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Newsletter
Week 6 Term 3 20 August 2025

Colin's Kōrero

Whānau Week: This week, from August 18 to 22, is our Whānau Focus week for this term. Please try to plan some fun activities for your families too. Perhaps having less device time and more time playing board games, visiting a park, catching up with other family members, having an extended family meal, or simply sharing stories and enjoying each other's company.

Tough Guy and Gal: We have a large number of our students away at the annual Tough Guy and Gal run or walk, which is being held today, Wednesday, August 20. This event is the ultimate obstacle course, designed to test children's endurance, strength, and determination, while offering a fun and exhilarating experience. We encourage our students to participate in this event each year, as it helps build resilience and their confidence, and their willingness to take on new challenges, which are qualities needed in their learning also.

Gymnastics: Migs Gym is hosting the annual Rotorua Primary Schools Gymnastics competitions this Friday, August 22. We have 39 students participating this year. These children have been training during their lunchtime breaks since the beginning of Term 2. We wish our kids all the very best for this event.

Year 6 Intermediate School choice: I realise that it is only halfway through the school year, but parents of our Year 6 students need to be thinking now about which Intermediate school your children will be enrolled at next year. Each of the Intermediate Schools in Rotorua will be holding open days or orientation days soon. It is my advice that parents and their children have discussions now about which option suits them best, and take up the offers to visit each school, before making a final selection. Rotorua Intermediate, John Paul College, and Mokoia Intermediate all have Enrolment Schemes, so it is wise to check these out to see if you qualify before making your decision.

Book Fair and Character Parade: Next week, we are holding our annual Book Fair. We will have a significant selection of Fiction and Non-Fiction books available for sale at very reasonable prices. The library will be open for parents and whānau to visit and make purchases from 8.30 until 9.15 and from 2.45 until 3.15 each day. We will also be hosting a "Book Character Dress-Up" parade at next week's assembly on Friday. We will have prizes for the top three "Dressed-Up" characters. You are welcome to join us for this fun parade.

2025
Calendar of Events
Term 3

Fri 22nd August	MIGS Gym Competition
Mon 25th August	Book Fair Week
Tues 26th August	Y6 Rotorua Intermediate School Orientation Day
Tues 26th August	Y3 trip to the Government Gardens
Wed 28th August	Paid Union Meeting (School will remain open)
Fri 29th August	Book Character Dress Up Day
Fri 29th August	Whole School Assembly 11.30am - all welcome
Fri 29th August	Sausage Sizzle
Tues 2nd Sept	Y6 Speech Competition Finals
Thurs 4th/Fri 5th Sept	Whole School Art Exhibition
Thurs 4th September	Y1 Wharenui Visit
Friday 5th September	Y2 Wharenui Visit
Tues 9th September	Y3 Wharenui Visit
Wed 10th September	Y4 Wharenui Visit
Thurs 11th September	Y5 Wharenui Visit
Fri 12th September	Whole School Assembly 11.30am - all welcome
Fri 12th September	Wacky Hair Day!
Mon 15th-Fri 19th Sept	Y2 swimming lessons at the Aquatic Centre
Fri 19th September	Sausage Sizzle
Fri 19th September	Last day of Term 3

Term 4 - Teacher Only Day Monday 13th October

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 above 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.

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Westbrook School Board of Trustees Election Timetable

VOTING OPENS	Wednesday 13 August
ELECTION DAY	Wednesday 10 September
CLOSE POLL	4pm on Wednesday 10 September
COUNT VOTES AND DECLARE RESULTS	Tuesday 16 September
BOARD TAKES OFFICE	Wednesday 17 September

VOTING REMINDER

There is still time for you to vote in our School Board election.

