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Newsletter

Week 4 Term 2 21 May 2025





Colin's Korero

Our teachers are visiting other Rotorua Schools:

On Wednesday, May 21, half of our teachers visited Rotorua Primary School after school, while the other half visited Lynmore Primary School. I intend that our teachers visit a number of local schools throughout this year. Teachers across Rotorua are doing some amazing mahi to meet the needs of the students in their care. I want to give our staff the opportunity to learn more about what their colleagues in other schools are doing, which we can learn from. Likewise, we are offering for the teachers in these schools to visit with us, so that they too may learn from our amazing staff, and the children in their schools may benefit from what these teachers may learn from us. It takes a village to raise a child, so sharing successful practice will ultimately benefit all Rotorua tamariki.



Rotorua Primary



Lynmore Primary

School Field Upgrade:

We have been able to secure the services of Matt, from Bush Haven Farms Ltd, to upgrade our school field. The contractors will be on site from Wednesday, May 21. Half of our field will be fenced off to allow this work to be carried out. Please support this process by ensuring that this half of the field is left free from use while the grass grows. In about six weeks, once the grass has received its first cut, our children will be able to play on it, while the second half of the field is reseeded.







Class and Individual photos:

Many of you have taken up the opportunity to order class and individual photos. These were taken on Tuesday, May 20. Many thanks to you all for taking the time to dress your children in their smartest clothes, and making sure that they looked fabulous for the photos.

2025 Calendar of Events Term 2



Mon 26th May Year 3 Swimming (all week)

Mon 26th May Y4 Museum visit Rms 23 & 25 (12.15pm-1.45pm)

Wed 28th May Junior Disco 5.30pm-6.30pm

Senior Disco 7pm-8pm

Thurs 29th May Y4 Museum visit - R24 9.30-11, R21 12.15-1.45

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

Mon 2nd June

Thurs 5th June

Fri 6th June

Tues 10th June

King's Birthday

Jumping June

Pizza Fundraiser

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

How can you help your child at home?

Have you heard about the NEW Parent Portal?

A fantastic resource where you can find great ideas of ways to support your child's learning.

There is a Parent/Caregiver section with some really practical ways you can support your child and their learning at home.

Click here for an Introductory video

that walks you through the content.

See more information at the end of this newsletter.



Wednesday 28th May

Westbrook School Students

Juniors 5.30-6.30pm (Only Year 0-3)
Seniors 7.00pm - 8.00pm (Only Year 4-6)
Entry \$2

Items For Sale

Hotdog \$4.00

Cheeseburger \$4.00

Sausage & Bread \$2.00

Lollies & Drinks Various Prices

Glo Products Various Prices

Please contact the office if you are able to assist with sales on the night.







Pink Shirt Day



Well Done!
Westbrook Whanau
We raised
\$408.00
On Pink Shirt Day
Thank you





Jump Day

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

Heart Foundation JUMPING JUNE

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.

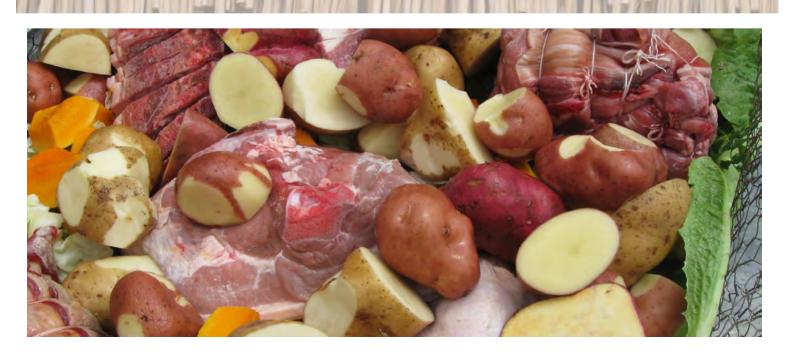
ALL YEAR 2-6 CHILDREN WILL BE INVOLVED IN

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





Te Whatu Ora

The Dental Therapist Rebecca and her team are going to apply a fluoride varnish to the whole school who requires this to help provide extra protection to your child's teeth on Friday 13th June.

Fluoride is a mineral that occurs naturally in some water sources.
Fluoride helps protect both child and adult teeth by strengthening tooth enamel. Fluoride replaces the minerals lost on the surface of the teeth during early stages of tooth decay.

What will we do?

1. Apply a protective coating of fluoride to your child's teeth.

What do you need to do?

- If <u>do not</u> want your child to have this service, or you want to discuss, please contact:
 - Phone or txt Westbrook Dental Clinic 0272010325
 or 0800 Lakes Teeth (0800 525 378)
 - teeth@lakesdhb.govt.nz







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: Phone: Email:

Website:

Programme Coordinator 021 079 7737 westbrook@kellyclub.co.nz

kellyclub.co.nz/westbrook

What's Up

KELLY CLUB WESTBROOK UPDATE

What's been happening...

We enjoyed seeing everyone last week and had great fun pizzas, playing the Adam's family cup game, getting outside and making family tree hangers.

Next week's theme looks to be just as exciting as this week has been. Keep an eye out on facebook for regular updates as to what we have been up to.





What's happening next week!

CLUB		THEME: Peacekeepers! Term 2 Week 4, 19th May 2025			Weekly Activities Plan Kelly Club Westbrook
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 - 8:15 am	Flog Making & Structured Free Time	Target Practice & Structured Free Time	Finger Painting & Structured Free Time	Keepers Bonner & Structured Free Time	Homemode Pikelets & Structured Free Time
8:00 - 8:15 am	Gemei Kliwis & Kengeroos	Game: Kid's Yege	Geme: Ballson Yog	Gams: Limbs	Game: Team Challenges
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 Teo Rice Bubble Cokes & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Teo Sammles & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Tomato Pasta & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammlex & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Homemode Pikelets & Frui
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Diarra: Human Paper Science Book	German Duck Duck Greece	Game: Tailet Tog	Game: Fellow the Serguent	Gama: Cat & Mouse Tag
3:45 - 4:30 pm	Build a House of Cards	SPORT Island Hopping	Como Cupcakes	CRAFT Dove Finger Pointing	Riot Control
4:30 - 4:35 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up
4:35 - 4:50 pm	Snack Time Pototo Sticks	Snack Time Corn Thins	Snock Time Baking	Snock 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	Geme: Cancentration & Projects	Germe: Dance Comp & Frajects	Game: Deggy Goggy & Projects	Game: Flee Chaxe & Projects	Game: Foot Valleyball & Projects



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 these 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

Westbrook School

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.

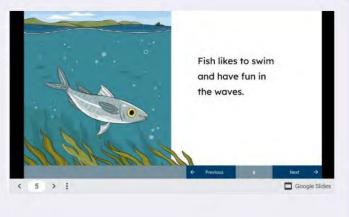




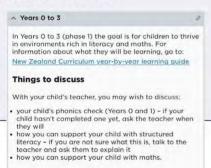
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There are practice activities for each year level that you can do with your child, and 'tips and tricks' to support learning at home. Phonics cards come with parent guidance with audio files to model the correct sounds.





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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