

LEESTON LEARNERS - Legends in the Making

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

Thursday 1 May 2025



He taonga rongonui te aroha ki te tangata *Goodwill towards others is a precious treasure*



Kia ora ki koutou

A very special haere mai to all our new pupils and families joining us here at He Puna Karumata Leeston School this term! I trust you all had a wonderful break and found time to connect and recharge. I have just returned from spending a week on the Chatham Islands with my Whānau and friends. Having lived there as a youngster, the Island holds a special place in my heart, and it was extra special to be able to return with my family, breathe in the fresh air, soak up the scenery and connect again with friends.

We have started what I know will be a busy term by welcoming Harold and Keri from the Life Education Trust – a charity that educates and empowers children to make healthy choices so they can live full and healthy lives. Room 4 is pictured above, enjoying the warmth and excitement, inside the caravan out of the rain today.

A reminder that we have a Teacher Only Day on Friday 23 May – this is one of two days this year allocated by the Ministry of Education to support the implementation of the revised Mathematics and Statistics Learning Area for years 0 – 8 of the NZ Curriculum.

Nga mihi nui
Lynda Taylor

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL

Olive Annan, Oscar Ewing, Maddison Grobler, Madilynn Martinez, Zac Murphy, Caleb Murray, Lucas Murray, Riley Connor, Rian Sutherland, Hannah Terra, Harvey Woodward, Ivy Woodward

PTA COMPASSION PANTRY / FREEZER RE-STOCK

A huge thank you to everyone that contributed with food donations at the end of last term. We are now able to put together beautiful care packages for families. If you or someone you know within our school community needs a little bit of help, please contact the PTA or the office in confidence.



Clear out the cupboards, find those unwanted gifts, regift all those precious treasures...

Leeston School PTA are looking for donations for their Mother's Day stall.

Donations to be given to class teacher by Thursday 8 May.

Children will have the opportunity to shop for their special person

Friday 9th May

MOTHER'S
OR SPECIAL PERSON'S
DAY
STALL

Gold coin donation per gift

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.

TOD (Teacher Only Day)

Please note our earlier advised TOD for Friday 30 May has now been changed to Friday 23rd May. Please mark your calendars now for **Friday 23rd May**.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKS

Issue 3 of the Scholastic Lucky Book Club is now available. Book online with the current issue number 3 – www.mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz. Orders close **3pm, Thursday 8th May**. No late orders please.

Leeston Consolidated School
SELWYN STREET
LEESTON

May 2025

School Cross Country 2025

Date: **Tuesday 13 May (week 3)**
Postponement: Thursday 15 May
Time: **Starting at 12.30pm**
Venue: Ellesmere A & P Show Grounds
Order of Events: Year 6 boys/girls (approximately 2 km)
Year 5 boys/ girls (approximately 2 km)
Year 4 boys/ girls (approximately 1.5km)
Year 3 boys/girls (approximately 1.5km)
Tough Kids Challenge Race (once the other races have finished)

On Tuesday 13 May (week 3) rooms 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, and 15 will have lunch from 11.30 – 11.55am and will leave school at 12.00pm to walk down to the show grounds.

The Waitatari (Junior) Syndicate will have lunch from 12 – 12.30pm. They will leave school at 1pm to walk down to the show grounds.

To ensure the safety of the children, we require several parents to assist with walking the children to the show grounds. Please contact your child's teacher if you can be of assistance. Parent helpers are also needed to help set out the course and ensure the children's safety around the course. Please complete the slip below and return to **Carol Davison (room 10) by Wednesday 7 May**.

The children will need to run in **shorts, tee-shirts and suitable running shoes**. Warm clothes will be necessary for before, and after the event. A drink would also be a great idea.

ALL CHILDREN ARE TO STAY UNTIL THE END OF THE RACES.

If you would like to take your child home with you after the Cross Country, please ensure that they have signed off from the class lists that will be with their classroom teacher. Bus children will need to sign off the bus lists before they leave school.

Nga mihi
Carol Davison

Please tick the following options if you are available to help

- ☐ I am able to assist with parent help during the Cross Country, 12.30 -2.30pm.
☐ I am able to walk down to the show grounds with a class (room _____).

Name _____ Cell num _____ Child & room _____

LEESTON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL, TELEPHONE (03) 3243493 FAX (03) 3243058



Waiwhio Café

Hot chocolate \$2.00

Bring your own cup



**Friday 2nd May
8:30am - 9:00am**



Room 7 & 8 Breakout Space

GUITAR TUITION – TERM 2

Mr Durney will be taking Guitar lessons in term 2 for Yr 5 & 6 students. There are spaces for up to 6 children. Lessons will take place at school and requests will be processed on a first come, first served basis. Please complete the slip and return to school asap.

There is a \$10.00 tuition charge per lesson and a \$20.00 hire fee for a guitar for the term. This will be charged onto your school account.

GUITAR MEMBERSHIP 2025

Child's Name.....

Yr 6 / Yr 5 (*circle one*)

I would like my child to learn guitar.

Yes / No

I understand there is a \$10 tuition fee per lesson and guitar hire
(if needed) that will be added to my term account.

Yes / No

He / she has their own guitar

Yes / No

He / she will need to hire a guitar

Yes / No

Signed (Pupil)

Signed(Parent or Guardian)

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

2 May - 6 May	Life Education
2 May	Whole School Assembly Hot Chocolates 8.30am - 9am
6 May	PTA Meeting 7pm
8 May	Rugby Fun Day Donations for Mother's Day Stall to school
9 May	SDC Truck Safety Mother's Day Stall
12 May	BOT Meeting 6pm
13 May	School Cross Country
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
27 May	EPro8 School Event
29 May	Newsletter
30 May	Whole School Assembly
2 June	Kings Birthday - School Closed
3 June	PTA Meeting 7pm

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>