

LEESTON LEARNERS - Legends in the Making

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

Thursday 6th August 2026



“E koekoe te tūī, e ketekete te kākā, e kūkū te kererū.”

The tūī chatters, the kākā cackles, the kererū coos — each bird with its own voice.



Tena koutou katoa

Thank you to our PTA for organising our disco last week. Many of our students attended and had a fun evening of dance, food and glow sticks. It's always great to see our students participating and enjoying themselves in a different environment.

Thank you all for your involvement in our learning conferences this week - we have really enjoyed celebrating your children's progress with you, sharing their goals, and strengthening the learning partnership between home and school.

Our Year 2 students had the opportunity to have a planting day at the Waitatari Stream. This was working alongside our local Lions group who have done a huge amount of work in developing this area. It's a beautiful part of our local area and well worth a visit.

Nga mihi nui
Dean Paton



WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL

Araddhya Kamboj

TEACHER ONLY DAY - Friday 21st August

A reminder that staff we have a Ministry allocated mathematics PLD day on **Friday 21st August**. School will be closed for the day. Please make alternative arrangements for your child.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKS

Issue 5 of the Scholastic Lucky Book Club is now available. Book online with the current issue number 5 – www.mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz. Orders close 3pm, Thursday 20th August. No late orders please.

MILK BOTTLE TOPS

The juniors would appreciate any milk bottle caps - any colour. Please drop into the school office.

ELLESMERE COLLEGE BUS

We have been advised that Ellesmere College will finish school early on Tuesday 11th August at 12.30pm. There will be no college buses at 3pm so please make alternative arrangements for your child to travel home on this date.

MOBILITY CAR PARK

If you are using our mobility car park outside the administration block, please make sure your mobility parking permit is displayed and clearly visible. Thank you.

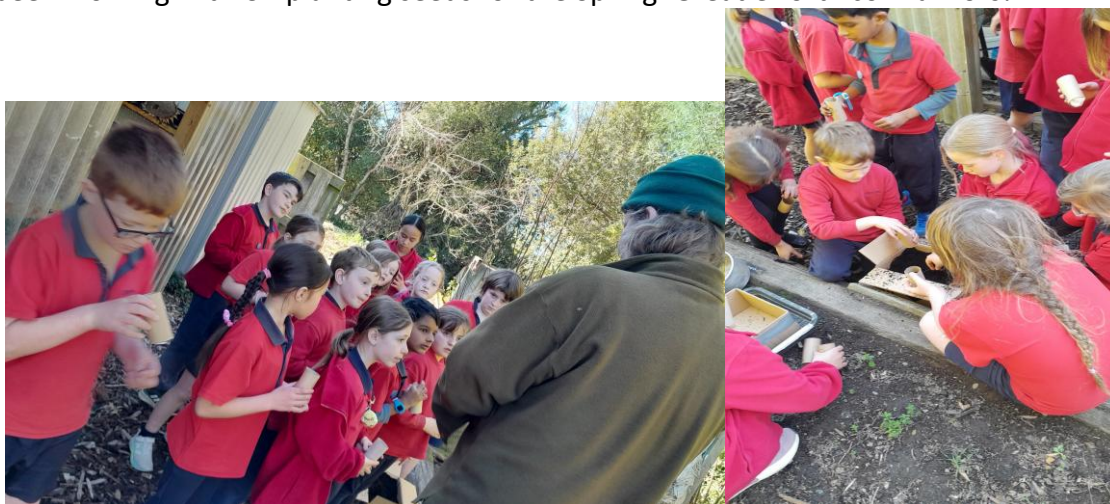
EAST CLUB AGM

Wednesday 12th August. 6pm upstairs at the Crate and Barrel. Come along and be part of a great community event. We are always looking for new members and ideas. For those of you that don't know, the Ellesmere Agricultural, Science and Technology Club (EAST Club) organises an annual day for local schools to come along and show off their pets and Science and Technology projects. A great morning with tractor rides, sausage sizzles, sheep shearing and much more...



ECO WARRIORS

Our Eco Warriors have been busy around the school led by Mrs Stoliker and Mrs Tarpey. They have recently been working with CD planting seeds for the Spring. Great effort Eco Warriors!





2027 Exploration



TUESDAY 11TH AUGUST

We warmly invite all current **Year 6** students interested in coming to Ellesmere College - Te Kāreti o Waihora in 2027 to come along to our Exploration Day, join in on the fun and games and get to know the college!

PARENTS/CAREGIVERS WELCOME!

