Week 5 Term 4, 11th November, 2026

Westbrook School

Weekly Newsletter

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Principal Pānui

On Friday, we had a group of approximately 70 students participate in the Legends of the Peak running event. They had a great day and came back with stunning medals and huge smiles on their faces! Thank you so much to Mrs Trembath, support staff and our accompanying parents for making this event possible for our tamariki.





Wet Days With the changeable spring weather, it is anyone's guess what the weather will be like each day. Please ensure your child has a rain jacket and/or umbrella each day so that they don't get soaked when the rain suprises us! There are a lot of children coming to school unprepared for rainy days.

Pick up and Drop off zone Please use your indicator when pulling into or out of our Pick up and Drop off zone, so that other drivers are aware of your intentions. And a gentle reminder: please pull right forward rather than stopping and blocking the queue of traffic.

Pay it Forward Kindo has an option for families who wish to make a small donation and 'pay it forward' to another child or family who may be experiencing financial hardship. This ensures that no child misses out on events such as camps, or purchasing a sunhat or lunch. A huge thank you to those who have use this opportunity to donate this year. We really appreciate your generosity.

Rachel Weinberg, Principal

Senior Athletics



Hopefully the weather co-operates and athletics goes ahead tomorrow. Below is the revised plan.

Children will compete in their age group (age as of Monday 12 October 2026, the first day of Term 4). Only 9, 10 and 11 year olds can qualify for CBOP Athletics.

School will start at the normal time. After roll call, the classes will walk down to the stadium.
Shoes are required for the walk. Please ensure that your child has **suitable attire** for athletics and that they are wearing **a hat and sunblock.**
Children will need to **bring lunch and a drink bottle**. **There will be no lunch orders available for the day.** They need to be prepared for Athletics, even if you are unsure about the weather. They may want to wear some of their house colours on the day too.

Parents and families are welcome to come along.

Should we be unable to proceed due to bad weather, we will update information via our school Facebook page and Skool Loop.

	Shot Put	100m	Discus	Long Jump	200m	High Jump	60m
9.30-10.05	11 Yr Girls	11 Yr Boys	10 yr Girls	10 yr Boys	9 Yr Girls	9 yr Boys	8 yr olds
10.05-10.40	8 yr olds	11 Yr Girls	11 Yr Boys	10 yr Girls	10 yr Boys	9 Yr Girls	9 yr Boys
10.40-11.15	9 yr Boys	8 yr olds	11 Yr Girls	11 Yr Boys	10 yr Girls	10 yr Boys	9 Yr Girls
11.15-11.50	9 Yr Girls	9 yr Boys	8 yr olds	11 Yr Girls	11 Yr Boys	10 yr Girls	10 yr Boys
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12.10 - 12.45	10 yr Boys	9 Yr Girls	9 yr Boys	8 yr olds	11 Yr Girls	11 Yr Boys	10 yr Girls
12.45- 1.20	10 yr Girls	10 yr Boys	9 Yr Girls	9 yr Boys	8 yr olds	11 Yr Girls	11 Yr Boys
1.20-1.55	11 Yr Boys	10 yr Girls	10 yr Boys	9 Yr Girls	9 yr Boys	8 yr olds	11 Yr Girls
1.55-2.30	Class Relays and House Relays						



YEAR 2 AND 3 ATHLETICS

THIS THURSDAY 12TH NOV.

YEAR 3 - 9:15AM,

YEAR 2 - 11:45AM

Parent Survey - Term 4, 2026

(click here to go to survey)

We would love to have as many respondents as possible so have a $100 grocery voucher up for grabs for all who answer the survey and opt to go into the lucky draw.
The survey will close on Friday 13th November.
There's still time to have your say.

The Board looks forward to your input.





Senior Kapa Haka

If your child is a member of our Senior Kapa Haka group and will be performing as part of the Rotorua Primary Schools Kapa Haka Ahurei on Wednesday 25th November, 7.30- 9.00pm at the Sir Howard Morrison Centre.
Tickets are now available to pay for on KINDO.
Two tickets have been allocated and charged to each child performing and must be paid either at the office or on KINDO (under fees and donations) by Friday 13th November.
If you do not intend purchasing tickets please let the office know ASAP so they can be made available to those who may want extra tickets.
Children performing do not need a ticket, only audience members. Children under three that are sitting on an adult's lap do not require a ticket but all other children do.
If you would like more than 2 tickets please contact the office to be placed on a waitlist if we have any become available.

