

LEESTON LEARNERS - Legends in the Making

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

Thursday 17th October 2024



Whāia te mātauranga hei oranga mō koutou *Seek after learning for the sake of your wellbeing*



Welcome back to our final term! Where has the year gone? I hope that you all managed to find some time to spend with family and friends over the term break.

This week is literacy week! Our tamariki have been enjoying visiting the Leeston library, hearing different teachers sharing their favourite books, and being read to in the library by parents at break times. We are all really looking forward to coming dressed as our favourite book character tomorrow for our book character parade at 9.10am.

As you will be aware, I was privileged to travel to Finland to explore their education system, as part of a Principal's Tour of Education. I was lucky enough to visit the Moomin Museum in Tampere and I fell in love with the literacy character Moomintroll. The Moomins are central characters in a series of books by Swedish-Finn illustrator and writer Tove Jansson, originally published in Swedish in Finland in the 1960s. They are a family of trolls who are white and roundish, with large snouts. The carefree and adventurous family live in their house in Moomin Valley and have many adventures with their various friends! I have bought a book to donate to our library (written in English!), so that we can all share these adventures together!



“Someone who eats pancakes with jam can’t be that terribly dangerous!”

I really enjoyed exploring the Finish schooling system, which lasts nine years, with children starting school the year they turn 7 until they are 16. All schools are the same – the children do not have a school uniform, they all follow a national core curriculum and they are all publicly funded. Children attend the nearest school to where they live. As there is little variation in schools, they have a saying that their nearest school is the best school!

Children either walk or bike to school (very few are dropped off by car). The school day is relatively simple and follows a general pattern of a 45 minute lesson, followed by a 15 minute break outside (even in the rain and snow – although the children are dressed for the weather!) and a free healthy school lunch for all students and teachers. School nurses, psychologists and social workers work in each school (some for part of the week if the school is smaller). There are no school or teacher inspections in Finland. Local administrators, pupils and parents have high trust for their teachers, and education autonomy is high at all levels.

While it was wonderful to see a different education system, it also highlighted for me the things that we do well here. Kapa haka, whole school productions, school camps and trips, literacy and numeracy, sport and PE and encouraging children to think and problem solve are aspects that come directly to mind.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our book parade tomorrow morning - I wonder if you can guess who I might be dressed as!

Nga mihi nui
Lynda Taylor
Tumuaki

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL

Jack Parkin
Finnley Van Buuren
Logan Webster
Savannah Young
Altheo Simon

MANA AKE

Craig Sage is available without referral for 30 minutes free advice / listening sessions at a time suitable to you. Guidance around adult / parent/child relationships or unmet needs. Drop in can be by zoom with appointment or booked on Tuesday when Craig is at school. Contact Craig on craig.sage@sjog.org.nz

Tuning into Kids will be held at Rolleston Primary School on Tuesday 7pm-9pm

Starting week two term four

Parents/caregivers can register on the link <https://manaake.health.nz/tuning-in-to-kids/>

Suited for parents with Tamariki year 1-7.

Tuning into Teens will also be held at Rolleston College Tuesday nights 6-8:30pm hosted by Familyworks.

Starting week one term four

Please email Gabby gabbyb@psusi.org.nz or call 0800477874 to register. Tuning into teens is better suited to the year 7 and 8.

PARENTING PROGRAMMES
2HR SESSION PER WEEK
6 WEEKS

SEE WEBSITE FOR TERM 4 DATES
FOR CANTERBURY WHĀNAU
IN SCHOOL YEARS 0-8

Tuning in to Kids
Tuning in to Teens

Presented by
MANA AKE
STRONGER FOR TOMORROW

FREE

REGISTER AT [MANAAKE.HEALTH.NZ/TUNING-IN-TO-KIDS/](https://manaake.health.nz/tuning-in-to-kids/)

SWIMMING POOL CLEANING

It truly shows that many hands make light work! We appreciate the time and effort the Leeston Volunteer Fire Brigade and our fabulous families dedicated to the task of emptying and cleaning our school pool during the holidays. It's inspiring to see our community come together, roll on Summer, we can't wait until it opens!



