

# LEESTON LEARNERS - Legends in the Making

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

Thursday 2 July 2026



***Kohikohi ngā kākano, whakaritea te pārekereke, kia puāwai ngā hua***

*Gather the seeds, prepare the seedbed carefully, and you will be gifted with abundance of food*



Kia ora koutou

Pictured above are Zog and her crew, who long ago, set off to study the story of Planet Earth. They explored human courage and creativity, before blasting into space, and discovering that connection unites all worlds. A huge thank you to all our staff for the preparation and planning that went into staging our whole school production Zog's Time-Travelling Adventure, and to our tamariki for their courage and on-stage presence. We were all gifted with three amazing performances and I am so very very proud of you all. You are all Leeston LEGENDS!!!

## **Term 3 staffing**

We welcome Jaqueline ten Hove who will be joining our junior team, teaching our New Entrant roll-growth class in Room 3. Jaqueline is an experienced teacher, who has worked across both primary and early childhood settings, and we are very much looking forward to working with her.

I will be away on sabbatical for the term, and Dean will be Acting Principal, with Carol Acting Deputy Principal.

The purpose of my sabbatical is to:

- Explore how generative artificial intelligence (AI) can be used in safe, ethical, and practical ways to support teaching, learning, and leadership in New Zealand primary schools.
- Take time to visit recommended schools in Wellington, Rotorua and Christchurch to observe innovative practices in the use of these emerging technologies. The focus will be to explore benefits and risks for learners, teachers, and leaders.
- Use the knowledge gained to develop a clear framework to guide staff and students in understanding, navigating and applying AI technologies in ways that are aligned with our school values, student wellbeing and future-focused learning environments.

My professional learning will include:

- A literature review on AI in education, ethics, digital safety and policy
- School visits and conversations with school leaders and teaching trialling AI tools
- Writing and dissemination of a school-based AI leadership guide or framework
- Writing and finalising the sabbatical report, with time for reflection on leadership implications and next steps.

I will look forward to reporting back to you all in term 4, and wish you all a safe and well deserved term break!

Nga mihi nui  
Lynda Taylor

### **WEAR YELLOW FOR HAROLD DAY**

Thank you for your donations for Harold Life Education Trust. We raised \$291.80. Life Education Trust has a vision to inspire children in Canterbury to make positive choices for a healthy mind and body and help empower tamariki with knowledge about resilience, respect, and identity through Life Education's programmes.

### **ATTENDANCE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

As a school, we are required under the Education and Training Act to monitor and record all student attendance, regardless of the reason for absence, including illness and medical appointments. While we completely understand that some absences are unavoidable and appropriate, we are still required to follow our attendance procedures and contact families when attendance reaches certain thresholds.

As part of our attendance monitoring processes, when your child reaches the thresholds of 5, 10 or 15 days absent in one term, an automated email is generated. If you receive one of these emails, and would like to discuss your child's attendance further, any challenges affecting attendance, or support that we may be able to offer, please contact Lynda Taylor ([principal@leeston.school.nz](mailto:principal@leeston.school.nz)).

We are committed to working alongside families to support regular attendance and positive outcomes for all students.

### **PROJECTORS FOR SALE**

We have 2 projectors for sale - 1x Epson EB945 and 1x Viewsonic PDL7820HD. Approximately 10 years old, in working order. No remotes. First in first served. \$50 each.



### **ECO WARRIORS HARVEST FEAST**

After helping prepare the soil, plant the seeds, care for the plants and harvest the produce, freezing the corn and washing the potatoes, the Leeston School Eco Warriors got to enjoy a feast of sweetcorn, mashed potato and baked potato, all served with lashings of butter and salt and pepper. A huge thanks to our parent helpers who came in and cooked it all for us and cleaned the kitchen afterwards!.

It seems a long time ago that we planted and harvested our produce but it was worth the wait, and then this week the Eco Warriors were out in the garden with CD moving and spreading compost to prepare the

soil for our next lot of planting, as Eshan put it so perfectly "it is the cycle of produce in the garden."