We need 5 parent representatives to join the Westbrook School Board.
Schooled have been appointed as the Returning Officer for this election.
Voting instructions have been sent out by the team at Election Pilot.
The clock is ticking.
Nominations close at 4pm on Wednesday 10th September

WESTBROOK SCHOOL PARENT BOARD

ELECTION CANDIDATE PROFILES

BATHE-TAYLOR, Kelly

Hi I'm Kelly Bathe-Taylor and I am re-standing for Parent Representative on the Westbrook School Board. I am a mum of two boys, one who has moved on to intermediate and one still attending Westbrook School. I enjoy being involved in all aspects of my sons' life and fully support them in their sporting activities, whether it is on the side-lines cheering them on, managing the team or helping out where I can. I was on the trust at the Childcare Centre my sons attended. I work for Education Services which is a school accounting provider, providing financial reports and assistance for schools around the country and have worked there for twenty years. I had always decided once my boys got to school I would like to go on the Board of Trustees to help make decisions within the school that would empower my children's time there. In March 2020 I was co-opted onto the Board and currently lead the finance subcommittee. I have been impressed with how the school is run and would like the opportunity to stay on the board and share my time and knowledge to continue to make Westbrook School an awesome learning opportunity for all students and their families. It would be my privilege to serve on the Board again.

BURROWS, Charnelle

As a proud parent, midwifery student, and long-time Rotorua resident, I am delighted to nominate myself for the school parent election board. With 6 children currently in the education system and a 7th on the way, I bring not only lived experience but a deep, heartfelt commitment to ensuring our schools nurture both academic success and emotional wellbeing. My journey, from emigrating from Nuneaton England to building a life in Rotorua, has shaped me into someone who values resilience, inclusion, and community collaboration. I believe that every child deserves to feel seen, supported, and inspired in their learning environment. As a parent representative, I would advocate for meaningful engagement between Whānau and school leadership, ensuring that our diverse perspectives and cultural values are honored at every level. I am currently studying midwife at AUT, where my coursework in human development, cultural safety, and holistic care has strengthened my belief in responsive, equity focused education. I'm highly organised, reflective, and driven by a passion for creating tools and spaces that foster connection and growth. Whether it's crafting visually engaging study plans or participating in values-led assessment, I thrive in tiles that blend empathy with action. As a board never I aim to: Champion student wellbeing through culturally responsive policies and community support.Strengthen communication pathways between parents, teachers, and school leadership. Promote initiatives that reflect the values and aspirations of our local families. Above all, I bring my heart. I understand the juggle of parenting, working, studying and I know how powerful it is when schools walk alongside families in that journey. I'm deeply committed to contributing my energy, creativity, and organisation skills to help shape a school environment where every child can flourish. Thank you for considering my nomination. I look forward to the possibility of serving our schools community and making a meaningful difference together.Warmly, Charnelle Burrows

GALUSZEWSKI, Rachael

As a dedicated and passionate individual with a strong background as a civil servant in the public sector, I am excited to stand for the Westbrook School Parent Board Election. With experience in helping people help themselves, I believe I can bring a unique perspective to the role, fostering a supportive and inclusive environment that empowers our school community to thrive. My involvement and previous experience in the arts and creative sector has also given me a deep appreciation for the importance of creativity and self-expression in education. I am eager to contribute to the development of innovative and engaging programs that cater to the diverse needs and interests of our students. As a parent of a young child attending this school, I have a personal stake in ensuring that our school provides the best possible education and care for all students. I am committed to listening to and representing the voices of parents, teachers, and students, and to working collaboratively with the board to make informed decisions that benefit our school community. I am a calm, friendly, and empathetic person who is approachable and open to feedback. I believe that every parent deserves to have a say in their child's education, and I am passionate about creating opportunities for parents to engage with the school and have their voices heard. I would be honoured to serve on the board of trustees as a parent representative and help contribute to the ongoing success and growth of our school. I would love this opportunity to be part of Westbrook School and to help serve our children.

HARRISON, Jovanae

Hi there,I would like to be part of the school board in order to support the school and my son's who attend Westbrook. I would like to encourage good values at the school and and support the learning of the children, and support the teachers who do a full on job!

