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Newsletter

Week 2 Term 1 - 5th February 2025



Colin's Kōrero

Welcome to the 2025 School Year:

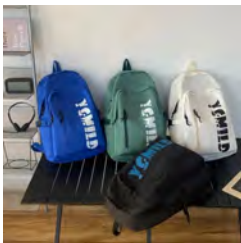
Since our first day back we have averaged around 94% attendance. That is brilliant. Most of our students have returned to school with a wonderful combination of excited expectation and enthusiasm. I have visited many classes and I am impressed with the attitude and settled behaviour of our children. Please take the time over the next week or two to meet your children's teachers. They will try to catch up with each of you over the next few weeks, perhaps in person, or if not then by text, Seesaw message, email, or phone call. If you or your child have any important information about your child's health needs or personal circumstances please make sure you make early contact with their teacher.

New Attendance Requirements:

As of this year, the government has imposed strict new rules on student attendance at school. The expectation is that all school-age students will attend school every day. There is an expectation that parents and whānau will contact the school on every occasion that a child is absent from school with an explanation as to why they are away. If we do not receive any communication from parents, or if the reason is not considered reasonable, the student will be marked as a truant. It is possible that the School Attendance Services may contact families or visit parents in order to support the student returning to school. We would appreciate your support with this new requirement.

Thank You Fordlands Community Centre:

We are grateful to the staff at the Fordlands Community Centre for their very kind donation of seven student backpacks and stationery. We will pass these on to students who may be in need. If you would like your child or children to be considered to receive one of the packs please let their teacher know.



Sunsmart Awareness

Our school has a Sunsmart policy, particularly for Terms 1 and 4 each year. We require all our students to wear a "bucket hat" in the playground at morning tea and lunchtime each day. We sell the hats from our school office for \$15.00 each.



Waitangi Day:

Our school will be **closed** on Thursday for Waitangi Day.

2025 Calendar of Events



Wed 12th February
 Thurs 13th February
 Fri 14th February
 Thurs 20th February
 Fri 21st February
 Tues 25th February
 Thurs 27th February
 Thurs 27th February
 Fri 28th February
 Mon 3rd-Fri 7th March
 Fri 14th March
 Thurs 20th March
 Thurs 27th March
 Fri 28th March
 Fri 4th April
 Thurs 10th April
 Fri 11th April
 Fri 11th April

Y6 Whānau Evening (5pm-7pm)
 Y1 Popsicle Day
 Whole School Assembly 11.30am - all welcome
 Y4 Whanaungatanga Evening (4.30-6.30pm)
Teacher Only Day
 Y1 Redwood Trip
 Y1 Redwood Trip postponement day
 Y2 Community Walk
 Whole School Assembly 11.30am - all welcome
 Family Focus Week
 Whole School Assembly 11.30am - all welcome
 Y3 Water Reservoir Trip
Westbrook GALA
 Whole School Assembly 11.30am - all welcome
 Y2 Grandparents Day
 Principal's Treat Day
 Whole School Assembly 11.30am - all welcome
 Last day of Term 1

Term 2 starts on Mon 28th April

Wed 30th April
 Fri 2nd May
 Tues 6th May
 Wed 7th May
 Wed 14th May
 Fri 16th May
 Fri 16th May
 Wed 28th May
 Thurs 29th May
 Fri 30th May
 Mon 2nd June
 Fri 13th June
 Fri 13th June
 Fri 20th June
 Fri 27th June

Y5 Camp
 Whole School Assembly 11.30am - all welcome
 Parent Interview 2.15pm-6pm (School to close early)
 Parent Interviews 3pm-6pm (normal school day)
 Junior Disco 5.30pm-6.30pm
 Senior Disco 7pm-8pm
 Whole School Assembly 11.30am - all welcome
 Pink Shirt Day
 Y4 Museum visit (9.30am-11am, 12.15pm-1.45pm)
 Y4 Musel visit (9.30am-11pm)
 Whole School Assembly 11.30am - all welcome
 King's Birthday
 Whole School Assembly 11.30am - all welcome
 Wear Hellow for Harold Day
 Matariki
 Whole School Assembly 11.30am - all welcome
 Last Day of Term 2

WESTBROOK SCHOOL GALA

THURSDAY 27th March, 4pm

Our annual school Gala is coming up again, we need to kick into action! If you are able to help in any way by donating something, or working on a stall on the night, please let us know. Many hands make light work. Pop along to the first FOTS meeting of the year or
Email: donlona@westbrook.school.nz or Ph 3476512

A huge thanks to our 2025 Gala Sponsors ...



So far

Advocate Printing
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are
awesome

We are deeply grateful to our generous sponsors for their invaluable support in making the Westbrook School Gala a success every year. Your contributions enrich our community and help create an unforgettable community event.

THANK
YOU!

Ice Blocks are \$1. Payment can be made on [KINDO](#).
The ice blocks will be available daily for several weeks.

myKindo: changing an automatic payment

myKindo is our preferred method of payment. If you have an automatic payment set up going into our school bank account, can you please update this.

- Login to your myKindo account - <https://shop.tgcl.co.nz> and select myKindo wallet
- Under the Online Bank Transfer are all the details you need to set up an Automatic Payment with your bank.
- Include your unique payment reference number so we can ensure the funds are transferred into the correct account.

① You must include your unique Reference number (your payment reference number) so we can ensure the funds are transferred into the correct account. Even though funds are taken instantly from your account it can take time for them to reach us. **Please allow up to 2 working days.**



Online bank transfer

To make an online bank transfer, please log into your banking app. Please copy these details into your banking app.

