

LEESTON LEARNERS - Legends in the Making

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

Thursday 20 August 2026



Ko e 'umu'imu'a 'e 'uli e tāpangai *"In unity, there is beauty and harmony"*



Tena koutou katoa,

Thank you to Lisa McClure and the Waiwhio team teachers for organising an amazing overnight camp experience for their students. This involved a day in the city visiting the Antarctic Centre and Inflatable World followed by an evening of activities and sleeping over in the Waitatari block. School based activities took place the next day including a delicious lunch cooked in a Lovo (Fijian earth oven). A huge thank you to all of the Parents and Caregivers who supported this camp and helped make it such a fun and rewarding experience.

Congratulations to all of our students who represented our school in our Speech Competition with Dunsandel and Southbridge School. All speeches were entertaining, informative and of a very high standard leaving the judges with difficult decisions. Leeston School had success in both categories with Aoibhinn winning the Year 5 category and Scarlett first and Clark second in the Year 6 category, Tu meke.

Leeston School also had success in the recent Zone Winter Sport tournament. Our rugby and football teams won their competitions and will be representing our zone at the Canterbury tournament.

Best of luck to our school Jump Jam team who are competing in the Strictly Jump Jam competition in Christchurch this weekend. The team of Year 5 and 6 students have been working extremely hard all year and are well prepared for this event.

A reminder our school will be closed tomorrow (Friday 21 August) for a Teacher Only Day. This day will enable us to work alongside our neighbouring schools as part incorporating and gaining knowledge of the new maths curriculum.

Nga mihi nui
Dean Paton



Children can wear anything **YELLOW** on Friday 28th August and we would appreciate a gold coin, or you can donate directly on our Daffodil Day fundraising page below.

Thank you for supporting our fundraising for Daffodil Day and making a real difference to our community and for New Zealanders impacted by cancer.

Fundraising page name: Leeston Consolidated School Team
Fundraising page URL: <https://www.daffodilday.org.nz/leeston-consolidated-school-team>

LITERACY WEEK

Week 7, term 3 will be an exciting week for literacy. We have organised a number of activities around books for the students.

Parents and grandparents are welcome to come into school to read to children at morning tea. The library will be open from 10.40 -11.00am every morning to enable interested caregivers to read to their children or a group of children.

The library will also be open from 1.30 -2.00pm with different activities for the children to Enjoy.

At the end of the week on Friday 4 September, we will be having a book character parade at 9.10am. Students are welcome to dress up as a book character and if they can bring the book- that would be great!

Literacy Focus Group

CLASS PLACEMENT FOR 2027

Early in term four our team leaders will be starting to organise class structure and student placement for 2027. Children will be placed in classes that will cater for their learning level and are grouped with children of their year level. Composite or mixed classes are part of the yearly composition of class structure.

We would like to give you the opportunity to provide us with information on your child's learning, health, emotional and social needs for us to consider while making class placements. Please email these to Lynda at principal@leeston.school.nz by the end of this term (Friday 25th September). Please note that we cannot look at requests for specific teachers.

KAHUI AKO SPEECH FINALS 2026



SCHOLASTIC BOOKS

Issue 6 of the Scholastic Lucky Book Club is now available. Book online with the current issue number 6 – www.mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz. Orders close **3pm, Thursday 3rd September**. Please note the quick turnaround is so the books will arrive in time prior to the school holidays.

ELLESMERE ZONE WINTER TOURNAMENT 2026

On Tuesday 18 August, our winter sports teams headed down to Leeston Domain for the Ellesmere Zone Winter Tournament. We were excited to have two football teams, two netball teams and a rugby team representing our school and competing against teams from Dunsandel and Southbridge Schools.

While it was certainly a chilly day at the Domain, we were very fortunate that the rain held off, allowing everyone to get out on the fields and enjoy a full half day of competition. Our teams showed great enthusiasm, determination and sportsmanship, giving their best in every game and supporting each other along the way. It was fantastic to see everyone continuing to play hard, even in the cold conditions.