Hard at work preparing the feast! Check out the size of that potato masher!



### **Potato poem by Isla Baker**

Potatoes, Yummy, tasty all different sizes,  
You can have them baked or mashed.  
They grow in the ground,  
And they don't make a sound.



### **Potatoes by Miley Coughlan**



Potatoes can be lots of different sizes. You can have them baked or mashed. They can be planted in the ground or in pots. Potatoes are good with most things like butter, salt

and gravy. Potatoes can be made into hot chips like the ones we get from the shop. Potatoes are good for you.

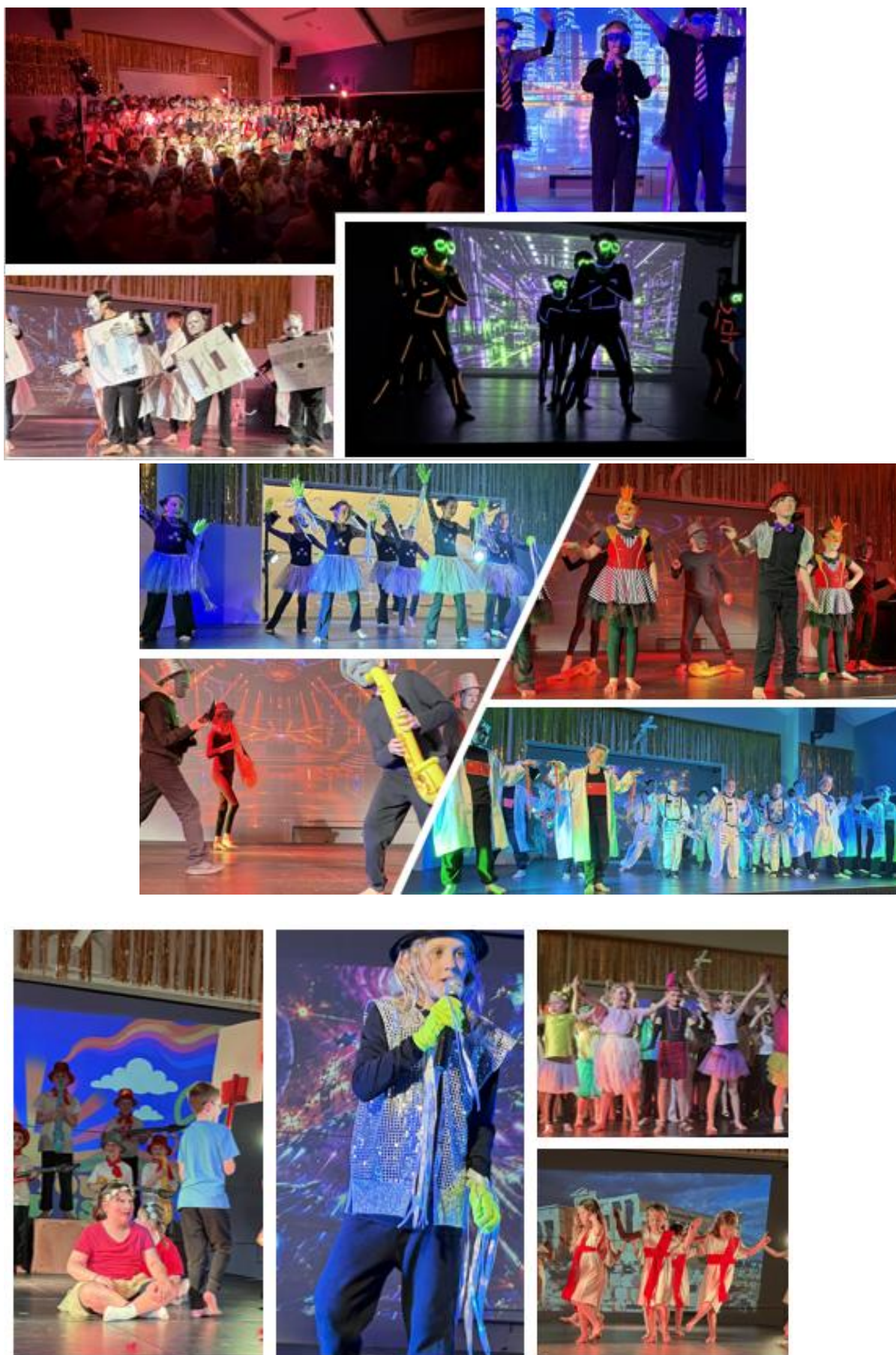


### **Potatoes by Avery Hunt**

Potatoes are yummy and good for you. They can be mashed, baked and fried, so lots of different ideas to choose from. Potatoes can be planted in the ground and in pots. Potatoes are best with gravy, salt and butter. Most common is butter, a lot of people like butter!  
Potatoes are the best!



## PRODUCTION PHOTOS...



# 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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# MATARIKI CELEBRATIONS

Wednesday 1st July





## DATES TO REMEMBER

*Refer to our website for further term updates*

|             |                                                                  |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2 July      | Newsletter                                                       |
| 3 July      | Whole School Assembly - 11.30am - All Welcome<br>Term 2 Finishes |
| 20 July     | Term 3 Commences<br>Cohort Entry<br>BOT Mtg 6pm                  |
| 23 July     | Waiwhio Camp meeting 3.10pm and 5.30pm<br>Newsletter             |
| 24 July     | Whole School Assembly - 11.30am - All Welcome                    |
| 29 July     | Year 2 Planting Day at Harts Creek                               |
| 30 July     | Friendly games vs Dunsandal                                      |
| 31 July     | PTA Disco                                                        |
| 4 August    | Friendly games v Southbridge<br>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 School Visits                                       |
| 12 August   | Animal Control Education Program<br>Cluster Speech Competition   |
| 13 August   | Waiwhio Camp                                                     |
| 14 August   | Waiwhio Camp                                                     |
| 17 - 20 Aug | Maths Week                                                       |