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Give your Tamariki their Best Shot

Every Day at School Counts



Rotorua
Attendance
Services
Tuia i te herenga tangata

Need help getting your
child to school? Contact
us on 027 808 2463

#LOVE BADMINTON



OPEN DAY



24 Tarewa Pl
Rotorua

SATURDAY 8 FEBRUARY
2:00PM – 5:00PM

- Free 'Have a Go' Sessions
- Basic Coaching Available
- Club Membership Options
- Sausage Sizzle

ROTORUA BADMINTON CLUB
24 TAREWA PLACE | club@rotorubadminton.org.nz | 0276387468



Girl Guiding
New Zealand



Fun, Friendship, Adventure

Guide units are starting back for 2025, and
have space for your daughter!

Guides is a great way to make friends, boost
self-esteem, build confidence and learn new
skills.

We take girls aged 5-17, and always welcome
new leaders (18+).



SCAN ME

<https://girlguidingnz.org.nz/>
0800 222 292

Beginners After school Art Classes with Janet Keen

Enrolling NOW for Term 1 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 7 and upwards.

Enquiries welcome:

Phone 027 351 3887 or email janet@jkeen.net.
374 Clayton Road
Rotorua.



GOLF NZ
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2025 CBOP PRIMARY & INTERMEDIATE ZONE EVENT

WHEN: Monday 3rd March | WHERE: Lake View Golf Club | TIME: 9:00am Registration | COST: \$20 per team

The CBOP Primary and Intermediate Zone Event is for those who have engaged with golf before and are looking to play in a fun event with friends over nine holes. This is one of four zone events where the top six teams from each zone event will qualify for the Bay of Plenty Primary and Intermediate Event Final.

This is open to all primary and intermediate schools in the Rotorua district between year 3 and year 8 (inclusive).

- Teams of three or four students.
- 9 Holes, Ambrose format.
- Register with your school sports coordinator.

Full event information can be found on the Bay of Plenty Golf Futures website under 'Schools Golf'.



For more information, please contact
Sam Kendall, sam.kendall@golfnz.org



WESTBROOK BYOC



Thinking about a chromebook for your child?

REASONS BEHIND BYOC!

01

Students always have access to a device.



02

Learn anywhere, anytime or at any pace!



03

Students have an active role in their own learning.



04

Higher engagement across all curriculum areas.



Years
4-6

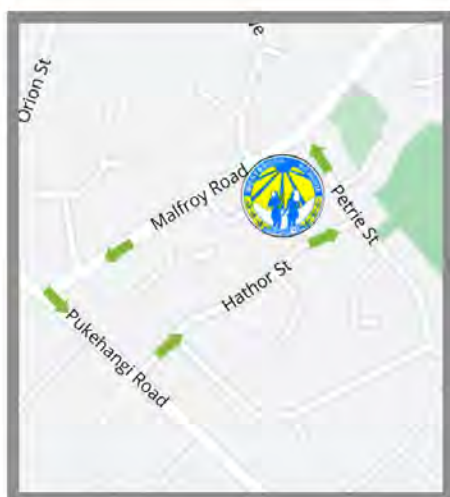
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Students are able to show their learning in creative ways!



More questions? Check out our school website for more info!

Driving safely near our school



NO
U TURN



NO THREE
POINT
TURNS

Plan your route so you don't have to U-turn or 3 point turn on Malfroy Road.

These movements are unpredictable and dangerous for other road users and for our tamariki on the path.

When using the pick up area please keep moving if:

- There are no spaces available to pull into.
- Your child is not there.





Taekwondo Term #1, 2025

Join the Olympic Martial Art: Self-Defence & More! 🌟 All new Members Welcome!

Unlock Your Potential

Build awareness, confidence, flexibility, strength, and a respectful mindset through Taekwondo. This incredible martial art is perfect for all ages and helps young individuals

Locations & Schedule:

Session 1: **Mondays:**

Otonga School Hall, Otonga Rd.
Rotorua

Session 2: **Fridays:**

Westbrook School Hall, Malfroy Rd.
Rotorua

- **Time:** 6:30 PM - 7:20 PM (Beginners) & to 8 pm (Adult/colour belts)
 - *Attending: both sessions is highly recommended, but enrolling in one is perfectly fine.*

Contact for More Information!

Email: Taekwondo.Training.m@gmail.com

Text: 02040 797219

VISTAB

Vistab is kindly sponsored by

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

Westbrook School would like to thank Brad Hill and Teresa McNab from **Hamills Rotorua** for sponsoring the **Vistab** system for the safety and security of our children



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1271 Fenton Street, Rotorua 3010

Ph: 07 348 3147

Email: rotorua@hamillsnz.co.nz

SCHOOL LUNCH OPTIONS



Congratulations
The winners from last weeks lunch
promo -
\$10 Credit are...(10 Winners!)

Oxford Crescent School - Dillon
Remarkables Primary - Naomi
Arthur Miller School - Oliver
One School Global - Capri
Wilford School - Kyrie
Marian View - Cruise
Lucknow Primary - Nicki
Westbrook School - Tahlei
Tatuanui School - Kenedi
Windsor North Primary - Lucy

All winners have been notified by email and
accounts have been credited \$10



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 [KINDO](http://www.kindo.co.nz) 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.

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 3 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.

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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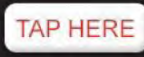








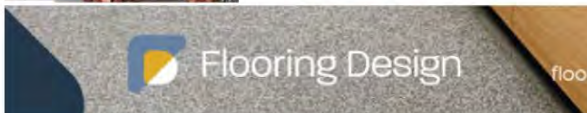
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