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Newsletter
Week 9 Term 1 - 01 April 2026

Principal Pānui

Term 1 draws to a close tomorrow and I want to say how happy I am to be the principal of such an awesome school. I am proud of our students, staff and community for all that they have contributed so far this year. It has been a positive start to 2026 and we have fitted a lot into 9 weeks. Thank you for your ongoing support. Now is the time for everyone to take a break, enjoy some family time and catch our breaths before heading into Term 2. We look forward to our students returning to school after the holidays on Monday 20 April.

Westbrook Senior Kapa Haka Roopu wow their audience!

On Thursday 26th March a group of Year 5 and 6 students represented our school at the NZ Citizenship Ceremony at the Rotorua Council. The group was praised by all in attendance for their strong performance, beautiful singing, poi and a rousing haka. The Kaumatua acknowledged how their waiata and haka complimented the occasion. We are immensely proud of them and are looking forward to seeing what our senior children can produce for the Ahurei Festival later in the year. We also look forward to our junior kapa haka performing this afternoon for their parents.

And from the Mayor's Office:

"On behalf of Mayor Tapsell, thank you so much to your school's kapa haka group for attending the Citizenship ceremony yesterday. Although the Mayor was not present at yesterday's' event, she has heard how special the performance was and very much appreciated the time and effort of Kaiako and students to make their participation so meaningful and memorable."

End of Season for Touch Rugby teams

Our Touch Rugby teams have finished their Term 1 season off in style! Westbrook had seven touch teams this term. The teams were mixed, and children from Year 1 to Year 6 took part. They all played well and each week improvements were seen on the field. A huge thank you to the coaches, managers and whānau who supported our players. Without them we could not provide sport for our children. Congratulations to the six teams who played in the semi-finals. There were some really close games and it was great to see children showing 'The Westbrook Way'. We had three teams in the finals of their sections. Two teams - Pomare (Yr 3 & 4) and Minions (Yr 1 & 2) were runners-up and the Year 5 and 6 Freezing Hot team won their competition. Awesome work! A big thank you also to Matua Ben who spends time coaching teams at school. Touch will resume in Term 4.

Term 1 Attendance

As you will be aware, there is a nationwide priority, and also a focus at Westbrook School to improve student attendance at school. Our goal is to have 80% or more of our students attending school 90% or more of the time. This is known as "regular attendance". In simple terms, that means no more than 5 days absence per term, and only for genuine reasons such as illness. Children have the best chance of academic success, sustaining friendships and building independence and personal qualities and skills when they regularly attend school.

It is also important to be at time to school. Punctuality is a good habit to form and holds people in good stead for later in life. The start of the day is a time to reconnect with friends, get set up for learning and receive important notices and messages. Children who turn up at school before the start of day bell are generally much more settled and ready to take on the day.

84% of our students have had regular attendance Term 1, 2026. Wow - let's do what we can to keep this above 80% next term also. ***130 of our students have been at school every single day so far this year!*** These children will go into a lucky prize draw at assembly this week.

65% of our students arrived at school on time every day this term.

Ka mau te wehi - outstanding!

Bookmarks

Grandparent Medals

Fridge Magnets

Word Finds

Arts and Crafts with our Grandparents

YEAR 2 GRANDPARENT'S DAY

Westbrook Way Day

Yesterday many children were rewarded for upholding our Westbrook Values with the Westbrook Way Day.

The theme for the day was famous faces. The children gathered in the hall for a variety of fun activities including karaoke, bowling and the creation of a Westbrook Wall of Fame. In addition to the fun, the children received a certificate, drink and cookies. Immense fun was had by all. We hope to see more children involved in Westbrook Way Day next term.

Qizzle Monster Year of Art - Van Gogh Themed competition

We are pleased to share that:
Talia and Ebony are winners in the Primary School category
We were particularly impressed by their brush stroke skills and the movement they were able to create in the painting - it was a pleasure to see such creativity and effort.
We wanted to share this exciting news with you ahead of the school holidays and let you know that prizes will be sent out during the first week back of Term 2.

