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Newsletter

Week 1 Term 2 30 April 2025





Colin's Kōrero

Mini Marathon: We have 138 students participating in this year's Mini Marathon, which will be held this Friday in and around the Village Garden. Our children will be transported to and from this event by bus. If you would like to join the students, please feel free to meet us at the Village Garden

Parent-Teacher Interviews: Our annual Parent-Teacher interviews are scheduled for next Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and evenings. School will close early on Tuesday May 6, at 1.45 pm to allow the interviews to begin at 2.15 pm. Please make sure your child knows the plan for who is picking them up early that day. School will close at 3 pm on Wednesday May 7, to allow the first interviews to begin at 3.15 pm. Please book an interview if you have not already done so. In preparation for the interviews, which are scheduled to last for 15 minutes. It would be helpful if you could consider what information you would like to discuss at the interview or which particular questions you would like answered. If there is some important information that you need to share with the teacher, which may be helpful for them to know and understand to support your child in the classroom, please ensure that you share this also at the interview.

Year 5 Camp: We have had a fantastic response from the Year 5 students and their whānau for this year's camp. All students are participating in the camp this year, with the vast majority taking part for the entire 3 days of camp. Many thanks to our whānau for your financial support this year, which has enabled the camp to take place without a compromise in the activities being offered to our students.





Representing our School: We have a significant number of sporting events taking place this term for our senior students in particular to participate in. These include the Mini Marathon, a League 9s tournament, a Tackle 5 competition and Tackle 5 training workshops, our school Cross Country races, followed by the Rotorua Championship races toward the end of term. Please be aware that in order for students to represent our school, they need to accept the conditions of our "Code of Conduct" and continue to follow our "Westbrook Way."

Phones at School: We are aware that some students may need, on specific occasions, to bring a phone to school. These occasions should be very few. This is simply a reminder that the new legislation regarding phones at school requires students to **hand these in at the office** when they arrive at school in the morning and pick them up in the afternoon on their way home. Please ensure your child is aware and understands this.

2025 Calendar of Events Term 2

Wed 30th April Y5 Camp

Fri 2nd May Whole School Assembly 11.30am - all welcome

Fri 2nd May Mini Marathon

Tues 6th May Parent Interview 2.15pm-6pm (School to close 1.45pm)

Wed 7th May Parent Interviews 3pm-6pm (normal school day)

Wed 14th May Y6 Marae Trip

Wed 14th May Junior Disco 5.30pm-6.30pm

Senior Disco 7pm-8pm

Fri 16th May Whole School Assembly 11.30am - all welcome

Fri 16th May FOTS Sausage Sizzle

Fri 16th May Pink Shirt Day

Wed 21 May Masterpiece School Photos Mon 26th May Year 3 Swimming (all week)

Wed 28th May Y4 Museum visit (9.30am-11am, 12.15pm-1.45pm)

Thurs 29th May Y4 Museum visit (9.30am-11pm)

Fri 30th May Whole School Assembly 11.30am - all welcome

Mon 2nd June King's Birthday
Wed 4th June Jumping June
Tues 10th June Y6 Museum Trip

Fri 13th June Whole School Assembly 11.30am - all welcome

Fri 13th June Wear Yellow for Harold Day

Fri 20th June Matariki

Fri 27th June Whole School Assembly 11.30am - all welcome

Last Day of Term 2



Reminder of our Rubbish policy

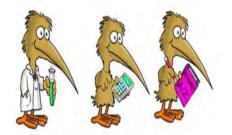


We are encouraging children to repack their plastic or paper lunch wrappings, yogurt containers, or cardboard drink containers back into their lunch boxes and take them home.

This encourages more recycling and will limit our school's landfill waste.

We also have containers for waste food scraps which we will either compost or use to feed our worm farms.

Kiwi Competitions (English, Mothematics and Science) Registration and payment due by 3pm on Thursday 8th May



This notice is **for all parents of Year 5 and 6 students** who are interested in participating in the 2025 KIWI English, Maths and Science Competitions. This is an online competition.

The University of Canterbury is delighted to offer the Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science Competitions for Primary, Intermediate and Secondary Schools. The competitions are written by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students and closely align with the New Zealand Curriculum.

Please read the important registration notice, which was shared via Seesaw to all Year 5 and 6 parents. The notice provides more information about the competitions, including the policy regarding test papers.

Kiwi Competition (CAM exams) fees are \$10.00 per subject. The Online Competitions will be held during the last two weeks of Term 2.

Registration and payment via <u>Kindo</u> are open from today and will <u>close at 3pm on Thursday, 8th May</u>.

