

LEESTON LEARNERS - Legends in the Making

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

Thursday 27 March 2025



He taonga rongonui te aroha ki te tangata

Goodwill towards others is a precious treasure



Kia ora koutou

It was a super morning last Friday watching our School Duathlon take place. A huge thank you to all our parent volunteers and to Ms Davison and her team for organising this event. We wish the competitors going through to Canterbury Duathlon later in the year all the very best!

Over the past few weeks, our learners and teachers have been busy embedding structured literacy routines and it's a pleasure seeing these lessons in action and the engagement of our tamariki. And as part of the 'Make it Count' programme, the Ministry-funded numicon resources have arrived and we are busy unpacking! This resource is aligned to the refreshed curriculum, and has been funded to support schools while they implement the revised maths and statistics learning areas for years 0-8.

In addition to this resource, to support the teaching of maths, the Ministry has allocated four maths curriculum days – two to be taken this year, and two next year. We will be working alongside our Kāhui Schools and have been allocated **Friday 23 May and Friday 22 August** for these **teacher only days**. Please put these dates into your calendar now.

Our 2025-2028 strategic plan and annual plans are now complete and can be viewed on our website under Documents and Policies.

Teachers are looking forward to touching base with you all individually at our learning conferences in week 11. School will be closing for instruction at **2.00 pm** on Wednesday 9th April and Thursday 10th April to allow these to happen. See below for booking details!

Nga mihi nui
Lynda Taylor
Tumuaki

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL

Ayaan Singh

LEARNING CONFERENCES AND LEARNING GOALS

All children will require a Learning Conference appointment.

Interviews can now be booked on-line at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz - The code is **sqs87**

Please note that children in Room 6 with Whaea Sari will have their Learning Conferences on Monday 24th March (during the school day) or Tuesday 1st April (3.15 - 7pm). Children can attend the conferences during the school day with their caregiver.

Student Learning Conferences will be held on **Wednesday 9th April (2:15 – 6.45 pm) and Thursday 10th April (2:15 – 6.45 pm)**. Booking will again be on-line, and details of how to do this are below.

On both Wednesday 9th April and Thursday 10th April, we will break for lunch from 12.00 – 1.00 and **classes will cease at 2.00 pm** to allow interviews to begin soon afterwards. Parents are asked to make alternative arrangements for children to go home or be collected at 2.00pm. **Primary buses will leave school at 2pm.**

We have contacted Busy Bumbles, and they will open from 2.15pm on both of these days to assist parents with childcare. You can contact them on 347-3031 should you wish to book your child into their session.

Involving children in the conference:

Remember that these conferences are about involving children in their learning. The aim is for students to develop the skills to confidently articulate where they are in their learning, what they need to do next and how best to achieve this. These conferences are not designed to be occasions for parents to discuss sensitive issues or serious behaviour concerns; a separate meeting at the time the issue or concern arises should be arranged with the class teacher for such matters

Booking on-line:

You can conveniently book a time that suits you online, or if you do not have access to a computer, you may ring the school office, and we will book the interviews for you while you are on the telephone. To book a time:

1. Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz (or access this link through our school webpage)
2. In the green box enter our school code which is **sqs87**
3. You will be guided through three single steps and a few moments later you will get an email confirming your learning conference times.

THURSDAY COFFEE: THE PERFECT START TO YOUR DAY!

Need a coffee after dropping the children off to class? You're in luck! Every Thursday morning, a local family will be serving up delicious brews from their coffee cart, *Screamin' Beans Coffee*, right in our staff carpark. Just text your name and order, between 7:50 am and 8:50 am to 022 396 4092. Once you've dropped the kids off, you are welcome to pop into the school library for a coffee catch-up with other parents, pre-schoolers, and community members. It's the perfect way to fuel up for a Thursday!

THE SCHOOL POOL IS CLOSED FOR THE SEASON

As our swim season has come to a close, we want to extend a big **thank you** to the incredible volunteers for their dedication, time, effort that helped keep the pool running smoothly and made a difference for everyone who came to swim. Because of you, we were able to keep the pool open and create a welcoming, fun, and safe environment for our school community.

Thank you again for everything you've done!

ALL POOL KEYS ARE DUE BACK TO THE OFFICE BY THE END OF THE TERM - **Friday 11th April**. Twenty dollars will be refunded when the key is returned to the school office on or before **Friday 11th April**.

