

LEESTON LEARNERS - Legends in the Making

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

Thursday 28th November 2024



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



Last Tuesday, I attended Te Mātāpuna Mātāhi Children's University graduation ceremony with whānau and friends to watch our young graduate's graduate! I am so proud of their achievements!

Te Mātāpuna Mātāhi | Children's University aims to encourage lifelong learning and increase young people's aspirations for higher education. Over the year the above tamariki have been filling their passports with hours of learning outside the classroom, visiting libraries, museums and wildlife parks, taking part in university campus experiences, and completing online activities to reach 30+ hours of learning making them eligible to attend a graduation ceremony to celebrate their achievements.

Congratulations to all our graduates and a huge thank you to Mr Paton who has co-ordinated their learning throughout the year.

Nga mihi nui
Lynda Taylor
Tumuaki

WELCOME TO LEESTON SCHOOL

Cash Prendergast

STAFFING 2025

Congratulations to Angela Berliner who has won a study award for two terms next year. Angela will start the year teaching in Room 15, as Kelly McAffie will still be on leave. Tiffani Powell will be teaching full time in Room 7 and we welcome Mrs Alison Harrington who will be teaching for two days a week in Room 5, sharing the teaching with Whaia Tash who will be teaching for the remaining three days.

Class placements for 2025 will be emailed home on Monday 6th December.

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

GETTING CRAFTY IN THE LIBRARY

Over the last couple of terms in our library during break time, we have been getting crafty with wool. We started off with knitting and crochet. This term we have been trying our hand with loom knitting and finger knitting. It's great to see our students so keen to learn these skills.



LUNCH ONLINE

Friday 6th December will be the last day to order lunch online.

LEESTON SANTA PARADE

If you would like to be part of the Leeston School Santa Parade Float on 6th December, please email the office. Only 10 spots are available.



PASIFIKA RUGBY LEAGUE TOURNAMENT

Canterbury's biggest South Island Pasifika rugby league tournament was held over Show weekend at Burnside Park.

Maddox, Mary and Stuart played for a new team that entered the series this year, Selwyn Spartans and Keanu was playing for Te Tōka Tū O Waitaha. All Leeston Legends were in the u9's grade.

SWIMMING POOL

Pool keys are available for purchase from the school office during school hours. No key sales will be available once school finishes for the term. Access to the pool outside of school hours is restricted to key holders only, at a cost of \$70. A \$20 bond will be refunded when the key is returned at the end of the swimming season.

EAST CLUB

Certificates: If you haven't already, now is a great time to count up your points! And let Mrs Stoliker at Leeston School know if you have any questions or reached a new milestone.

How to add your Points:

1 or 1st = 4 points, 2nd = 3 points, 3rd = 2 points, 4th = 1 point.

Total all the points on your certificate. Then total all your certificate points from over the past years!

Bronze = at least 50 points, silver = at least 75 points, Gold = at least 100 points.

Badge of Commendation - you must have already received a Gold Certificate.

Gardens: keep watering and weeding, someone will be in touch next month regarding the judging of your garden and garden project.

Thank you all for being a part of EAST club, we couldn't do it without you.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

Please discuss with your children the importance of safely using the pedestrian crossings on Leeston's High Street. Remind them to come to a complete stop, check for traffic, and only cross when it is safe. They should walk their scooters or bikes across the crossing to ensure everyone's safety.



ECO WARRIORS

Our wonderful Leeston Eco Warriors have been part of 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)!

On October the 21st we headed down to the Coes Ford to put our handmade bug bags into the Selwyn River, a beautiful calm sunny day. We made the most of the beautiful weather and did dome kick samples in the river to see what invertebrates we could find, see photos.

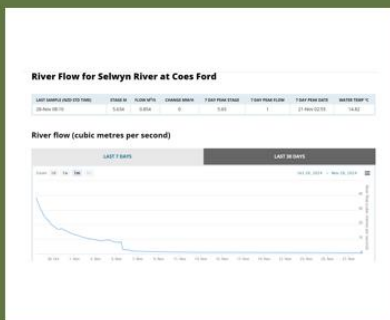
The students had a great time. After much sorting and classifying of our bugs, we found that most of our bugs were in the yellow zone, (green being the best and red being the worst) which meant that the Selwyn River was doing ok.

We put our 10 bug bags into the river and tied them securely with string to river bank branches. We left them to be homes for bugs, and in a few weeks we would return to retrieve them and see what bugs had made their homes in them.

BUT..... the weather had other ideas! No one expected the enormous amount of water that was to come, see river flow chart.

