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Newsletter

Week 7 Term 4 19th November 2025



# Colin's Kōrero

**The Treaty of Waitangi:** You may have heard or read that our current government is looking to remove any obligations or content in schools about Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Our current position, like most schools in New Zealand, is quite clear. Since 2007 we have been required, under legislation, to write a Strategic Plan for a three-year duration. Our current Strategic Plan and our Concept Curriculum, which sits alongside the Strategic Plan, require us to include references that relate to supporting the principles of the Treaty. This Plan was approved by the Ministry of Education. We intend to continue to uphold the requirements of this Plan, including the references to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

**Kinetic Sand:** You may also have heard that Kinetic Sand was imported into NZ, which contained asbestos. A small sealed container of this sand was held in a cupboard, on the stage, in the hall. This was owned by the Kelly Club. The owner of Asbestos Eliminators came to school on Monday, removed the sand for burial, and gave our school clearance to continue as normal.

**Year 6 Camp:** Our Year 6 students and staff enjoyed three days of fun and adventure last week at the Tui Ridge Outdoor Adventure Park. The team was supported by several very enthusiastic and capable parents. On behalf of the school, I would like to thank the parents and staff who gave up their time to ensure that our students had a wonderful time.



**Orienteering Success:** We sent 6 teams of Year 5 students to the annual Orienteering Competitions last week. One of our two-person teams managed to win the competition. Congratulations to Livia Relf and Poppy Smith for their winning ways. Thanks also to Roger Pooley for coaching the teams. Check out the photo in this Newsletter.

# 2025 Calendar of Events

## Term 4



Fri 21st November	Whole School Assembly 11.30am – all welcome
Fri 21st November	Sausage Sizzle
Fri 21st November	Lucky Book, Issue 8 closes
Fri 28th November	Senior Swimming Sports Day
Mon 1st December	Welcome for Rachel Weinberg (new Principal 2026) at 11.30am (all welcome)
Tues 2nd December	Colin's Farewell Assembly 10–11am (all welcome) (day changed)
Wed 3rd December	CBOP Athletics
Thurs 4th December	Y4 Fun Day
Thurs 4th December	Y2 Blue Lake Trip
Fri 5th December	Certificates Assembly
Mon 8th December	Principal's Awards Prizegiving – Junior 9.45am & Senior 11.30
Wed 10th December	Year 6 Graduation – 5.45pm to 8.00pm
Thurs 11th December	Westbrook Way Day
Fri 12th December	Last school day for 2025 – 12pm Finish

## Term 1 – 2026

Mon 2nd February	First school day for 2026
Fri 6th February	Waitangi Day – School Closed
Mon 11th May	Teacher Only Day – Maths PD Day 3 (Term 2)
Mon 10th August	Teacher Only Day – Maths PD Day 4 (Term 3)

Our next **School Assembly** will take place This **Friday 21st November** in the school hall, starting at **11:30 am**.

You are more than welcome to join us, and see how we celebrate success. Remember to wear your House Colours!





# FOTS Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser



**Friday 21st November**

Sausages \$2.00    Juice \$2.00    Water \$2.00

Purchase on [Kindo](#) or bring \$\$\$ on the day

Orders close 9am Friday 29th August



**Lucky Book Issue 8 Closes  
Friday 21st November**



**All Library Books and School Reading books  
Need to be returned by Friday 21st November.**

## Fill the Bus



The team at **The Hits Rotorua** are once again running the successful **FILL THE BUS** campaign to support the **Rotorua Salvation Army Christmas Foodbank Appeal**.



We are collecting **cans and non-perishable food items** at Westbrook School over the next few weeks.



If you can spare any of the above items, please send them to the office by **3pm on Wed 3rd December** so the Student Council can have the items ready for collection on Thursday.

**Thank you for helping us to help others this Christmas!**

## LOST PROPERTY IT MUST BELONG TO SOMEONE!

**All items will be on display outside the library on fine days until  
Friday 5th December**

Please come and check if any of it belongs to your child.  
All items left on Monday 8th December will be washed & donated to charity.

PLEASE name your child's clothing.  
Named items will be returned to students.





# Farewell to 2025!

**Early Finish on December 12th**

**Please make a note of the final day of school for 2025:**

- **Last Day:** Friday, December 12th.
- **Early Finish:** We will be wrapping up the year a little earlier that day at 12:00 pm. (*This gives our hard-working teachers a chance to enjoy a well-deserved Christmas lunch!*)
- **Pick-up Time:** We kindly ask that all students are collected by 12:15 pm, as we will have no staff on site after 12:30 pm.

**We appreciate your understanding and cooperation with these plans!**

## Getting Ready for 2026: Stationery!

**\$30.00 per child**

*this will be added to your KINDO*

We're making a few exciting changes to stationery for the 2026 school year to ensure every student gets off to the best possible start!

- **Ready on Day One:** All student stationery will now be issued directly to classroom teachers before the school year begins. This means all learners will have their books and resources ready to go from the very first bell!
- **Easier on the Pocket:** By doing this, we're also able to bring our stationery pricing down even further.
- **Simple Payment Options:** You can pay for stationery starting from 1st December via KINDO or with cash/Eftpos at the school office. You can choose to pay up front or set up a handy Automatic Payment on KINDO to spread the cost throughout the first term.

**A Quick Note on Book Bags:** Because so many of our wonderful students already have book bags from previous years, we are trying something new! If your child in Year 2 and up needs a new book bag, you can purchase it separately on KINDO.

**Need a Sunhat or Headphones?** You can easily purchase Sunhats and Headphones on KINDO, too! We'll make sure they are delivered straight to your child in their classroom.