No refunds will be given after that date. If your child returns the key to the school dropbox, we can either credit their school account with the \$20 refund or can send the \$20 home with them, please let the office know your preference.

ODD SOCK DAY

We had a fantastic day wearing odd socks and raising awareness for Down syndrome. A big thank you to everyone who supported this event! As a school, we proudly donated \$243.00 to the Canterbury Down Syndrome Association.

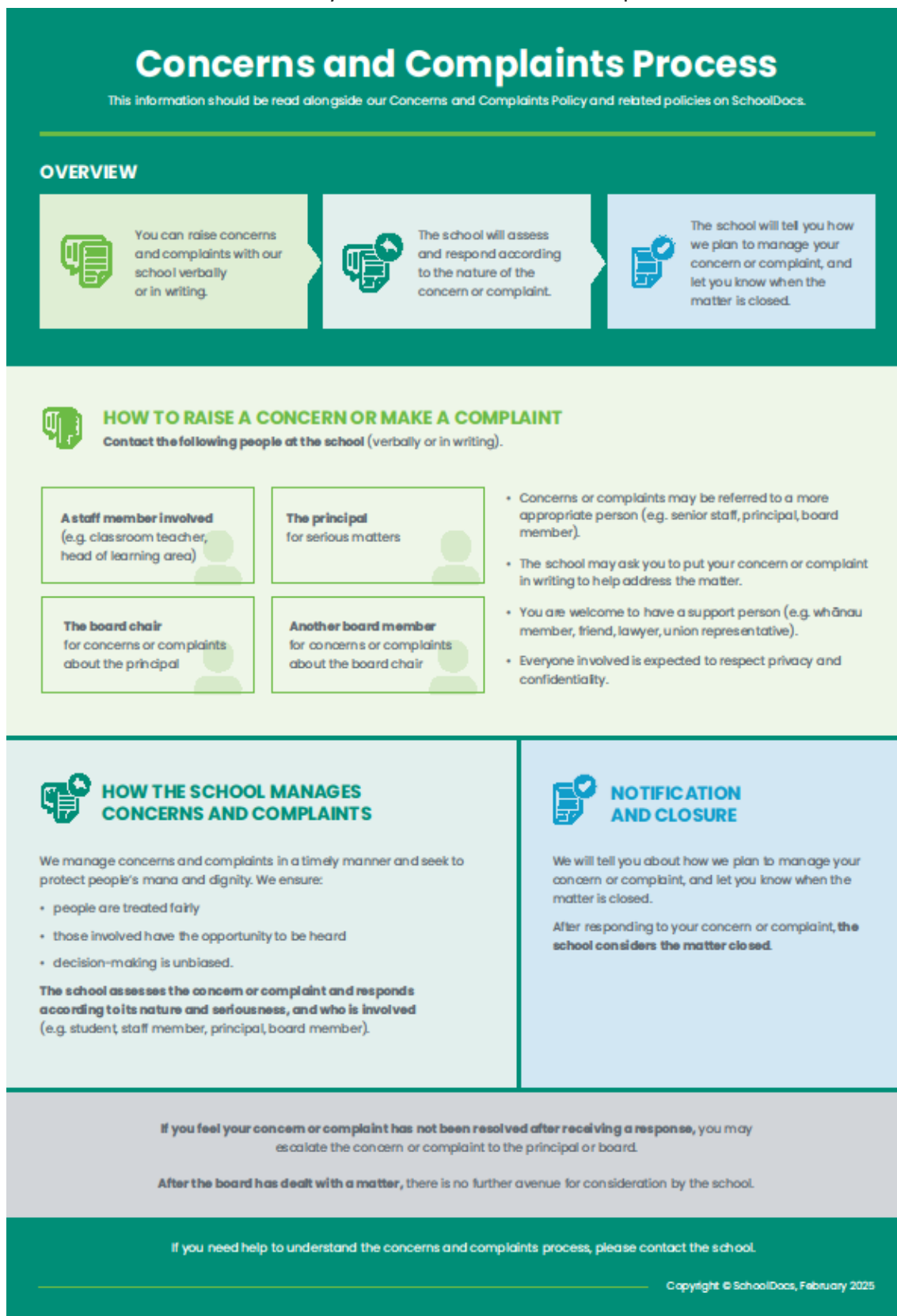


CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS

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

You may also find this flow chart helpful



Sports Update March 2025

Leeston School Duathlon

We had an amazing day for the duathlon! Thankfully, moving the event to Friday was the perfect decision, and the weather was just right. We also made a fantastic change to the event, thanks to Mrs. McClure's brilliant suggestion, by giving the children rubber bands for each lap they completed. This worked wonderfully! It allowed the children to easily track their progress on the bike course, making it even smoother for the marshals to keep things organised.

