

LEESTON LEARNERS - Legends in the Making

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

Thursday 23 April 2026



Ka ora te wai, Ka ora te whenua, Ka ora te tangata

If the water is healthy, the land will be nourished, and the people will be provided for.



Kia ora Koutou

Welcome back for another fun filled and busy term and a special welcome to all our new families! I hope you all enjoyed a refreshing and energising Easter and term break.

This term we are very excited to be working on our whole school production which we will stage on the 17th and 18th of June (more details to come closer to the time!). We welcomed Fonterra to school yesterday to judge their milk tanker competition. All the entries were fantastic and a huge congratulations to all participants and to the final placegetters – Zya, Quinn and Jaxon. A very big thank you to Fonterra for providing the whole school with a yummy breakfast burger and milk – a great way to start a very cold and chilly day!

As we approach ANZAC Day, we pause to remember and honour those who have served, and we hope everyone enjoys a safe and restful long weekend with friends and whānau.

Nga mihi nui
Lynda Taylor

WELCOME TO LEESTON SCHOOL

Charlotte Bainton, Tom Freer, Pippa Green, Harper Arras, Phoenix Fenton-Mayers, Oakland Hammett, Lorenza Rojas, Maddy Barnett, Brody Miller, Henry Jeffreys

TEACHER ONLY DAYS NEXT TERM

We have two Ministry allocated teacher only days next term for professional development.

- **Friday 15th May** (Maths)
- **Monday 22nd June** (Writing)

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

LEESTON LEGENDS

Ella was an Anthem Girl at the White Ferns first One Day International Cricket game against South Africa at Hagley Oval. This was part of the Girl Smash Cricket initiative. She loved every second of it and the experience has inspired her to continue playing cricket.



Nixon had prizegiving last TERM for his Athletics Club - they practice all season and then have 3 club competition nights to wrap it up. Nixon got 1st place for 7 year old boys.

Well done Nixon, we look forward to seeing you compete in school athletics later in term 4.



PARENT/WHĀNAU MATHS INFORMATION SESSION

On the 29th of April, from 3.30 - 4.30, Southbridge School is hosting a parent information evening on unlocking your child's maths potential, and all families from our school are invited to attend. Please see attached poster for details. RSVP by emailing Megan.

MATHS PARENT INFORMATION SESSION
unlock your child's MATHS POTENTIAL
AT SOUTHBRIDGE SCHOOL

HOSTED BY MATHS GURU
Averil Lee

WEDNESDAY
29TH APRIL 15:30 TO 16:30

JOIN US FOR AN ENGAGING AND INSIGHTFUL SESSION

FREE CHILDCARE PROVIDED

- DEMISTIFY THE CURRICULUM
- PRACTICAL TOOLS & GAMES TO USE AT HOME
- ASK AN EXPERT

LOCATION: SOUTHBRIDGE SCHOOL

LEARN TOGETHER, GROW TOGETHER

Southbridge School - southbridgeschool.com

2026 SPEECH AND POETRY WINNERS

Congratulations to all our finalists - and a special congratulations to all our winners - a very entertaining day, and particularly high standards throughout all the teams. Well done everyone.

5-5.5 years - Cleo Lumsden

5.5-6 years - Lucy Baker

6-6.5 years - Karly Wilson

6.5 + years - Archie Lodge

Year 4 speech - Maggie Green

Year 4 Poetry - Lurline Williams

Year 3 Speech - Augustus Connell

Year 3 Poetry - Riley Burt

Year 5 - Frankie Clark (to zones with: Quinn Hunt, Aoibhinn Brady)

Year 6 - Scarlett Askin (to zones with: Ailee Sharma, Clark Hunt)

WAIWHIO SPEECH AND POETRY



WAIKEKEWAI SPEECH AND POETRY



WAITĀTARI POETRY



CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS

Here at Leeston School we encourage open communication so each term for your information we like to publish our Concerns and Complaints policy. The purpose of our complaints policy is to provide clear guidelines for the school community in raising and resolving concerns and complaints. The procedures we have in place are summarised in the flowchart below. Last year, we reviewed the Concerns and Complaints Policy and its subtopics. You can find this link here.


https://leeston.schooldocs.co.nz/12727.htm?zoom_highlight=complaints+policy. User Name: leeston p/word: legends


You may also find this flow chart helpful


Concerns and Complaints Process

This information should be read alongside our Concerns and Complaints Policy and related policies on SchoolDocs.

OVERVIEW

 You can raise concerns and complaints with our school verbally or in writing.

 The school will assess and respond according to the nature of the concern or complaint.

 The school will tell you how we plan to manage your concern or complaint, and let you know when the matter is closed.

HOW TO RAISE A CONCERN OR MAKE A COMPLAINT

Contact the following people at the school (verbally or in writing).