We returned on November the 4th to a much higher and faster river. We amazingly found 8 bug bags, some hanging on for dear life in the raging current and some washed up on the shore! Unfortunately there was mainly mud in our bug bags and a few bugs that had managed to hang on. But what a great learning experience! The 2 missing bug bags have probably made their way to Lake Ellesmere where they will provide a great home for bugs and baby fish until they biodegrade. Check out our display in the school Foyer.

We have a zoom meeting next week, with Environment Canterbury and all the other schools along the Selwyn River to discuss our findings and learnings!



SPORTS UPDATE

Canterbury Athletics

We had a fabulous day at the Canterbury Athletics. Leeston School had 18 students competing which included four relay teams. The girls year 5 relay team - Sera Luvenitoga, Ava Borisi, Ireland Bennett and Mary Pouniu, got 3rd overall. This is a fantastic achievement - the relay is 4 x 100m which is a new distance for this event. Ava also got 8th overall in the 80m sprint.

Jack Hawkins also raced extremely well, managing an impressive 3rd in the 80m sprint. Ka pai tamariki! Leeston legends all of you. A big thank you to Camilla Connell for coming in and helping with the relay teams. All the practice makes a difference!! Another big thank you to all the parents for transporting the students to Nga Puna Wai and supporting them at athletics. We appreciate the wonderful assistance for helping our tamariki to reach their goals.

HELLO BUSY BUMBLES WHĀNAU

Term 4 is zooming by so it's time to start getting organised for the end of the school year!

Busy Bumbles will be offering an Early Finish programme at Leeston School, which finishes at 12 noon on their last day for 2024, Tuesday 17th December. Numbers will be limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

You can secure your child's spot in a super-fun Early Finish session by booking in our Enrolmy portal here:

<https://enrolmy.com/busy-bumbles#/name/%25early%20finish%25>

The Christmas Holiday Programmes at our various venues can be viewed and booked here:

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

The January Holiday Programmes at our various venues can be viewed and booked here:

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, November 28
Sailing and Water Confidence Yr 6
Newsletter
Friday, November 29
Sailing and Water Confidence Yr 6
12:00pm Waiwhio Grandparents Day
Tuesday, December 3
Yr 6 trip to Ellesmere College
Wednesday, December 4
Waitatari Trip to Quail Island
Thursday, December 5
Yr 6 Leavers Dinner
Friday, December 6
Beach Education Yr 5
11:30am Whole School Assembly
Tuesday, December 10
BOT Meeting
Wednesday, December 11
9:30am Service Assembly
10:30am Parent Helper Morning Tea
11:00am Whole School Transition
Thursday, December 12
Waitatari Xmas Show, shared lunch and pool party
11:30am Leaders Lunch
Friday, December 13
Waiwhio Xmas Parties
Monday, December 16
Final Assembly = 6pm Ellesmere College Hall
Tuesday, December 17
Last Day of Term - 12 noon finish

Please refer to our website for further information

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Hanmer Springs Holiday Home - <https://www.airbnb.co.nz/h/17chisholmcrett>

Ideal for two families to have a low-cost, fun, weekend away. \$20 per weekend booking donated to Leeston School. 4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms and sleeps up to 10 people. Sunny open-plan living area.



SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY

Our summer holiday package is here! Get four weeks of speech and language therapy support at a heavily discounted rate over the summer holidays. Includes an individualised plan, 1:1 sessions, access to therapist support, and access to our resources. This opportunity is open to both new and current clients, and we have limited spaces available. You can fill out our intake form on our website, or give us a call or email to register your interest or for further information. We can't wait to spend the summer with you!
<https://canterburyslt.com/contact>

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



Leeston Holiday Sessions

January 2025

Session 1 Tues 14th January	Session 2 Thurs 16th January	Session 3 Mon 20th January	Session 4 Wed 22nd January
Science Becoming a scientist and doing a range of different experiments	Sports & Circus Learn to juggle, play a range of games	All things Tech Mixture of Robots, Osmo, Minecraft, Xbox	Design 3-D printing, Game design, Painting, Badge's

- **Where:** Leeston A and P Showgrounds
- **Time:** 8:30 AM - 5.30 PM (Pickup in between these time)
- **Who:** Children aged 5-12
- **Cost:**
8.30-3.00 pm session = \$45
8.30-5.30 pm session = \$55



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Want to enrol?
Email nathementerprises@gmail.com,
scan the QR, or
type bit.ly/NathEmJanHols (case sensitive) into your search bar
to get an enrolment form.