HOLMES, Michelle

Hi,My name is Michelle Holmes, and I would like to nominate myself for a position on the Westbrook School Parent Board. I have one child currently in Year 4, and I am passionate about the success and wellbeing of all children at Westbrook School. I believe strongly in the value of community, collaboration, and supporting our school to provide the best environment for our children to learn, grow, and thrive.I work in Health & Safety and Human Resources, which gives me a strong understanding of people, wellbeing, risk management, and creating positive environments where everyone can succeed. These skills, along with my ability to communicate effectively and work with diverse groups, would bring value to the board.Westbrook School holds a special place in our family, and I am eager to contribute to its continued success. I am particularly passionate about supporting initiatives that enhance student wellbeing, provide equitable opportunities, and strengthen connections between school, family, and the wider community. I am committed to ensuring that every student has the chance to achieve their full potential, both academically and personally, in a safe and inclusive learning environment.I value teamwork, honesty, and open communication. I believe that a strong school parent board represents the voices of the community while also supporting the principal and staff in achieving the school's strategic goals. I want to use my skills and experience to help guide Westbrook School into the future while upholding the values that make it such a special place.I am committed to working closely with the board to help our school continue to grow and provide the best possible environment for our children.

HUNT, Karen

I would like to nominated myself for the Westbrook school board. I have two children in the junior school and a long history with the school as myself was a pupil at Westbrook. I would like to see the school continue to be successful with the new principal and see this being a good time to show support.

PORTHOUSE, Kate

Hello I'm Kate and I've been on the Board of Trustees for the past 3 years and presiding member for the past 18 months.Although my children's Westbrook journey is coming towards the end I feel my journey is not. Over the past 2 months I have been working with the other board members in the recruitment process for our new principal. Playing a role in deciding the future and direction of the school means I would love the opportunity to help and support the new principal along with the staff, students and community as the school moves forward. I am an osteopath with my own clinic which gives me the flexibility to attend sporting events, day trips, school camps, performances and assemblies. As I have done this over the past 7 years I have built strong relationships with the Westbrook community. It would be an honour and privilege to continue to be part of this as our school enters a new era.

PUTARANUI, Shaunee

Kia Ora My name is Shaunee Putaranui And feeling I would be awesome as a board member I have two children at Westbrook school soon to be three and have lots to do when it comes to fundraising I am strong willed

TALJAARD, Bianca

I am excited to express my interest in serving on the Board of Trustees for Westbrook School. As both an educator and a parent, I bring a combination of professional insight and personal investment in ensuring the best outcomes for our tamariki.I am a dedicated English teacher at Rotorua Girls' High School and a proud mum to two wonderful boys, aged 6 and 2. My eldest son is currently attending Westbrook School, and my youngest is in early childhood care, so I'm deeply engaged with the education journey across multiple levels. I understand the value of a strong, supportive school community that nurtures not only academic success but also the emotional and social well-being of every child.Originally from South Africa, my family and I chose Rotorua as our home, and we have been embraced by its warmth and diversity. We've experienced firsthand what it means to belong, and I'm passionate about giving back to the community that has given us so much. Being involved in the RGHS Childcare Trust has allowed me to see how quality governance and genuine care can make a lasting difference in the lives of tamariki and their whānau. I would bring that same commitment and collaborative spirit to the Westbrook School Board.As a teacher, I'm familiar with curriculum development, assessment practices, pastoral care, and the importance of inclusive, future-focused education. I work closely with students and their families every day and understand the challenges and opportunities within the New Zealand education system. I also believe strongly in the partnership between schools and whānau, and I am committed to strengthening those relationships to support student success.I value clear communication, cultural responsiveness, and thoughtful decision-making. I believe all children should have equitable access to learning and support, and I'm particularly interested in how the Board can uphold these values through strategic planning, resourcing, and community engagement.Serving on the Westbrook School Board would be a privilege. I would bring integrity, empathy, and a practical understanding of education, along with a deep belief in the potential of every child. I want to be a part of shaping an environment where all learners can thrive.Ngā mihi nui.

Westbrook Scholastic Book Fair

Week 7 Term 3 Monday 25th of August
to Thursday 28th August

Daily 8:30am- 9:15am and 2:45 - 3:15pm

Come along and have a look at the books that will be on display in the pop up book shop.
All items featured will be for sale.
Eftpos will be available.
From the sale of books the school will get a percentage, so we will be able to purchase more books for our library.
There will be more details about selections closer to the time.
Book character dress up will be on Friday 29th of August.