A staff member involved
(e.g. classroom teacher, head of learning area)

The principal
for serious matters

The board chair
for concerns or complaints about the principal

Another board member
for concerns or complaints about the board chair

- Concerns or complaints may be referred to a more appropriate person (e.g. senior staff, principal, board member).
- The school may ask you to put your concern or complaint in writing to help address the matter.
- You are welcome to have a support person (e.g. whānau member, friend, lawyer, union representative).
- Everyone involved is expected to respect privacy and confidentiality.

HOW THE SCHOOL MANAGES CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS

We manage concerns and complaints in a timely manner and seek to protect people's mana and dignity. We ensure:

- people are treated fairly
- those involved have the opportunity to be heard
- decision-making is unbiased.

The school assesses the concern or complaint and responds according to its nature and seriousness, and who is involved (e.g. student, staff member, principal, board member).

NOTIFICATION AND CLOSURE

We will tell you about how we plan to manage your concern or complaint, and let you know when the matter is closed.

After responding to your concern or complaint, the school considers the matter closed.

If you feel your concern or complaint has not been resolved after receiving a response, you may escalate the concern or complaint to the principal or board.

After the board has dealt with a matter, there is no further avenue for consideration by the school.

If you need help to understand the concerns and complaints process, please contact the school.

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Clear out the cupboards, find those unwanted gifts, regift all those precious treasures...

Leeston School PTA are looking for donations for their Mother's Day stall.

Donations to be given to class teacher by Wednesday 6th May.

Children will have the opportunity to shop for their special person

MOTHER'S
OR SPECIAL PERSON'S
DAY
STALL

Friday 8th May

Gold coin donation per gift



SCHOLASTIC BOOKS

Issue 3 of the Scholastic Lucky Book Club is now available. Book online with the current issue number 3 – www.mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz. Orders close **3pm, Thursday 7th May**. No late orders please.

NEW FAMILIES POT LUCK DINNER



SPORTS UPDATE

Huxster Mountain Bike Challenge

We had three pairs of boys enter the Huxster Mountain Bike event last term. The venue was Mcleans Island and the boys were paired up and had to ride a circuit. On Tuesday Gus O'Meara and Fletcher Lodge were a team and Clark Hunt and Roman O'Meara were another team. They did well Clark/Roman - 45/150 and Fletcher/Gus 66/150.

On Wednesday Flynn Taylor and Jack Hillier did very well - 26/145!! They completed 8 laps so that was definitely up in the high end results. Thank you to the parents for taking the tamariki and giving them the opportunity to do something different....Leeston Legends!



Leeston Consolidated School
SELWYN STREET
LEESTON

April 2026

School Cross Country 2026

Date: Thursday 30 April (week 2)
Postponement: Friday 1 May
Time: Starting at 12.30pm
Venue: Ellesmere A & P Show Grounds
Order of Events: Year 6 boys/girls (approximately 2 km)
Year 5 boys/ girls (approximately 2 km)
Year 4 boys/ girls (approximately 1.5km)
Year 3 boys/girls (approximately 1.5km)
Tough Kids Challenge Race (once the other races have finished)

On Thursday 30 April (week 2) rooms 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, and 15 will have lunch from 11.30 – 11.55am and will leave school at 12.00pm to walk down to the show grounds.

The Waitatari (Junior) Syndicate will have lunch from 12 – 12.30pm. They will leave school at 1pm to walk down to the show grounds to compete in the Tough Kids event.

To ensure the safety of the children, we require several parents to assist with walking the children to the show grounds. Please contact your child's teacher if you can be of assistance. Parent helpers are also needed to help set out the course and ensure the children's safety around the course. Please complete the slip below and return to Carol Davison (room 10) by Friday 24 April.

The children will need to run in shorts, tee-shirts and suitable running shoes. Warm clothes will be necessary for before, and after the event. A drink would also be a great idea.

ALL CHILDREN ARE TO STAY UNTIL THE END OF THE RACES.

If you would like to take your child home with you after the Cross Country, please ensure that they have signed off from the class lists that will be with their classroom teacher. Bus children will need to sign off the bus lists before they leave school.

Ngā mihi
Carol Davison

Please tick the following options if you are available to help

- I am able to assist with parent help during the Cross Country, 12.30 -2.30pm.
 I am able to walk down to the show grounds with a class (room _____).