No late entries will be accepted.

Mini Marathon

Reminder for all students registered

Friday is the big day please make sure all children are dressed appropriately with running shoes.

They must be at school in the hall by 8.30am

Photo day is coming Wednesday 21 May

Masterpiece photography will be taking our School Photos again this year.

All orders will be placed through Masterpiece and cannot be accepted at school.

The link to order will be on Skool Loop and in the next newsletter.



Parent Interviews 2025

Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th May

This year all interview bookings will be made through Skool Loop.

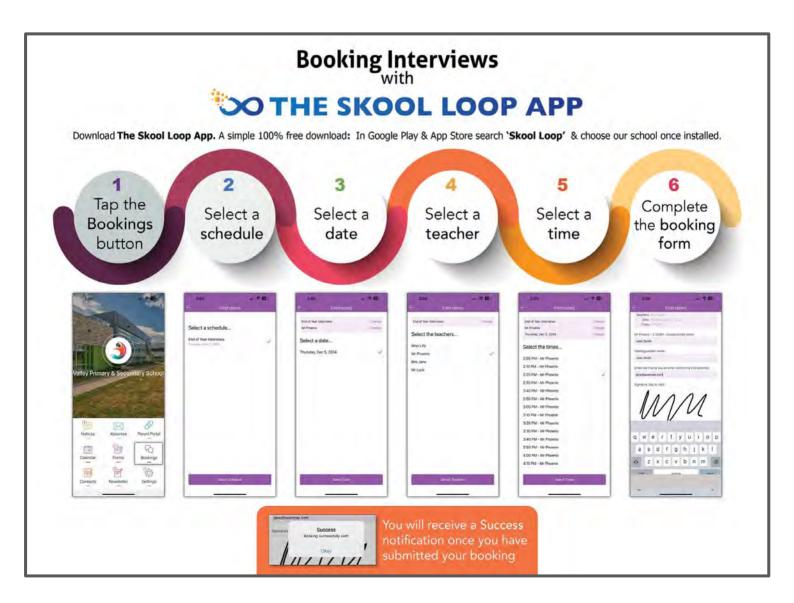
The bookings are now open.

On **Tuesday 6th**, school will **close early at 1.45pm**, with the first interview starting at 2.15pm. If you cannot **collect** your child at that time, they will be supervised in the hall until 3pm.

Please note: Children will NOT be allowed to walk home at that earlier time, UNLESS the teacher has had contact from caregivers beforehand. Your child's safety is our priority.

On Wednesday 7th, the school will close at the usual time.





Pizza Lunch Fundraiser

As part of our fundraising for Year 6 Camp, we are offering a

Pizza Lunch on



Friday 9th May

\$2.00 per slice



Three flavours to choose from:

Simply Cheese

Ham & Cheese

Pepperoni







Kindo orders open now. Click here.

Cash payments only accepted Friday 9th May, directly to the classroom teacher.

As this is a fundraiser, we are unable to refund any orders.

ALL Orders close Friday 9th May 9am.

Wednesday 14th May

Westbrook School Students



Sausage sizzle, drinks lollies and glo products for sale. Please contact the office if you are able to assist with sales on the night.



FOTS Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser

Friday 16th May



Sausages \$2.00 Juice \$2.00 Water \$2.00
Purchase on <u>Kindo</u> or bring \$\$\$ on the day
Orders close 9am Friday 16th May



SPORTS NEWS





Well done to our 6 Futsal teams who had an awesome season. Thanks to all our amazing coaches!

<u> Futricks - Sandra and Nathan Lynch</u>

Most valuable - Tahlei-Mei Taare Most improved - Amelia Rikihana

Wolverines - Mark Trembath

Most valuable - Leighton O'Sullivan Most improved - Hunter Tkaczyk Futstars - Gavin and Krystle Holder

Most valuable - Kyah Harvey

Most improved - Kaylee Holder

Futprints - Mark Trembath

Most valuable - Ryan Savage

Most improved - Jackson Chattell

Most valuable - Taylor Hardie
Most improved - Amaia Whiu
Futsoldiers - Petro Bell

Most valuable - Arian Gutsell and Eric Bell
Most improved -Beau Forlong





Touch and Futsal have finished Please return all uniforms as soon as your have played your last game.



KELLY CLUB BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Kelly Club runs in our school hall for before and after school care.

