

LEESTON LEARNERS - Legends in the Making

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

Thursday 3 September 2026



Ko e 'umu'imu'a 'e 'uli e tāpangai *"In unity, there is beauty and harmony"*



Tena koutou katoa

Spring has arrived and we're enjoying the warmer weather enabling classes to be outside making the most of our environment. The fields and courts are busy with games and activities and it's great to see such active students.

Our recent Teacher Only Day was our final session focussed on our new maths curriculum. We were able to host our local schools as we had a facilitated professional development day. It's always enjoyable being able to collaborate with colleagues from other schools and develop a shared understanding.

Our Waitatari Team had a day looking at being Firewise. This involved lessons in the class and we were also fortunate to have a visit from our local fire service allowing the children to have a hands-on experience. It's awesome to see some of our parents and grandparents involved in the fire service being part of this activity.

Tomorrow is shaping up as a busy day with our Father's Day Breakfast, Book Character Parade and a Whole School Assembly hosted by Room 1. Special thanks to our PTA for all the effort and organisation

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that goes into our Father's Day Breakfast, and we look forward to seeing some of our student's Dad's and special people making it along.

Nga mihi nui
Dean Paton

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL

Kane Austin, Harvey Gardner, Luka McDonald, Zendaya Pene-Mahanga and Dakota Burnett

CLASS PLACEMENT FOR 2027

Early in term four our team leaders will be starting to organise class structure and student placement for 2027. Children will be placed in classes that will cater for their learning level and are grouped with children of their year level. Composite or mixed classes are part of the yearly composition of class structure.

We would like to give you the opportunity to provide us with information on your child's learning, health, emotional and social needs for us to consider while making class placements. Please email these to Lynda at principal@leeston.school.nz by the end of this term (Friday 25th September). Please note that we cannot look at requests for specific teachers.



ELLESMERE A&P SHOW SCHOOL ENTRIES

Please see the attached link with all the information about this year's A&P Show children entries. This year they have added in some new updated arts, crafts and baking classes as well. Great way to get kids off screens and getting creative! Kids classes are free to enter and prize money is awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.

CLICK LINK: [Ellesmere A & P Show School Package](#)

The Schools Section at the Ellesmere A&P Show offers a wide variety of classes for children of all ages to enter. Sections include:

Floral Art
Technology/Decorative
Arts & Crafts
Cooking
Pet Lamb, Sheep, Goat & Calf

ABSENCE NOTIFICATION

We kindly ask that caregivers contact us before 8:30am whenever a child will be absent. You can quickly log an absence through our EdgeApp or leave a message on the school voicemail at 03 3243-493. Please remember to include your child's name and the reason for their absence.

If you are planning a family trip or holiday during term time, please email **ahead** of time to principal@leeston.school.nz detailing the length and reason for the absence. Your help with this makes a huge difference! Getting in touch early helps us make sure all our students are safe and accounted for on their way to school, while saving our office staff from having to make individual follow-up phone calls.

Daffodil Day

**We want to say a huge 'thank you' for being part of this incredible day.
Our school community raised \$539.88**



Room 10

Junior Kapa Haka



Kim and Whaea Mel



Room 12 Artwork



Recycling your old batteries and phones

If you have any old batteries or phones that you don't need, just come down to the school office where you drop them into special boxes. There's one for batteries and one for phones. It's important to do this because phones have valuable materials that could be used again. If you put either of them in the bin, when the rubbish truck comes to pick it up it has the potential to cause a fire! Handing them into these special boxes prevent things and make things reusable. So, if you have batteries or phones to hand in just come to the office.

From The Eco-Warriors



Eco-Warriors

On the 17th of August the Eco-Warriors harvested and ate some rhubarb. They cut the stalks of the rhubarb to share with everyone! Enjoy the pictures of their harvest. While we were there each group picked their own garden to plant stuff and grow there.

We would like to renovate or build a new hen house. If anyone would like to donate materials or help us build everything just get in contact with the school.



Rhubarb Harvesting



LEESTON LEGENDS

Blake and Malaki have had an incredible year representing Affinity Gymnastics, showcasing their hard work and bringing home a range of impressive awards. After recently competing in Dunedin, they took on the Canterbury Championships in Christchurch. Gymnastics has no off-season, and with six hours of weekly training year-round, their dedication is truly remarkable. We are very proud of you both!



THANK YOU FROM THE PTA



Thank you so much to one of our parents who generously donated enough toothpaste for every family. The eldest child of each family will receive a tube of toothpaste this week.

Brush your teeth everyday, to keep the dentist away!

Horoia ò niho!



The Discovery Dome from Science Alive visited the Waitatari team last week.

They took an interactive journey through space and learnt about the unique features of the planets in our solar system.



Ellesmere Agricultural, Science and Technology Club 2026



Who are we and what do we do?

EAST Club is well known for our local pet day but where did we begin?

