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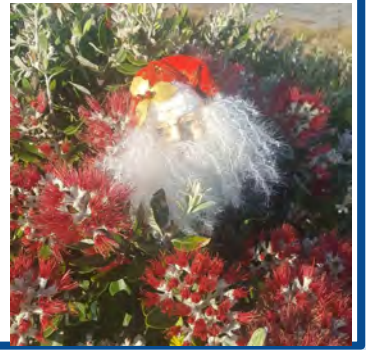
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Newsletter

Week 10 Term 4 10 December 2025



Colin's Kōrero

Principal's Awards assemblies: Many thanks to all the parents and whānau who attended one or both of our Principals award assemblies on Monday of this week. The students and staff were very appreciative of the level of support shown to each recipient when they were awarded their certificates. A huge congratulations to Roni Makiha and Kayson Hunt for winning the Principals' Shield for 2025



My last Words: This is my final Korero for 2025 and for my career in education. My nearly 50 years in education has been a journey of ups and downs, but I would not change it for the world. Teaching is, without doubt, the most amazing career anyone can work in, and my last 18 years here at Westbrook have been filled with joyful memories. I thank you all, staff, students and our Westbrook community for everything that you each have contributed to ensuring that my time here has been so satisfying. Bring on the fishing, gardening, and the odd round of golf

Westbrook Drop Off Zone Trial Communication

We are going to trial a safer drop-off and pick-up for students from the beginning of next year. We hope that it will:

- create a traffic flow that is easier for kids to predict, therefore safer.
- create a loading zone for students that is safe and effective.

We will be using line marking and flexible sticks to:

- mark off the drop-off zone.
- mark out a new mobility park.

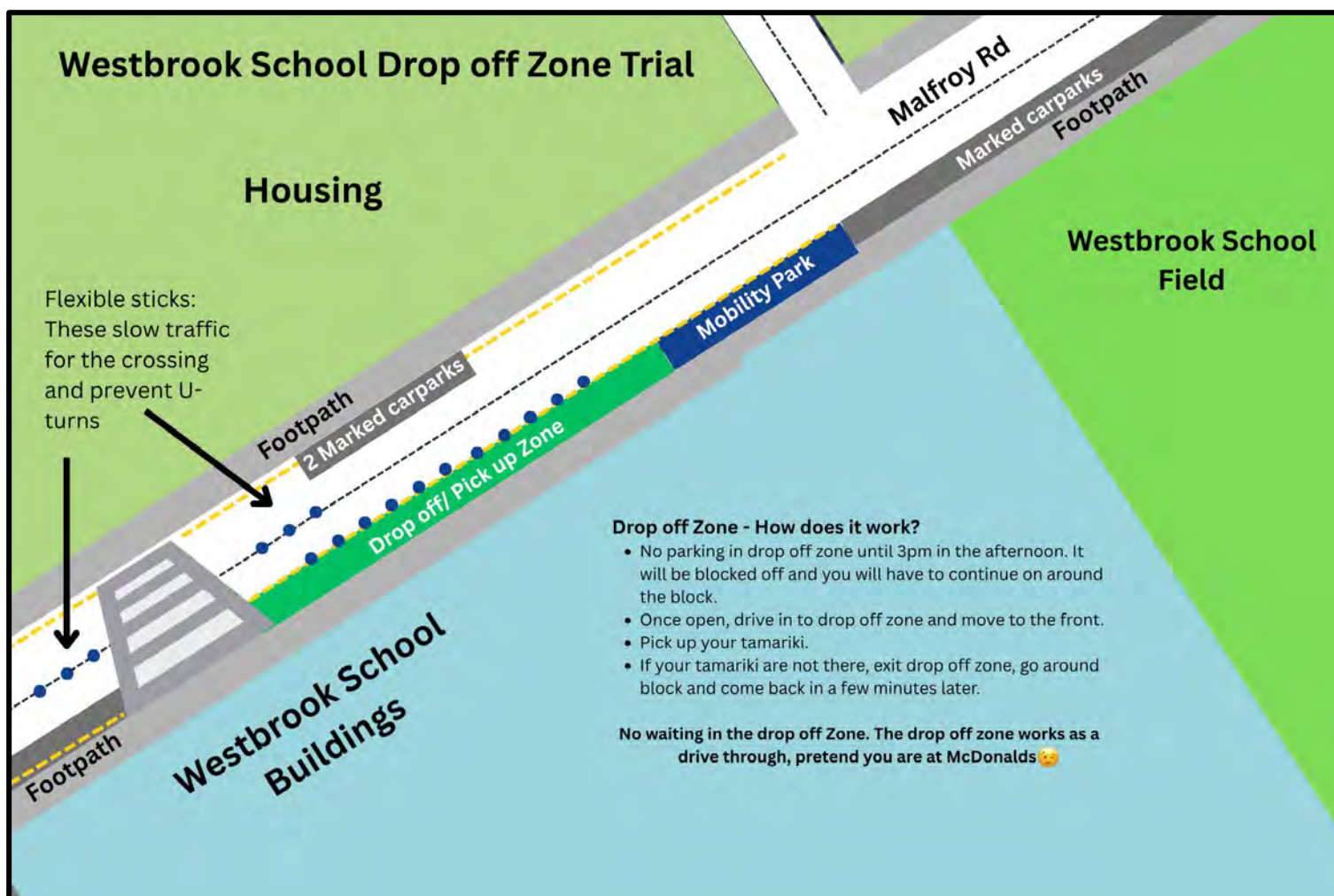
The 'Drop-off/Pick-up' zone will be closed in the afternoon until 3.00 pm.