Once again, a HUGE thanks to Mrs Taylor, Mr Paton, Mrs McClure, Bill Whelan, Kevin Stephens and **all the parent helpers** who made this event a great success...Leeston Legends! Check out the results. The first competitor was a year 5 student Noah Rollo (who blitzed it on the bike!) and the first female was Summer Fearnley. I will be in touch later in the year for the Canterbury Duathlon.

Results Leeston School Duathlon 2025

<i>Year 6</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Overall</i>
1	Louis Connell	34.04	2nd
2	Floyd Walklin	36.26	3rd
3	Brody Milne	36.53	4th
4	Visori Vanavana	37.23	5th
<i>Year 5</i>		<i>Time</i>	
1	Noah Rollo	33.02	1st
2	Clark Hunt	37.36	6th
3	Flynn Taylor	37.50	7th
4	Jack Hillier	42.31	8th
<i>Participation</i>		<i>Time</i>	
1	Tom Murphy	9.05	
2	Lila Calle Mostrey	9.24	
3	Inti Calle Mostrey	9.25	



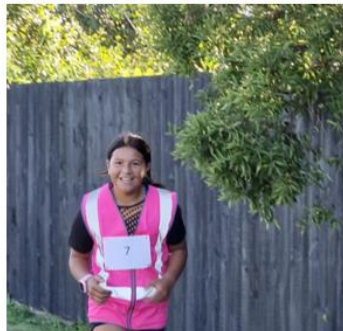
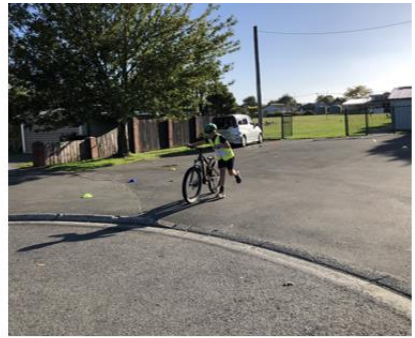
Competitive Race



The rubber band station helpers!



The participation race

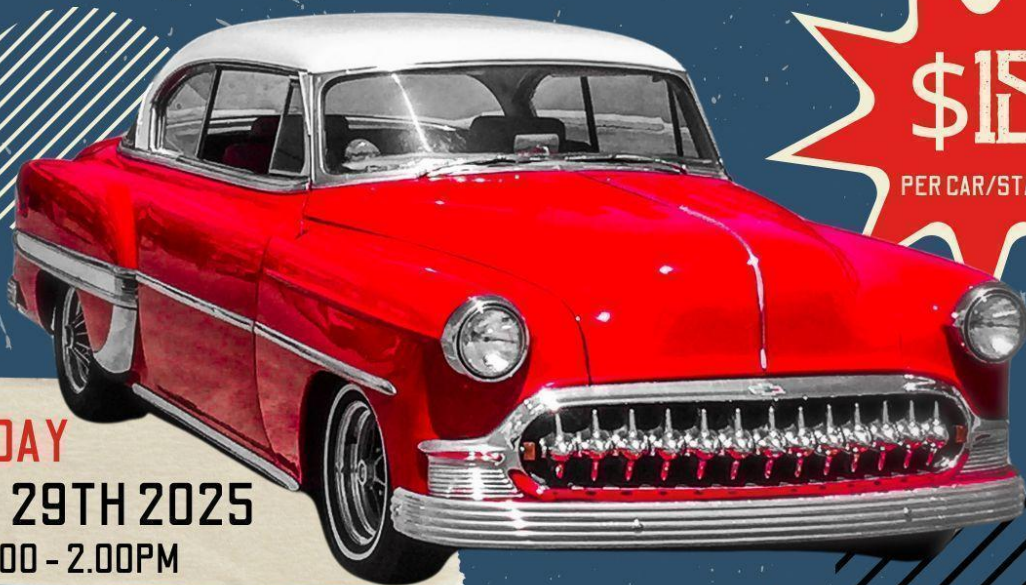


LEESTON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL PTA PRESENTS...