A big well done to all our players for their effort and positive attitudes. We are very proud of the way you represented our school! The football team and rugby team will be going on to Canterbury.

A big thank you to all the parents for walking down with the teams, and supporting the teams at the event. Also, thanks to John Legg who got out the pads and painted the lines for the football fields.... appreciate your work! Also, the Ellesmere College students for helping to ref the games. Lastly, a big thank you to all the teachers and players for making this a great tournament. Leeston legends!



Hot dog lunch is back!

Order your child's hot dog from the link or the MyKindo app. Easy as!

https://shop.kindo.co.nz/app/login?shop=Leeston%20Consolidated%20School&service=hot_dog_wednesday

HOT DOG LUNCH!

Leeston School
RUN BY YOUR PTA

WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

Delicious Hot Dogs

MADE WITH QUALITY INGREDIENTS THE KIDS WILL LOVE!

The Chippy
by paula
• Weddings
• Events
• Parties
• Corporate Functions
• Private Functions

Paula from The Chippy

Fresh, delicious hot dogs!

Orders made on **KINDO**

Thank you for supporting our school!

LAST DATE TO ORDER: FRIDAY 28 AUGUST

DON'T MISS OUT!

Let's make it a tasty day! **Leeston School PTA**



FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

♥ for your special person... ♥



FRIDAY
4TH
SEPTEMBER



7.30-8.30AM



SCHOOL COURTS

≡ BREAKFAST MENU ≡



Bacon & Egg Buttie \$5



Sausage & Bread \$2



Flavoured Milk \$2

*Bring Dad, Grandad,
or a Special Person! ♥*



**HOT DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE
TO PURCHASE FROM COFFEE CART ♥**



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



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 • MOTTORBIKES • 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

20 August	Discovery Dome -Waitātari Newsletter
21 August	TOD
24 August	Cohort Entry
26 August	Cricket Yr 1 - Yr 4
27 August	Waitātari Firewise Visit
28 August	Wear Yellow - Daffodil Day - Gold coin donation please
31 August - 4 September	Book week
1 September	PTA Meeting 7pm
2 September	PTA Hot Dog Lunch Fundraiser
3 September	Newsletter
4 September	Father's Day Breakfast 7.30am Book Character Dress Up parade Whole School Assembly -11.30am All welcome
7 September	Canterbury Duathlon BOT Meeting 6pm
11 September	Kids Discovery Plant out day TBC
14 September	Choir practise Avonhead School
15 September	Cohort School Visit St Johns lessons - Waitatari
16 September	St Johns Lessons - Waitatari
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

Tuning into kids is free. This group will start in term three and finish term four. 20 spaces available. Parents/caregivers attend without children.

Link to register:

[Tuning in to Kids Registration - Mana Ake](#)

Tuning In To Kids

*A FREE six-session programme for
parents/caregivers of children
aged 5-12 years*

TIK is a 2 hour programme run over six weeks.

Would you like to learn how to:

- Be better at understanding and talking with your child?
- Help your child learn how to manage their emotions?
- Help prevent behaviour problems in your child?
- Teach your child how to deal with conflict?

Tuning in to Kids is an evidence-based programme designed to teach parents & caregivers:

- Awareness and regulation of their own emotions;
- Awareness of their children's emotions;
- To use children's emotional experiences as an opportunity for closeness and teaching;
- Skills in assisting children to verbally label and manage their emotions;
- Skills in assisting children to problem solve;
- To guide children's behaviour with appropriate limits.

Sessions include:

- Watching video material
- Group discussions and exercises
- Role plays
- Home activities to practice different ways of responding to your child's emotions
- Participants sharing their own experiences within the group



This course is free to attend, you must attend all 6 sessions.