At 3.00 pm, the cones will be removed, and the drop-off zone will be open for a drive-through pick-up only. A staff member will be on duty to help your child and you with this new process. If your child is not ready, please exit the zone and either park down the road or go around the block. Please park down the road if you arrive early, or if you have older students, delay your arrival till 3.10 pm. We are working closely with the Rotorua Lakes Council transport team to ensure we get this right.

We understand that before and after school times are busy for everyone, especially so for working parents and those children who are just starting school. We acknowledge that altering morning and afternoon routines can be stressful for families, and you may need to do this. But the way children are being picked up now is unsafe.

We will be giving this a trial for a few weeks and will make changes for safety as needed. Please be patient and open to change, which is for the benefit of our tamariki.

Alternative drop-off zone: Our Malfroy Rd entrance gets very busy. Using the carpark behind the Challenge service station is a great alternative drop-off point. There is a shortcut from here to Memphis place. We also encourage you to look for other alternatives that will work for you and your family.



2025 Calendar of Events

Term 4



Wed 10th December	Year 5 Fun Day
Wed 10th December	Year 6 Graduation – 5.45pm to 8.00pm
Thurs 11th December	Westbrook Way Day
Fri 12th December	Last school day for 2025 – 12 noon Finish

Term 1 – 2026

Mon 2nd February	First school day for 2026
Fri 6th February	Waitangi Day – School Closed
Mon 11th May	Teacher Only Day – Maths PD Day 3 (Term 2)
Mon 10th August	Teacher Only Day – Maths PD Day 4 (Term 3)

Farewell to 2025!

Early Finish on December 12th

Please make a note of the final day of school for 2025:

- **Last Day:** Friday, December 12th.
- **Early Finish:** We will be wrapping up the year a little earlier that day at 12:00 pm. (*This gives our hard-working teachers a chance to enjoy a well-deserved Christmas lunch!*)
- **Pick-up Time:** We kindly ask that all students are collected by 12:15 pm, as we will have no staff on site after 12:30 pm.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation with these plans!

Getting Ready for 2026: Stationery!