# SPORTS NEWS





Orienteering Girls  
1st place winners  
Congratulations Poppy and Livia.  
Thanks Mr Pooley for coaching!



## KELLY CLUB WESTBROOK UPDATE

### What's been happening...

 **Kids Choice Week** - all planned by the kids themselves! 

We are having an awesome Kids Choice Week filled with fun and creativity! The kids enjoyed america hot dogs, will make their own homemade pizzas, get artistic with craft creations, and race through an exciting Master Tag game.

Thanks to all the kids for an amazing week!



### What's happening next week!

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 - 8:15 am	Bubble Painting & Structured Free Time	Who am I? & Structured Free Time	Tissue Paper Dinosaur & Structured Free Time	Homemade Muffins & Structured Free Time	Board Games & Structured Free Time
8:15 - 8:30 am	Game: Handball	Game: Catch the Snake Tail	Game: Line Tag	Game: Red Light, Green Light	Game: Traffic
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 Chips Salsa & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Cheerios & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Biscuits & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Game: Tap Ball	Game: Snowball Tag	Game: Shark in the Mud	Game: Quick Fire Cricket	Game: Capture the Flag
3:45 - 4:30 pm	<b>CRAFT</b> Dinosaur Fossil & Bones 	<b>GAME</b> Dino Pie Face 	<b>DISCOVERY</b> Dino Dig Excavation 	<b>SPORT</b> Football 	<b>COOKING</b> Rice Krispie Dino Eggs 
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 Biscuits	Snack Time Crackers	Snack Time Vege Chips	Snack Time Baking
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: Muffin may I? & Projects	Game: Where's Wally? & Projects	Game: Sharks, Islands & Fish & Projects	Game: Sheep & Wolves & Projects	Game: Slide Tag & Projects

# SCHOOL LUNCH OPTIONS



Order and pay for lunches online by 8.30am  
It's simple all you need to do is register at [www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz)



**Win a Razor Hovertrax  
Stealth!!**

**Every order this week  
goes in the draw to win  
a Razor Hovertrax Board**

**Buy a lunch this week and be in the  
draw to win!**

#### Terms

Winner will be drawn randomly. Open to all  
Lunchonline schools with lunches available between  
17th November October to 21st November



Scan to register an account

## 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).



## 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**

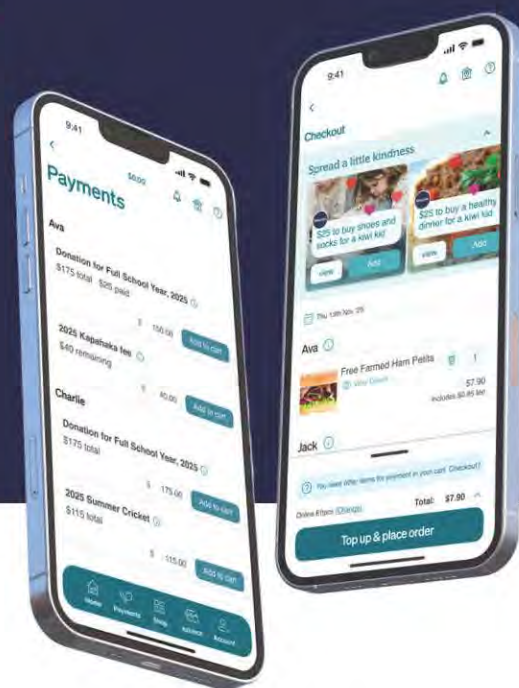
Sushi will be delivered to the classroom with the other lunches.



# Making School Payments Simple

## One Account. All Your Schools

Whether you're new to Kindo or already using it, managing school payments is easy.



### New to Kindo?

- Scan the QR code to create your account
- Enter your details and add your student (s)
- Browse the school shop, purchase and check out.

### Already have a Kindo account?

- Log in to your Kindo account
- Navigate to 'My Details'
- Select your student and add membership
- Select new organisation from the dropdown list
- Browse the school menu, add items to your cart, and check out.



#### Please Note:

Don't complete set up until the new school year starts!



### Have questions?

Our friendly team is here for you.

0508 4 KINDO (0508 454 636)

hello@mykindo.co.nz



## 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 4 policies

- **Bullying and Harassment**
- **Behaviour Management**
- **Searches, Surrender, and Retention of Property**
- **Minimising Physical Restraint**
- **Stand-down, Suspension, and Exclusion**
- **Staff Wellbeing and Safety**

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**Plunket Rotorua**

# **The Invisible Backpack Christmas Edition**

A Donna Stichbury workshop

**Thursday 27th November 2025**

**6.30-8.30pm tickets \$20**

**Hosted by Plunket Rotorua**

**Plunket House 1436 Pukuatua St**

**Understanding stress and attachment**

Book credit card:

<https://DonnaStichbury-TheRelationshipfacilitator.as.me/plunket>

or for bank account number

[donna@therelationshipfacilitator.com](mailto:donna@therelationshipfacilitator.com)

**or pay at the door**

**This workshop uncovers the hidden stress  
running the show beneath your daily life and  
gives you the tools to break the cycle.**

*It's interactive, practical, and rooted in deep self-  
awareness. You'll leave feeling clearer, lighter,  
and more in control of your inner world.*

Hear reviews







# Come on Rotorua

# JOIN THE BATTLE FOR OUR NATIVE BIRDS.

BE PART  
OF THE  
MOVEMENT

Pre-register for a  
**FREE** backyard rat trap!

Pick up from  
Westbrook School

Traps delivered Monday 24th Nov  
One per household only



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