Congratulations Room 4 Students Talia and Ebony

LOST PROPERTY
IT MUST BELONG TO SOMEONE!

All items will be on display outside the library until Thursday 02 April

Please come and check if any of it belongs to your child.
All items left after assembly on Thursday will be donated to charity.

Please note this will be collected from school on Thursday after assembly.

PLEASE name your child's clothing.

Named items will be returned to students.

Our last school assembly this term will be held in the hall tomorrow, **Thursday 2nd March, at 11.30am.** We would love you to join us to see how we celebrate success. Children and staff are encouraged to dress up in their house colours on school assembly days and earn a house point for doing so. This week they are welcome to dress up as Bunnies or Chicks if they wish to.

2026 Calendar of Events Term 1

Weds 1st April	Year 1 and 2 Kapa Haka in the hall 1.50pm
Thurs 2nd April	Whole School Assembly 11.30am (All welcome)
Thurs 2nd April	**Last day of Term 1**
Fri 3rd April	GOOD FRIDAY

2026 Calendar of Events Term 2

Monday 20 April	Term 2 begins
Wednesday 22 April	Year 3 trip to Water Reservoir
Friday 24 April	Whole School Assembly, 11.30am
Monday 27 April:	**SCHOOL CLOSED** -ANZAC Day observed
Mon 29 April - Fri 1 May	Year 5 Camp
Friday 1 May	Mini Marathon
Thursday 7 May	Year 4 Sleepover
Friday 8 May	Whole School Assembly, 11.30am
Friday 8 May	FOTS Sausage Sizzle
Monday 11 May	**SCHOOL CLOSED** - Teacher Only Day
Tuesday 19 May	School Photos
Friday 22 May	Whole School Assembly, 11.30am
Monday 1 June	**SCHOOL CLOSED** - King's Birthday
Friday 5 June	Whole School Assembly, 11.30am
Friday 19 June	Whole School Assembly, 11.30am
Friday 3 July	Whole School Assembly, 11.30am
Friday 3 July	Last day of Term 2

Do you have green fingers?
Volunteer wanted

If you like gardening and would be able to spare an hour or so now and then to help us look after our school gardens, we would love to hear from you.

Board Table for sale

We have a large, oval table at school that is for sale. $500 or near offer. This is a solid table that would be ideal for a Board table for meetings etc in a large space.

Please get in touch if you are interested and would like to view it or need exact measurements. You would be required to come and collect the table yourself if you purchase it (it does come apart).

Quick update from SkoolBooks for parents and whānau:

Improved family notifications:

Family members will now receive a visual alert under the bell icon, along with an email notification, whenever a teacher or their assigned student makes a post. This includes individual posts, group posts, and report posts, helping ensure families don't miss important classroom updates.

Message thread notifications:

Teachers and family members will now also see a visual notification indicator (red number over the message icon) when they have unread message threads. An email alert will also be sent so messages are easier to keep track of.

Skool Loop Information

- SkoolBooks is not an app itself
- Download the Skool Loop app
- Open Skool Loop and click on 'Parents' to access SkoolBooks
- Any issues with signing up, please contact Rochelle Wolland wollandr@westbrook.school.nz or Jackie Barrett barrettj@westbrook.school.nz
- Kindo is also found there (lunches are now ordered through Kindo)
- The issue with enlarging notices to read if you have an Android phone has now been fixed so please uninstall and reinstall the Skool Loop app if you have an Android phone, if you cannot enlarge the notices posted
- Thank you for your patience - the developers are working on improvements and we will let you know as these are added.

