

LEESTON LEARNERS - Legends in the Making

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

Thursday 18 June 2026



Tūwhitia te hopo, mairangatia te angitū (Lean into Fear)



Kia ora koutou

A huge congratulations to Clark, Quinn and Avery who represented Leeston at the Primary Schools Dog Agility Championships on Saturday 6th June, winning Top Overall School!! Children of all ages, up to Year 8, competed with their own trained dogs as well as borrowed dogs, handling them around agility and jumpers courses. Clark handled the family's spaniel Quick in the experienced class, and borrowed spaniel Nox in the open class. Quinn handled Quick in experienced. Avery ran the family's longhair Weimaraner Amp in experienced and borrowed border collie Gaia in the open class. You are Leeston Legends! I am so proud of you all.

Ms Davison and I had the privilege of joining our Year 6 Leaders, House Captains, and Junior Ambassadors for a wonderful day at the National Young Leaders' Day last week. Joining hundreds of student leaders from schools across Canterbury, we spent the day listening to inspiring speakers, participating in fun dance activities, and reflecting on what it means to be a leader.

While the background of each speaker was very different, their messages were aligned: Fear is not a barrier to leadership; it is an invitation to grow. Our student leaders learned that feeling afraid when taking on new responsibilities and challenges, speaking in public or standing up for what is right is completely normal. The real magic happens when we acknowledge that fear and choose to step forward anyway.

And on that note, our whole school production, “Zog’s Time-travelling Adventure” is running this week and the performances from our tamariki are truly incredible – I’m so proud of them all – tino pai rawa atu – way to go Leeston LEGENDS!



Experienced primary jumpers: 1st Quinn and Quick
Experienced primary agility: 1st Quinn and Quick, 3rd Clark and Quick
Open primary agility: 2nd Clark and Nox, 3rd Avery and Gaia

Runner up primary handler award: Clark and Nox
Top primary School: Leeston Consolidated School



National Young Leaders ‘Day

Nga mihi nui
Lynda Taylor

TEACHER ONLY DAY MONDAY

A reminder of our Ministry allocated teacher only day this **Monday 22nd June**. Staff will be undertaking professional development in the IDEal writing programme.

Please note that the school will be closed, families will need to make alternative arrangements for their children.

WEAR YELLOW FOR HAROLD DAY 2026

Friday, 19 June 2026

Wear Yellow for Harold Day is a national celebration of colour, community, and care. Each year, thousands of tamariki, schools, and businesses across Aotearoa come together to celebrate Harold and support the vital work of Life Education.



In 2026, we proudly shine the spotlight on Respect & Kindness—two values that help build strong relationships, confident young people, and connected communities.

A gold coin donation will go towards raising essential funds to help empower tamariki with knowledge about resilience, respect, and identity through Life Education's programmes.

TOYS

Our classrooms are already packed with fun! Please remember to leave all toys at home (including those squishy dumplings!) If it's your turn for news and you'd like to bring something in, just check with a teacher first! We appreciate your help.

MATARIKI WHĀNAU HUI - WEDNESDAY 1 JULY

Please come and celebrate Matariki with your whānau! Bring along a jar of fairy lights or an LED candle (no real flames please) and a blanket to keep warm.

Enjoy a magical evening filled with:

- Junior and senior kapa haka performances
- Delicious gourmet sausage sizzle (gold coin koha to support the event would be much appreciated).
- Cozying up in the whare hui for Matariki stories read by staff with the big screen.
- Coffee Cart on site

Schedule:

5:30pm – Arrive

5:45pm – Kapa Haka performances

6:15pm – Kai outdoors with fairy lights

7:00pm – Stories in the whare hui

7:30pm – Finish

Please click the link to RSVP for both catering purposes and Kapa Haka permission.

