

LEESTON LEARNERS - Legends in the Making

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

Thursday 4 June 2026



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



I have been watching our production coming together over the past weeks, and I'm so excited! The children have been enjoying learning dances, singing and performing and it's shaping up to be an amazing performance! According to one of the children there are lots of different dances, bright lights, and everyone gets a turn in the front! Tickets have sold out for both evening performances with only the matinee performance still available.

Please check out the question and answer link below for arrangements, and if you have any further questions check in with your child's teacher.

Nga mihi nui
Lynda Taylor

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL

Charlie Sinnott, Lincoln Sinnott, Alivia Keast, Willow Keast, William Willcocks,
Theo Wistrand, Breana Reekie, Zali Peteru

GET READY FOR THE LEESTON SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Booking tickets is super easy - purchase through Trybooking - \$5.50 per adult and \$2.50 per child (under 18) including booking fees.

Click on the [link](#) or scan the QR Code to purchase tickets. The link to purchasing production tickets is also on the Edge App under Website Links. Tickets will be scanned at the performance so bring your phone or bring a printed copy of your ticket. Please note, you do not need to purchase a ticket for your child performing in the production.



**Here is the link to our frequently asked questions
and answers for production.**

Q & A



This scooter has been left at school for some time. If it belongs to your child, please collect from the office.

✨ Matariki Whānau Hui ✨

Wednesday 1 July – Week 11

Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

Nau mai, haere mai ki tō tātou Hui ā-Whānau.

Please come and celebrate **Matariki** with your whānau!

Bring along:

- ☀️ A jar of fairy lights or an LED candle (no real flames please)
- 🧣 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)**. **Coffee Cart on site**.
- Cozying up in the whare hui for **Matariki stories read by staff with the big screen**.
- **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.

Linck: [Google Form for Whānau Hui 2026](#)

We look forward to celebrating this special time with you all.
Ngā mihi o Matariki – the Māori New Year.

Māori Focus Group

STAY CONNECTED: DOWNLOAD THE EDGE CAREGIVER APP TODAY!



We want to make sure you never miss a beat when it comes to your child's schooling. Our Student Management System, **Edge**, features a dedicated **Caregiver App** designed to bring all your essential school updates, records, and tasks directly to your smartphone. Think of it as your ultimate, all-in-one school hub!

While it has been available for a while, we notice many of our families haven't had the chance to set it up yet.

What You Can Do in the App:

- **Report Absences Instantly:** View your child's attendance summary and quickly notify the office if they will be away.
- **Access School Reports:** View and download your child's academic reports the moment they are released.
- **Track & Make Payments:** Check your current school account balance and securely pay for school fees and activities directly through the app.
- **Stay Up to Date:** Keep track of upcoming school events on the calendar and read the latest announcements and news feeds.
- **Book Interviews:** Schedule your parent-teacher interviews hassle-free.
- **Manage Contact Details:** View and verify the emergency contact information we have on file for your family.
- **Quick Links:** Access lunch orders, the school website, and more with just one tap.
- **Name Pronunciation:** Record your child's name in the app so our teachers can hear and learn its accurate pronunciation.

Why it matters:

We cannot stress enough how important it is to have this app downloaded. It is our primary tool for sharing vital updates between home and school, and we don't want you to miss out on any important information!

Get Started Now

The Edge Caregiver App is free to download on both the App Store and Google Play. Download it today to stay connected with your child's school journey!

Having trouble downloading?

Call into the office and we can help you!

Setting Up the Edge App

Logging into the Edge App is quick and easy with just a few steps required to get you underway.



Android



Apple

1. Download the app for your device. It is available for both Apple and Android devices and can be downloaded from the relevant stores.
2. Once you have downloaded the app you will need to set up a PIN. You will need to enter your PIN twice to confirm it.
3. You will then be directed to the log in screen. If you have set your school account up with Gmail you can use the G+ authenticator to log in. If not, enter the email address and password you would use to log in to the Caregiver portal website on your browser.
4. If this is the first time you have done either, you can use the 'Reset edge password'. This will email you a link to set up your password. Follow those instructions to set it up, then return to the app.
5. Once you have logged in you will be presented with your Dashboard, and from here you can view your child/children's data including (but not limited to) Attendance, Timetable and Financial details. The Settings menu can be found in the top right corner.

HELP SHAPE THE NEXT DECADE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT | THE METRO BUS AND FERRY NETWORK IS OPEN FOR FEEDBACK UNTIL 24 JUNE

Christchurch and the surrounding townships in Selwyn and Waimakariri are growing fast and the transport network needs to keep up. By 2050, there could be up to 700,000 people living here. Improving public transport is one of the most effective ways to reduce congestion, support growth, and keep people connected to work, school, recreation opportunities, and essential services. Without it, pressure on our roads will continue to increase.