HOW TO SUBSCRIBE TO NOTICE GROUPS

TO JOIN YOUR SKOOL LOOP APP NOTICE GROUPS, SIMPLY FOLLOW THE STEPS BELOW:

1. **Go to the 'Settings' tile in the bottom right hand corner of the Home Screen**
2. **Go to 'Subscribe to groups'**
3. **Tap to select the group/s you would like to receive notifications from**
4. **You're good to go - you will now receive all notices sent to the groups you have subscribed to**

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Downloading the Skool Loop app
a step by step guide

Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the below instructions to select your school

1. Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
2. Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
3. Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side. You can select as many schools as required.
4. Tap the 'select schools' button in the top right corner.
5. Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
6. Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.
7. Use the circular arrow button at the top of the main screen to toggle between your chosen schools.

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THE SKOOL LOOP APP

Troubleshooting

- Ensure your phone been updated to the latest software version
- Ensure you have the latest app version (the app will alert you to a new update)
- Check under the settings tile 'Debug Push Notifications' are notifications enabled?
- Turning your phone off and on can alleviate caching of your apps
- Check you have subscribed to the correct groups. The groups are found under the settings tile

Please feel free to call **Skool Loop** on our free call support number: **0800 238 379**.

We can provide assistance to help troubleshoot your school app.

A few reminders …

BIKING & SCOOTER RULES @ WESTBROOK

Year 5 and 6 students **ONLY** are permitted to ride bikes to school. This is due to the nature of the roads around the school. Please see the office for a Bike Licence, then hand this in to Mrs Barrett.

Students **MUST WEAR A HELMET**, bike locks must be used, and students need to agree to the rules in the bike licence, which is signed by parents.

Students from other year levels may now bring scooters to school. **For safety reasons, helmets are required.** Scooters must be parked at the bike racks and are not to be used during the school day.

- All bikes and scooters are brought to school at your own risk.
- They must not be ridden within the school grounds, including the decking and turf.

WARNING

Did you know that it is an instant $70 fine for parking on the footpath and $750 fine for parking in a mobility space without a valid permit?

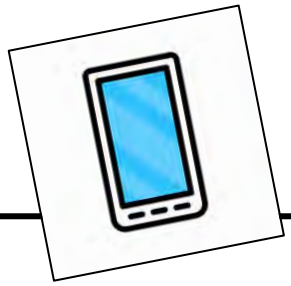
The Parking Wardens are out and about monitoring this. Please park legally and with consideration for others.

Important: School arrival and departure times

Children should not be arriving at school prior to 8.15am or be here after 3.20pm each day. Teachers use this time to attend meetings and prepare for teaching and learning. Please book your child in to Kelly Club Before and After School Care in our school hall if you need supervision outside of these times.

Cell phones and other personal digital devices

Our students do not require cell phones or smart watches during the school day. It is our recommendation that they do not bring them to school at all but if they do so, this is at their own risk. They must be kept out of sight or be handed in at the office at the beginning of the school day and it is their responsibility to collect them at the end of the day.
Our school policy is aimed at keeping our children safe online, protecting their privacy and that of others and keeping them engaged in their learning by minimising distractions. If you need to contact your child during the day, with anything urgent, please phone or email the school office and we will endeavour to get a message to them.
Those children in Years 4 to 6 with BYOC digital devices (eg - chromebooks) must comply with our school conditions of use in order to use them at school.



Westbrook School Sports Expectations: Players, Parents and Coaches

Guiding Principles: Fun, development, respect, sportsmanship. Winning is secondary.

Player Expectations:

- **Attendance/Punctuality:** Attend all practices/games on time. Communicate absences to the coach ASAP.
- **Effort/Attitude:** Give your best effort, listen to coaches, maintain a positive attitude.
- **Respect:** Treat everyone with respect. No bullying, trash talk, or disrespectful language.
- **Teamwork:** Work cooperatively, support teammates.
- **Rules/Equipment:** Follow rules, care for equipment.
- **School Conduct:** Students are expected to uphold the school's values both on and off the field. While minor behavioral issues are typically handled within the school's disciplinary system, repeated or serious infractions may necessitate a discussion with the coaching staff and school administration regarding the student's continued eligibility to participate in sports. We aim to address these situations on a case-by-case basis, considering the individual circumstances. We will endeavor to keep parents informed if there is the potential for a child to be excluded from a team or game.