SUN HATS AND SUNSCREEN

- Hats must cover the face, ears and neck (no caps) and are compulsory in term 1 and 4 - children that do not have a hat will be asked to play in the shade under a tree during break times. Hats are to be in plain blue or red with no advertising or logo labels. Please remember to NAME your school hat. Hats are available to purchase through NZ Uniforms - <https://www.nzuniforms.com>
- Please ensure you apply sunscreen to your child before they come to school. There are two sunscreen stations at school so children can reapply sunscreen prior to going outside during the day if needed. These stations are located outside the junior block and another outside Mrs Taylor's office.

TEACHER ONLY DAY

On **Thursday 14th November**, we will be taking our final teacher-only day for 2024. School will be closed for instruction. Teacher Only Days are made available to us by the Ministry of Education to provide dedicated time for us to engage in professional development. We will be discussing the Positive Behaviour for Learning School-Wide framework, also known as PB4L.

Please note school will also be closed the next day on Friday 15th November for Canterbury Show Day.

ECOWARRIORS AT LEESTON SCHOOL

We have had a busy time preparing for spring. We have been making our own potting mix, planting seeds in pits and in the gardens and planting spuds, brassicas and other greens in the garden. A big thank you to CD, Jonesy and Mrs. Phelan who have helped with the gardens, getting seeds and plants and helping the Eco Warriors.



Our wonderful Eco warriors have been involved in a fun citizen science project called 'Bug Bags', developed to monitor the macroinvertebrate population down the Waikirikiri/Selwyn River (whilst also connecting tamariki and communities to their local waterway and have some fun)!

We have made 'bug bags' using all natural materials, this involved learning how to do a blanket stitch. We had to cut out our hessian sacks to a bug shape, then sew them up using a blanket stitch, remembering to leave a bit of a hole to stuff in our flax and cabbage leaves and stones. Then sew up our bug bag ready to put into the river at Coes Ford.

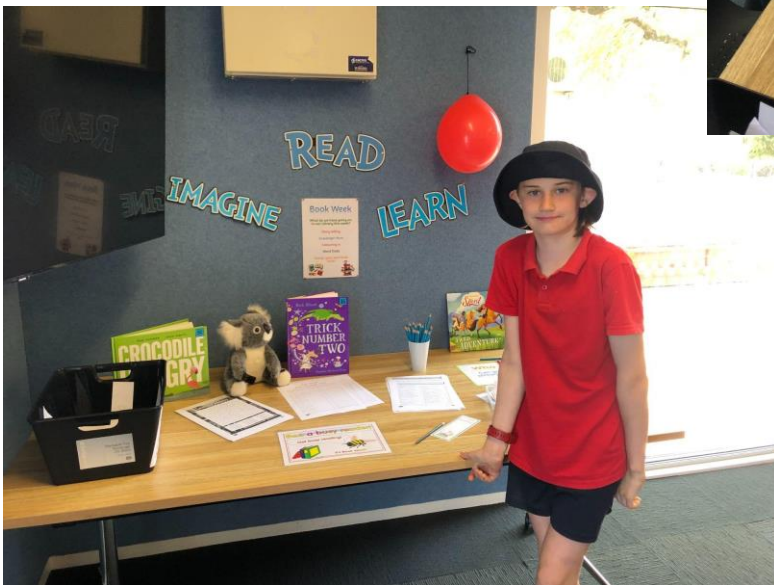
On Monday 21st Oct a group of us will head to Coes Ford and put our bug bags in the river. While in the river they will be great homes for lots of wonderful bugs. Then in 3 or 4 weeks time we will return to Coes Ford to hopefully find and retrieve our bags. We will carefully open them and see what lovely bugs have made a home in there. The types of bugs we find will tell us how clean the river is. The bugs will be carefully returned to the river and we will pass on our findings to Environment Canterbury.

Watch this space to see what we find!!!



LITERACY WEEK





Leeston Consolidated School

SELWYN STREET

Leeston



Waikewai & Waiwhio Athletics Sports 2024

Dear Parents,

The School Athletic Sports will be held in week two, on **Wednesday 30 October** at the **Ellesmere College Grounds**.

The postponement date is Thursday 31 October. The Waitatari Syndicate will hold their own event at school on Tuesday 12 November. The long distance run will be held **Thursday 17 October** on the school grounds before the School Athletics Day. Remember children will compete in their **YEAR LEVEL GROUPS**.

Organisation for the Athletics Day

- The year 3, 4, 5, and 6 groups will head over to Ellesmere College at 9.10am after completing the roll at school at 9.00am.