URGENT Library Book Returns URGENT

We are having our biennial stocktake and tidy up of our library.

All Westbrook School Library Books are due back this Friday the 13th of November.



If books are not returned there will be a replacement cost.

Thank you for your support with this.

Help us help the community!



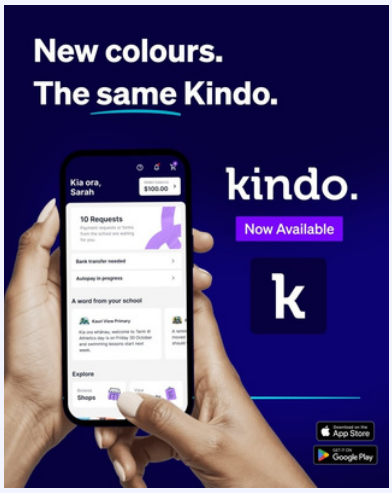


Lucky Book Club



Issue 8 out now.
Last day for orders
9am Thursday
26th November
Order at the office or online@Scholastic







Lunchclub Donations

To ensure all our students have enough to eat, the school is currently providing morning tea and lunch for those arriving without food. As this is an ongoing cost to our budget, we would gratefully appreciate any donations of:

- Loaves of bread (fresh or for the freezer)
- Sandwich spreads (jam, honey, etc.)
- Seasonal fruit (if you have an excess of garden produce!)

Please drop any contributions to the School Office. Your generosity directly helps our students stay focused and ready to learn.
Thank you for your continued support!





Term 4 Overview 2026

Term 4

Thursday 12 November - Y6 Student Councillors to Rotokawa show
Thursday 12 November - Y2/3 Athletics (School Field)
Thursday 12 November Senior Athletics (TBC) Stadium Fields
Friday 13 November - Whole School Assembly, 11.30am
Friday 13th November - FOTS Sausage Sizzle
Tuesday 17 November - Year 1 Whanau Picnic day 11.30am-1.00pm)
(on the school field - *If wet - postponement date Thursday 19 November*)
Wed-Fri 18-20 November - Year 6 Camp at Tui Ridge
Monday 23 November - Y1 Firewise visit at school
Monday 23 November - Year 3 Maketu Trip
Tuesday 24 November - Bike Safe Year 4
Wednesday 25 November - Westbrook Kapa Haka - Ahurei
Thursday 26 November - Year 5 Fun Day
Thursday 26 November - Lucky Book Issue 8 Last day to order!
Friday 27 November - Whole School Assembly, 11.30am
Wednesday 2 December - Road Patrol Treat Day
Wednesday 2 December - Year 4 Fun Day
Thursday 3 December - CBOP Athletics
Friday 4 December - Certificates Assemblies
Monday 7 December - Principal's Awards Assemblies
Tuesday 8 December - Westbrook Way Day
Wednesday 9 December - Year 2 Blue Lake Trip
Wednesday 9 December - Year 6 Graduation
Thursday 10 December - Year 6 Fun Day
Friday 11 December - Last Day of Term 4 (*12 noon finish*)

2027 Start Date for Students: Tuesday 2nd February

Terms Dates 2027

Term 1 Tuesday 2nd February - Friday 9th April

Term 2 Tuesday 27th April - Friday 2nd July

Term 3 Monday 19th July - Friday 24th September

Term 4 Monday 11th October - Thursday 16th December (TBC)

Kelly Club Week 6 Term 4 Timetable:

KELLY CLUB

Contact: Kara Lefson
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What's Up AT YOUR CLUB

KELLY CLUB WESTBROOK UPDATE

What's been happening...

We loved Kids Choice week! Filled with Ice Cream Sundaes, Slime, Rippa Tag and Dance battles, who wouldn't have had a ball?

Show off your favourite hobby! Lets share what we love and have fun doing it together!





What's happening next week!

