

LEESTON LEARNERS - Legends in the Making

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

Thursday 23 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



Tena koutou katoa

Welcome back for another busy term ahead. I hope everyone had an enjoyable break and are back keen and ready for this term's learning journey.

We welcome Mrs Jacqueline ten Hove to our teaching team as she begins our new entrant class in Room 3. Along with Jacqueline we also welcomed 13 new students to our school giving us a school roll of 322. Mrs Taylor is also away this term on a sabbatical and I look forward to fulfilling her role in her absence. I know that teachers are looking forward to meeting with you in week 3 for our learning conferences - a valuable opportunity for you and your child to celebrate progress, share goals, and talk together about your child's learning. Please see booking details later in this newsletter.

Nga mihi nui
Dean Paton

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL

Leia Stewart, Colby Bainton, Taylor MacPherson, Loki Cole-Harris, Izzy Mulligan,
Addison Malcolm, Max Hamilton, Ario Malik, Ezra Winstanley,
Roman Winstanley, Miller Halliday, Tayliah Francis, Sophie Watts

STUDENT LEARNING CONFERENCES

We will be finishing school on **Wednesday 5th August and Thursday 6th August at 2.00pm** to hold our Learning Conferences through to 7.00pm.

All children will require a Learning Conference appointment.

We will break for lunch from 12.00 – 1.00 and **all 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 2.00 pm. **Primary buses will leave school at 2pm.**

Busy Bumbles is here to help with an early finish programme, available from 2pm-3pm on both days. This programme will be based in their usual on-site venue in the music room, just off the school hall. If you are unable to collect your child/ren at 2pm on either Wednesday 5th or Thursday 6th August, please secure your spot in their fun-filled programme here:

<https://enrolmy.com/busy-bumbles/book-now/896-Leeston---He-Puna-Karumata---Early-Finish-Care--Wednesday-5th--Thursday-6th-August>

Involving children in the conference:

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:

We are now using **Edge App** to make learning conference appointments.

If you haven't downloaded the Edge App please follow the instructions: [Caregiver Edge App](#)

STEPS:

- Scroll down to Leeston School Web Links
- Click appointments. If it is not showing on your App, please log out of the App completely and in again, this will refresh the App
- Click book appointments
- Go to the date and select a day and time slot you want
- Confirm booking.

Note for Parents:

Email Matching: You must log in using the exact email address on record with the school.

Multiple Children: If you have more than one child at the school, switch between student profiles to book separate slots for each child.

Changes/Cancellations: You can cancel or reschedule your booking directly in the app

Any problems with booking, please contact Megan in the office.

OVERDUE LIBRARY

Reminder notices for overdue library books are automatically emailed out fortnightly (including over the school holidays) until library books are returned.

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.

WELLNESS

If your child is feeling unwell, please keep them home from school to stop the spread amongst fellow students and staff. In the case of a vomiting or diarrhoea bug, children **cannot** return to school until they have been symptom free for **48 hours**. Thank you for your assistance in ensuring that our school community stays healthy.

A vibrant purple and pink poster for a school disco. On the left is a large, glowing disco ball. The background is a dark purple with bright pink and white light streaks radiating from the center. The text is in white, with some elements in pink. At the top right, it says 'LEESTON SCHOOL PTA'. The main title 'DISCO' is in large, bold letters. Below it is the date '31 JULY 2026'. Then, the times for different groups: 'JUNIORS 4.30-5.30PM', 'MIDDLES 5.45-6.45PM', and 'SENIORS 7.00-8.00PM'. The entry fee is '\$2 ENTRY'. Below that, in smaller pink text, it says 'Glow items 50c - \$5' and 'Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase'. At the bottom, it says 'DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY' in a pink banner. A small disclaimer at the very bottom reads 'Disclaimer: We cannot guarantee the tife life of glowsticks.'

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Refer to our website for further term updates

23 July	Waiwhio Camp meeting 3.10pm and 5.30pm Newsletter
24 July	Whole School Assembly - 11.30am - All Welcome
29 July	Year 2 Planting Day
30 July	Friendly games vs Dunsandal
31 July	PTA Disco
4 August	Friendly games v Southbridge 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 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
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
1 September	PTA Meeting 7pm
2 September	PTA Hot Dog Lunch Fundraiser

Thinking about playing rugby in 2027?

Join us for our 150th Jubilee. Celebrating rugby in Leeston for 150 years.

2027 marks **150 years of Leeston Rugby**, and we're planning a huge season for our junior players. If your child goes to a local school or preschool and you're curious about rugby—whether they're full of energy, keen to try a new sport, or you're just thinking ahead—we'd love to hear from you.

If your child is not currently registered with Leeston Rugby, please take a minute to complete our no-obligation Expression of Interest. This helps us plan teams, coaches, and make sure there's a place for every child who wants to play. Our **Rippa Rugby training sessions** are held **straight after school on the Leeston school grounds**, so there's less need to travel.

Live local. Train local. Play local.



150 years strong... and we're just getting started.

Already part of Leeston Rugby? Please help us spread the word to other families at your school or preschool who might be interested.

- 👉 Scan the QR code to complete the Expression of Interest form.
We'd love to have your family on board for our 150th year!