Whether you use public transport every day, occasionally, or not at all – your feedback will help Environment Canterbury to prioritise improvements to the Metro bus and ferry network over the next decade. 🗑️ ecan.govt.nz/metroreview



The poster features a globe on the left. To its right, the text reads: "Inspired by Nature" in a large, bold, brown font, followed by "- For Climate" and "- For Our Future" in a smaller brown font. Below this, it says "It's World Environment Day" in bold black, with "5 June 2026" underneath. A paragraph follows: "Let's help support this event by donating your old phone, iPad, tablet, Chromebook or laptop, regardless of condition, to the RE:MOBILE Mobile Phone Recycling Campaign." Below that, two lines of green text state: "The planet doesn't argue or negotiate, it sends signals!" and "The rising seas, heatwaves, melting glaciers and wildfires are all signs, and we need to listen closer to what it is saying!". At the bottom, there are two social media hashtags: "#WorldEnvironmentDay" and "#NowForClimate". To the left of the bottom right is a graphic of a globe split vertically, with the left side showing a desolate, cracked landscape and the right side showing a lush, green landscape. A sign on the globe reads "June 5 - WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2026". To the right of the globe is the "RE:mobile" logo with the tagline "make your next call - recycle" and a recycling symbol. Below that is the "powered by swapkit" logo.

PARENT WORKSHOPS

An exciting event taking place on Thursday 20th August for our cluster schools and community. The RTLB have teamed up with Andrea Greer, play and trauma therapist, founder of Nurturing Relationships and the host of Empowering the Village podcast, where she shares real, practical conversations to support the people raising and caring for children. We are hosting two sessions for our cluster school leaders, kaiako and kaiāwhina, outlined below, and have partnered with the Selwyn Parenting Network to offer an evening event for parents and whānau. See information over the page.

Andrea Greer

EMPOWERING THE VILLAGE:

PRACTICAL CONVERSATIONS TO SUPPORT THE PEOPLE RAISING AND CARING FOR MOKOPUNA



**Where: Dunsandel Community Centre
1546 Tramway Rd, Dunsandel**

When: Thursday 20th August 2026

SESSION ONE - 1.30-3.30PM

From Survival to Safety: Reframing and Understanding Childhood Trauma's Impact on Behaviour

To support Learning Support and School Leaders to be able to have conversations with kaiako, whānau and community about what is happening in the brains and bodies of our mokopuna and how to create neuro-inclusive and affirming places of learning

SESSION TWO - 4-5.30PM

Regulated & Connected: Supporting Mokopuna Brains and Bodies to Regulate, Connect and Thrive

To raise awareness for kaiako and kaiāwhina about what is happening for our mokopuna and how to look beyond behaviour to the unmet needs and equip them with practical strategies they can use in classrooms tomorrow.

Scan QR code to register now



nurturing
relationships

*Empowered villages transforming lives.
Our Mokopuna thriving and flourishing.*

Parenting Through Big Bursting Behaviours

Understanding the “why” behind
meltdowns, overwhelm and
big emotions.

A practical, down-to-earth workshop
for parents and caregivers supporting
children with emotional regulation,
sensory or neurodivergent challenges.

You’ll walk away with practical ideas,
greater understanding, and strategies
you can use in everyday life.



WORKSHOP FACILITATOR


Andrea Greer


Registered Social Worker
Master’s endorsed
in Mental Health


Andrea blends professional
expertise with real-world
lived experience supporting
children and families
navigating emotional and
behavioural challenges.

PARENTS WILL LEARN:

-  What may be driving the behaviour underneath the meltdown
-  How to respond in the moment without escalating things further
-  Practical strategies to support emotional regulation at home
-  Ways to better understand sensory overwhelm and neurodivergent behaviours
-  How to move from surviving... to feeling more confident and connected

 **THURSDAY 20 AUGUST 2026**

 **6:30PM – 8:00PM**

 **DUNSANDEL COMMUNITY CENTRE**

 **FREE EVENT**
Registrations essential

Register now via Humanitix



DATES TO REMEMBER

Refer to our website for further term updates

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 production - Dress 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
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	Whanau Hui
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
30 July	Friendly games vs Dunsandal
31 July	PTA Disco

COMMUNITY NOTICES

BUSY BUMBLES - A Little More Support for Busy Families

We've been absolutely thrilled with the response to our reduced Busy Bumbles fees. Hearing how much this has helped local families has truly warmed our hearts, and we're so grateful to be making a positive difference for our whānau and community. Earlier this term, we reduced our fees across all Busy Bumbles bookings — helping make quality before and after school care more affordable and accessible for local Families. We'd love for your family to join our hive. Book and manage your sessions anytime via the "Book Now" button on our website. www.busybumbles.co.nz.

