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Newsletter

Week 3 Term 2 14 May 2025





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Pink Shirt Day:

This Friday, May 16, is "National Pink Shirt Day." The day's purpose is to increase awareness about bullying and to send our nation a clear message that bullying should not be tolerated, and that "Kindness" should underpin all relationships.





School Photos:

All class and individual photos will be taken next Tuesday, May 20. There is a link in this newsletter that allows you to order these photos. Sports photos will be taken at a later date. All orders must be placed using the provided link.

The Influence of Social Media:

We have noticed a recent increase in the number of our students using inappropriate language, or internationally common racial put-downs, when in the playground. Much of the language and terminology comes from common social media sites. This has never been acceptable at our school. We are taking quite a hard line with this. Our students, mainly our more senior students, have been reminded of our expectations. We will contact parents and whānau of students who do not heed our advice and continue with these undesirable behaviours. Please take the time to discuss this with your children. Please also monitor closely what they are engaging with on their devices.

School Discos:

We have postponed our two discos planned for this week. The Junior disco, for our Year 1, 2, and 3 students only, is now scheduled to begin at 5.30 pm on Wednesday, May 28. This disco ends at 6.30 pm. The Senior disco, for our Year 4, 5, and 6 students (no juniors), begins at 7 pm and ends at 8 pm. All students need to be delivered to school by an adult and picked up from the hall at the conclusion of each disco. This is for Westbrook School students only - no older siblings please.



2025 Calendar of Events Term 2

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

Fri 16th May FOTS Sausage Sizzle

Fri 16th May Pink Shirt Day

Tues 20 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)

Wed 28th May Junior Disco 5.30pm-6.30pm

Senior Disco 7pm-8pm

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
Thurs 5th June Jumping June
Tues 10th June Y6 Museum Trip

Thurs 12th June School Cross Country

Wed 18th June School Hangi

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



DATE CHANGED NOW



Wednesday 28th May

Westbrook School Students

Juniors 5.30-6.30pm Seniors 7.00pm - 8.00pm (Only Year 4-6) Entry \$2

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

Pink Shirt Day Friday 16th May

This week is Bullying-Free NZ Week for 2025, ending with Pink Shirt Day on Friday, 16th May across New Zealand.

Be prepared for a sea of pink that day at our School Assembly, whether it's a t-shirt, a hair tie, your socks or a tutu! We ask for a gold coin donation that can be paid either to the teacher on that day, or you can donate:

via KINDO - with all proceeds going to

The Mental Health Foundation of NZ.

Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Ora

Speak Up, Stand Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!



Jump Day

Once again Westbrook will be supporting the Heart Foundation with a Jump Rope for Heart Day on



Thursday 5th June

The whole school will participate in a range of jump activities skipping, Jump Jam, relays and bouncy castles. The children have the option to fundraise for the heart foundation. Information will come home today. You can sign up online and earn wonderful prizes.

WHANAU DAY

HANGI TO CELEBRATE MATARIKI 18TH JUNE

PREPARATION MORNING IS TUESDAY 17TH JUNE.

ALL YEAR 2-6 CHILDREN WILL BE INVOLVED IN

VEGETABLE PEELING OR CUTTING, OR THE

MAKING OF STUFFING OR FRY BREAD.

ENJOY A HANGI LUNCH HANG OUT WITH YOUR CHILD/REN

Contact Michaela Muncaster or classroom teacher if you are able to help- seesaw message or email muncasterm@westbrook.school.nz

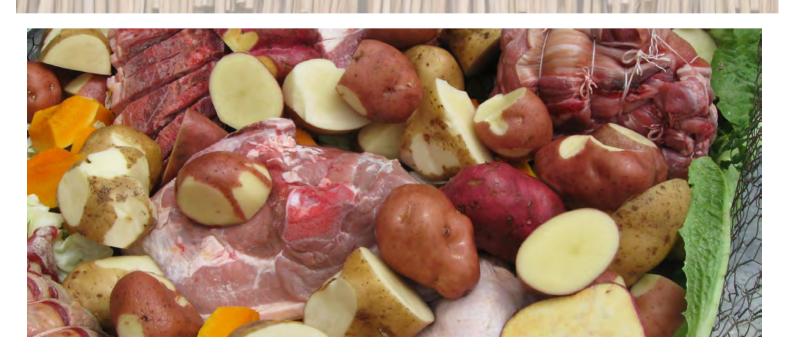


PHOTO DAY COMING SOON

Individual & Sibling
Portraits
preorder only





Pack 1	Pack 2	Pack 3	Pack 4	Pack 5	
1 copy	4 copies	3 copies	1 copy 8x10, 1 copy 5x7,	1 copy 8x10,	
8 x 10 inch	6x4 inch	5x7 inch	1 postcard print, 2 x Wallet size photos	2 copies 5x7	
\$22	\$24	\$25	\$26	\$27	

^{*}Please note packs cannot be split across multiple images*

Please head to the following website or scan the QR code to order photos.



http://masterpiece.queensberryworkspace.com/wbs25

Individual & sibling portrait pre orders will close at 4.30pm Monday 19th May.