Please register on [Tuning in to Kids Registration - Mana Ake](#)

For more information please email Whitneyt@psusi.org.nz

Location: Te Rau Horopito School, Rolleston
Dates: September 9,16,23 & October 14,21,28
Day/ time: Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm

Halloween Fun in Leeston

Papier Mache Workshops

5th September Southbridge Playcentre and 13th September Ellesmere Scout Den Leeston

To help people get their entry for the Spooky Papier Mache Competition ready, we are running a couple of 1 hour workshops (as above). They will run 11am-12pm. The cost per adult is \$10 which will go directly to either the playcentre or the scouts. This is to cover the use of the room.

Register for the workshops here: <https://bit.ly/EllesmereSpookyWorkshop>

Spooky Papier Mache Competition

Last year it was Papier Mache Pumpkins - this year it can be anything Halloween themed. Entries close 25 October. Enter here: <https://bit.ly/EllesmereSpookyEntry>. Entries will be displayed in Ellesmere Art and Craft Hub from 21 October, and open to voting by the public. Final voting will be done at the Halloween Disco on 31 October.

Disco for Under 10's

Last year was such a success we're doing it again. Saturday 31 October, 5-6pm at Ellesmere College. A safe place for your little one to dress up and have fun! Every child booked in will receive a treat bag to take home. Prizes for best female & male costume donated by Filamental 3D Design. A Spot Prize donated by Cycling the Dream. Southbridge Playcentre will be doing Facepainting - \$5 ea or 3 for \$10. There will also be a Sausage Sizzle \$2.50. While this is a free event we do need you to book a ticket (<https://bit.ly/DiscoBooking>) and a gold coin donation is appreciated (not compulsory) just to help with expenses.



Killinchy Tennis Open Day 2026/27 Season

Sunday 13th September 2026

10am-11am

All current and new players welcome
Junior to Senior team players required

10am to 11am
coaching and
fun games for
all ages of
kids

Players of
all ages and
skills
welcomed

Killinchy Tennis Courts
@ Killinchy Community Hall
658 Leeston Dunsandel Road
killinchytennis@gmail.com



Thinking about playing rugby in 2027?

Join us for our 150th Jubilee. Celebrating rugby in Leeston for 150 years.

2027 marks **150 years of Leeston Rugby**, and we're planning a huge season for our junior players. If your child goes to a local school or preschool and you're curious about rugby—whether they're full of energy, keen to try a new sport, or you're just thinking ahead—we'd love to hear from you.

If your child is not currently registered with Leeston Rugby, please take a minute to complete our no-obligation Expression of Interest. This helps us plan teams, coaches, and make sure there's a place for every child who wants to play. Our **Rippa Rugby** training sessions are held **straight after school on the Leeston school grounds**, so there's **less need to travel**.

Live local. Train local. Play local.



150 years strong... and we're just getting started.

Already part of Leeston Rugby? Please help us spread the word to other families at your school or preschool who might be interested.

👉 Scan the QR code to complete the Expression of Interest form.
We'd love to have your family on board for our 150th year!





The countdown is on!

In October the 8th National Dyspraxia Support Group of New Zealand Conference will bring together families, educators, therapists, researchers and adults with dyspraxia from around New Zealand for two inspiring days of learning, connection and practical strategies.

DSGNZ Conference – Paving the Way for Success 2–3 October 2026 Christchurch

This year's programme includes:

- International keynote speakers
- New Zealand experts
- Practical workshops you can immediately apply
- Lived experience presentations
- Networking opportunities

We're excited to welcome our keynote speakers. Our programme includes internationally recognised researchers Professor Amanda Kirby (UK – pre-recorded presentation), Dr Jill Zwicker (Canada) and Dr Melissa Licari (Australia), alongside an outstanding line-up of New Zealand presenters, including Dr Ellen Ford and Professor Kathryn MacCallum.

One of the greatest strengths of our conference is the opportunity to connect with others. Many attendees tell us that simply meeting people who "get it" is one of the most valuable parts of the weekend.

If you haven't already secured your place, now is the perfect time. We look forward to welcoming you to Christchurch as together we continue **Paving the Way for Success**.

<https://events.humanitix.com/the-8th-national-dyspraxia-conference>