CLASSIC



CAR SHOW



\$15

PER CAR/STALL

SATURDAY

MARCH 29TH 2025

10.00 - 2.00PM



LEESTON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

18 SELWYN STREET, LEESTON, 7632

GOLD COIN ENTRY - UNDER 10'S FREE

LIMITED ON THE DAY BOOKINGS FOR CARS

CARS. ● MARKET STALLS. ● COFFEE. ● BBQ ● ICE CREAMS.

For guaranteed car bookings, and stall holders please email:

wfs@leeston.school.nz

or call Russell 0274929855

TRAIN WITH THE CRUSADERS - Some of our Rugby playing students won a competition through MoreFM to train with the Crusaders at rugby Park last Monday. Lots of skills and drills and a question-and-answer session was a great way to spend the afternoon.



HEAD LICE

Head Lice are present amongst several classrooms. These insects are a nuisance and can be controlled or eradicated by families. Head Lice crawl from head to head and may be passed on through shared objects such as hairbrushes and hats.

It is recommended that you check all members of your household carefully. Anyone can host headlice. Cleanliness is not a factor in whether head lice are present or not.

What to look for:

- Small light or dark brown insects without wings
- Tiny whitish eggs (nits) like grains of salt attached to hair shafts
- There may be unusual itching on the head or neck
- Small red marks on the neck or behind the ears (head lice bites)



**THE PTA
PANTRY
NEEDS YOU!**

DONATIONS REQUIRED.....

The Leeston Consolidated School PTA is in need of donations for our compassion pantry/freezer.

Items that you could donate are:

- Frozen Meals
- Tinned Food
- Packet Biscuits
- Frozen Baking
- Frozen Meat
- Preserves
- Packet pasta

Anything that belongs in your pantry or freezer is gratefully accepted.

Leeston Legends

Sophia and Karmah
Beattie-Wederell-Day

Near Rakaia Huts, the perfect beach fishing spot set the stage for an unforgettable first-time experience. Both girls reeled in a vibrant orange gurnard and later savoured their fresh catch for dinner.



Has your child accomplished something outside of school that you're really proud of? Share the details with us – we'd love to celebrate and highlight their achievements in our school newsletter!

Email admin@leeston.school.nz

DATES TO REMEMBER

Refer to our website for further term updates

27 March	Newsletter
29 March	Classic Car Show
1 April	PTA Meeting 7pm
2 April	Waikewai Stream Trip
3 April	Canty Swimming
7 April	BOT Meeting 6pm
8 April	Padder Tennis @ Dunsandel School Yr 5 & 6
9 April	Learning Conferences 2.15 - 7pm
10 April	Newsletter Learning Conferences 2.15 - 7pm
11 April	Term 1 Finishes at 3pm Whole School Assembly 11am PTA Non-uniform Day - please bring a food item
28 April	Term 2 Commences
29 April - 6 May	Lfe Education
1 May	Newsletter
2 May	Whole School Assembly
7 May	Whanau Hui 6pm
8 May	Rugby Fun Day
9 May	SDC Truck Safety
12 May	BOT Meeting 6pm
13 May	School Cross Country
15 May	Newsletter pp Cross Country
16 May	Whole School Assembly
20 May	Rotary Reading Quiz Evening
21 May	Zone Cross Country
22 May	pp Zone Cross Country
23 May	TOD - School Closed for instruction

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Bookings are now open for our super-fun Term 1 2025 Holiday Programme!

We are operating our awesome programme from 7am until 6pm daily, as specified at the venues below:

- **West Rolleston and Lemonwood Grove** - Monday 14th April - Thursday 24th April*
- **Clearview, Prebbleton, Russley** - Monday 14th April - Thursday 17th April only

Note: *Busy Bumbles will be closed for the Easter public holidays that fall within this period, on Friday 18th and Monday 21st April

All Holiday Programme overviews can also be found on our website or within the various venue booking pages on Enrolmy.