KELLY CLUB

THEME: Happy Hobbies!
Term 4 Week 6, 16th November 2026

Weekly Activities Plan
Kelly Club Westbrook

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 - 8:00 am	Flag Making & Structured Free Time	Target Practice & Structured Free Time	Finger Painting & Structured Free Time	Lego Building & Structured Free Time	Homemade Pikelets & Structured Free Time
8:00 - 8:15 am	Game: Simon Says	Game: Noodle Tag	Game: Rob the Nest	Game: In & Out	Game: Turkey Tag
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 Rice Bubble Cakes & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Tomato Pasta & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Homemade Pikelets & Fruit
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Game: Frozen Tag	Game: All on One Side	Game: Midnight	Game: Seaweed	Game: Wacky Relays
3:45 - 4:30 pm	DISCOVERY Mini Replicas	SPORT Hockey	COOKING Scones	CRAFT Painted Postcards	GAME Board Games Champion
4:30 - 4:35 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up
4:35 - 4:50 pm	Snack Time Potato Sticks	Snack Time Corn Thins	Snack Time Baking	Snack 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	Game: Bom Bom Bom & Projects	Game: Catch the Dragon's Tail & Projects	Game: Caterpillar Race & Projects	Game: Cloud Hopping & Projects	Game: Coin Rugby & Projects

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OSCAR PROGRAMME SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE!

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT www.kellyclub.co.nz

KELLY CLUB

A FUN PROGRAMME THAT KIDS LOVE!



Friday 11 December

EARLY FINISH PROGRAMME

OSCAR PROGRAMME SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE!
*Conditions apply

WESTBROOK SCHOOL

School is finishing early today so let's have a cool afternoon with some icy fun. There will be lots of exciting activities with games like freeze tag and statues, cool arts and crafts, and some icy treats.

Before School Care Full: $15
7:00am - 8:15am

Before School Care Half: $10.50
7:30am - 8:15am

School Day: $27
12:00pm - 3:00pm

4pm Pick-Up: $42
12:00pm - 4:00pm

5pm Pick-Up: $48
12:00pm - 5:00pm

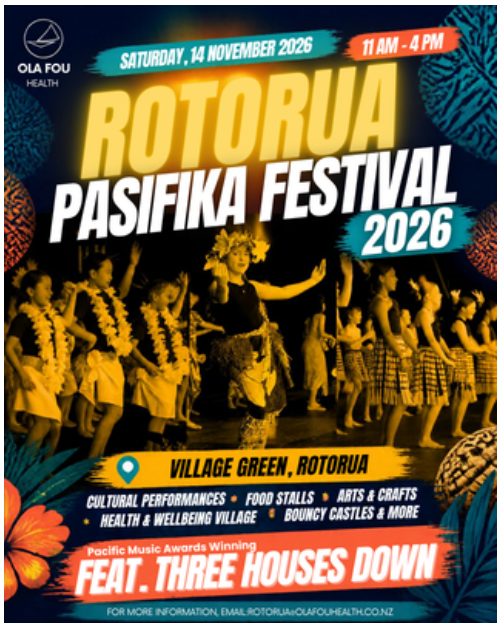
6pm Pick-Up: $52
12:00pm - 6:00pm

Contact: Kara Lefson
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BOOK ONLINE NOW AT www.kellyclub.co.nz

Upcoming Community Events









Linton Park Community Centre

- *Kin Carer Connect has developed a programme for young people you can join, participate and be part of a new initiative - find out more from this organisation - office@kincc.nz*
- *Hip Hop Rotorua is a free dance class where you learn to meet new people and build self-confidence, contact rotoruayouthdance@gmail.com*

Both Programmes are on Monday and Thursday afternoon from 4.00pm - 5.30pm



Look Sharp Store Discount

Our school has a Look Smart membership and we can pass on the benefits to our teachers, parents and students. To receive 10% off your purchases, show this QR code in store.

Perhaps this is a good opportunity to stock up your house colours!



Kapahaka Poi for sale

Long Poi $10.00 each
Short Poi $8.00 each

Order on Kindo



To find out more or to join our mailing list for regular updates email earthfest@gsnz.org.nz and make sure you visit our website!

EarthFest – A Festival of Earth Science 2026

is Aotearoa's biggest and only family friendly event dedicated entirely to the world of Earth Sciences. Learn about volcanoes, earthquakes, energy, minerals, fossils, rocks and all other things about the active and dynamic planet we live on and the scientists who study and explain it to us.

EarthFest includes interacting and engaging displays from a wide range of organisations and experts in their fields. In 2026 EarthFest is being held at Toi Ohomai in Rotorua from 29 – 30 Nov. and in its fourth year is going to be bigger and better than ever, thanks to the support of Toi Ohomai and the Geoscience Society of New Zealand.