Link: [Whānau Hui 2026](#)

CANTERBURY CROSS COUNTRY

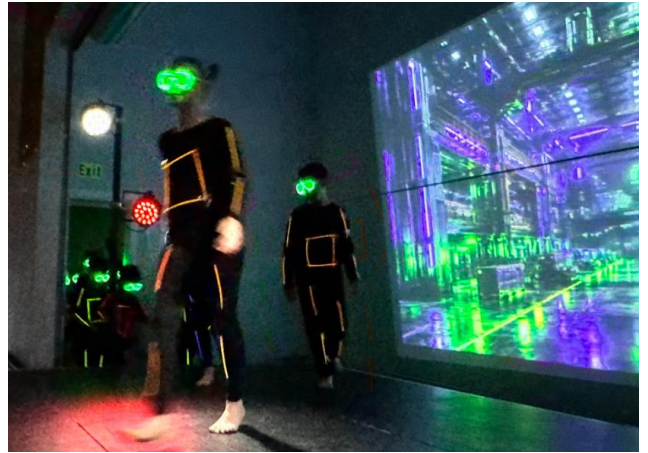
Well done to all of our students who represented the school at the Cross Country event at Nga Puna Wai. It was certainly a cold day, with the wind whipping around the course – perhaps it even helped everyone run a little faster!

A big thank you to all the parents who helped with transport and support on the day. Also thanks to Kim Tapper for assisting with the numbers and helping everything run smoothly. Our best result was Gus - ka pai Gus! Leeston Legends all of you! Results below.

Name	Place
Iona S	Year 6 girls - 106
Clark H	Year 6 boys - 107
Stuart P	Year 6 boys - 116
Ava W	Year 5 girls - 119
Arabella H	Year 5 girls - 128
Gus O	Year 5 boys - 37
Quinn H	Year 5 boys - 74
Lewis G	Year 5 boys - 97
Riley L	Year 5 boys - 111



SNEEKY PEEK OF SOME PRODUCTION PHOTOS...





DATES TO REMEMBER

Refer to our website for further term updates

18 June	Newsletter Whole School Production - 7pm
19 June	Wear Yellow for Harold -Gold Coin Donation
22 June	TOD - School Closed
23 June	Cohort School Visits
25 June	Children's University Campus experience
26 June	Waiwhio Selling Hot Chocolates
29 June	Eco-warriors cooking potatoes
30 June	Cohort School Visits PTA Meeting - 7pm
1 July	Matariki Whānau Hui 5.30pm
2 July	Newsletter
3 July	Whole School Assembly - 11.30am - All Welcome Term 2 Finishes
20 July	Term 3 Commences Cohort Entry BOT Mtg 6pm
23 July	Waiwhio Camp meeting 3.10pm and 5.30pm Newsletter
24 July	Whole School Assembly - 11.30am - All Welcome
29 July	Year 2 Planting Day
30 July	Friendly games vs Dunsandal
31 July	PTA Disco
4 August	Friendly games v Southbridge PTA Meeting 7pm
5 August	Learning Conferences 2pm early finish
6 August	Learning Conferences 2pm early finish
7 August	Whole School Assembly - 11.30am - All Welcome
11 August	Cohort Entry
12 August	Animal Control Education Program Cluster Speech Competition

Leeston School Term Dates 2027

Term 1		
Monday 1st Feb – Friday 9th April		10 weeks
Term 2		
Tuesday 27th April - Friday 2nd July		10 weeks
Term 3		
Monday 19th July - Friday 24th September		10 weeks
Term 4		
Monday 11th October - Thursday 16th December		10 weeks

Teacher Only Days

Thursday 28th January *School Closed*

Public Holidays - School Closed

<i>Waitangi Day</i>	<i>Mon 8 February (Observed)</i>
<i>Easter Good Friday</i>	<i>Fri 26 April</i>
<i>Easter Monday/Tuesday</i>	<i>Mon 29 and 30 April</i>
<i>Anzac Day</i>	<i>Mon 26 April (Observed)</i>
<i>King's Birthday</i>	<i>Monday 7th June</i>
<i>Matariki</i>	<i>Friday 25 June</i>
<i>Labour Day</i>	<i>Monday 25 October</i>
<i>Canterbury Show Day</i>	<i>Friday 12 November</i>

Please note that there may be an additional 1-2 teacher only days set during the year.
We will endeavour to give at least 1 term's notice of any TOD once they are confirmed.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The school holidays are on their way, and we are so pleased that we can continue to offer our fabulous, discounted BBs holiday programme prices!

Full Day (7:00am – 6:00pm): ONLY \$55 (save \$15)

School Hours (8:30am – 3:00pm): ONLY \$40 (save \$20)

*Additional costs apply for Excursion & Incursion Days. OSCAR SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE

Term 2 Holiday Programmes are NOW OPEN for bookings at Busy Bumbles — where children have maximum fun while parents enjoy our awesome low prices. Don't miss out, spots are filling fast.