Pop in to see the staff if you would like to find out more or contact them via phone or email to make a booking:

Email: westbrook@kellyclub.co.nz

Phone: 021 079 7737

SCHOOL LUNCH OPTIONS

TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS WHEN USING LUNCHONLINE

- Always remember to press "Submit" once you have completed your order
- "Transactions" will show all your top-ups and purchases
- Remember to check the cut off time for your providers. To view cut-off times and menus – go to "Menus" under "Families" on the Home Page

If your child is unwell or can't attend school, log onto Lunchonline, click on to the order for this day-you will see a cancel button. This must be done before the providers cut off time for ordering (most providers are 9am on the day of delivery, but some vary - check with your school).



MISSING LUNCH PROCEDURE

- Normal procedure when there is a problem with lunches is that the child would go to the office as soon as they notice a problem.
- If the food item is not located, we ask the office staff to ring the Lunch Provider.
- The provider will either refund the family or deliver any missed or incorrect lunches to the school immediately. This way the problem can be fixed quickly.
- We appreciate your help in ensuring your children are aware of this process.



Order and pay for lunches online by 8.30am It's simple all you need to do is register at www.lunchonline.co.nz

LUNCH REMINDERS

Please avoid sending along fizzy drink, lollies and takeaway food in your child's lunch. Leave this as occasional treat foods for at home. Children who eat a healthy lunch are better able to learn and concentrate at school.

If your child does not have lunch, we do run a Lunch Club each day. Children without lunch need to see their teacher for a Lunch Club Pass and then they go to the hall to get a sandwich.

Thank you to Kids Can for providing the spreads for our sandwiches.



SUSHI (Mondays Only)



Supplied by Sushi Bar Haru

Every Monday, sushi is available for lunch and is ordered and paid for on <u>KINDO</u> or at the school office.

4 pieces of teriyaki chicken or salmon sushi \$5.00 a pack

Small Chicken Katsu or Teriyaki on Rice \$5.00

Large Katsu or Teriyaki on Rice \$7.00

Sushi will be delivered to the classroom with the other lunches.



Contact: Phone: Email: Website:

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KELLY CLUB WESTBROOK UPDATE

What's been happening...

We enjoyed seeing everyone last week and had great fun making chocolate nests and playing some fun games like Rippa! Next week is our kids choice week, have a look below to see what we've chosen to do.

Our new Programme Coordinator Sarah will be starting on the 31st March, please come and say Hi!





What's happening next week!









Beginners After school Art Classes with Janet Keen

Enrolling NOW for Term 2,3,4, for 2025
Drawing, Painting, Mosaics.
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 3.30pm to 4.30pm and 4.35pm to 5.35pm
Small classes, friendly, safe, quiet, organic environment.

All Enquiries welcome:
Phone/text 027 351 3887 or email janet@jkeen.net.
374 Clayton Road



Closes Friday 9th May



Parking around the school boundaries

We have some unhappy 'neighbours' around the school boundaries. At times, they are struggling to get INTO their own driveways, particularly around 3pm, as cars are blocking the entrance way. Please remember that cars MUST NOT be parked within 1 metre either side of a driveway. We thank you for your respect of others.

Going Home at 3pm

We have a problem at the moment with a number of students returning to school after 3pm, either on bikes, scooters, skateboards etc. The school is a busy place for teachers after school, with meetings going on most days, as well as parent meetings and onsite after school care etc.

We respectfully request that once students go home, that they do not come back until the next day! There is no supervision after school, and we have had some near misses with children on bikes etc.

If your child has a sports practice, they need to go home and come back at the appropriate time.

SEESAW DIGITAL PORTFOLIOS

At Westbrook we use the Seesaw digital portfolio to share your child's learning journey with you. Please take the time to go on to it regularly and view or comment on your child's work. The children love to see their parents taking an interest in what they do at school. Reporting to parents about their child's progress and achievement is also done through Seesaw. If you have not yet joined Seesaw, please do so as soon as possible. Your child's teacher can assist you with this if you need help.



We invite you to visit the SchoolDocs site at https://westbrook.schooldocs.co.nz. Our username is "westbrook" and password "pomare". If you wish to review one of our Term 2 review topics, please follow the instructions below.

SchoolDocs Instructions for Reviewers

- 1. Follow the link to each policy.
- 2. Read the policy.
- Click the red Policy Review icon at the right-hand top corner of the page. A new screen will appear.
- 4. Select your role (board member, staff member, or parent/caregiver) from the drop-down list.
- 5. Enter your name.
- 6. Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access, the school office staff can easily provide you with printed copies of the policy and the review form.

Term 1 review topics

- · Health, Safety, and Welfare Policy
- Safety Management System
- Risk Management
- Worker Engagement, Participation, and Representation
- Healthcare
- · Recording and Reporting Accidents, Injuries, and Illness

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