This **free event** will provide an opportunity for members of the public—especially tamariki and rangatahi (children and young people)—to engage with a variety of Earth Science concepts and disciplines, to foster interest and inspire future careers.

To find out more or to join our mailing list for regular updates email earthfest@gsnz.org.nz and make sure you visit our website. We would love to hear from you!

EarthFest Festival of Earth Science 2026 | TOI-OHOMAI Institute of Technology | Geoscience Society of New Zealand | geoconservation.org | EASTBAYREAP



MARG"S SWIM SCHOOL

St Mary's Primary School
Heated Pool

Learn to swim recommences
Monday 19th October

Non - Confident to Confident
Swimming and Water Safety

Phone Marg 0274599286
email : boiellem3@gmail.com

Please include your name and phone number with email



Items Needed for Our Makerspace



- Unwanted or broken small appliances for disassembly
- Flat sheets of cardboard for crafting and drawing
- Unwanted tools, like screwdrivers, for appliance disassembly

📱 Growing Tech-Smart Tamariki Together! ✨

At our school, we love seeing our kids thrive, both in the classroom and out. We know that while technology brings so many awesome opportunities, navigating the digital world can sometimes be a bit tricky. We want to work right alongside you to keep our tamariki safe, happy, and balanced in the digital space.

To help us all team up on this, we'll be sharing a quick, bite-sized video clip in our school newsletter each week. These short clips are packed with practical tips and insights so that we can learn, chat, and work together as a whānau. This week's clip is below - remember to keep your eye out for next week's one!

How to Deal with Anti-social Behavior Online - John Parsons.mp4

These clips are kindly provided by Kids on Line

SchoolDocs Policies and Procedures

Westbrook School

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 4 policies

- **Curriculum and Student Achievement Policy**
- **Reporting about Student Progress and Achievement**
- **Learning Support**
- **Māori Educational Achievement**
- **Religious Instruction***/Religious Observances*
- **Health Curriculum**
- **Privacy Policy**

*Not all schools have this policy

Westbrook School

When our tamariki are... bored



Boredom can feel like a problem we need to fix. But boredom creates space for creativity, problem solving and possibility.

It's important we offer tamariki space to imagine, create and find their own next step.

Here's some go-to's:

1 Normalise it

Boredom happens. It doesn't need fixing straight away and it's the space before creativity!

"I'm bored!"
"Oh cool, that means your brain is about to get creative."

2 Hand it back

Let them own the problem and the possibilities.

"I'm bored!"
"Hmm, I wonder what you'll come up with?"

3 Leave some space

Encourage the understanding that not every minute needs to be filled.

"I'm bored!"
That's okay. It's good to have downtime, too."

A SIMPLE TIP

Pause before fixing
When "I'm bored" arrives, wait before offering ideas.

"It's okay to have some downtime. I wonder what you'll do with it?"

real parents realparents.org.nz

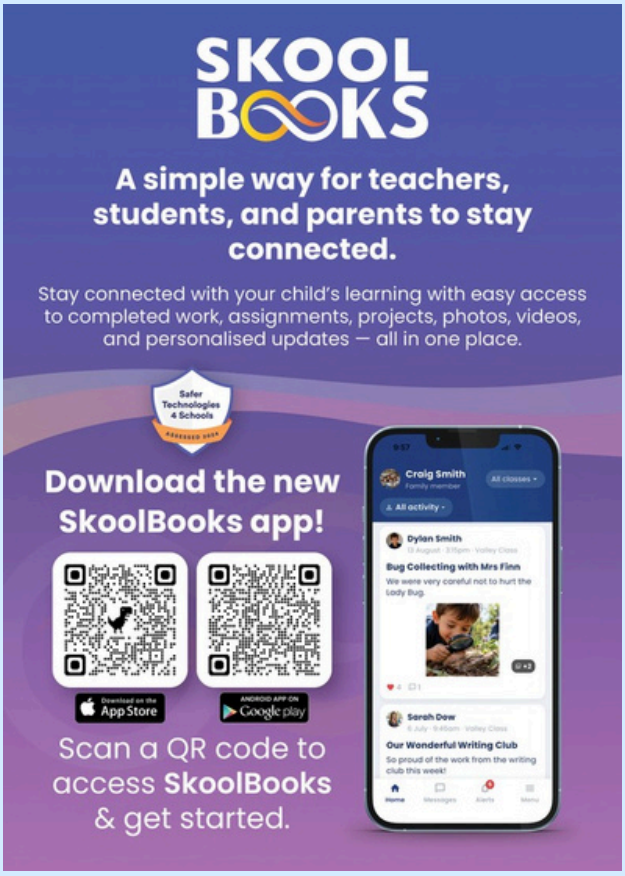
Real Parents shares practical evidence-based parenting support for whānau.

