

# LEESTON LEARNERS - Legends in the Making

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

Thursday 31st October 2024



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



It was lovely seeing so many of you at athletics yesterday – the weather behaved, and it was a great day. I so enjoy watching our tamariki perform to their very best and showing their determination. A big thank you to Ms Davison for her superb organisation, and to all our parent helpers – we couldn't have run it without you.

I'm really looking forward to the WFS House and Garden Tour this Sunday 3 November. Our WFS have put a huge amount of work into organising this, and I know it will be an amazing event. The more helpers the better, so if you can spare anytime at all on Sunday 3 November to help out in any way, and you haven't already done so, please complete this form [House and Garden Helpers](#)

I enjoyed a wonderful night surrounded by choral singing at the Christchurch Schools' Music Festival last week. The sound was incredible, especially in the last bracket with the representative orchestra (all primary aged children!) accompanying the singing. Congratulations to our senior choir for the part they played in this.

Congratulations to the EAST day organising committee and Lesley Stoliker for leading this group – our children enjoyed a wonderful morning looking at the animals and projects on display, and having a tractor ride! I was very impressed with the animals and projects, and especially proud of the way the children could talk about them – well done everyone for your incredible efforts putting this together.

Nga mihi nui  
Lynda Taylor  
Tumuaki



## WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL

Beau Eckersley

### 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](mailto:craig.sage@sjog.org.nz)

### 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 re-apply 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.

#### ***Notice from Busy Bumbles regarding our TOD:***

*While we unfortunately won't be open onsite, we would like to extend a special invitation for your child/ren to attend one of our other venues, which will be open to cover the TOD on this day.*

*Our wonderful supervisors are planning an awesome "BB's Show Day", which will be filled with special outdoor games and challenges along with a yummy food activity, as well as cool arts, crafts, games and sports.*

*Numbers will be limited, so secure your spot now at the relevant link below:*

***Prebbleton*** - <https://enrolmy.com/busy-bumbles/book-now/622-Prebbleton---Teacher-Only-Day-Thursday-14th-November>

***Clearview*** - <https://enrolmy.com/busy-bumbles/book-now/620-Clearview--Teacher-Only-Day-Thursday-14th-November>

***Lemonwood Grove*** - <https://enrolmy.com/busy-bumbles/book-now/621-Lemonwood-Grove--Teacher-Only-Day-Thursday-14th-November>

*As is always the case with our Holiday Programmes, we offer the option of booking in a full day, or school hours only. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.*

## TOP TEAM EVENT

There was no shortage of children who were keen to compete in the Top Team event at the Ellesmere Show. We managed to get four teams on the day and all of them put in 100% effort. The winning team of Andy Marais, Toby Beswick, Dylan McMaster, Philippa Biddle and Mary Pouniu did a fantastic job; working as a team and earning enough points to retain the trophy. Thanks to Georgina Luvenitoga, Julie Marais and Kate Blazey for helping out with the teams. It was lovely to see lots of people watching and supporting the teams. Leeston Legends!



## **BOARD BUZZ**

That busy time of year is fast approaching—if it hasn't started already!

The term has certainly started off with plenty of activity, from East Club to a number of recent sports events, including the long-distance run and our athletics day. Each event was very well organised, and I'd like to extend a huge thank you to the dedicated team of staff and volunteers who made it all possible.

Our current enrolment stands at 312 students and we're beginning to see growth returning to the school, with enrolment numbers steadily increasing throughout the year. With new developments happening throughout the district, we anticipate steady growth in the years ahead and are well-positioned to expand.

We are in the process of finalising resources to help us align with the new maths curriculum, set to take effect next year. This initiative focuses on implementing a structured approach to mathematics, providing a clearly sequenced, year-by-year curriculum. This approach will aim to ensure every class in the school follows the same plan of learning to provide consistency.

In 2021, we introduced Structured Literacy to our Year 0-3 classes, and since then, we've seen significant progress in students' reading and writing skills. Starting next year, the Board has approved funding for a school-wide program to extend Structured Literacy into our Year 4-6 classes.

Since opening our new library just a few months ago, it has quickly become a popular hub of activity and it's been great to hear about all the diverse activities taking place there. This multi-purpose space has already proven to be an invaluable asset to our school, and we're confident it will continue to benefit our community for many years to come.

It's that time of year again when we prepare the pool for the upcoming swim season! We are incredibly fortunate to have this facility available for both our school and the wider community to enjoy. A big thank you to CD, the Leeston Volunteer Fire Brigade for emptying the pool, and all the volunteers who dedicate their time to cleaning, maintaining, and supporting the pool throughout its open season. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. The Swimming Pool will be open this Friday afternoon - here's to a hot summer filled with plenty of pool time!

The Whānau Friends and School Committee has been working hard all year on fundraising efforts that not only support our school but also create events to bring our community together. Their garden tour this Sunday is one such event, requiring a tremendous amount of planning, and there's still some tickets left for those who would like to attend.

This Friday is Teacher Appreciation Day—a perfect opportunity for us to pause and reflect on how fortunate we are to have such an outstanding team of teachers. Let's take a moment to recognise the hard work and dedication our teachers show every day.

Ngā mihi  
Dan Rollo  
Board of Trustees Presiding Member

## CHANGE OF DATES

Please note on our school calendar the change of dates for the Service Assembly and Parent helpers Morning tea. They are now on Wednesday 11th December.