| 18 August   | Zone Winter Tournament<br>Cohort Entry School Visits             |
| 19 August   | pp Zone Winter Tournament                                        |
| 20 August   | Newsletter                                                       |
| 21 August   | TOD - School Closed                                              |
| 24 August   | Cohort Entry                                                     |
| 26 August   | Cricket Yr 1 - Yr 4                                              |

# 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

Waitangi Day

Mon 8 February (Observed)

Easter Good Friday

Fri 26 April

Easter Monday/Tuesday

Mon 29 and 30 April

Anzac Day

Mon 26 April (Observed)

King's Birthday

Monday 7th June

Matariki

Friday 25 June

Labour Day

Monday 25 October

Canterbury Show Day

Friday 12 November

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.



FREE RESOURCE FOR WHĀNAU

# School Holidays *made easier*



Our free **School Holiday Planner** helps whānau plan together, balance busy days with downtime and make the most of the holidays.



#### Plan together

Get everyone involved and give tamariki something to look forward to.



#### Balance activities

Mix busy days with quiet time at home.



#### Budget friendly

Plan low cost and free activities that still create big memories.



#### Less stress

A simple plan helps reduce "what are we doing today?" questions.

**School holiday planner**

Dream up some fun, and lock in those adventures - big or small, by popping them into your holiday planner! There's loads of easy, no and low-cost ideas at [www.realparents.org.nz/adventures](http://www.realparents.org.nz/adventures)

|                                          |                                                |                   |                    |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>OUTSIDE FUN</b><br><br>CHILLIN @ HOME | <b>OUT &amp; ABOUT</b><br><br>AWAY FOR THE DAY | <b>MONDAY</b><br> | <b>TUESDAY</b><br> |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br>                     | <b>THURSDAY</b><br>                            | <b>FRIDAY</b><br> | <b>WEEKEND</b>     |

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*Less planning.  
More time together.* ♥



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## 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](http://www.busybumbles.co.nz)

# SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

AGES 5 - 12 ARE WELCOME

9AM - 3PM

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

- Fun Activities
- Crafts
- Moring and Afternoon Tea

**\$5 PER CHILD OR \$10 PER FAMILY A DAY**

More Info contact: Rev Margaret Neate  
Email: [ellesmere.anglican@extra.co.nz](mailto:ellesmere.anglican@extra.co.nz)

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## Free Family Movie



# Encanto

Free popcorn and hot chocolate with every ticket  
*Bring your favourite cup!*

Sausage sizzle,  
Soup & roll, Ice Cream  
from 5.30pm

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**Southbridge Town Hall**  
**Saturday 18 July, 6pm**

Book your free tickets here:  
[https://bit.ly/Tickets\\_FamMovie\\_Southbridge](https://bit.ly/Tickets_FamMovie_Southbridge)

Seating available, but bring your favourite bean bag, cushion, sleeping bag, rug - Make yourself comfortable!

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**Selwyn Hot Chocolate Challenge**  
<https://eptrust.nz/ept>  
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## 4-17 July 2026

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**DARFIELD BAKERY**



## School Holiday Fun!

**Here's whose entered:**

For Goodness Cake  
The Store @ Tai Tapu  
Cycling the Dream  
Full Monty's  
The Choclatier  
Hororata Village Cafe and Bar  
Darfield Bakery  
The Pedal Pusher Rolleston  
Coffee Culture Lincoln  
Dunsandel Store & Cafe

Check out the entries here:



Be one of the people who try the *most different* hot chocolates and go in the draw for a **\$100 voucher from Darfield Bakery!**



Back by  
popular demand!

# ORIGAMI TOYS



*Fold, Create, Inspire!*

Come and make fun origami toys  
to take home and play with!



**18th July**



**10.30am-12.30pm**



**\$10 children  
\$15 adults**



**Fun for all ages!**

*For more details contact*

**Ellesmere Art and Craft hub**



80 High St  
Leeston, Selwyn



021 086 88481

Sayoko : 021 269 0132



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to book

ROCKET

PAKU PAKU

BALLOON

NINJA STAR

*Bookings  
Recommended*



# SPLASH KID'S WATERCOLOUR EXHIBITION



**Saturday 4 July – Sunday 19 July**  
OPEN : Wednesday-Sunday / 10:30-3:30

**Ellesmere Art & Craft Hub**  
80 High Street, Leeston



Come and celebrate the creativity and achievements of our **Term 2 Watercolour Class** students as they proudly showcase their beautiful masterpieces.

Take your time exploring the exhibition and don't forget to vote for your favourite artwork in our **People's Choice Award!**

Term 3 Art Class registrations are opening soon!

Sayoko Pettigrew Art

✉ [sayop.art@gmail.com](mailto:sayop.art@gmail.com)

☎ 0212690132

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# JEWELLERY

## Making Workshop!



### JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS



7th and 14th of July



10.30am–12.30pm



#### FOR CHILDREN 8+:

\$20 first piece,   
\$10 second piece.

#### ADULTS:

\$30 first piece,   
\$15 second piece.

*Bookings essential!*



80 High St  
Leeston, Selwyn



021 086 88481



email [workshop.creativefoundation@gmail.com](mailto:workshop.creativefoundation@gmail.com) to book







From 6 July to 17 July, we'll be hiding 120 Bayleys rocks throughout Leeston, Southbridge, and Dunsandel. Each day we'll post clues on our Facebook page to help families find the hidden rocks.

When a child finds a rock, they can bring it into the Bayleys Leeston office to receive a free lolly bag. Every rock returned also goes into the draw to win one of our prize packs at the end of the school holidays.

SELWYN HAWKS PRESENTS

## Holiday Basketball Camp 2026

JULY 14-15
 2PM - 4PM
 AGES 9-14
 \$80 BOTH DAYS

TUESDAY 14 JULY — SPECIAL GUEST COACHES FROM CANTERBURY R&NS

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

WHO IT'S FOR

**Ages 9-14 years**  
All skill levels welcome

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