SkoolBooks App

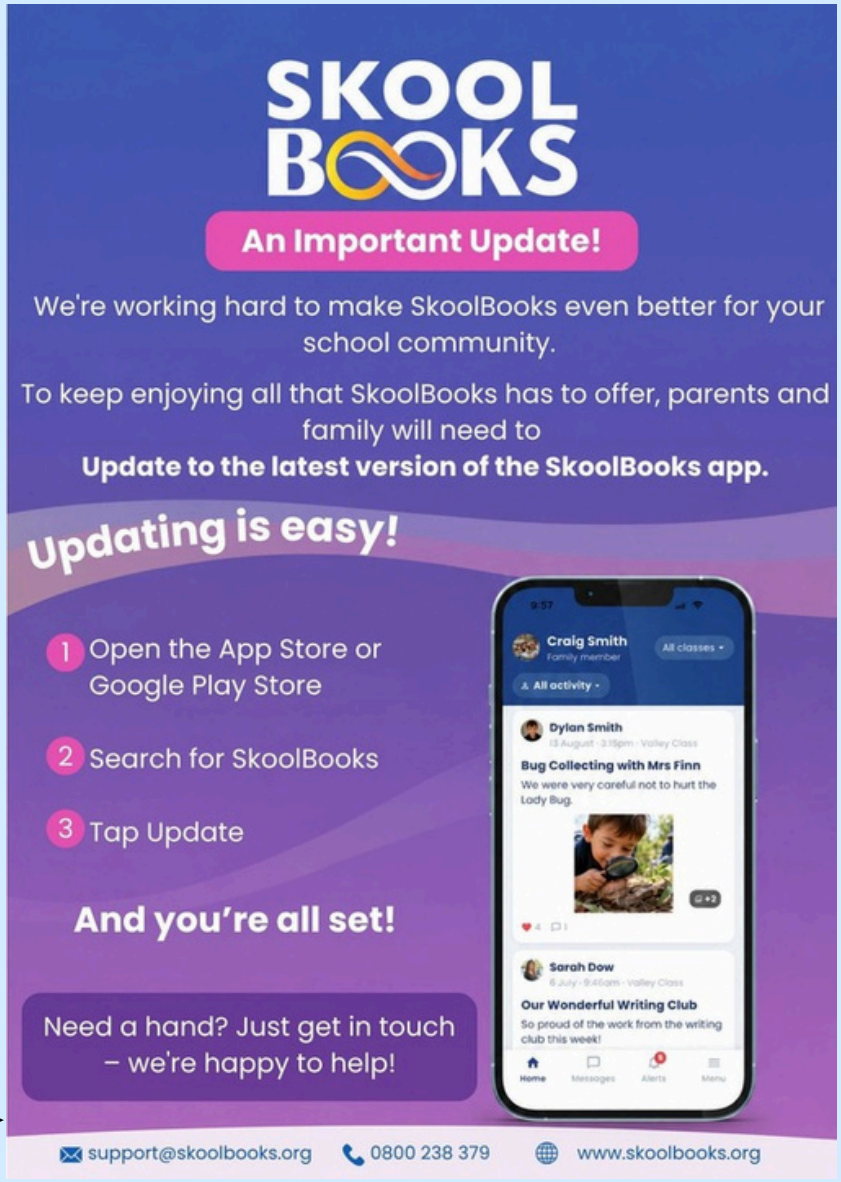
We have all been waiting for SkoolBooks to release an App.....and it's finally here!! This will make life easier for families to access the content of their child's journal and to receive communications from our child's teacher. This will also make life easier for teachers uploading content.

If you are not yet on SkoolBooks, **PLEASE, PLEASE SIGN UP NOW**. We want this to be a great way for school and our families to communicate and we can't do that if you haven't signed up. Now that we have the app, you will get the NOTIFICATIONS that you have asked for.

We want family signed up for EVERY CHILD in EVERY CLASS - let's make that happen. You can download the app for iPhone and Android.



