

LEESTON LEARNERS - Legends in the Making

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

Thursday 13 February 2025



Nau mai, haere mai ki a koutou



Although there was an Autumn nip to the air this morning, the day is warming and as I write this with my window open, I am entertained by children's voices drifting across the playground as they participate in padder-tennis lessons on the court, and swimming lessons in the pool. I love being back at work – it's been a fantastic start to the 2025 year, and it's a pleasure to have our tamariki back with us, full of excitement and energy. We are very proud of the way they have adapted to their new learning spaces and settled into routines.

Thank you to those of you who attended our 'Meet your child's Teacher' evening last evening. We know the importance of building strong home and school partnerships, and it was wonderful to connect with families and share our plans for the year ahead. If you have any further questions or would like to discuss anything in more detail, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our school swimming sports next Tuesday 18th and welcoming our new families at our new families pot luck dinner on Tuesday 25th.

Ngā mihi nui
Lynda Taylor

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL

Molly McDowell

Danae Nairn

Ashtyn Walker

Karly Wilson

Isla Tucker

Jasper Irving

ASSEMBLY TIME CHANGE TOMORROW

Please note that tomorrow's whole school assembly will be held at the earlier time of 11am. Everyone is welcome to attend!

SCHOLASTIC BOOKS

Issue 1 of the Scholastic Lucky Book Club is now available. Book online with the current issue number 1 – www.mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz. Orders close **3pm, Thursday 20th March**. No late orders please.

ATTENDANCE

One of the things we are continuing to focus on in 2025 is student attendance. You will hear us talking about this with you, with our students and it remains a strong subject of conversation in the staff room.

If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of school by 16 years of age. As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance.

All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school.

You must let the school know if your child is going to be absent or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or medical procedure. Family holidays, birthdays or taking time off for extracurricular activities (not organised by school) are not acceptable reasons for being absent.

Knowing if your child is well enough to go to school can be tricky. Health guidance to support you to decide is available [here](#). If you are still unsure, get in touch with us and let's work together to support your child.

If you are finding it hard to get your child to school, please talk with us so we can work together. Our school is committed to supporting your child to attend school.

Our school continues to build a culture that fosters attendance every day by having:

- School staff who have strong relationships with students and family.
- A school culture that recognises your child and your family for who you are, where you come and what you value.
- A school whānau that takes all practical steps to make sure your child is at school and progressing in their learning.
- A school that is safe and welcoming for everyone in our school community.

If you have any attendance queries and issues, please contact us so we can work together.

WFS NAME CHANGE TO

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

The PTA organises fundraisers and events to provide facilities and equipment that support the school. The PTA also provides the year 6 leavers' dinner/gifts and pastoral care where possible (support for families dealing with hardship).

Our 3 big fundraisers this year will be a Classic Car Show, Father's Day Breakfast and Quiz Night. We will also be holding a variety of other fundraisers like Whittakers Chocolate/Eco Soap, Mothers Day Stall and croissants just to name a few. Last year we raised over \$42,000! Well exceeded our goal of \$20,000.

The main focus for fundraising this year is to pay for swimming instructors for the kids up to and including level 3 of the NZ Swim Safe programme. Leftover funds will go towards resources the school needs or can benefit from.

We are always looking for volunteers to help out with various fundraisers and it's a great way to meet other parents by getting involved with the school.

Ways you can help-

- Joining the committee
- Volunteering your time to help out with fundraisers
- Making meals for the compassion freezer
- Funding application role
- Teacher support

If you are interested, please contact us on:

