

LEESTON LEARNERS - Legends in the Making

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

Thursday 17 September 2026



Nāku te rourou nau te rourou ka ora ai te iwi

(With your basket and my basket, the people will thrive)



Tena koutou katoa

A huge thank you to our amazing PTA for organising and running our Father's Day Breakfast. Fortunately the rain blew through and we were treated to sunny, and a little windy conditions which still made for a pleasing turnout.

We also had our Book Character Parade and thank you to the large turnout of guests supporting this event. I was hugely impressed by the creativity and inventiveness on display as there was a large variety of characters and costumes.

An important safety reminder about our students coming to and from school. With warmer weather we see an increase in students busing, walking, biking and scootering. Safety vests are part of our uniform and genuinely make a big difference in the visibility of our students. We please ask that you support us in ensuring your children have a safety vest for getting to and from school as well as any trips we make off site. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

This will be our final newsletter for Term 3 and we look forward to welcoming back Mrs Taylor from her sabbatical next term. I'd like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable break and look forward to what is always a busy Term 4.

Nga mihi nui
Dean Paton

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos are being taken on **Tuesday 13th October** (starting at 9.00am sharp). Please make sure your children are wearing the **correct school uniform** and that their appearance is neat, clean and tidy. We ask that children refrain from wearing Jo-Jo bows for the photos.

If you require a **sibling photograph** to be taken, please click on the link below to register. This link closes on **Tuesday 6th October** so please complete the form prior or you will miss out. All children will have an individual and class photo taken, this link is just for sibling photos. Link: [Sibling Photo Request](#)

PTA CALENDAR ARTWORK

All children will bring home their order form with their own unique code to place an order. Please place your orders online by **Monday 26th October**. Prices are on the order form and examples of the products are displayed in the office should you wish to look at them prior to ordering.

SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL

The local Fire Brigade will empty the school pool on Wednesday 30th September. This date is in the first week of the school holidays. We would love some helpers to sweep and clean the pool. Bring gumboots and brooms. Arrive between 6.45 - 7pm. Thanks in advance.

LOST PROPERTY

Please check that your child is wearing their own polar fleece. Please return any items to the office. Lost property as always is outside Room 10 so feel free to take a look through the overflowing container.



BAKERS MIXED BERRY JAM FUNDRAISER

Thank you to a member of the BOT for organising a delivery of Bakers mixed berry jam so the PTA can raise funds for the school. Each squeezable bottle will be sold for \$4 each. You can purchase the jam on the MyKindo app.

Thanks for your support for our tamariki.

HELP OUR HENS!

Did you know Leeston School has resident hens? They are currently staying off-site with Mrs Stolyer because their hen house was unfortunately vandalised.

We love caring for our hens and making delicious food with their eggs, and we are eager to bring them back! We are planning to build a brand-new, visible hen house right in the heart of our school grounds.

How You Can Help

We are seeking support from our school community to bring this project to life. If you can contribute **time, sponsorship, expertise, or building materials**, we would love to hear from you! Please leave your name and details with Mrs Scott at the office. Thank you for your support!



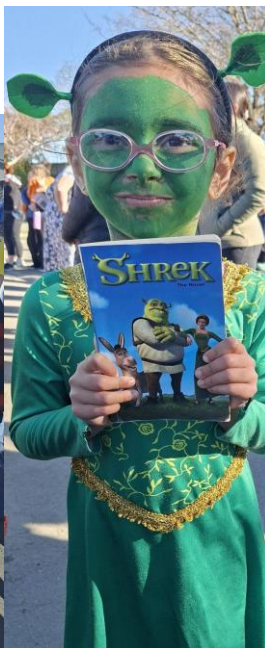
Eco Warrior News

The Eco Warriors have been busy in their gardens looking at what they want to grow, and CD has been helping us plant some seedlings.



BOOK CHARACTER PARADE





Canterbury Primary Duathlon

What a fabulous day for the Canterbury Duathlon at Ruapuna! Our team represented the school incredibly well, with some excellent results across the event.

The children showed great determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the day. The close finishing times highlighted just how competitive the field was and how well our students performed.

A big thank you to our wonderful parents for transporting the children, supporting the team and helping everything run smoothly on the day. A special thank you to **Rachael Hunt** for taking on the role of team manager and coordinating the team.

Well done to all our students - Leeston Legends!