In 1938 the Ellesmere Boys and Girls Agricultural Club began for children to show their lambs, calves, flowers and kitchen garden before they could show their animals at the local Ellesmere A & P show and then the regional Canterbury A & P show.

In 1991 the modern equivalent EAST Club was formed by local parents to expand and include Science and Technology projects. Lambs and calves were soon joined by dogs, ponies, goats, chickens, rabbits, cats, eels and even a leveret! City schools began to be invited, entertainment, a sausage sizzle and a coffee cart were added, and the day became a popular community event. A garden section was added in 2012, the brainchild of community member Alan Jones and sponsored by the 'Seeds for Schools' programme and the Ellesmere Lions. To get children out in the garden planting.

Our pet day and garden growing are an important part of our unique rural environment, but we need your help to keep offering this to the community. We are a parent-run club and appreciate the support of families, Alan Jones, Ellesmere Lions, Ellesmere A & P show, our wonderful schoolteachers who mark projects and supervise students on the day, and of course all our wonderful judges, we couldn't do it without you!

**This year our EAST day will be held on Wednesday 28th October
at the Ellesmere showgrounds.**

You can be involved by entering one of these, or all 3:

- Your family pet.
- A Science or Technology project.
- A garden (judged at home over Christmas school holidays).

Pets

To bring a pet to EAST day:

- You must complete a written project on your pet and have it marked by your teacher.
- Have a parent on site with you all morning.
- Dogs must be registered and children must be able to effectively manage the dog without adult help, dogs must be on a lead at all times.
- Horses/ponies are judged as pets, it is not a riding show.
- All animals not on a lead must be in a secure cage and must not leave the cage for the entirety of the morning.

Science or Technology

To bring a science or technology project

- You must complete a written project about your experiment, construction etc.
- It must be delivered on Tuesday 27th October, the day before EAST day.

Projects (Pets, Science/Tech and Gardens)

- All entries must be accompanied by a project.
- Needs to be your own work and of a high personal standard.

Gardens

Would you like to enjoy home grown vegetables and admire beautiful flowers this coming season? Grow a garden with us! We are very fortunate to be able to offer students a 'kick start' pack to grow their garden. Gardens will be judged during the school holidays to give the produce and flowers time to grow. Judging is completed by enthusiastic gardeners from the community.

Want to be involved? Then grab an entry form. These are distributed through the local schools (Leeston, Southbridge and Ellesmere College (Year 7's and 8's).

Entry forms are due back Thursday 27th August

Get involved! Show off your pet! Experiment and investigate something you have always wondered about! Grow a garden and enjoy home grown fresh vegetables!

Past entrants have had further successes at local and the Canterbury A & P shows.

We would love to know, get in contact!

Contact: Mrs. Lesley Stoliker
0275324227
eastclub22@gmail.com





FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

♥ for your special person... ♥



FRIDAY
4TH
SEPTEMBER



7.30-8.30AM



SCHOOL COURTS

≡ BREAKFAST MENU ≡



Bacon & Egg Buttie \$5



Sausage & Bread \$2



Flavoured Milk \$2

*Bring Dad, Grandad,
or a Special Person! ♥*



**HOT DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE
TO PURCHASE FROM COFFEE CART ♥**



★ LEESTON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL PTA PRESENTS... ★

CLASSIC



CAR & MOTORBIKE SHOW



SUNDAY
OCTOBER 11TH 2026
10.00 - 2.00PM

\$10
PER VEHICLE
\$25
PER STALL
\$50
PER FOOD VENDOR

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CLASSIC CARS • MOTORBIKES • MARKET STALLS • COFFEE
• FOOD VENDORS



To book a stall or food vendor, email pta@leeston.school.nz

DATES TO REMEMBER

Refer to our website for further term updates

3 September	Newsletter
4 September	Father's Day Breakfast 7.30am Book Character Dress Up parade Whole School Assembly -11.30am All welcome
7 September	Canterbury Duathlon BOT Meeting 6pm
11 September	Kids Discovery Plant out day
14 September	Choir practise Avonhead School Tennis for Yr 5 & 6
15 September	Cohort School Visit St Johns lessons - Waitatari
16 September	St Johns Lessons - Waitatari
17 September	Cantry Winter Tournament Newsletter Starting School Parent evening - 7pm
18 September	Kids Discovery Plant out day p/p Whole School Assembly - 11.30am All Welcome
22 September	Cohort School Visit
23 September	Pō Whakangahau TBC
24 September	Syndicate reward day
25 September	Term 3 Finishes
12 October	Term 4 Starts Cohort entry BOT Meeting 6pm
13 October	School Photos PTA Meeting 7pm
15 October	Newsletter
16 October	Yr 6 & EC Wellbeing TBC Whole School Assembly - 11.30am All Welcome Te Whare Mauri Ora afternoon 1.15pm - 2.45pm
21 October	Health Meeting TBC
22 October	Year 6 Conference TBC
23 October	Kids Discovery Plantout Day TBC



JUNIOR SMASH PLAY

WITH
LEESTON-SOUTHBRIDGE CRICKET CLUB

 **4 x MONDAYS**
STARTING 2ND NOV

 **5:15PM - 6:00PM**

 **LEESTON DOMAIN**



SCAN TO REGISTER



WANT TO PLAY SATURDAY CRICKET??
JUNIOR CRICKET IS FUN, FAST AND
FANTASTIC.