You may already be aware that Leeston School is holding a Teacher Only Day on Monday 22nd June. This is still a few weeks away however 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 different 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->

Supporting Busy Families
Get the Buzz On Our Reduced Fees & Benefits

- ✓ Reduced Prices - Save Up to \$4 per Session
- ✓ One Simple Flexible Booking Rate
- ✓ Light Snacks at Our After School Care Sessions
- ✓ OSCAR & WINZ Subsidies Available
- ✓ Zero Charge for Public Holidays
- ✓ Fun, Safe, High Quality Care

Book and manage your session anytime
www.busybumbles.co.nz

Come and Join in the FUN



Selwyn Netball Centre

Ellesmere Satellite

FUN STARTS HERE!

Netball for Year 1-4's!

Why Join?

- Make new friends
- Enjoy a fun, supportive environment
- Learn to catch, pass & shoot from day one
- Build confidence and fundamental movement skills
- Explore netball in a fun, age-appropriate way.

When & Where:
Starts 23rd July - 17th September
Thursday afternoons, Ellesmere Courts, Leeston Park

Register with a club today!

Contact Ellesmere Combined, Southbridge or Dunsandel Netball Club for more info!

ellesmerecombinednetball@gmail.com
southbridgenetball@gmail.com
drcfnnetball@gmail.com






Ready. Net. Go!

LEESTON RUGBY CLUB DAY!



Est. 1877

SAT 20 JUNE 2026

GAMES PLAYED FROM 9AM THROUGH 4PM

FUN FOR ALL. BE PART OF THE TEAM!

COME AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL TEAM!

- ALL AGES WELCOME
- GAMES & ACTIVITIES
- FOOD & DRINK
- RAFFLES

LIVE, TRAIN, PLAY AND SUPPORT... LOCAL!
GO LEESTON!

Selwyn Sports Centre

Girls on the Go Holiday Programme

Bookings required

\$45-\$55 per child daily


Ages 7-12 years

Monday to Friday 6-17 July

8am-4pm or 9am-3pm

Week One	Monday 6 July	Tuesday 7 July	Wednesday 8 July	Thursday 9 July	Friday 10 July
	Dance	Dodgeball	Four Square	Ultimate Frisbee with Canterbury Ultimate	
	Futsal with Selwyn United Football Club	Wheelchair Basketball with ParaFed Canterbury	hungerball with Primary Sports Canterbury	Catchball	Closed Motariki
	Nerf Wars	Werewolf	Dodgeball	Treasure Hunt: Motariki themed	
	Sports Quiz	Multiport	Kids' Choice	UV Sports	
Week Two	Monday 13 July	Tuesday 14 July	Wednesday 15 July	Thursday 16 July	Friday 17 July
	Session with Dodgeball Canterbury	Fun lanes at Selwyn Aquatic Centre	Hockey	Amazing Race Track Challenge	Session with Canterbury Floorball
	Backyard Cricket		Soccer Netball	Big Mat Soccer	Lawn Bowls
	Pickleball	Basketball	Wheels Wednesday	Trip to Aerial Arts Circus School	Capture the Flag
	Build your own obstacle course	PE Games	Multiport		Kids' Choice

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Active Holiday Programme

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Ages 7-12 years

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Week One	Monday 6 July	Tuesday 7 July	Wednesday 8 July	Thursday 9 July	Friday 10 July
	Sports Quiz	Werewolf	Kids' Choice	Volleyball	
	Paper Plane Competition	Bandball	Dodgeball	Ultimate Frisbee with Canterbury Ultimate	Closed Motariki
	Futsal with Selwyn United Football Club	Wheelchair Basketball with ParaFed Canterbury	Hungerball with Primary Sports Canterbury	UV Sports	
	Nerf Wars	Turbo Touch	Four Square	Treasure Hunt: Motariki themed	
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QUIZ NIGHT

**Teams up to 6
\$10 pp**

Friday, 26 June

7PM – DOORS OPEN 6.30PM

St John's Parish Hall

Selwyn Hot Chocolate Challenge
 @selwynhotchoc
 <https://eptrust.nz/ept>

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4-17 July 2026

Thank you to our sponsors
DARFIELD BAKERY

School Holiday Fun!

Here's whose entered:

Check out the entries here:

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

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