

LEESTON LEARNERS - Legends in the Making

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

Thursday 21 May 2026



Nāku te rourou nau te rourou ka ora ai te iwi *(With your basket and my basket, the people will thrive)*



Congratulations to Leila and Connie who proudly represented the school at the annual Rotary Quiz held at Lincoln University on Tuesday 19 May, testing their general knowledge with schools from across the Selwyn Region. Our team came second in the Year 5/6 category with a whopping 23 out of 40 while one of our parent teams also won a box of chocolates with a score of 35 out of 40! Tino pai rawa atu!! I am incredibly proud of your efforts!

It was wonderful to see our Leeston LEGENDS competing at the Zone Cross Country last week – another glorious day weather wise, and some excellent results. A big thank you to Carol Davison for her organisation and for all our parent helpers.

As you will no doubt be aware, this term we are staging our whole school production term – Zog's wonderful time travelling adventures! There will be a question and answer sheet sent out a little closer to the time, along with information on how to purchase tickets. We will be having a matinee performance on 16th June starting at 1.00 pm and two evening performances on the 17th and 18th of June, starting at 7.00 pm. It's shaping up to be an amazing performance!

Nga mihi nui
Lynda Taylor

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL

Mia Swan

TURN BOOK READING INTO A CONVERSATION



Enjoy this free downloadable resource designed to support that time: [Turn Book Reading into a Conversation.](#)

It walks parents through five strategies drawn from the evidence-based approaches at the heart of Hanen's early language intervention programs — simple tools for turning a familiar routine into a richer language-learning moment.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKS

Issue 4 of the Scholastic Lucky Book Club is now available. Book online with the current issue number 4 – www.mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz. Orders close **3pm, Thursday 4th June**. No late orders please.

ENVIROSCHOOL LEADERSHIP HUI

Last week four eco warriors got to go with Mrs Stoliker to an Enviroschools hui at Tai Tapu school. We joined 7 other Enviroschools to check-out the wonderful things being achieved at Tai Tapu school. Our favourite was the native area with great seats and huts. Mrs Stoliker really liked the 3 bins that were in every classroom, for rubbish, recycling and food scraps.

We finished the day by helping spread wood mulch around native trees to help them grow. A great day, we all left feeling inspired.



**Ecowarriors digging up the potatoes from the school garden
and sorting into sizes for cooking.**



Zone Cross Country Results 2026

<i>Placing</i>	<i>Year 6 Girls</i>	<i>Year 6 Boys</i>	<i>Year 5 Girls</i>	<i>Year 5 Boys</i>	<i>Year 4 Girls</i>	<i>Year 4 Boys</i>
1st	Dunsandel	Dunsandel	Southbridge	Gus O'Meara	Dunsandel	Jordan Borisi
2nd	Southbridge	Noah Rollo	Ava Wilson	Quinn Hunt	Southbridge	Jax Zajonskowski
3rd	Iona Stewart	Southbridge	Dunsandel	Riley Long	Karmah Beattie Wederell Day	Samuel Hurricks
4th	Dunsandel	Clark Hunt	Dunsandel	Lewis Grey	Maddie Bell	Quinn Argyle
5th	Southbridge	Stuart Pouniu	Dunsandel	Southbridge	Sofia Reekie	Southbridge
6th	Southbridge	Nithaniel Mandri	Arabella Hamilton	Southbridge	Pippa Archer Wards	Slade Walker
7th	Zya Allen	Southbridge	Southbridge	Louka Turland	Southbridge	Henry Freer
8th	Scarlett Askin	Southbridge	Charlotte Burt	Cooper Bennett	Ava Stewart	Dunsandel

LEESTON SCHOOL PROUDLY PRESENTS

ZOG'S TIME-TRAVELLING ADVENTURE

A JOURNEY THROUGH EARTH'S STORY

A FUN, FAMILY
SHOW FOR
ALL AGES!



★ TRAVEL THROUGH TIME... MEET AMAZING PEOPLE... DISCOVER OUR WORLD! ★

DINOSAURS



DISCOVERY
OF FIRE



EGYPTIANS



PIRATES &
EXPLORERS



INDUSTRIAL
REVILISATION



JAZZ AGE



PEACE &
CHANGE



SPACE &
BEYOND



OUR FUTURE
TOGETHER



MUSIC!
DANCE!
LAUGHTER!
ADVENTURE!

★ SHOW DATES ★

TUESDAY	16 TH JUNE	★	🕒	1 PM MATINEE
WEDNESDAY	17 TH JUNE	★	🕒	7 PM
THURSDAY	18 TH JUNE	★	🕒	7 PM

📍 LEESTON
SCHOOL HALL

COME ALONG, BRING YOUR WHĀNAU
AND BE PART OF THE ADVENTURE!

