

LEESTON LEARNERS - Legends in the Making

*Ko nga akonga o He Puna Karumata
He rangatira mo apopo*

Thursday 15 May 2025



He taonga rongonui te aroha ki te tangata

Goodwill towards others is a precious treasure



Congratulations to everyone who participated in our annual cross country on Tuesday. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend however I have heard from many of the courage and determination displayed, along with the kindness and support shown to each other – ka pai Leeston LEGENDS – you are amazing! A big thank you to Ms Davison for organising the day and to all our parent helpers – we couldn't have done it without you!

I am enjoying the beautiful autumn colours, lovely crisp mornings, and sunny days to follow – long may they continue!

Nga mihi nui
Lynda Taylor
Tumuaki

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL
Jeremy Turland and Louka Turland



ECO WARRIORS

The Eco Warriors have been working really hard with CD, moving the Homegrown compost from the compost bin to the garden. This will ensure that the soil is rich and healthy enough to give us another bumper crop of potatoes!

THE HELL READING CHALLENGE 2025



[The New Zealand Book Awards Trust](#) have teamed up again with HELL Pizza to encourage school-age children (years 1-8) to read more. Their reading programme runs through schools and libraries nationwide. Leeston School will be offering this reading challenge reward system.

Children complete a 'pizza wheel' by reading seven books, and then go to any HELL Pizza store and redeem it for a free 333 HELL Pizza...

It's that easy! Every child/student must read 7 books to fill up their wheel to be able to receive their free pizza.

The teachers will be able to sign off the cards and then the children will be able to get their FREE PIZZA!!!!



MESSAGE FROM THE PTA

Yes, you heard it right—the PTA is here! We have officially moved on from WFS, and for a few reasons—but the biggest one? Not many people actually knew what WFS stood for! Hopefully, you are all on board with the change.

We have had a fantastic start to the year, kicking things off with our incredible car show. If you made it out, you saw some truly stunning classic vehicles, and we're thrilled to announce it was a massive success. Thanks to your support, we raised just under \$4,000—an amazing boost for this year's fundraising efforts!

Last week, we hosted our Mother's Day Sale, and what a joy that was. We love this event because it gives our tamariki the chance to choose a special gift for their mums or special person. Though some of those choices may have been interesting, the thoughtfulness behind each purchase is what truly matters! We made just over \$600 for this, so thank you everyone for your support.

Our current fundraisers include chocolate and soap sales, and we're gearing up for the highly anticipated Food Truck Night on June 14—we absolutely can't wait!

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support—we couldn't do this without you! If anyone wants to contact us please do so by emailing pta@leeston.school.nz and if you want to join a fab group of people or can volunteer some time at our events we would very, very much appreciate it.

And lastly, a heartfelt shoutout to Pauline Lay at Lays in Leeston. Every year, she generously handles our end-of-year accounts, and we are beyond grateful. THANK YOU, Pauline!

Results Cross Country 2025

Place	Year 6 Girls	Year 6 Boys	Year 5 Girls	Year 5 Boys
1st	Sera Luvenitoga	Koby Kirk	*	Noah Rollo
2nd	Isla Barraclough	Brody Milne	Mia Budney	Clark Hunt
3rd	Ava Borisi	Visori Vanavana	Kristina Reekie	Lukas Weldon
4th	Summer Fearnley	Floyd Walklin	Sofia Bryan	Caio Almeida
5th	Philippa Biddle	Blake Gullery	Inti Calle Mostrey	Tom Murphy
6th	Poppy Warren	Kent Hick	Esther Burns	Flynn Taylor
Place	Year 4 Girls	Year 4 Boys	Year 3 Girls	Year 3 Boys
1st	Ava Wilson	Quinn Hunt	Maddie Bell	Jordan Borisi
2nd	Grace Stewart	Riley Long	Lolly Barraclough	Jax Zajonskowski
3rd	Evie Kerr	Gus O'Meara	Karmah BWD	Lochie Greenwood
4th	Arabella Hamilton	Louka Turland	Mckenzie Grobler	Ben Murphy
5th	Ellie Brown	Lewis Gray	Isla Baker	Samuel Hurricks
6th	Eva Murphy	Zack Blazey	Sofia Reekie	Quinn Argyle

Wow! What a perfect day! The weather played its part and put on a sunny afternoon. A big thank you to all my helpers, especially Bill Whelan, Tim and Chris Green. To all the parents who marshalled and walked the tamariki down - THANKS! You guys are Leeston Legends! Thanks also to the teachers for their mahi and the house captains and leaders for leading the groups in the Tough Kids event.