If you already have the app, update now!!



Helpful Links & Contacts

Click to follow the links:

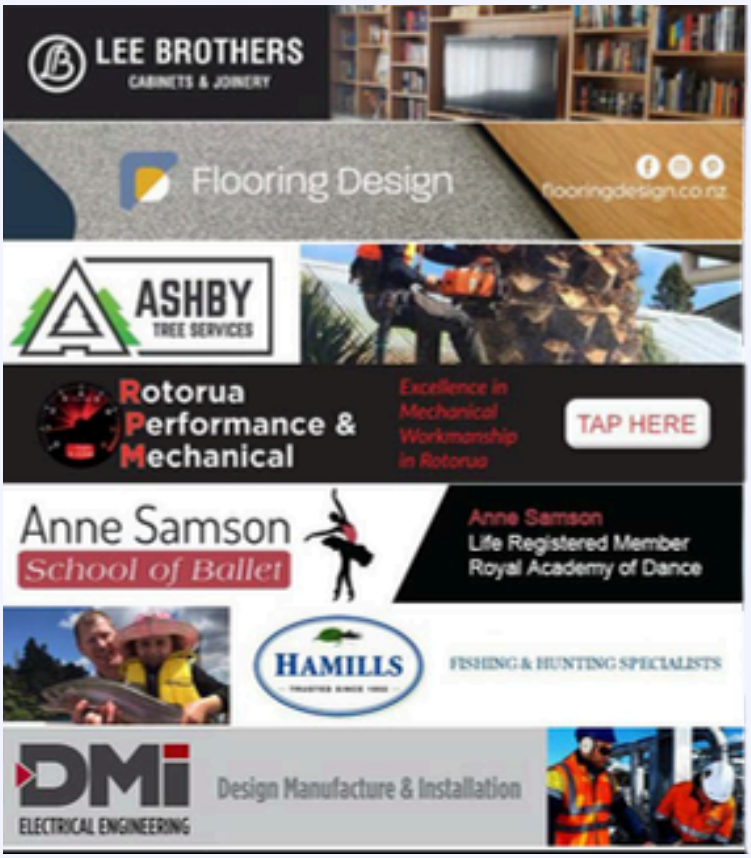


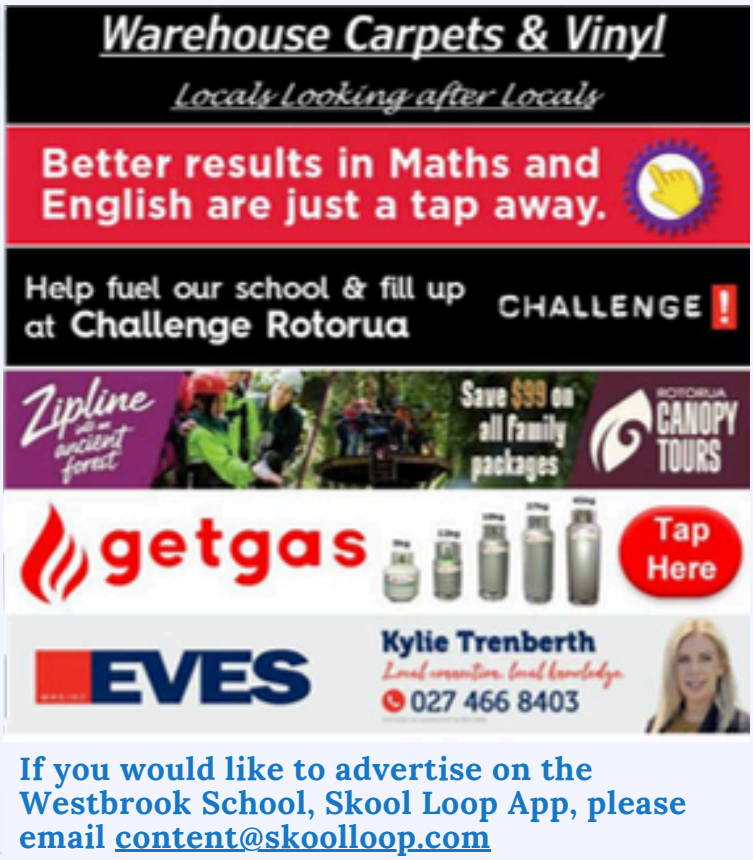
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