<i>Name</i>	<i>Overall placing</i>	<i>Time</i>
Quinn Hunt	12	28:10
Riley Long	13	28:13
Gus O'Meara	21	28:33
Ava Wilson	58	35: 42
Noah Rollo	35	28:02
Clark Hunt	48	28:34
Flynn Taylor	63	30:03
Jack Hillier	66	30:19





★ LEESTON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL PTA PRESENTS... ★

CLASSIC



CAR & MOTORBIKE SHOW



SUNDAY
OCTOBER 11TH 2026
10.00 - 2.00PM

\$10
PER VEHICLE
\$25
PER STALL
\$50
PER FOOD VENDOR

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY



LEESTON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

19 SELWYN STREET, LEESTON, 7632

GOLD COIN ENTRY - UNDER 10'S FREE

★
NO PRE REGISTERING
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE ON THE DAY



CLASSIC CARS • MOTORBIKES • MARKET STALLS • COFFEE
• FOOD VENDORS



To book a stall or food vendor, email pta@leeston.school.nz

DATES TO REMEMBER

Refer to our website for further term updates

17 September	Cantry Winter Tournament Newsletter Starting School Parent evening - 7pm
18 September	Kids Discovery Plant out day p/p Whole School Assembly - 11.30am All Welcome
22 September	Cohort School Visit
23 September	Pō Whakangahau TBC
24 September	Syndicate reward day
25 September	Term 3 Finishes
12 October	Term 4 Starts Cohort entry BOT Meeting 6pm
13 October	School Photos PTA Meeting 7pm
15 October	Newsletter
16 October	Yr 6 & EC Wellbeing TBC Whole School Assembly - 11.30am All Welcome Te Whare Mauri Ora afternoon 1.15pm - 2.45pm Whole School Assembly - 11.30am All Welcome
21 October	Health Meeting 7pm TBC
22 October	Year 6 Conference TBC
23 October	Kids Discovery Plantout Day TBC
26 October	Labour Day
27 October	School Athletics
28 October	EAST Club
29 October	pp Athletics Newsletter
30 October	Whole School Assembly - 11.30am All Welcome
1 November	Car Show - PTA Fundraiser
2 Nov - 6 Nov	WOW Week
3 November	Cohort School Visits Zone Athletics
4 November	Choir Practise (am) and Choir Festival Town Hall (pm)
5 November	pp Zone Athletics

COMMUNITY NOTICES

BIG FUN, GREAT VALUE!

Busy Bumbles Term 3 Holiday Programme Bookings Are Now Open!

Looking for a fun, affordable option these school holidays? We know keeping the kids happy and cared for while juggling work and family life can be a lot, so we're here to help. Busy Bumbles Holiday Programmes give tamariki a safe, welcoming and action-packed place to spend their holidays, with plenty of activities, creative fun, relaxed play and opportunities to make new friends.

With our reduced fees, standard school-hour bookings start from just \$40, helping make quality holiday care more accessible for local whānau.

Your closest Busy Bumbles Holiday Programmes are Clearview or Lemonwood Grove Schools, with spaces available across the school holidays. Find out more about our Term 3 Holiday Programme and book here: busybumbles.co.nz/our-programmes/holiday-programmes/



BOOK NOW!
Holiday Programme Bookings Are Open!

JOIN IN THE FUN!

FULL DAY \$55
7.00am - 6.00pm

SCHOOL HOURS \$40
8.30am - 3.00pm

Additional Costs Apply for Incursions and Excursions



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Promotions Trust

19 November
4pm-8pm
Anglican Church
Grounds

We're looking for
Twilight, Christmas Market
entertainers

Twilight Market

<https://eptrust.nz/ept>  Ellesmere Twilight Market  epttwilight

Email: events@eptrust.nz



Parents, help your child read and write with confidence

Word Whizz makes it easy for Kiwi parents to boost their child's early literacy skills, helping them catch up or excel in reading and spelling.

Free Workshop - wordwhizz.co.nz

★ Structured Literacy Approach ★ Unlimited Sessions

ELLESMERE A & P SHOW

SCHOOLS SECTION

OFFERING A WIDE VARIETY OF CLASSES FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES TO ENTER

SECTIONS INCLUDE:

- Floral Art
- Technology/Decorative Arts & Crafts
- Cooking
- Pet lamb, sheep, goat & calf

PRIZES IN EACH SECTION

HOME INDUSTRY & HANDCRAFTS
FREE ENTRY
1st \$5, 2nd \$3 & 3rd \$2

LAMB, SHEEP, GOAT & CALF
ENTRY FEE \$2
1st \$10, 2nd \$8, 3rd \$5 & 4th \$2

SATURDAY 17th OCTOBER²⁰

GATES OPEN 8AM - ELLESMERE SHOWGROUNDS, 1650 LEESTON ROAD, LEESTON



ELLESMERE A & P SHOW

WEARABLE ARTS COMPETITION

SHOW TIMES
11am & 1.30pm

- SHOW THEME -
"Full Steam Ahead"
Evolution of Agricultural Machinery
Katoa te marama i mua