Facebook page: Leeston Consolidated School PTA

Email: pta@leeston.school.nz

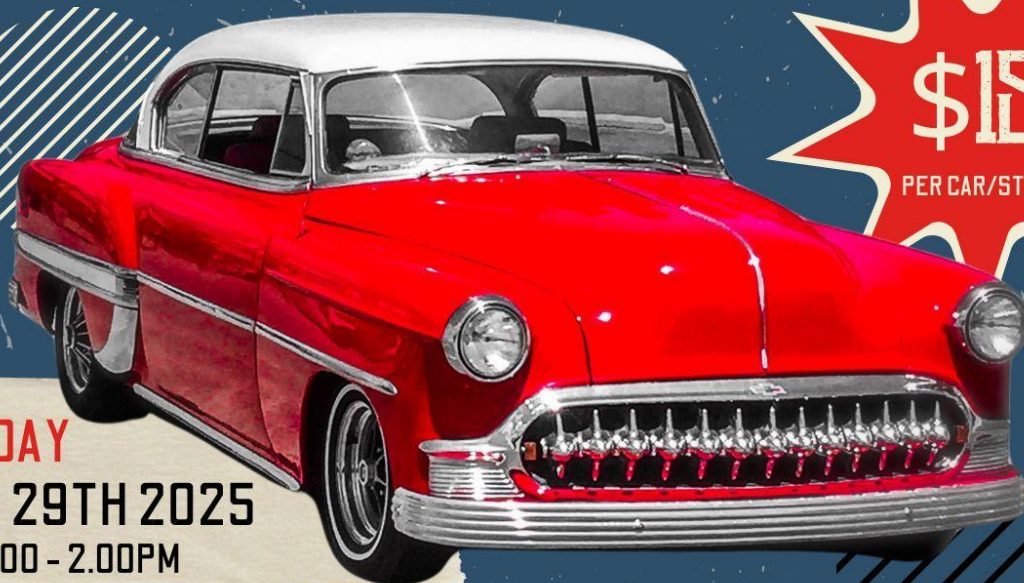
Phone: April Robertson(Chairperson): 027 975 9319

LEESTON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL PTA PRESENTS...

CLASSIC



CAR SHOW



\$15

PER CAR/STALL

SATURDAY

MARCH 29TH 2025

10.00 - 2.00PM



LEESTON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

18 SELWYN STREET, LEESTON, 7632

GOLD COIN ENTRY - UNDER 10'S FREE

LIMITED ON THE DAY BOOKINGS FOR CARS

CARS. ● MARKET STALLS. ● COFFEE. ● BBQ ● ICE CREAMS.

For guaranteed car bookings, and stall holders please email:

wfs@leeston.school.nz

or call Russell 0274929855

Waiwhio & Waikewai School Swimming Sports

Tuesday 18 February

PP Wednesday 19 February

Please note these times are only approximate

Approximate time	Events	Year levels
Competitive		
Starts at 10.00am		
10.00am	1 length freestyle	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6
10.20am	Girls Championship Boys Championship *2 lengths freestyle	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6
10.40am	1 length backstroke	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6
11.00am	Girls Championship Boys Championship *2 lengths backstroke	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6
House Relay		
11.20am	1 length breaststroke	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6
11.40am	Girls Championship Boys Championship *2 lengths breaststroke 2 lengths Butterfly	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6
<p>Lunch 12.00 - 12.40pm (allows time to get pool ready for afternoon session) Waiwhio back to class and children get changed inside. Line up on their numbers ready to walk over to the pool.</p>		
Non-Competitive		
Starts at 1.00pm		
1.00pm	Width Swimmers: there and back 1. Kickboard - front and back 2. Noodle - front and back 3. Streamline- front and back 4. Freestyle 5. Backstroke 6. Medley- freestyle and backstroke	Year 5 & 6 Get changed and back to class Year 4 & 3
1.30pm	Water Confident Swimmers: 1. Running race - there and back 2. Noodle race 3. Noodle streamline 4. Kickboard - streamline 5. Freestyle 6. Backstroke	Year 4 & 3
2.00pm	Obstacle course around the pool & free swim	

- Children are expected to be at school for the whole day. If your child competes in the morning then they will be back in the classroom in the afternoon.
- Medley event will be held on Friday 14 February @ 9.30am.
- Ellesmere Zone Swimming Wednesday 5 March @ Southbridge Pool.
- Please discuss with your child what event they are competing in.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Refer to our website for further term updates