## SWIMMING POOL OPENING THIS FRIDAY

Pool keys are now available for purchase from the school office during school hours. 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.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Photolife has emailed each family their child's unique Key Code to go online to view and purchase 2024 School Photos. [www.photolife.co.nz](http://www.photolife.co.nz) . If you have not received an email, please check your trash / spam folder. If you have still not received it, please email the school office.

\*\*\*FREE DELIVERY EXPIRES Midnight Sunday 10 NOVEMBER \*\*\* .

## FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER - Wear your House Colours

Tomorrow we'll be celebrating Well-Being within our Kāhui Ako. Ellesmere College students have some fun activities planned for us! Our lunch break will be from 12:00 - 1:00 pm. Children will participate in activities with their Houses, they are welcome to wear their house colours to school. Don't forget your school hat.

Darcy - Yellow

Selwyn - Green

Pultney - Blue

Market - Red



**Try on and Purchase 2025 Uniforms at Pop Up Shop – Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> November**

**2-4pm in the Leeston School Hall**

POP UP SHOP PAYMENT OPTIONS: NZ Uniforms can accept Cash, Eftpos and Credit Cards (2% surcharge) on the day and orders can be delivered to school for collection – free of charge

Any questions - please call Megan in the Office

**Or Shop online at [Leestonschool.nzuniforms.com](http://Leestonschool.nzuniforms.com)**

**Ellesmere College school uniform will also be available to view at this Pop-Up Shop**

## EAST CLUB

A BIG thank you to everyone that helped on the day and entered an animal or a science and technology project.





### Tea Towel Fundraiser

Ellesmere Promotions Trust (EPT) have joined forces with local Primary Schools and businesses to produce an 'Ellesmere' Tea Towel. Donations from the businesses on the towel are paying for the towels and their printing.

The towels will make a great Christmas present for family and friends for only \$10. Of that, Leeston School will get \$7 (for each towel sold) and a percentage of proceeds for any towels sold by EPT or businesses.

Orders need to be in to the school by Monday 25 November and towels will be available the following week.

Please fill out the form below or email your order to [wfs@leeston.school.nz](mailto:wfs@leeston.school.nz)

Please pay your \$10 per towel into the WFS Account: 02-0860-0074659-066

Name	Child's class	No. Ordered	Total \$10 each





WE NEED YOUR HELP

PLANT DONATIONS

**Donations for our  
House and Garden Tour....**

Donations can be delivered to  
Leeston Consolidated School Hall  
Saturday 2nd November  
3.00 - 4.30pm

YOUR PARAGRAPH TEXT



# WE NEED YOUR BAKED GOODS!

FOR OUR HOUSE AND GARDEN TOUR



**DONATIONS OF  
CAKES, SLICES, CUPCAKES, MUFFINS,  
BISCUITS AND BAKED GOODS**

are greatly accepted!

Drop off @  
The School Hall  
Saturday 2nd November  
3.00-4.30pm





**HOUSE &  
GARDEN  
TOUR**

**WINNERS**

**Ticket Sale Winners.....**

**Family Sales - Rollo Family**

**Teacher Sales - Alison Boon**

**Class Sales - Room 12**



Leeston Consolidated School

# DONATE A CALF OR A VIRTUAL CALF

and support...  
**Whanau, Friends and**

Information : **School**

- 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



Thank you to our local business/farm that receives bulk fuel deliveries from Fern and nominated Leeston School to receive a donation from their sales. For every 100 litres of bulk fuel they purchased, 50 cents was donated to Leeston school. Once we reach our \$1,000 target, we can redeem from a range of sports, technology, literacy, music and vegepod packages.

We would like to take the time to mention who those members of the community are that have contributed to your school, they are listed as follows:

Howson Construction Ltd  
Holdings Ltd

Burtlea Limited

GF & DA Donald Ltd

Supreme Auto Sales Limited

Deep Beneath Enterprises Ltd

Lochaber Building Limited

MF & RW Thian

Millars Tractor Spares Ltd

Ovendens Seed Producers Ltd

S G Croft

Haurere Farms Ltd

Allied Water Systems

G & M Contracting & Drainage Ltd

JR & J McKenzie

Lochlyn Farm (2009) Ltd

Alive & Well Stables

R & JN Ewart

Lowlands Dairy Ltd

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

<b>Monday, November 25</b>
Water Skills Yr 6
<b>Tuesday, November 26</b>
Water Skills Yr 6
<b>Wednesday, November 27</b>
Water Skills Yr 6
Canty Athletics
<b>Thursday, November 28</b>
Water Skills Yr 6
Newsletter
<b>Friday, November 29</b>
Water Skills Yr 6
<b>Tuesday, December 3</b>
Yr 6 trip to Ellesmere College
<b>Wednesday, December 4</b>
Waitatari Trip to Quail Island
<b>Thursday, December 5</b>
Yr 6 Leavers Dinner
<b>Monday, November 25</b>
Water Skills Yr 6
<b>Tuesday, November 26</b>
Water Skills Yr 6
<b>Wednesday, November 27</b>
Water Skills Yr 6
Canty Athletics
<b>Thursday, November 28</b>
Water Skills Yr 6
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Yr 6 Leavers Dinner

*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](mailto:Centralised_childcare_reviews@msd.govt.nz)

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

**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**

**SMASH PLAY**  
JUNIOR — TAMARIKI