WEARABLE ART SECTIONS:

- *OPEN - no restrictions
- *THEME - "Full Steam Ahead"
- *Steam Punk - Retro & Futuristic
- *Transformation Challenge for Kids

Receive a mystery bag and use it to upcycle and transform an article of clothing

***18 years+ | *Youth Age 11-17 years**
***Junior Age 6-10 years**

SUPREME AWARD \$600
Prizes in each category
Most innovative accessory
Best use of recycled materials

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For more info & how to enter go to www.ellesmereshow.co.nz

LEESTON SOUTHBRIDGE CRICKET CLUB
2026/27
JUNIOR INFORMATION
BOYS AND GIRLS FROM YEAR 1-8

REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN!
<https://www.playhq.com/new-zealand-cricket/org/leeston-southbridge-cricket-club/652dcf81/register>

JUNIOR SEASON PLAYING DATES
17th Oct to 12th Dec and 31st Jan to 20th March
No cricket Labour/Chch Show/Waitangi weekends

SUBS:
Junior Hardball - \$90
Junior Softball - \$75

SMASH PLAY CRICKET
- HELD AT LEESTON DOMAIN
Best option for (Y1-3) who want to give cricket a go
Mondays 5:15 - 6pm starting 2nd November - Four week program, \$20 register using link above

SECTION 3 & 4
Saturday 9am till approx 10:30 am
Highly modified beginner cricket, use a soft ball
Games played in Selwyn
All uniform & gear provided

SECTION 1 & 2
Saturday 9am till approx 12pm
Games played in Selwyn
Use a hard ball
All uniform and cricket gear is provided

JUNIOR OPEN DAY
★ FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER ★
4PM ONWARDS • LEESTON DOMAIN

For further information:
facebook.com/LeestonSouthbridgeCricketClub/ or email LeestonsouthbridgeCC@gmail.com

WE ARE LOOKING FOR HELPERS FOR THE SEASON!
As well as Coaches and Managers we are looking for volunteers to help us with pitch and ground preparation each week.
If this sounds like you, we would love to hear from you!



ELLESMERE A & P SHOW

SELWYN'S GOT TALENT

Open to individual or group entries

JUNIOR SECTION

ENTRANTS 14 YEARS & UNDER
AS OF 17TH OCTOBER 2026

SENIOR SECTION

ENTRANTS 15 YEARS & OVER
AS OF 17TH OCTOBER 2026

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
Friday 9th October



SATURDAY 17th OCTOBER 2026

OSBORNE STAGE - ELLESMERE SHOWGROUNDS, LEESTON ROAD | 9AM UNTIL MIDDAY

www.ellesmereshow.co.nz



For info and to download the registration form go to
www.ellesmereshow.co.nz. Send registrations or
communications to selwynsgottalent@gmail.com
1660 LEESTON ROAD, LEESTON

ANGLICAN PARISH OF ELLESMERE ST JOHNS ANGLICAN CHURCH HIGH STREET CHURCH FAIR

SATURDAY
26TH
SEPTEMBER
9:00AM-
12:00PM

BARGIN BIN
CAKES & SWEETS
PRODUCE & PLANTS
SAUSAGE SIZZLE
RAFFLES & MORE

WIN
A GIANT SQUISHMALLOW
BRING THIS FLYER
TO THE PLANT STALL
AT 11AM TO ENTER IT
IN THE
DRAW

ENJOY THE
BUBBLES
AND EVERYTHING
ELSE

WHITE ELEPHANT
IN THE CHURCH
HALL FRI 25TH
SEPTEMBER
2:00PM-4:30PM

FUN FOR
ALL



Join ST JOHN YOUTH

Young people developing their potential through leadership,
hauora and engaging in their communities.

St John Youth is for all young people aged 5 to 18 years, so come
and learn, connect and grow with us.

Ellesmere Division



Monday



Cadets 6:30 - 8pm
Penguins 6:30 - 7:30pm



St John Leeston
5 Gallipoli Street, Leeston

youth@stjohn.org.nz | 0800 ST JOHN | youth.stjohn.org.nz



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LEESTON SOUTHBRIDGE CRICKET CLUB OPEN DAY!

FRIDAY
18TH
SEPTEMBER

4PM ONWARDS

AT THE
LEESTON DOMAIN

POP DOWN, MEET THE COMMITTEE,
TEST OUT YOUR CRICKET SKILLS!

BBQ