	Middle & Senior Syndicate
Start time	Events will start at 9.30am however the children will assemble at 9.10am on the courts to walk over.
Morning tea	No actual stop for morning tea, children are to snack between events.
Lunch	1.40- 2.00pm
Completion of events	House Relays 2.00- 2.10pm

NB: Times are approximate and will vary due to the size of each age group

If you would like to take your child/children home at the conclusion of events please ensure they are **checked off by their class teacher**. **Bus children** will also need to ensure they have **signed off the bus list**. **No lunch orders** for the day either please.

Year 3 – 6 children (Waiwhio & Waikekewai Syndicates)

The children will be **competing in their events between 9.30am – 2.20pm** (they will be required to assemble at 9.10am). They will break for **lunch between 1.40 - 2.00pm**. There will be **no official morning tea break** however they will carry their bags around their events, enabling them to snack as they go. Children should also have a drink bottle – preferably water.

Children SHOULD NOT be buying their lunch from the Ellesmere College canteen. |

- Children will be competing in High Jump, Long Jump, Discus, Shot Put, and Sprints.
- Children will compete in their year levels.
- Boys and girls will compete separately.
- Equipment will be modified depending on the age group.
- Children should stay until the completion of ALL events.
- The sprint finals will be completed within the timeframe of the activity.
- All children need to bring their lunch.

Gear and Clothing

All children in years 3 to 6 will carry their bags around the events with them. This is so the children can snack and drink when there is time available.

All children will need to be well prepared for the day. They will need to bring:

- Suitable sports clothing, including a warm jacket or track suit for between events.
- Sports shoes, although they may be taken off for Sprints, High Jump and Long Jump.
- Sunscreen and sun hat. It will be their responsibility to ensure they reapply their sunscreen and keep their sunhats on when they are not competing. Sunscreen will be made available to the children during the day.
- Substantial morning tea, lunch and a large drink.
- Medication, such as inhalers kept in their school bag.

Programme of Events 2024

TIME	YEAR 4 (47)	YEAR 6 GIRLS (27)	YEAR 3 (44)	YEAR 6 BOYS (28)	YEAR 5 (44)
9.00am to 9.30am	Children assemble in their age groups at school and walk over to the college.				
9.30am to 10.20am	Discus	Sprints	High jump	Shot Put	Long Jump
10.20am to 11.10am	Sprints	High jump	Long Jump	Discus	Shot Put
11.10am to 12.00pm	High Jump	Long Jump	Shot Put	Sprints	Discus
12.00pm to 12.50	Long Jump	Shot Put	Discus	High Jump	Sprints
12.50 to 1.40pm	Shot Put	Discus	Sprints	Long Jump	High jump
	Lunch Break/Take gear back to school				
2.00pm to 2.15pm	House relays				
2.15	<i>After the completion of the house relays children will line up with their classroom teacher and walk back to school.</i>				

NB: Times are approximate and will vary due to the size of each age group

Request for Parent Helpers

To enable us to run the Athletics Sports we require at least 2 extra helpers at each event, for Year 3 to 6 children, especially for the sprint races. Please indicate, on the following return slip, if you are able to assist. **Please return to the office by Wednesday 23 October.** If you have any further questions please see Carol Davison.

We are looking forward to a fantastic Athletics day. **It is an expectation that children stay until they have finished their events.** Hopefully the weather will be fine. We hope to see you there.

Kind regards

Carol Davison

Please complete and return to the School Office by Wednesday 23 October.

Name:	Phone number:
Child/ children's names:	Room/s number:

Year 3 - 6

Please indicate where and at what times you are available to assist

	9.00 - 11.10am	11.10 - 1.40pm
Sprints		
Long Jump		
High Jump		
Shot put		
Discus		

If you are **willing to help** at all events but would also like to **follow your child** to each of their events please indicate this below by circling 'YES'

YES NO (please circle)

Available on Postponement day Thursday 31 Oct Yes No (please circle)

2024 HOUSE AND GARDEN TOUR HELPERS FORM

On the 3rd of November the Whānau, Friends and School are holding a House and Garden Tour. Displaying 8 wonderful homes around our local community. For this to be a success we rely on the support of our school community. We are requiring helpers in several areas, even if you can help for an hour or two please click on the link.