<https://www.busybumbles.co.nz/Holiday-Programmes/>

<https://enrolmy.com/busy-bumbles#/name/%25holiday%25>

We look forward to seeing you for lots of fun times during our holiday programme! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.



Women and Girls Pool Session ✨

This is an evening for all the women and girls of our community.



Our friendly, female staff will aid your pool experience, providing a safe and connected environment.

Our swim school team will be available to provide swim lessons and advice.

An onsite prayer room will also be available.

📍 Saturday 5 April, 5:30- 8pm 📍 Selwyn Aquatic Centre

📍 Saturday 3 May, 5:30- 8pm 📍 Selwyn Aquatic Centre

🌀 No bookings required

🌀 Normal pool admission

🌀 All Ages (Woman and Girls only ♀)

LEESTON LIBRARY AND SERVICE CENTRE CLOSED

Leeston Library and Service Centre will be closed from Wednesday 26th March. This has been decided quickly due to health and safety reasons, and more details are in the attached press release. [Selwyn District Council - Leeston library to be relocated](#)

NEW ZEALAND TRAVELLER DECLARATION

Going overseas for the school holidays? Everyone travelling into New Zealand must complete a New Zealand Traveller Declaration, including returning New Zealand passport holders.

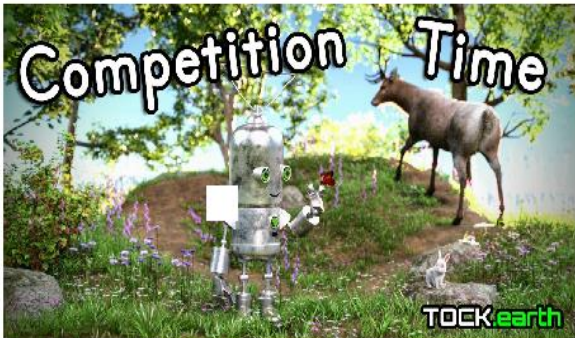
Its FREE and you can do it on the [online form](#) or on the [NZTD app](#).

If you're travelling as a family or group and completing multiple declarations, the [NZTD app](#) allows you to copy your travel details into another declaration, making it easier to complete multiple declarations for the same journey. The submitted declarations are then all easy to see within the app.

The New Zealand Traveller Declaration collects travel, customs, immigration and biosecurity information and aims to improve the safety and security of New Zealand. It replaces the paper card you used to fill out on the plane. To make your arrival easier, do your digital declaration before your flight back to New Zealand. Head to travellerdeclaration.govt.nz today!


LEESTON RUGBY

We are looking for players for the under 9s team (born 2014) and under 6s team (born 2018). Please get in touch with John Legg, Club Captain 0273199295




Competition Time

TOCK.earth



TOCK.earth World Environment Day



REINVENT COMPETITION

Open Now until 31st May

Entries open to tamariki 3 to 10 yrs

TOCK and the TOCK team really look forward to seeing how inventive children can be in making something useful out of things you normally throw away

Go to **TOCK.earth**
for full details on how to enter

www.tock.earth/reinvent25

Great Prizes to be won (Winners announced on 5th June)
2 categories (3-6yrs and 7-10 yrs)

TOCK.earth is a multi-award winning environmental education initiative aimed at young tamariki
Offering fun workshops, songs, videos, activities and competitions to inspire children to care for our precious planet



Ellesmere Lions present



MEN'S HEALTH NIGHT

Wednesday 2 April, 7.00-9.45pm

Ellesmere College, Leeston

Get up to date information on a range of health issues

Presenters:

Prof Frank Frizelle (bowel cancer)

Dr James Blake (heart disease)

Dr Frank Kueppers (prostate/testicular cancer)

Dr Michael Hlavac (snoring/sleep apnoea)

Dr Sue Fowlie (skin cancer)

Dr Andrew Rawstron (the role of the GP)

Free entry • All ages

Wives, partners, family welcome • Supper provided

Men's Health Night

Ellesmere Lions are hosting a community Men's Health Night Wed 2 April at Ellesmere College from 7.00-9.45pm. This is a great opportunity to get up to date information on a range of health issues affecting men. Hear presentations from some of Canterbury's leading health experts on heart disease, cancers, respiratory health, and more.

Entry is free; open to all ages; wives and partners are welcome; supper provided by the Friends of Ellesmere Hospital