Parent Expectations:

- **Support:** Encourage your child and team. Focus on effort, improvement, and sportsmanship.
- **Conduct:** Respect all involved (coaches, officials, players, parents). No negative comments, especially during games. Model good sportsmanship.
- **Communication:** Discuss concerns privately with the coach at appropriate times. No sideline coaching.
- **Attendance/Finances:** Attend when possible. Meet financial obligations promptly.
- **Roles:** Understand different roles. Respect the coach's decisions.

Consequences:

- **Disrespectful Behavior:** Yelling, bullying, taunting, inappropriate language/gestures: Warning, suspension, removal.
- **Disruptions:** Repeatedly disrupting practices/games: Warning, suspension, removal.
- **Sideline Coaching:** Coaching from the sidelines after being asked to stop: Warning, removal from sidelines.
- **Financial Issues:** Failure to pay fees: Ineligibility.
- **Aggression:** Physical aggression (by player or parent): Immediate removal.

School Photos
Coming up Tuesday 19th May
Watch out for the link to order next term

VISTAB

If your child is late or you wish to sign them out during the day please come to the office to sign them in/out

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KELLY CLUB

APRIL 2026 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

WESTBROOK SCHOOL

WEEK 1

Mon 6 April

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Easter Monday!

Tues 7 April

EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Hop along for our Easter 'Eggstravaganza'! Bring your looking eyes for our Great Easter Egg Hunt. Who knows what kind of goodies you may find!

Wed 8 April

GAME ON!

Get ready to kick, pass and dodge! Come along and join in games of Football, Touch and Dodgeball.

Thurs 9 April

THE 5 SENSES

Experience the wonders of taste, smell, sound, touch, and sight through fun, discovery, and adventure.

Fri 10 April

FEE-FI-FO-FUN

Fee-fi-fo-fum! Giant board games, giant ball games and giant fun. Are you up for the giant challenge of today?

WEEK 2

Mon 13 April

FIDGET FRENZY

Spin and twist your way through the day! Make your own fidget spinners, play hula hoop twister and even cook yummy fidget pizza.

Tues 14 April

BOLLYWOOD FUN

Step into the colourful world of Bollywood as we dance, craft, cook, and play! Enjoy Bollywood beats, colourful crafts, tasty Indian treats, and play Cricket and Hockey.

Wed 15 April

BURIED VILLAGE

Explore the historic village & waterfall trail at buried Village of Te Wairoaun. Enjoy a playground stop to play with friends. Please bring lunch, drink bottle, shoes and a hat.

Extra $20 for the day.

Thurs 16 April

KELLY CLUB SURVIVOR

Out-smart, out-laugh, out-think. Build a fort, play Capture The Flag and take part in our team challenges!

Fri 17 April

FOODIE FRIDAY

Whip up delicious creations, bake sweet treats, and help us build our very own Kelly Club recipe book full of yummy ideas.

Pricing:

FULL WEEK: $275 7:00am – 6:00pm

FULL DAY: $58 7:00am – 6:00pm

HALF DAY: $40 7:00am – 12:30pm or 12:30pm – 6:00pm

SCHOOL DAY: $48 8:30am – 3:00pm

EVENT DAY: Extra $20 (Not Included in Full Week)

Contact: Programme Coordinator
Email: westbrook@kellyclub.co.nz
Phone: 021 079 7737
Facebook: @KellyClubWestbrook
Address: 362 Malfroy Road, Pomare

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KELLY CLUB

THEME: Hopping into a Holiday!