\$30.00 per child

this has been added to your KINDO

We're making a few exciting changes to stationery for the 2026 school year to ensure every student gets off to the best possible start!

- **Ready on Day One:** All student stationery will now be issued directly to classroom teachers before the school year begins. This means all learners will have their books and resources ready to go from the very first bell!
- **Easier on the Pocket:** By doing this, we're also able to bring our stationery pricing down even further.
- **Simple Payment Options:** You can pay for stationery starting from 1st December via KINDO or with cash/Eftpos at the school office. You can choose to pay up front or set up a handy Automatic Payment on KINDO to spread the cost throughout the first term.

A Quick Note on Book Bags: Because so many of our wonderful students already have book bags from previous years, we are trying something new! If your child in Year 2 and up needs a new book bag, you can purchase it separately on KINDO.

Need a Sunhat or Headphones? You can easily purchase Sunhats and Headphones on KINDO, too! We'll make sure they are delivered straight to your child in their classroom.

Amjazz - Pandora's Box

Congratulations to the Westbrook students and teachers (Whaea Molly & Mrs Wade) who performed in the Amjazz show Pandora's Box last Saturday. There were several award winners from Westbrook School including dance scholarship awards, and also top marks in NZ recipients. You all shone on stage!





SPORTS NEWS



Touch Teams' Success



Year 3 Bumblebees

The Yr3 Bumblebees played so well over the year.

They made the semi finals and played a fabulous game against Malfroy, who were the victors.

Well done all of you.

Year 1/2 Utuhina

It's been a really good season for our Year 1/2 team.

They were the runners up in last night's finals.

A great result.

Big thanks to Lah Kiel for being an awesome manager.



New Staff 2026



Kia ora, my name is Hayley Mannington. I am returning to Westbrook School after living and teaching in Tasman, Nelson for the last two years. I was previously in the Year Six Team at Westbrook from 2016-2023, and the Acting Team Leader in 2023. I am looking forward to returning to the kura that I was educated in as a young girl, and my hometown of Rotorua. You will find me in the Year Five Team.

Kia ora tatou, I'm excited to be joining the fabulous Westbrook Year 5 Team in 2026.

Originally from New Plymouth, Rotorua has been home for the past 17 years. My husband, JP, and I have two children, James and Lucy, both in their early years of tertiary study.

Being active outdoors is my happy place - we are so lucky having the forest on our doorstep. Previously, I've enjoyed being part of my children's school's PTA's - it's a great way to understand how school works, get to know other families and teachers, and a practical way of supporting the community and our tamariki. I believe school should be an inclusive, fun and welcoming space where tamariki and whanau feel comfortable to learn, connect and play together. Looking forward to sharing our learning journey in 2026.

Ngā mihi nui Lizzy Gaston, aka Mrs G



Kia ora, I am Whaea Libbee and I am really looking forward to starting at Westbrook Primary School. I have three children, all of whom have attended Westbrook, so the school holds a very special place in our family.

Before coming to Westbrook, I taught Year 1 at Western Heights Primary School. My family and I have lived in Rotorua for the past six years, and we love being so close to the outdoors. You will often find us mountain biking, swimming, or walking around our beautiful city.

This year, I am especially excited to be teaching structured literacy and writing, as these are real passions of mine. I also love art and creative outlets and can't wait to see the wonderful ideas our tamariki bring to life.

I am excited to be joining the Year 2 team in 2026!



A FUN PROGRAMME
THAT KIDS LOVE!

Friday 12 December **HALF DAY PROGRAMME**

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AVAILABLE!**

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WESTBROOK SCHOOL

Let's celebrate the last day of school for 2025 with an afternoon full of icy fun! School finishes early, so come join us for games like freeze tag, creative crafts, and delicious icy treats. It's the perfect way to kick off the holidays with friends—book online and join the fun!