DON'T
MISS IT!



Food Truck *Saturday*

Leeston Consolidated School Courts

Saturday May 23rd 2026 — 5-8pm



Dogs are NOT permitted at this event

DATES TO REMEMBER

Refer to our website for further term updates

21 May	Newsletter
22 May	Whole School Assembly - 11.30am - All Welcome
23 May	Food Truck Saturday
27 May	PTA Hot Dog Lunch
29 May	Waiwhio Selling Hot Chocolates
1 June	Kings Birthday - School Closed
2 June	PTA Mtg 7pm Cohort Entry
4 June	Newsletter
5 June	Whole School Assembly - 11.30am - All Welcome
8 June	BOT Meeting 6pm
9 June	Young Leaders Day
12 June	Waiwhio Selling Hot Chocolates
15 June	Whole school rehearsal
16 June	Production Matinee - 1pm
17 June	Canterbury Cross Country EPro8 Interschool Whole School Production - 7pm
18 June	Newsletter Whole School Production - 7pm
19 June	Wear Yellow for Harold
22 June	TOD - School Closed
26 June	Waiwhio Selling Hot Chocolates
30 June	PTA Meeting - 7pm
2 July	Newsletter
3 July	Whole School Assembly - 11.30am - All Welcome Term 2 Finishes
20 July	Term 3 Commences Cohort Entry



Roller Disco!


Skate Fever
ROLLER DISCOS

SUNDAY 24 MAY 4PM-6PM

@ the Leeston Rugby Football Club Hall

\$10 Entry. \$5 Skate Hire. All Ages!

Follow us on  'Skate Fever Roller Discos'



Ellesmere Art & Craft Hub
80 High St Leeston



Sunday, 31st May
10:30 - 12:00

Discover the Art of Folding Origami Bookmark



With Japanese International Students
\$10 per person
50% of profit will be donated to Ellesmere College Equip Us Campaign

- Learn traditional Japanese origami
- Make your own handmade bookmarks
- Improve fine motor skills and concentration
- Enjoy a calm and therapeutic creative time
- Experience Japanese culture with our students

Booking : **021 269 0132**
admin@creativefoundation.nz

SUPPORTING PARENTS BEYOND THE SCHOOL GATE - Selwyn Parenting Network Week

Monday 18th May - Saturday 23rd May

Around 90% of events are free, some are online, and the whole week has been intentionally designed around practical, accessible support for families navigating modern parenting, mental load, cost of living pressure and everything else life is throwing at people right now.

Full programme: (more events being added daily)
<https://events.humanitix.com/host/selwyn-parenting-network>



ELLESMERE COLLEGE
TE KĀRETI O WAIHORA

— Growing Great People —

HOMESTAY FAMILIES

Have you ever considered hosting an international student?



WE HAVE STUDENTS ARRIVING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

We are looking for outgoing, friendly, welcoming and open-minded families to host both our short and long term students.



Hosting Options:

- ✔ Short Term Hosting for 1 - 4 weeks up to 1 school term
- ✔ Long Term Hosting for 1 - 2 years
- ✔ Emergency Hosting temporarily whilst we sort a permanent homestay



Benefits of hosting:

- ✔ Experience various cultures
- ✔ Make lifelong connections
- ✔ 24/7 emergency support



homestaycoordinator@ellesmere.school.nz

Winter WELLNESS WORKSHOP

Create. Relax. Reconnect. ♥

Join us for a cosy, hands-on workshop where you'll create your own natural wellness products to nourish your body, calm your mind and support your wellness this winter.

YOU'LL CREATE & TAKE HOME:



BOTANICAL BATH SALTS
A luxurious soak to relax and unwind.



ROLL ON WELLNESS BLENDS
Natural support for mood, sleep, calm and more.



SHOWER STEAMERS
Breathe deep and refresh your senses in every shower.



RELAXING BODY SCRUB
Exfoliate, soften and nourish your winter skin.

plus.. ♥

HERBAL TEA TASTINGS
Warm up with delicious herbal blends while you create and connect. ♥

Thursday 18th June
6.30pm

Ellesmere Art & Craft Hub,
80 High Street, Leeston

\$55pp
Booking essential, limited spaces available.

To book your space, email Jen: aromalayne@gmail.com
Or txt: 0225070465


♥ All ingredients, materials & packaging provided.

NATURAL | HANDMADE | WELLNESS | COMMUNITY
Let's make winter a little more beautiful ♥

Ellesmere College

MOVIE NIGHT

5:30pm- 7:30pm





22nd May
Doors open:
5:00pm



Ellesmere College
School Gym



\$2ea OR
\$5 Family entry

Snacks and Drinks will be available for purchase 🍿