Term 1 Week 9, 30th March 2026

Weekly Activities Plan
Kelly Club Westbrook

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
7:00 - 8:15 am	Finger Painting & Structured Free Time	Spoon Bunnies & Structured Free Time	Frozen Yoghurt Bark & Structured Free Time	Origami & Structured Free Time
8:15 - 8:30 am	Game: Kids Yoga	Game: Balloon Tag	Game: Limbo	Game: Rainbow Rush
3:00 - 3:10 pm	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time
3:10 - 3:30 pm	Intro & Afternoon Tea Cheese Rolls & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Frozen Yoghurt Bark & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Game: Duck, Duck, Goose	Game: Toilet Tag	Game: Follow the Sergeant	Game: Line Tag
3:45 - 4:30 pm	SPORT **Bunny Races**	COOKING **Easter Nests**	CRAFT **Squeegee Eggs**	GAME **Pass The Jelly Beans**
4:30 - 4:35 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up
4:35 - 4:50 pm	Snack Time Vege Chips	Snack Time Baking	Snack Time Muesli Bars	Snack Time Vege Sticks
4:50 - 5:15 pm	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time
5:15 - 6:00 pm	Game: Dance Comp & Projects	Game: Concentration & Projects	Game: Flee Chase & Projects	Game: Volleyball & Projects

HOLIDAY ARTS ACADEMY

TWO WEEKS OF ARTIST-TAUGHT HOLIDAY ACTIVITES FOR CREATIVE 8-12 YEAR OLDS

Week One: 7th - 10th April

- **Tuesday:** Create Your Own Fantasy World - Maps, creatures, cultures, and legends
- **Wednesday:** Big Art, Bold Statements - Expression through powerful visual art
- **Thursday:** Inventor's Art Lab - imaginative machines, gadgets, or creatures
- **Friday:** Magic Objects Workshop - wands, amulets, books, or artifacts

Week Two: 14th - 17th April

- **Tuesday:** Wonderfully weird world of Surrealism - melting clocks, floating animals, and dreamlike landscapes
- **Wednesday:** Expressive puppets, from imaginative marionettes with moving limbs to magical shadow puppets
- **Thursday:** Woodland magic as we design and build enchanting fairy and troll houses using natural treasures
- **Friday:** Whimsical colours and wacky characters as we create art inspired by the playful imagination and bold style of Dr. Seuss!

Each day will include journalling, freestyle art activities and much more.

During lunch: ballgames, Giant Jenga, Skittles and more.

APRIL 2026

Runs Tuesday to Friday
9am - 3pm each day
12:1 Supervision Ratio
Cost: $32.50 per child, per day
Materials provided

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AGE 5-13 YEARS

7th-17th April 2026

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

DAILY SCHEDULE:

8-9.30: Intro and Games
10.00-10.30: Skill time
10.30-11.00: Morning tea break
11.00-11.30: Free Play
11.30-2.30: Daily activity & lunch break
2.30-3.00: Quiet games (SHORT DAY ends)
3.15-5.15: Afternoon tea and play

ACTIVITIES:

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DAILY COSTS: 8AM-3.00PM $45
8AM-5.15PM $55

Week 1
Monday 6th April: CLOSED for EASTER MONDAY
Tuesday 7th April: Circuits -using all the equipment
Wednesday 8th April: Fun in the Kitchen -will it be savory or sweet?
Thursday 9th April: T-Day (Towers, Trampoline, Tag.....)
Friday 10th April: Craft Day
Week 2
Monday 13th April: Circuits -using all the equipment
Tuesday 14th April: Equipment Day
Wednesday 15th April: Fun in the Kitchen -will it be savory or sweet?
Thursday 16th April: Teams & Challenges
Friday 17th April: Shared Lunch & Movie Day

DAILY REQUIREMENTS:
Children need to be dressed in appropriate clothing for active play. They are to bring a named water bottle, socks for trampoline use, food for morning tea & lunch. Children booked for the Full Day will need an afternoon tea snack.
Bring a sunhat each day so we can have outside play, weather permitting.

We reserve the right to alter the daily schedule depending on the enrolled numbers.

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