Before School Care 1: \$14.50 **Before School Care 2:** \$10
7:00am – 8:15am 7:30am – 8:15am

School Day: \$24 **4pm Pick Up:** \$38 **5pm Pick Up:** \$44 **6pm Pick Up:** \$48
12:00pm – 3:00pm 12:00pm – 4:00pm 12:00pm – 5:00pm 12:00pm – 6:00pm

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KELLY CLUB WESTBROOK UPDATE

What's been happening...

🎄🇳🇿 **Kiwi Christmas Week at Kelly Club!** This week we celebrated in true Kiwi style! The kids got creative making **Christmas decorations**, from pōhutukawa crafts to fun summer-themed ornaments. Our highlight was **pavlova making**—everyone helped whip, decorate, and of course taste-test the classic Kiwi treat.

A festive week full of colour, creativity, and Christmas cheer at Kelly Club! 🎉🌟

This week we also farewell Program Coordinator Kirsty, as she heads to a new role at RotoruaNZ - from Kirsty: I am sad to announce that I will be leaving Kelly Club, my last day will be Wednesday 10th December. Although my time with Kelly Club has been short, it has been truly enjoyable! One of the biggest highlights has been connecting with our amazing kids—sharing laughs, adventures, and those everyday magic moments that make Kelly Club so special. I will miss those connections.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable and very merry christmas, and looking into the new year where there should be heaps of fun in store and exciting times ahead!

What's happening next week!



	Mon 15 December	Tue 16 December	Wed 17 December	Thurs 18 December	Fri 19 December
WEEK 1	<p>PAPER, SCISSORS, ROCK A brand new twist on the classic game of Paper, Scissors, Rock! Test your mind and body using everyday objects.</p>	<p>DREAM TEAM CHALLENGES Join forces with your friends and be the best team you can be! See how many challenges you can solve when you put your heads together.</p>	<p>BALL BLAST We know you're fans of ball with these games! There's something for everyone to kick, catch, bounce or throw.</p>	<p>KIWIANA CHRISTMAS Get ready for a sunny Christmas celebration! Have some fun in the sun with a garden tour and beach bag race.</p>	<p>CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN Santa & his elves are readying the magic for the big present day, all let's make sure we have everything ready!</p>
WEEK 2	<p>3 SLEEPS UNTIL CHRISTMAS! No Programme Today.</p>	<p>2 SLEEPS UNTIL CHRISTMAS! No Programme Today.</p>	<p>1 SLEEP UNTIL CHRISTMAS! No Programme Today.</p>	<p>CHRISTMAS DAY More Christmas fun for the Club! No Programme Today.</p>	<p>BOXING DAY Boxing Day! No Programme Today.</p>

Pricing:
FULL WEEK: £270
 7:00am - 8:00am
FULL DAY: £57
 7:00am - 8:00pm
HALF DAY: £39
 7:00am - 12:30pm / 12:30pm - 4:00pm
SCHOOL DAY: £47
 8:30am - 3:00pm
EVENT DAY: Extra £20
 (Not included in Full Week)

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DECEMBER 2025 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

WESTBROOK SCHOOL

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Tues 16 December



DREAM TEAM CHALLENGES

Join forces with your friends and be the best team you can be! See how many challenges you can solve when you put your heads together.

Wed 17 December



BALL BLAST

We know how to have a blast with these games! There is something for everyone to kick, catch, bounce or throw.

Thurs 18 December



KIWIANA CHRISTMAS

Get ready for a summery Christmas celebration! Have some fun in the sun with a gumboot toss and beach flag races.

Fri 19 December



CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN

Santa & his elves are readying the sleigh for the big present drop off! Let's make sure we have everything ready!

WEEK 2

Mon 22 December



3 SLEEPS UNTIL CHRISTMAS!

No Programme Today

Tues 23 December



2 SLEEPS UNTIL CHRISTMAS!

No Programme Today

Wed 24 December



1 SLEEP UNTIL CHRISTMAS!

No Programme Today

Thurs 25 December



CHRISTMAS DAY

Merry Christmas from Kelly Club!
No Programme Today

Fri 26 December



BOXING DAY

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No Programme Today

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SEEN CHRISTMAS TREES



Creative Tree Display,
Family fun fair with food,
games and art activities.



