

LEESTON LEARNERS - Legends in the Making

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

Thursday 20 November 2025



Whāia te mātauranga hei oranga mō koutou "Seek learning for your wellbeing"



It was wonderful watching our junior children taking part in 'Run, Jump, Throw' activities last week and a huge thank you to our Year 6 leaders and house captains for their amazing leadership. Thank you also to Sarah McClure from Selwyn Sports Trust for coaching our leaders, and to the many parents and grandparents who came along to watch and support our young athletes!

The days are flying by, with many events, activities and learning opportunities happening across the school. It's a busy, exciting time, and we're grateful for the way our community stays connected and involved as we head into the final stretch!

Nga mihi nui

Lynda Taylor
Principal

WELCOME TO LEESTON SCHOOL

Oliver Veint and Elliott Penaia

CASUAL CLOTHES DAY

In support of Fonterra's generous offer to match our tinned goods donations, we'll be holding a Casual Clothes Day tomorrow **Friday, 21st November**.

Please bring along a tinned item or other non-perishable food to support the Ellesmere Food Bank. The class with the highest number of items will each receive a prize from Fonterra.

Thank you for your kindness and support — and a special thank you to Fonterra for their generosity and commitment to our community!

SERVICE ASSEMBLY

Wednesday 10th December 9.30am - school hall. The service assembly is to acknowledge students for their participation in groups throughout the school. e.g. Road Patrol, Kapa Haka, Choir etc. Years 3-6.

FINAL ASSEMBLY

A celebration of the school year. Held at Ellesmere College on Monday 8th December at 6pm. We require all children to attend.

JUNIOR TRACTOR VISIT

Flynn McGuinness from Cochranes brought a tractor to school as part of our Junior Friday Funday. This term, the tamariki have been learning about machines and how they help farming in our area, along with the different implements used.

We are so lucky to have had a visit from Flynn and the tractor. It was very flash and super clean.

He talked to us about the PTO, how the mowers work, and all the computer components inside that help run the hydraulics. Thank you for showing us the tractor! It's the best tractor in the world!

Thank you to Cochranes for letting Flynn come down from work with the tractor and thank you for sharing your knowledge and watching us explore the tractor.

What we loved about the tractor visit:

- **Henry:** Watching it leave.
- **Hudson:** Sitting inside the tractor.
- **Zoey:** I loved the tractor!
- **Sophie:** Seeing how it goes backwards.
- **Blake:** Going inside the tractor.
- **Lucy:** When the lights got turned on.
- **Baue:** Watching it leave and hearing the motor going.
- **Zac:** Sitting in the tyre — they are massive!
- **Seith:** Going in the big tyre.

- **Molly:** Sitting in the cab.
- **Stevie:** It's a bit flash — not like Mum's!
- **Charlie:** Watching it leave. It was cool backing up.
- **Leroy:** Inside the tractor — it's big!
- **Riley:** Watching it move.
- **Avery:** All of it, but the best was inside it.
- **Kanan:** Inside the cab — lots of buttons!
- **Eddie:** It wasn't a green tractor.
- **Braxton:** The screen is like a screen to turn alarms off.
- **Oscar:** Everything!



EAST DAY SUCCESS & POINTS UPDATE!

A great big thank you to each and every one of you for making this year's EAST Day such a success!

Now it's time to add up your points! Students earn points in each of the three EAST Day categories:

- **Written Project**
- **Knowledge**
- **Presentation and Handling**

Each category is awarded a placing — **1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th** — with points awarded as follows:

- 🏆 1st = 4 points
- 🥈 2nd = 3 points
- 🥉 3rd = 2 points
- 🏅 4th = 1 point

Students are responsible for keeping their certificates and recording their points tally. Over time, these points add up towards special recognition awards:

Bronze Certificate – 50 points

Silver Certificate – 75 points

Gold Certificate – 100 points

Badge of Commendation – for those who have already earned a Gold Certificate

All students should have an **EAST Club Folder** to keep their certificates and record their points. If you need one, please see your teacher or the office.

Finally, please let us know how many points you've earned so far — we'll help you work out if you're due for a special certificate or maybe even an EAST Club Badge!

— *The EAST Committee*

LEESTON SANTA PARADE- Friday 5th December

Leeston School will have a float in this year's Leeston Santa Parade!

We have 10 spots available for Year 3–Year 6 students who would like to join in the fun. Come dressed in your best Christmas attire and help spread some holiday cheer! If you'd like to take part, please email the school office to register your interest. Spots are limited—only 10 available!

SCHOOL FOOTWEAR

Just a reminder that **Crocs are not considered appropriate school footwear**. Children may wear sport shoes, black/navy leather shoes or sandals.

LATE NIGHT UNIFORM SHOPPING

We're opening late on Friday, 5th December for
Leeston Consolidated School students and whānau.