LINK: [House and Garden Help](#)

Leeston Consolidated School
Whānau, Friends and School

Leeston Consolidated School
House and Garden Tour

2024

HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR

Tickets available from

- Terra Viva Christchurch
- Lushingtons Ashburton
- Bayleys Leeston and Darfield
- Leeston Consolidated School

OR EMAIL
wfs@leeston.school.nz

10:00am - 4:00pm
Sunday 3 November

\$30 EARLY BIRD TICKETS, \$35 TICKETS FROM 4 OCTOBER

THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS

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Walk or Wheel to school starts next week - Monday 21st October - Friday 25th October. Keep a look out for the daily themes and your passport coming to you soon.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book Club issue 7 is linked below. Please have any cash orders in by the 24th October 3pm.

You can also view online:

<https://scholastic.e->

[newsletter.com.au/link/id/zzzz670c5a8523426121Pzzzz643f740452b25666/page.html](https://scholastic.e-newsletter.com.au/link/id/zzzz670c5a8523426121Pzzzz643f740452b25666/page.html)



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DONATE A CALF OR A VIRTUAL CALF and support...
Whanau, Friends and School

Information :

- Keep a Bull Calf to 100Kgs or make a donation as a virtual Calf.
- Calf Must be at 100kg or more for collection at the start of December.
- Preferably Hereford or Friesian Bull.
- Calf must be NAIT tagged and registered.
- Please contact Kerry Burt for more details and if you have a calf you would like to donate .

Contact for details: Kerry Burt 027 304 8542



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, October 18

Literacy Week

9:00am Book Character Parade

11:30am Whole School Assembly

Monday, October 21

WOW Week

Eco Warrior Trip to Coes Ford

Yr 6 Conference

6:00pm BOT Meeting

Tuesday, October 22

WOW Week

Choir practice and performance night

Wednesday, October 23

WOW Week

Thursday, October 24

WOW Week

EAST DAY

Friday, October 25

WOW Week

Monday, October 28

Labour Day

Wednesday, October 30

School Athletics

Thursday, October 31

Newsletter

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Friday, November 1

11:30am Whole School Assembly

Sunday, November 3

House and Garden Tour

Wednesday, November 6

Zone Athletics

Monday, November 11

6:00pm BOT Meeting

Tuesday, November 12

Waitatari Run Jump Throw

Please refer to our website for further information

COMMUNITY NOTICES



BUSY BUMBLES Before and After School Care at Leeston School:

Our fun-filled before and after school programme runs from 7-8.30am and 3-6pm daily during term time.

We are based in the room adjacent to the hall, at Leeston School.

All bookings are done via the Enrolmy website. Click here to book into Leeston Before/After School Care:

<https://enrolmy.com/busy-bumbles#/name/%25leeston%25>

Check out this handy information sheet regarding the OSCAR Subsidy that is available to whānau.

Out of School Care and Recreation (OSCAR) Subsidy is a payment which helps families with the costs of before and after school care for up to 20 hours per week, and school holiday programmes for up to 50 hours per week.

Quick Links - <https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/products/a-z-benefits/oscar-subsidy.html>

Childcare Assistance Application Form - <https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/.../childcare-and-oscar...>

Email Application Form to: Centralised_childcare_reviews@msd.govt.nz

<https://www.busybumbles.co.nz/Information/Subsidy-Information/> Any questions, email Busy Bumbles accounts@busybumbles.co.nz

A vibrant poster for 'SMASH PLAY' by the Leeston-Southbridge Cricket Club. The background is dark purple with a pattern of white cricket stumps. The main text is in white and yellow on a dark blue banner. A red arrow points from the text 'REGISTER HERE' to a QR code. At the bottom, there are logos for 'SMASH PLAY JUNIOR TAMARIKI', 'LEESTON-SOUTHBRIDGE CRICKET CLUB', and 'CANTERBURY COUNTRY CRICKET ASSOCIATION'.

LEESTON-SOUTHBRIDGE CRICKET CLUB

SMASH PLAY

WHAT: FUN BASED CRICKET SESSIONS

FOR: BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5-8

WHERE: LEESTON PARK

WHEN: MONDAY'S 5:00-5:45PM

DATE: NOVEMBER 4TH, 11TH, 18TH, & 25TH

COST: \$20

REGISTER HERE