Keeping Ourselves Safe Term 3

The **Keeping Ourselves Safe** programme is a vital initiative designed to educate children about personal safety in a positive and empowering way. This programme, developed by the New Zealand Police, covers essential topics such as recognizing safe and unsafe situations, understanding appropriate touch, and knowing who to talk to if they feel unsafe or worried. Through age-appropriate lessons and activities, our goal is to equip your children with the knowledge and skills they need to keep themselves safe in various situations, both online and in their daily lives, fostering confidence and resilience.

If you have any questions, or you want to know what you can do at home to help, Constable Viv is running two KOS parent meetings here at school in the staffroom on **Wednesday 16th July - at 2pm and again at 6.30pm**. We would love to see you at either one of these meetings.

NEW ZEALAND POLICE
Ngā Pirihimana o Aotearoa

Unison's Digital Safe Sparks Programme is now open to all families across Hawke's Bay, Taupō and Rotorua. This short online challenge is designed for children aged 5 to 11 and helps them learn how to stay safe around electricity through animated videos, interactive activities and real-world tips.

Easy to access (no login required)Great for home, after school care or a rainy-day activity

- Finish by 31 October 2025 to be in to win 1 of 3 $100 Prezzy Cards

Kids who complete the programme can also receive a printable certificate.
Start the challenge here: www.unison.co.nz/safe-sparks-digital

KELLY CLUB

Contact: Kirsty McCallum
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What's Up AT YOUR CLUB

KELLY CLUB WESTBROOK UPDATE

What's been happening...

This week at Kelly Club we've been embracing our *Rugby Rampage* theme! Even though winter is still keeping us wrapped up in jackets, the children kept warm with lots of active rugby games. We will balance the action with fun rugby crafts, like designing bunting and creating rugby type snacks.

The children showed great energy, sportsmanship, and creativity, making it another exciting week together. As the days slowly begin to warm up, we're looking forward to even more fun ahead.

Don't forget to check out our photos and updates on the **Kelly Club Westbrook Facebook page** – scan the QR code and give us a like to stay connected!

What's happening next week!

KELLY CLUB

THEME: We are Stars!
Term 3 Week 7, 25th August 2025

Weekly Activities Plan
Kelly Club Westbrook

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 - 8:15 am	Flag Making & Structured Free Time	Tin Foil Sparklers & Structured Free Time	Finger Painting & Structured Free Time	Staff Choice & Structured Free Time	Homemade Pikelets & Structured Free Time
8:15 - 8:30 am	Game: Kiwis & Kangaroos	Game: Kids Yoga	Game: Balloon Tag	Game: Limbo	Game: Angry Birds
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	Sign In & Structured Free Time
3:10 - 3:30 pm	Intro & Afternoon Tea Yoghurt & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Tomato Pasta & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Pikelets & Fruit
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Stars Awards Brainstorm	Create Stars Award	Create Stars Award	Create Stars Award	Create Stars Award
3:45 - 4:00 pm	Game: Human Paper, Scissors, Rock	Game: Duck, Duck, Goose	Game: Toilet Tag	Game: Follow the Sergeant	Game: Cat & Mouse Tag
4:00 - 4:30 pm	DISCOVERY **KC Stars Brainstorm**	SPORT **Starwars Shockball**	COOKING **Stars & Cream**	CRAFT **KC Star Creation**	GAME **Guardian of the Stars**
4:30 - 4:35 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up
4:35 - 4:50 pm	Snack Time Potato Sticks	Snack Time Corn Thins	Snack Time Cookies	Snack Time Raisins	Snack Time Muesli Bars
4:50 - 5:15 pm	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time
5:15 - 6:00 pm	Game: Concentration & Projects	Game: Dance Comp & Projects	Game: Doggy Doggy & Projects	Game: Flex Chase & Projects	Game: Foot Volleyball & Projects

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OSCAR PROGRAMME SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE!