START TIME 12:50PM IN THE AUDITORIUM

DATES TO REMEMBER

Refer to our website for further term updates

6 August	Learning Conferences 2pm early finish Newsletter
7 August	Whole School Assembly - 11.30am - All Welcome
11 August	Cohort Entry School Visit Year 6 Exploration Day
12 August	Animal Control Education Program Cluster Speech Competition
13- 14 August	Waiwhio Camp
17 - 20 August	Maths Week
18 August	Zone Winter Tournament Cohort Entry School Visit
19 August	pp Winter Tournament PTA 7pm
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
31 August - 4 September	Book week
2 September	PTA Meeting 7pm PTA Hot Dog Lunch Fundraiser
3 September	Newsletter
4 September	Book character dress and parade 9.10am Whole School Assembly - 11.30am - All Welcome
7 September	Canterbury Duathlon BOT Meeting 6pm
11 September	Kids Discovery Plantout Day TBC
14 September	Choir practice at Avonhead School
15 September	St Johnslessons - Waitātari Cohort School Visits



ELLESMERE COLLEGE

TE KĀRETI O WAIHORA

Growing Great People

International Student Homestay Coordinator

Position Details: Permanent, Part-Time (Min. 30 hours/week, with potential to increase to full-time)

Pay Rate: \$30.26 – \$32.20 / hour (Support Staff Collective Agreement, Grade 3, Steps 5–8, depending on experience)

Location: On-site at Ellesmere College (plus local homestay visits and airport runs)

About the Role

We are seeking a dedicated Homestay Coordinator to manage our International Student Homestay Programme and ensure student welfare remains our top priority. You will recruit, assess, place, and support local host families while keeping our program compliant with the Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021.

This role provides vital on-site presence for our International Office and offers active support to students and host families.

Key Responsibilities

- **Homestay Management:** Recruit, vet, train, and conduct required home visits for homestay families.
- **Student Pastoral Support:** Build strong rapport with international students, assist with orientation trips, and address homestay concerns.
- **Airport Transfers:** Manage and execute student airport pickups and drop-offs (primarily outside standard school hours).
- **Administration & Compliance:** Maintain accurate student records, manage police vetting, assist with NZQA self-reviews, and handle enrolment documentation.
- **After-Hours Support:** Remain on call for urgent matters or emergencies involving students and host families.

Essential Requirements

- **Driving Capabilities (Crucial):** Full NZ Driver Licence with proven experience driving a manual vehicle, driving a school van, and towing/manoeuvring a trailer for student luggage.
- **Availability & Flexibility:** Willingness to work outside standard school hours (evenings, weekends, and school holidays for airport runs, events, and emergency support).
- **Background Check:** Ability to obtain a satisfactory Police Vet.
- **Work Eligibility:** Current right to work in New Zealand.

Skills & Experience Requirements:

- Experience in pastoral care, education, community services, or working with young people.
- High cultural empathy, strong conflict resolution skills, and excellent communication.
- Outstanding organizational abilities, high computer literacy, and strict attention to confidentiality.
- A friendly, adaptable, 'can-do' attitude and a genuine desire to contribute to our school community.

To view the Job Description for this role, please copy and paste the link below:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VF89FDAec3qiV5KzqKT7amOTRpjD_tOLHE-QWkRjvQ/edit?usp=sharing

To apply, please email your CV and a Cover Letter to the attention of Laura McConchie, International Director to: recruitment@ellesmere.school.nz

Applications close on Friday 7th August at 3pm.



Registrations **NOW OPEN** 26/27 season



<https://www.sporty.co.nz/rollestonsoftball/Registration-Form>

Come down and have a go on the 16th or 30th of August at Artificial Diamond, Foster Park, corner of Goulds and Dynes road, Rolleston. 10am-12pm



YOUNG LEADERS DAY

MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2026
YEARS 5 AND 6



9AM-3PM



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Collection date: 27 August

**Collection location: Southbridge Playcentre
(free delivery within Southbridge and Leeston)**

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WE ARE HIRING

Do you enjoy driving? Well we have just the job for you! Come join our team at Nelson Coachlines.



PERMANENT & CASUAL SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS

Nelson Coachlines is currently seeking both casual and permanent School Bus Drivers to cover school bus runs in the Leeston area. The ideal candidate will hold a **Class 2 Licence & P Endorsement**. However, if you do not currently have these qualifications, we may be able to assist suitable candidates in obtaining them.

This role is perfect for:

- retirees looking to stay active & connected within the community.
- stay-at-home parents seeking flexilbe work around school hours.

Interested persons please either email Denis at denisf@nelsoncoachlines.co.nz, or call 022 081 6768 for more info.