We ran the cross country first up with some fantastic results. A couple of children kept their winning performance with Sera L, Koby K, Noah R and Ava W winning their races last year and this year - Leeston legends in the making! Great to see lots of children competing in the races and then the tough kid event.

The top six from Y4 - 6 will go through for Ellesmere Zone Cross Country on **Wednesday 21 May**. Notices will be sent home this week.



WOW



Pink Ribbon Morning Tea 2025 *love!*

6 May 2025



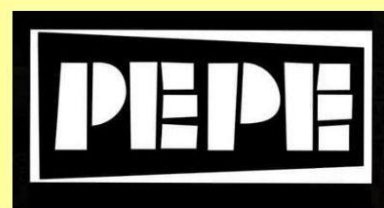
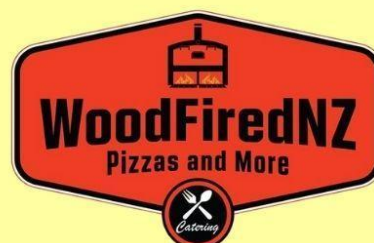
Leeston School staff held a Pink ribbon morning tea to raise funds and awareness for Breast Cancer. As you can see we all had fun wearing PINK and learnt about the importance of checking ourselves. We raised \$133! If you would like to donate, please use our QR Code.





Food Truck *Saturday*

Leeston Consolidated School Courts
Saturday June 14th 2025 — 5-8pm



Dogs MUST be on a leash in school grounds

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to Neil and Sue Mugford at **XCAV84U Leeston** for their generous donation of soil for our Library planter boxes. Your support helps us grow—literally—and we're so grateful for your kindness.

THURSDAY COFFEE: THE PERFECT START TO YOUR DAY!

Need a coffee after dropping the children off to class? You're in luck! Every Thursday morning, a local family will be serving up delicious brews from their coffee cart, *Screamin' Beans Coffee*, right in our staff carpark. Just text your name and order, between 7:50 am and 8:50 am to 022 396 4092.



Over \$2 million Donated

For every 100L of bulk fuel you have delivered
our school receives 50 cents!

A group of approximately 15 children and one adult male are posing outdoors in a grassy area with trees in the background. They are all holding large green hula hoops. The children are dressed in casual clothing, including a soccer jersey with the number 10 and a blue jacket. The adult is standing on the left side of the group.

**Call 0800 99 99 89 to start supporting us
today!**

PINK Shirt Day

GOLD COIN DONATION

We will be taking part in Pink Shirt Day on **Friday 16th May**, where our tamariki can wear anything **PINK** instead of their school uniform – a **gold coin** donation to go to the Mental Health Foundation to support bullying prevention would be appreciated.

This is a good opportunity for you to talk openly and positively about differences with your child and reinforce with them actions we can all take to fill each other's buckets and show kindness and inclusion.

FRIDAY 16 MAY 2025



JOIN THE MOVEMENT:
#PINKSHIRTDAYNZ



Kōrero MAI
KŌRERO ATŪ
MAURI TŪ, MAURI ORA
SPEAK UP, STAND TOGETHER, STOP BULLYING

DATES TO REMEMBER

Refer to our website for further term updates

15 May	Newsletter pp Cross Country
16 May	Whole School Assembly Pink Shirt Day
20 May	Rotary Reading Quiz Evening
21 May	Zone Cross Country
	Whanaungatanga
23 May	TOD - School Closed
26 May	EPro8 School Event
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29 May	Newsletter
30 May	Whole School Assembly
2 June	Kings Birthday - School Closed
3 June	PTA Meeting 7pm
13 June	Whole School Assembly
18 June	Canterbury Cross Country
20 June	Matariki - School Closed
24 June	Speech and Poetry Final
25 June	Matariki School Evening Celebrations
26 June	Newsletter Waitatari Incentive Day
27 June	Whole School Assembly Term 2 finishes at 3pm