Plus, we'll have extra uniform consultants in-store on Friday, 5th
December and all day Saturday, 6th December to assist with all
your school uniform needs — including fittings.

When:

Friday 5th December 2025

Saturday 6th December 2025

Open:

9am-5pm - normal hours,
5pm-8pm - late night with extra
uniform consultants

9am-4pm with extra uniform
consultants

We look forward to welcoming you instore!



455 Blenheim Road, Sockburn
P: 03 5955766 | E: christchurch@nzuniforms.com

MANA AKE

Mana Ake is an early intervention programme for primary schools which promotes wellbeing and supports positive mental health for students in Year 1-8. Craig Sage from Mana Ake is available to provide support, information, advice and guidance to parents and whānau. Feel free to drop in for an informal chat over a coffee on Tuesday mornings at 10.30am. Please let Megan in the school office know if you are wanting to catch up with Craig. If Tuesdays don't suit please contact Craig directly on Craig.Sage@sjog.org.nz. For further information take a look at their website <https://manaake.health.nz/>

Leeston School Term Dates 2026

Term 1

Wed 28th Jan – Thurs 2nd April 10 weeks

Term 2

Mon 20th April - Fri 3 July 11 weeks

Term 3

Mon 20th July - Fri 25th September 10 weeks

Term 4

Mon 12th October – Fri 11th December 10 weeks

Teacher Only Days

Tuesday 27th Jan

School Closed

Monday 22nd June

School Closed

Public Holidays - School Closed

Waitangi Day

Fri 6 Feb

Easter Good Friday

Fri 3 April

Easter Monday/Tuesday

Mon 6/7 April

Anzac Day

Monday 27 Apr

King's Birthday

Mon 1 June

Matariki

Fri 10 July

Labour Day

Mon 26 Oct

Canterbury Show Day

Fri 13 Nov

- 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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Refer to our website and Edge App for further term updates

21 November	Casual Clothes Day - bring a can for the Ellesmere Food Bank Whole School Assembly - 11.30
25 November	Waitātari Trip to Sumner Children’s University Graduation 5.15pm
26 November	Canty Athletic
27 November	Yr 6 visit to Ellesmere College Yr 6 Leavers Dinner 5.30pm
1 December	Yr 6 Waterskills BOT meeting 6pm
2 December	Yr 6 Waterskills
3 December	Yr 6 Waterskills Waiwhio Grandparents Day
4 December	Yr 6 Waterskills Newsletter
5 December	Whole School Assembly - 11.30 Leeston Santa Parade - 5.30pm Yr 5 Beach Education
8 December	Waterskills catch up day if needed Final Assembly 6pm at Ellesmere College
9 December	9.30am - 2026 Class transition session 12.30pm - School wide water fun session
10 December	9.30am - Service Assembly 10.30am - Parent Helpers Morning tea in library
11 December	12.45pm - 2026 Class transition session 11.30am - Leaders Lunch Last day for College buses
12 December	Last day of term - 12noon finish

COMMUNITY NOTICES



As the end of the school year fast approaches, it’s time to consider how you will juggle all those Christmas events, Christmas shopping, work and any other commitments you may have over the coming weeks! Busy Bumbles can assist with our wonderful Christmas Programmes, providing lots of festive and fun activities for children of all ages to enjoy.

To add to the excitement of the festive season, we’ve heavily reduced our holiday programme pricing so all this Christmas fun is now super-affordable!

- Full Day session, 7am-6pm - was \$70, now REDUCED to \$55! SAVE \$15!!
- School Hours session, 8.30am-3pm - was \$60 now REDUCED to \$40! SAVE \$20!!

Please see the attached poster for further information.

We will be open at the following venues on the dates listed:

- Fairfield, Clearview Lemonwood Grove, West Rolleston – Wed 17–Fri 19th Dec
- Prebbleton, Te Matauru – Fri 19th Dec only

The Christmas Holiday Programmes at our various venues can be booked here:

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

Don't miss out! With our limited-time Summer Holiday Special Pricing, spots are filling fast. Children are welcome to attend any of our venues so you can decide what suits your situation best and book accordingly.

OSCAR SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE

Buzz-tastic Summer Holiday SPECIAL

SPECIAL PRICING

Full Day (7:00am - 6:00pm)
ONLY \$55 (Save \$15)

School Hours (8:30am - 3:00pm)
ONLY \$40 (Save \$20)

Additional costs apply for Excursions & Inclusion Days.

Book your space online at:
www.busybumbles.co.nz

☎ 03 347 3031
✉ admin@busybumbles.co.nz

Speech and Language Therapy Summer Holiday Package

- ✓ Discounted sessions over the 6 weeks of the summer holidays
- ✓ Individualised plan + handouts for home practice
- ✓ Access to send messages and/or videos direct to a speech and language therapist for support
- ✓ Summary of therapy, and recommendations that can be passed on to teachers to begin supporting them right from week 1 of term 1!

visit canterburyslt.com to register your interest