - Year 1 (Morning Tea) Year 2 (Lunch)

Initially, the Year 1 and 2 children will have less time than the older children, however, they also have their new playground to play on as well.

Participants must wear a bike helmet, whether they are riding a bike or a scooter, on the path. While other protection equipment is encouraged, it is not a requirement. Extra band-aids have been ordered for the sickbay in preparation!

Staff Changes

There are some staff changes for Term 3. We welcome Amy Sugrue back after 6 months of study leave, where Amy completed her Masters of Education at the University of Canterbury. Congratulations Amy! Amy will be teaching a New Entrant class in Room 16. The same room she was teaching in last year. Becky Wilson, who has been teaching in Room 16 since the start of Term 2, moves to teach in Room 12, covering for Nicki Frisby while she is on sick leave. Marg Stewart (Room 11 teacher) is the Year 2 Team Leader while Nicki is away.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible next week as we begin Term 3.

Nga mihi nui (Kind Regards)

Paul Dolan
Tumuaki/Principal