Come to the LSCC Open Day
Leeston Domain Fri 18th Sept 4pm
onwards

School Year 1-8
All School Years 1-8



SCAN TO REGISTER

Smash Play
New Cricketers, School Year 0-4



SCAN TO FIND OUT MORE

REGISTRATIONS OPEN

BIG FUN, GREAT VALUE!

Busy Bumbles Term 3 Holiday Programme Bookings Are Now Open!

Looking for a fun, affordable option these school holidays? We know keeping the kids happy and cared for while juggling work and family life can be a lot, so we're here to help. Busy Bumbles Holiday Programmes give tamariki a safe, welcoming and action-packed place to spend their holidays, with plenty of activities, creative fun, relaxed play and opportunities to make new friends.

With our reduced fees, standard school-hour bookings start from just \$40, helping make quality holiday care more accessible for local whānau.

Your closest Busy Bumbles Holiday Programmes are Clearview or Lemonwood Grove Schools, with spaces available across the school holidays. Find out more about our Term 3 Holiday Programme and book here: busybumbles.co.nz/our-programmes/holiday-programmes/



BOOK NOW!

Holiday Programme Bookings Are Open!




FULL DAY \$55
7.00am - 6.00pm

SCHOOL HOURS \$40
8.30am - 3.00pm

Additional Costs Apply for Incursions and Excursions

JOIN IN THE FUN!

LEESTON BOWLS AND TENNIS CLUB OPEN DAY SEPTEMBER 19TH 1PM

41-43 Hight Street, Leeston
Access off Selwyn Street.

All ages welcome

Sign up for Junior tennis

Lessons for term 4 and term 1



Leeston Bowls and Tennis Club Open Day is on Saturday 19th September at 1pm. Please come along to register if you are interested in playing tennis this season. All ages welcome. We have a new junior tennis coach. Lessons will be after school on a Wednesday in term 4 and term 1. Times and start date to be confirmed.

IRWELL TENNIS CLUB

**OPENING DAY
AND REGISTRATIONS**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th, 2026
STARTING AT 1.30pm ONWARDS.

Sausage Sizzle Available

- All Ages Welcome!
- All Abilities Welcome!
- New Members Welcome!

ALL WELCOME!

IRWELL TENNIS CLUB COURTS,
SUDELEY PARK, IRWELL
CONTACT SHARON 02102390023

All Sorts of Sport Weekend



Saturday 5 - Sunday 6
September, 9.30-4.30pm
Selwyn Sports Centre

Bring your team down for a fun
and entertaining team training
experience.

We'll have six sports set-up and
ready to go with pickleball,
badminton, table tennis, floorball,
volleyball and futsal.

One-hour sessions with written
instructions and all equipment
provided.

- 📅 Bookings required
- 👤 All ages welcome
- 💰 \$5 per person
20% discount for 6+ tickets

selwyn.govt.nz/events



Selwyn Sports Centre

Girls on the Go Holiday Programme



Bookings required



\$45-\$55 per child daily



Ages 7-12 years

Monday to Friday
28 September – 9 October

8am–4pm or 9am–3pm

Week One

Monday 28 September	Tuesday 29 September	Wednesday 30 September	Thursday 1 October	Friday 2 October
3x3 Basketball	Dance	Soccer Netball	Gaga Ball	Trip to Ninja Valley
World Cup (Football)	Capture the Flag	Session with Athletic Canterbury	Session with Canterbury Floorball	
Big Mat Splat	Session with Water Polo Canterbury at Selwyn Aquatic Centre	Benchball	Multisport	Capture the Flag
PE Games	Werewolf	Recycled Wearable Arts Fashion Show	Trip to FAerial Arts Circus School	Kids' Choice

Week Two

Monday 5 October	Tuesday 6 October	Wednesday 7 October	Thursday 8 October	Friday 9 October
Session with Canterbury Softball	Futsal	Session with Badminton Canterbury	Session with Canterbury Golf	Active Holiday Programme Only
Pickleball	BoxFit with Te Amorangi	Ultimate Frisbee	Indoor Lawn Bowls	
Minute To Win It	Nature Scavenger Hunt	Wheels Wednesday	Build your own Obstacle Course	
Glow in the Dark Dodgeball	Nerf Wars	Multisport	Dodgeball	

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Selwyn
CultureFest
 Lincoln Event Center

**Sunday, 13th
 September**

10:00- 11:30 / Bookmarks

12:00-13:30 / Origami Toy

13:30-15:00 / Forever Flower



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