13 Feb	Newsletter
14 Feb	Whole School Assembly
18 Feb	School Swimming Sports
19 Feb	pp School Swimming Sports
25 Feb	Canty Triathlon New families pot luck dinner 5.30pm
26 Feb	Waiwhio Picnic
27 Feb	pp Waiwhio Picnic Newsletter Whanaungatanga
28 Feb	Whole School Assembly
3 March - 7 March	WOW (Walk or Wheel Week)
3 March	Waikekewai Camp Meeting 6pm
4 March	PTA Meeting 7pm
5 March	Zone Swimming
6 March	Cricket Tourn Yr 5 & 6 teams
10 March - 12 March	Yr 5 & 6 camp at Living Springs
13 March	Newsletter
14 March	Whole School Assembly
18 March	School Duathlon
19 March	Planting Day Y4 TBC
20 March	pp Planting Day Y4 TBC
27 March	Newsletter Whanau Hui
2 April	Waikekewai Stream Trip TBC
3 April	Canty Swimming
4 April	Whole School Assembly
8 April	Padder Tennis
10 April	Newsletter
11 April	Term 1 Finishes at 3pm



Now is the perfect time to secure the Before and/or After School care that you need for your child/ren in Term 1!

We have been planning another exciting and fun-filled programme for your children to enjoy in Term 1, which is open for bookings at the following link:

<https://enrolmy.com/busy-bumbles#/name/%25term%201%25>

ROLLESTON KIDS TRIATHLON

Key Information:

- **Date:** Sunday 9 March, 2025
- **Location:** Foster Park & Selwyn Aquatic Centre
- **What:** Duathlons and Triathlons
- **Who:** Tamariki aged 5 to 13 years
- **Perks:** Free t-shirt for every participant + finishers medal for all!
- **Enter Now:** <https://eventplus.net/RKT25>
- **More Information:** www.selwynsportstrust.org.nz/our-events/rolleston-kids-triathlon-2025

With both duathlons and triathlons available for a range of age groups, there is something for everyone at this year's Rolleston Kids Triathlon!

We are thrilled to build on the success of 2024 and can't wait to offer this exciting opportunity for your tamariki in March 2025.



ROLLESTON KIDS TRIATHLON



9 March 2025
Foster Park, Rolleston

www.selwynsportstrust.org.nz

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CONSTRUCTION



HAWKS LEAGUE

IT'S GAME TIME!

- Open to U13 and U16 players.
- Played on a Thursday night at the Selwyn Sports Centre.
- Register as an individual or get your own team together.
- Great for those who are wanting to play a midweek game.
- Register via www.selwynhawks.co.nz



Term 1 Registrations Open



LOOKING FOR A NEW CHALLENGE?

Molloy Agriculture Adventure Race

Sunday 2nd March 2025

3 and 6 hour rogaine options available for teams

This event is a fundraiser for the Methven Community Pool Committee. Held at Mt Alford Station expect hills, farmland, pockets of native bush, rocky outcrops, and awesome views over the plains!











Visit crazykeaevents.nz for more information, or find Crazy Kea Events on Facebook




PARENTING TODAY'S KIDS – ONLINE

Trauma-informed parenting programme

- Starts: Tuesday 25th February 11am-12noon
 - Running weekly for 5 weeks
 - Online sessions
- Raise happy, resilient and confident kids
 - Understanding discipline and boundaries so everyone can support each other to regulate emotions
 - Set rules and routines that everyone respects and follows
 - Encourage behaviour you like
 - Take care of yourself as a parent
 - Feel confident you're doing the right thing

For any further questions please contact the group co-ordinator:

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SATURDAY, 8 MARCH 2025

Register Now for the 2025 Season!

Are you ready to be part of an exciting and dynamic hockey community. Come along if you are new to hockey or have played with us before, we welcome everyone to come and have a go for our 2025 season!

HAVE-A-GO
New Members:
11:30am

JUNIOR MUSTER
Members:
1:00pm

FOSTER PARK, ROLLESTON

Register NOW!



Follow Us on Social

Facebook 

Instagram 

Our Have a Go Day is for new members and the Junior Muster is for returning members from Year 3 to Year 8

Leeston



Fete

22 March 2025

10am - 3pm

HighStreet, Leeston



Free

Entry

Entertainment

Childrens Entertainment

150+ vendors - craft & food

**Vendors - limited sites left - register now via
our website: <https://eptrust.nz/ept>, or
Facebook (Leeston Fete - 2024)**

Ponies
Bouncy Castles
Music