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT www.kellyclub.co.nz

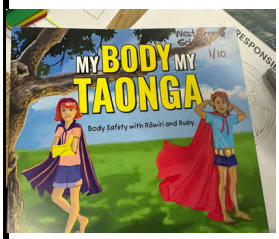
KELLY CLUB
HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
Mon 22 Sept – Fri 3 Oct
Join us for a fun-filled School Holiday Programme including a Super Squad Day, craft and cooking activities, awesome games
& MUCH MORE!
Some activities may need to be swapped for other exciting ones!
Go online to check out a full, up-to-date timetable for your venue.
OSCAR PROGRAMME SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE!
*Conditions apply
BOOK ONLINE NOW AT
www.kellyclub.co.nz

Lucky Book Issue 6
Out now
Closes Friday 29th August

Alert to all our Whanau

Ministry Parent Portal

This is an amazing new resource you might like to check out.
Lots of great ways to support your tamariki at home with their learning.
Clear indicators for the Year level your child is in and what to expect with the New Zealand curriculum coverage.
It also gives you information around how schools manage attendance, learning support, health, safety and well being as well as transition to school.



A wonderful new resource you might like to buy for your whanau. Constable Viv shared this book with our staff and some classes during our KOS sessions. We have since purchased some for our school.
You can buy these directly from the publisher.
mybodymytaonga@gmail.com
We got a wonderful message from the author 'Thank you Westbrook School, Rotorua for supporting body safety education for tamariki' Nga mihi Rosalind

Drop Off and Pick Up

The children have adapted to our safe system for dropping children at school and picking them up after school. This is generally working well, however we still have some concerns with drivers leaving cars unattended and parking in our drop off/pick up zone. We appreciate your support with following our systems.

Please remind your children each day where you will be picking them up at 3pm.

The five Loading Zone spaces on Malfroy Road will remain available for parents to safely drop off and pick up only. Staff will continue to supervise these sites until further notice

Where possible, please encourage your children to get in and out of the car on the footpath side, not the road side. Ensure your child is safely secured with their seatbelt before leaving the car park area/loading zone.

The Incredible Years

Parents, teachers, and children training series

FREE!! Programme and EVERYTHING is Provided.

The Incredible Years parenting programme acknowledges that parenting is one of the most important jobs adults can do.
The programme aims to encourage positive family relationships.

The course provides -

- Practical step-by-step suggestions for parents of 3 to 8 year olds, to help handle everyday family situations
- An encouraging and supportive learning environment
- Develop strategies to build positive relationships with your children
- Strategies to help parents manage challenging behaviour

*Learn some new strategies to add to your basket in a fun and supportive environment.

*Attend 14 fun filled sessions.

*Meet once a week for 2hrs 45mins

*Bring your partner, a close friend or relative

Start date: 20.08.2025 (Wednesday)
Food will be available from 4.30pm - 5.15pm with a break in between the session for more food.
Time: Programme starts at 5.30pm and finishes at 8.15
Place: Ngati Pikiao Runanga, 1208 Amohia Street, Rotorua

We can't wait to meet you!!

Enquiries & registration: Cissie Bennett
Phone: 027 9368232 - Feel free to call me or You can txt me your name and contact details and I can contact you to start the process or email me on - cissiebennett@hotmail.com

Let's be INCREDIBLE PARENTS together!!

WESTBROOK SCHOOL PRESENTS

ART EXPO 2025

A STUDENT ART & CRAFT EXHIBITION

4TH & 5TH SEPTEMBER 2025
8AM TO 5PM DAILY

JOIN US FOR A SHOWCASE OF ART & CRAFTS FROM WESTBROOK STUDENTS

PLUS SILENT AUCTIONS ON ART & CRAFTS MADE BY WESTBROOK STAFF

WESTBROOK SCHOOL HALL

KOHA ENTRY

love tennis
NEW TO TENNIS
OR MAKING A
COMEBACK?
Come give tennis a go!
Games, Sausage Sizzle, &
Discounted Memberships!
Rotorua Tennis Club
Manuka Cres., Rotorua
Sunday 07 Sept 2025 • 10am - 2pm
EVERYONE IS WELCOME AND IT'S FREE

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.

SchoolDocs
Policies and Procedures

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.
3. 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.

SCHOOL LUNCH OPTIONS

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

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.

Beginners After School Art Classes with Janet Keen

Enrolling NOW for Term 3 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.
From age 6 and upwards.
Enquiries welcome:
Phone 027 351 3887 or email janet@jkeen.net.
374 Clayton Road
Rotorua.

SUSHI (Mondays Only)

Supplied by Sushi Bar Haru

Every Monday, sushi is available for lunch and is ordered and paid for on KINDO 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.

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