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Secure your spot in our Term 2 2025 programme now by clicking on the link below:
<https://enrolmy.com/busy-bumbles#/name/%25Term%202%25>

STRUCTURED LITERACY ONLINE PLATFORM

Is your child needing a little extra practice with reading, writing, or spelling?

At Word Whizz, we offer an online platform full of engaging, self-paced workshops based on a Structured Literacy approach. We're a team led by a passionate New Zealand educator who's dedicated to helping kids thrive.

With Word Whizz, children can learn at their own pace, while we provide you with practical tools to support their learning at home.

✓ **Lifetime Access**

✓ **Self-paced learning**

✓ **Structured Literacy approach**

Visit www.wordwhizz.co.nz to find out more.

YOUNG CONTRIBUTOR AWARD - SATURDAY, 2ND AUGUST 2025

This award honours an exceptional young person under the age of 25 who has made a lasting, positive impact in the Waikirikiri Selwyn community. It recognises young changemakers who are driving meaningful change, demonstrating vision, leadership, and a strong commitment to building a resilient, inclusive future. These individuals inspire those around them through their innovation, courage, and community spirit.

We know there are many outstanding young people in Selwyn doing incredible work and achieving amazing things, and this is a chance to celebrate and recognise their efforts.

Applications are now open and close on Saturday 31 May 2025.

You can find the application form here: [SA25 Young Contributor Award Application Form](#)

Further details on the Selwyn Awards and the various categories can be found here: [The Selwyn Awards](#)

LEESTON LIBRARY

The Leeston Library is up and running at our new location, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone back visiting again. The new space is located at 76A High Street, next to FreshChoice supermarket. We have all the same services and resources as we had in our old building, and are open the same hours as the old library (9am-5pm weekdays, 10am-4pm Saturday, closed on Sunday).

Darfield Primary School PTA presents:

The Ultimate Parents Guide to...

Understanding our kids ***Online World***
and how to keep them safe.

Cyberbullying

Social Media

Gaming

Online Predators

Online Porn

Smartphones

Filters

Boundaries

Come and hear Filmmaker & Author Rob Cope in
what promises to be a hilarious, straight talking
Parent to Parent talk

MONDAY 19TH MAY 2025 | 7PM - 9PM

DARFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL

16 ROSS STREET, DARFIELD

Tickets \$5.00 each (plus \$0.63 booking fee)

Purchase here : <https://www.trybooking.com/nz/VMP>

Please note: This is not a fundraiser. Ticket sales will help to subsidise the presentation costs, with the remainder funded by the Darfield Primary School PTA. Our goal is to raise awareness and provide valuable tools to support and empower families in our community.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT FUN



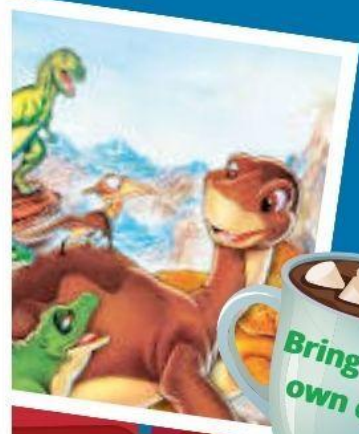
Bring your loved ones together for a night of laughter,
adventure, and heartwarming moments.

The Land Before Time



Follow Littlefoot and his friend Cera's journey as they travel to
the legendary 'Great Valley' to be reunited with their own kind.

SATURDAY, 12 JULY, 2025 | STARTS AT 6:00PM



1 FREE POPCORN & HOT CHOCOLATE
WITH EVERY PAID TICKET



<https://eptrust.nz/ept>



Southbridge Hall, Southbridge