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Newsletter

Week 5 Term 2 28 May 2025



Colin's Kōrero

Board of Trustees Elections: The Board of Trustees elections for every school in the country are coming up. We currently have a very supportive and focused Board, with Kate Porthouse running the show as our Board Chair or Presiding Member. Being a member of our school Board is not overly demanding, with one meeting each month to discuss student progress, our financial position, and any property issues. We would love to have some new faces on the Board, combining perhaps with some of our current Board members. Below is the timeline for the Board Elections:

- **Electoral Roll closes - Wednesday 16 July.**

Our elections are being run using a digital platform this year, so it is important that we have all parents' and caregivers' correct email addresses before this date.

- Please update your contact details with the school office if you are unsure
- Call for nominations - Friday 18 July
- Close Supplementary Roll - Monday 4 August
- Nominations close - 12 noon Wednesday 6 August
- Voting papers issued - Wednesday 13 August

Election Day - Wednesday 10 September

- Close Poll - 4pm on Election Day
- Count votes and declare results - Tuesday 16 September
- New Board takes office - Wednesday 17 September

Family Focus Week - Next Week: Over the past two years, we have planned for a week in the middle of each term to be declared a "Family Focus Week" or "Whānau Focus Week". The purpose of this week at school is for the teachers to plan for our students to have some fun, creative activities to enjoy at school. We also encourage our parents and Whānau caregivers to plan some fun activities for the whole family during this week. This could mean turning off devices and playing board games, or perhaps taking a walk to a local park for the kids to play on the equipment. Next week is our Term 2 "Whanau Focus Week," so please enjoy some fun activities with your family if you can.

Monday, June 2, is also **King's Birthday**, so school will be closed for the day.



2025 Calendar of Events Term 2



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	King's Birthday - School Closed
Thurs 5th June	Jumping June
Fri 6th June	Pizza Fundraiser
Tues 10th June	Y6 Museum Trip
Thurs 12th June	School Cross Country
Fri 13th June	Whole School Assembly 11.30am - all welcome
Fri 13th June	Wear Yellow for Harold Day
Wed 18th June	School Hangi
Fri 20th June	Matariki
Fri 27th June	Whole School Assembly 11.30am - all welcome Last Day of Term 2

Our next **School Assembly** will take place this Friday in the school hall, starting at **11:30 am**.

You are more than welcome to join us, and see how we celebrate success.

We encourage the children to wear their house colours.



Reminder

School will be closed
Monday 2 June
for Kings Birthday
Weekend

Jump Day - Thursday 5th June

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

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.



Heart Foundation™

JUMPING JUNE





TONIGHT

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.



Pizza Lunch Fundraiser

As part of our fundraising for Year 6 Camp, we are offering a
Pizza Lunch on



Friday 6th June

\$2.00 per slice



Three flavours to choose from:

Simply Cheese

Ham & Cheese

Pepperoni



[Kindo](#) orders open now. [Click here.](#)

Cash payments only accepted Friday 6th June, directly to the classroom
teacher.

As this is a fundraiser, we are unable to refund any orders.

ALL Orders close **Friday 6th June 9am.**

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.

WHANAU DAY

HANGI LUNCH TO CELEBRATE MATARIKI 18TH JUNE

Whanau Day Matariki HĀNGĪ Update

Hangi Day Date: 18th June

We are organising a ground hangi.

We are asking for donations of food and each year group has been allocated an item to bring. Larger items like pumpkins donations only need to be a ¼ or a piece. Donations can be given to classroom teachers and *it would be great if they could be at school by Monday 16th June.*

We are trying to include the children in as much of the preparation as possible on the 17th June. If you have some time available to help out the class teachers or with preparation and organisation please get in touch with classroom teachers or Michaela Muncaster, Room 12, (muncasterm@westbrook.school.nz).

The following year groups have been allocated these items.

Bread or onion - Year 1

Potato - Year 2

Kumara - Year 3

Pumpkin - Year 4

Carrots - Year 5

Bread or mixed herbs - Year 6

We thank you for your support and look forward to celebrating Matariki with the children and you.
Any donations of other items would be appreciated.