To book, head to:

<https://enrolmy.com/busy-bumbles?emyatb=4w7ygdi834#/name/%25holiday%25>

Find more information and view the activity overviews for each venue here: <https://busybumbles.co.nz/our-programmes/holiday-programmes/>

Get ready for lots of holiday fun. Book your space online today, or contact our friendly team to learn more. www.busybumbles.co.nz

SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS WANTED

Nelson Coachlines is currently looking for casual and permanent school bus drivers in the Leeston area to cover school runs. The person will ideally have a class 2 licence with a Passenger endorsement on their licence, however, if you do not have the above, we may be able to assist you in getting these for suitable candidates. This position would be ideal for a retiree or stay at home parent looking to be involved in the local community, as well as having an income. Interested persons please email denisf@nelsoncoachlines.co.nz, or call 0220816768 for more info.

Selwyn Kids OSCAR Holiday Programme

Looking for fun and engaging care these school holidays? Selwyn Kids OSCAR Holiday Programme is packed with exciting activities, games, creative experiences, outings, and opportunities for children to make new friends. Our programme provides a safe, supportive, and welcoming environment for primary-aged children throughout the school holidays. Spaces are limited, so bookings are essential. For more information or to book, please contact Selwyn Kids on 03 347 9595 or visit www.selwynkids.co.nz.

Thursday
25th
June



Ellesmere
Art & Craft Hub
80 High St
Leeston



PAINT & SIP (BYO)

Thursday 25th June
6:30-8:30 PM

Members \$40
Non Members \$50

Join us for guided floral Paint & Sip evening – no experience needed, just come ready to relax and enjoy. Bring your favourite drink (BYO) and we'll take care of the rest – all painting materials plus delicious nibbles are included. Limited spaces available, so be sure to book early! Grab your friends and enjoy a fun, social night of creativity.

BOOKING ESSENTIAL!
admin@creativefoundation.nz

021 269 0132 (Sayoko)

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FREE Webinar

THURSDAY 25TH JUNE
7.30-9PM

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teachers to help kids:**

- Feel more confident
- Find their tribe or keep friends
- Navigate social situations
- Feel like they belong
- Understand how our brains learn social skills
- Find strategies that work for them as an individual
- Strategies shared through a neurodiversity affirming lens

If you have a child 0-18 years
in your life

Register Now

www.talktogether.co.nz/workshops



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

AGES 5 - 12
ARE WELCOME

9AM - 3PM

July 7th 2026 9am - 3pm
St John's Anglican, Church Hall, 28 Selwyn Street

- Fun Activities
- Crafts
- Morning and Afternoon Tea



\$5
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A DAY

More Info contact: Rev Margaret Neate
Email: ellesmere.anglican@xtra.co.nz

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Topics we explore

- Parenting neurodivergent tamariki
- The screen time challenge
- Supporting children's wellbeing
- Grief and loss
- Friendships and belonging
- Resilience
- Behaviour and emotions
- Te Tiriti and tūpuna parenting

Featuring kōrero with
 Brainwave Trust • Rebekah Lipp (Wilding Books) • University of Canterbury researchers
 IHC • Aaron Hāpuku • Elizabeth Emere-Harte (Tūpuna Parenting)
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 Dr Lucy Hone (wellbeing and resilience)

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17 JULY 14-15 | **2PM - 4PM** | **AGES 9-12** | **\$80 BOTH DAYS**



TUESDAY 14 JULY – SPECIAL GUEST COACHES FROM CANTERBURY RAMS

PRO COACHES

- WB** **Walter Brown**
Canterbury Rams - NZNBL
- TB** **Taylor Britt**
Canterbury Rams - NZNBL
- JA** **Jack Andrew**
Canterbury Rams - NZNBL

WHEN
Tue 14 - Wed 15 July
 2:00pm - 4:00pm each day

COST
\$80
 both days - capped at 30 players

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Ages 9-12 years
 All skill levels welcome

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 Basketball Club

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Club Day

SAT 20th June



Time	Team	Field
9am.	Yr1	2A
9am.	Yr2 White	2B
9am.	Yr2 Red	2B
10am.	Yr4 Red	2A
10am.	Yr4 White	2B
10am.	Yr6	1B
11am.	Yr8	1
11.15am.	Yr9	2
1pm.	Yr12/13	2
1pm.	Div3	1
2.45pm.	Div2	1



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