Name _____ Cell num _____ Child & room _____

LEESTON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL, TELEPHONE (03) 3243493 FAX (03) 3243058

FONTERRA MILK TANKER COMPETITION DAY




DATES TO REMEMBER

Refer to our website for further term updates

24 April	Whole School Assembly
27 April	ANZAC Day - School Closed
29 APRIL	Maths parent evening at Southbridge School
30 April	School Cross Country
1 May	pp School Cross Country Waiwhio Selling Hot Chocolate
4 May	Epro8 at school
5 May	Epro8 school Event PTA Meeting 7pm
6 May	Enviroschool Hui
7 May	Rugby Fun Day Newsletter
8 May	Whole School Assembly
11 May	BOT Meeting 6pm
12 May	Zone Cross Country
13 May	pp Zone Cross Country pp Enviroschool Hui
15 May	TOD - School Closed
19 May	Lincoln Rotary Quiz
21 May	Newsletter
29 May	Waiwhio Selling Hot Chocolate
1 June	Kings Birthday - School Closed
2 June	PTA Mtg 7pm Cohort Entry
4 June	Newsletter
5 June	Whole School Assembly
8 June	BOT Meeting 6pm
12 June	Waiwhio Selling Hot Chocolate
15 June	Whole school rehearsal
16 June	Production dress rehearsal
17 June	Canterbury Cross Country Production

COMMUNITY NOTICES

 A little buzz for our school whānau! Busy Bumbles has announced new, simpler pricing, with savings of up to \$4 per session for families effective from Term 2, 2026.

Their programmes continue to offer the flexibility busy parents need, including:

- ✓ 24-hour cancellation flexibility
- ✓ No charges on public holidays
- ✓ Healthy snacks included at all After School sessions
- ✓ FREE homework support sessions
- ✓ Family discounts and WINZ subsidies available

These changes reflect Busy Bumbles' heart-led approach to supporting local whānau, and our kaiako see first-hand the positive impact their FREE homework sessions have on learning outcomes for tamariki.

If your child attends Busy Bumbles, or you'd like to learn more about enrolling your child, visit their website or contact their friendly support team!

www.busybumbles.co.nz | 03 347 3031

You may already be aware that Leeston School is holding a Teacher Only Day on Monday 22nd June. While this is well into next term, we know you like to be well organised just like BBs, so we have set up a full day programme, that you can now book into.

This programme will be held onsite at Clearview School (as they are also holding a TOD on this day) and your tamariki will absolutely love exploring a new playground. As always, our awesome, low fees will provide the most affordable fun around!

Full Day (7:00am – 6:00pm): ONLY \$55

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

Spaces are limited within this programme, so please use the link below to secure your spot now:

<https://enrolmy.com/busy-bumbles/book-now/856-Clearview---Te-Kura-o-Marama--Teacher-Only-Day-Monday-22-June->


If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me or speak directly with the venue staff.

Kind regards,


Carly Napier
Operations Manager

Dads Tuning in to Kids

Join me for a free six-week course for Dads focusing on the importance of fatherhood, connecting before correcting, and emotional coaching techniques to improve behaviour and relationship with your children - Jonathan Crosby
Mana Ake Kaiārahi


 **Starting Tuesday**
5th May (for 6 weeks)

 **Time**
6.30pm - 8.30pm


 **Redwood Primary Library**
51 Prestons Rd

BYO food for dinner!

**REGISTER OR
QUESTIONS**

 027 928 2172

Or

 Jonathan@mmsi.org.nz



KIDS WATERCOLOUR CLASS



About the Class

Join fun and interactive watercolour classes designed especially for kids! Young artists will explore colours, learn basic painting techniques, and create their own beautiful artworks in a relaxed and supportive environment.

What Kids Will Learn

- Basic watercolour techniques (washing, blending, layering)
- Proper use of watercolour materials and tools
- Develop fine motor skills through painting practice
- Build confidence in presenting and sharing their artwork with others

AGE 8+

DAY & TIME TERM 2

Every Monday

3:30-4:30

COST

\$100 per term
(materials included)

or Try first class \$10 -
pay the remaining
balance if your child
loves it!

LOCATION

Ellismere Art & Craft
Hub

80 High Street Leeston



All materials
provided!
Just bring your
imagination!



End of term
Exhibition
a special chance for
family and friends to
see their
masterpieces!



Contact

Sayoko Pettigrew

021 269 0132
sayop.art@gmail.com

LEARN AND PLAY GOLF PROGRAM

Learn and Play golf program at Ellesmere Golf Club on Thursday afternoons from 4:00–5:00pm. The cost is \$85 for a 6-week program, which begins in mid-May.

These sessions are designed to be fun, catering to beginners through to those with some experience and are a great way for kids to get active and learn new skills.

6 week learn & play program

[Ellesmere Beginner/Intermediate Learn and Play Programme Term 2 2026 | Futures Canterbury](#)



Ellesmere Futures Coaching

Learn new golf skills in a fun environment at this 6-week Learn & Play

Thursdays 4-5pm starting May 14th

Where Ellesmere Golf Club

Coach Matt McLean

Starting Mid May

Cost \$85 (or \$65 for Futures Canterbury Members)

Sign up via Futures Canterbury website