Charity Fundraiser SEEN Learning Collective

SEEN is a small, holistic education group.
Our kaupapa is to enhance wellbeing
through creativity and connection.
We provide quirky, don't-quite-fit-the-mold
kids with a space where they feel seen,
valued and celebrated!

11TH & 12TH DEC
5PM – 8PM

SAT 13TH DEC
11AM – 3PM

**At Pipe Band Hall,
Amohau Street**

Save the Date!!

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The Enchanted STORYBOOK NOOK

Enchanting Christmas
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SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER
3pm till Late

380 Oturoa Rd, Hamurana
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FREE COMMUNITY EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY



Christmas GROTTO

WHEN: 21ST AND 22ND DEC
WHERE: 320 MALFROY RD



THIS WILL BE THE 4TH YEAR THAT WE HAVE RUN THIS FREE
COMMUNITY EVENT.

LAST YEAR, THE GROTTO HAD 1400 PEOPLE VISIT OVER THE 2 DAYS.



GOAL

FOOTBALL ACADEMY



DECEMBER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME!

for 6-13 Year old Boys and Girls.

Dates:

Monday 15 December
Tuesday 16 December
Wednesday 17 December

Time: 9am - 3pm

Cost: \$45 per player per day

Location: Western Heights Primary School Field, Turf and Gym

Programme: Our days are spent having fun playing and learning about football. We group the children into age and ability groups working on 4 concepts of the game through the morning and then putting it all together with fun game-based tournaments in the afternoons. We also like to sprinkle in some other entertaining events and games to keep your children engaged and smiling!

Register: Online at www.goalfootballacademy.nz/holiday-programme-registration

GOAL

More info and register at: www.goalfootballacademy.nz

Or text/phone Ben on 021 053 8978

YEAR 5/6 HOLIDAY CAMPS

OUR EXCITING NEW YEAR 5/6 CAMP IS HERE! LEARN VOLLEYBALL BASICS,
PLAY FUN GAMES, AND HAVE A BLAST ON THE COURT!

WHO

Students in years 5/6

WHEN

January 20 and 27

TIME

9:30 am - 12:30 pm

WHERE

Hamurana Sports &
recreation centre

COST

\$30 per session



SCAN HERE TO
REGISTER

Questions? Please contact coachben@volleyballbop.co.nz

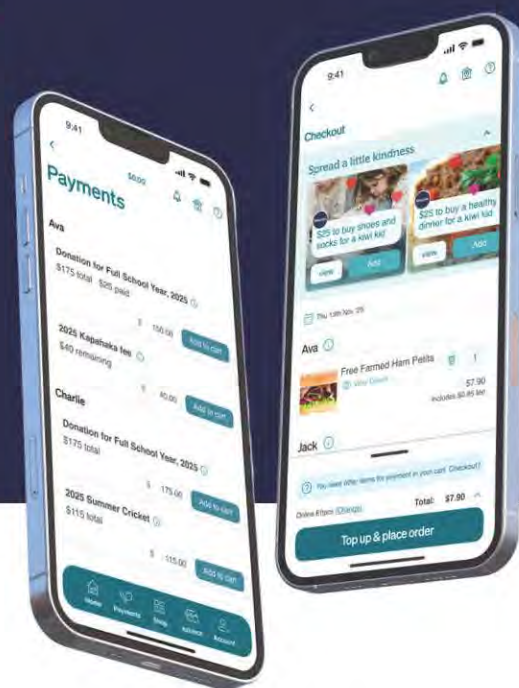
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Please Note:

Don't complete set up until the new school year starts!



Have questions?

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