**GIVE US A HAND
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 Health New Zealand

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 **do not** 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**





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KELLY CLUB WESTBROOK UPDATE

What's been happening...

We enjoyed seeing everyone last week and had great fun making camo cupcakes, playing outside in the warm sun before the cold hits and creating houses out of cards and finger painting.

School holidays are very fast approaching, with lots of fun activities planned. Get you tamariki booked in now.



What's happening this week!

 THEME: A Sea of Royals Term 2 Week 5, 26th May 2025					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 - 8:15 am	Card Games & Structured Free Time	Ocean Animals Art & Structured Free Time	Playdough Sea Creatures & Structured Free Time	Charades & Structured Free Time	Homemade Cupcakes & Structured Free Time
8:00 - 8:15 am	Game: Sea Bag Toss	Game: Balloon Stamp	Game: Box of the Balls	Game: King of the Hill	Game: Line Defence
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 Corn Thins & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Cheerios & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Homemade Cupcakes & Fruit
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Game: Shell Chase	Game: Master	Game: Space Invaders	Game: Scatter Ball	Game: Lonely Ghost
3:45 - 4:30 pm	GAME Cannon Ball Pop 	DISCOVERY Ocean Slime 	SPORT Hot Cannonball 	COOKING Under the Sea Jelly 	CRAFT Scepter 
4:30 - 4:35 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up
4:35 - 4:50 pm	Snack Time Vege Chips	Snack Time Popcorn	Snack Time Biscuits	Snack Time Baking	Snack Time Crackers
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: Hamlet Tag & Projects	Game: King of the Ring & Projects	Game: Mexican Kickball & Projects	Game: Pirates Basketball & Projects	Game: Martial Enemies & Projects
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MATARIKI DRONE SHOW & NIGHT MARKET

ROTORUA LAKEFRONT | KOURAMĀWHITIWHITI
19TH & 20TH JUNE
NIGHT MARKET 5PM-9PM | DRONE SHOW 8PM
FREE EVENT

CENTRAL PLATEAU SAFEZONE

ka tango i tetahi kainga ki te whakatipu tamaiti

Magazine



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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>

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 [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.

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.
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 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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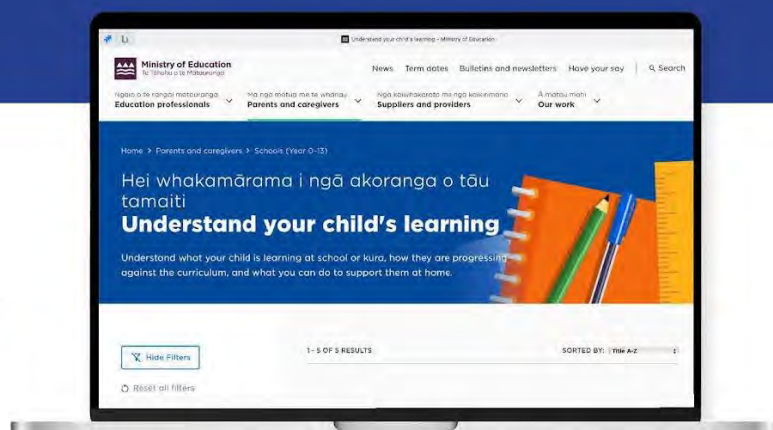
Understand your child's learning

Information and resources for parents, caregivers and whānau

A new webspace on [education.govt.nz](https://www.education.govt.nz) 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.



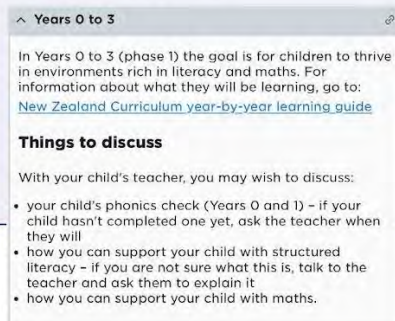
To navigate the website, you can choose which curriculum you want to learn more about and then go to your child's year level.



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



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