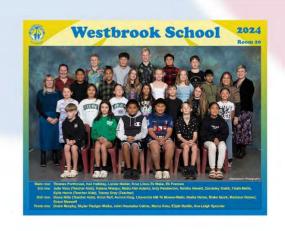
Class photos will remain online to order for the rest of the year.

Ordering with free pick up from the school will close on

Sunday 15th June.

Photo Day Tuesday 20th May





Class Photos: \$17

Click here to go to Masterpiece



SPORTS NEWS











Taekwondo / Olympic Martial Art

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

Session 1: Mondays:

Otonga School Hall, Otonga Rd. Rotorua

Time: 6:30 PM - 7:20 PM (Beginners)

Session 2: Fridays:

Westbrook School Hall, Malfroy Rd. Rotorua

& to 8 pm (Adult/colour belts)

Contact for More Information! Email: Taekwondo.Training.m@gmail.com

Text: 02040 797219







Contact: Sarah Nelson Phone: 021 079 7737

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KELLY CLUB WESTBROOK UPDATE

What's been happening...

We enjoyed seeing everyone last week and had great fun practicing to make pancakes for our Mums. We made cards, bracelets, necklaces and had a lot of fun outside. We hope you all had a wonderful Sunday with your Tamariki and enjoyed all the special gifts.

Our winners of the colouring competition were:





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What's happening next week!

CLUB KELLY		THEME: Family Fiesta Term 2 Week 3, 12th May 2025			Weekly Activities Plan Kelly Club Westbrook	
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
7:00 - 8:00 am	Paper Piane Comp & Structured Free Time	Family Collage & Structured Free Time	Fort Building & Structured Free Time	Cup Towers & Structured Free Time	Homemade Brownie & Structured Free Time	
8:00 - 8:15 am	Geme Timen Seys	Game: Neodia Teg	Genmi Kee the Next	Geme: Kneck It Out	Gama: Watky Rulays	
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 Mac & Cheese & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Teo Sammles & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sousage Rolls & Fruit	litro & Afternoon Tea Sammles & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Homemode Brownie & Frui	
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Gense BineHolded Explanate	Game: All on One Side	Gamu: Midnight	Geme: 4 Corner Dosigshall	Gome: Turkey Tog	
3:45 - 4:30 pm	SPORT House Hurry	Pizzo	Family Tree Mobile	Addams Family	DISCOVERY 3D Hands	
4:30 - 4:35 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	
4:35 - 4:50 pm	Snack Time Popcorn	Snack Time Baking	Snock Time Biscuits	Snack Time Crackers	Snock Time Vege Chips	
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 Bom Bom Bom & Projects	Game: Catch the Gragan Tail & Projects	Geme: Coterpilin: Ress & Projects	Genter Cloud Hopping	Seme Coin Rughy & Projects	

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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.







The publication is aimed at primary aged Tamariki and we thank Safekids Aotearoa (Starship Digital and Community Engagement) for editorial.

Our shared vision is that every child in Central Plateau Region and Aotearoa New Zealand enjoys a childhood free from traumatic, unintentional injury

To access magazine on your PC go to:

https://communitysafety.co.nz/magazine.php?m=273

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 2 policies

- Planning and Preparing for Emergencies, Disasters, and Crises
- Communication During an Emergency, Disaster, or Crisis
- Emergency Closure
- Emergency Management
- Disaster Management
- Crisis Management

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Reminder of our New 'Rubbish' policy

We will be encourage children to repack their plastic or paper lunch wrappings, yoghurt 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 will also have containers for waste food scraps which we will either compost or use to feed our worm farms.

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

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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FISHING & HUNTING SPECIALISTS





Understand your child's learning

Information and resources for parents, caregivers and whānau

A new webspace on <u>education.govt.nz</u> houses practical videos, activities and resources for supporting learning

that are easy to understand, empowering you to take an active role in your child's education.

An introductory video that walks you through the content is available here.

With the launch of the 'parent-friendly' versions of both our national curricula, you will know exactly what your child is learning, why it's important, and when they'll be learning it, so that you can actively support and complement your child's learning at home and have meaningful conversations with your child's teacher or kaiako.

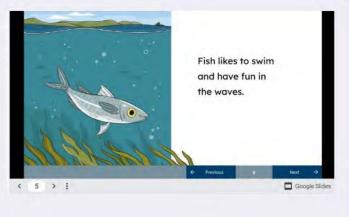




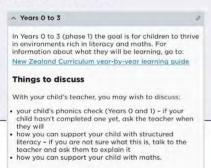
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There are practice activities for each year level that you can do with your child, and 'tips and tricks' to support learning at home. Phonics cards come with parent guidance with audio files to model the correct sounds.





There is also a guide on how to prepare for the first day of school, and tips for parent-teacher interviews.





The webspace also houses important information about how children will be assessed in the early years of schooling through the new Phonics Checks and Hihira Weteoro. It describes how parents and whānau can access additional support that their child or tamaiti might need.



As the national curriculum continues to be updated and implemented in all schools and kura over the next few years, more resources and supports will become available for parents, caregivers and whānau. We encourage you

to visit the new webspace and check out the current resources, guides and videos available. If you have any feedback or suggestions, please email us at tepoutahu.engagement@education.govt.nz

www.education.govt.nz



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