

Westbrook School

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Newsletter

Week 6 Term 4 - 20 November 2024





Colin's Kōrero

Treaty of Waitangi and the Hīkoi

There has been some media coverage around schools and that perhaps Principals or Teachers may be sharing their personal opinions on these issues. We are in a difficult position in that we have a relatively new "Histories Curriculum" that we are required to implement, which has the Treaty Of Waitangi as a significant document to be discussed. At this time we are not teaching the Histories units. However, it is common for students to raise issues at school that are being discussed at home or that they are hearing about via the media. The "Hīkoi" and the "Bill" are both very much in the public domain right now. Please be assured that if students do raise these issues our teachers will maintain a neutral position, and will focus more on the students knowing and understanding that in a democracy it is healthy for debate to take place over issues that may impact on our collective futures.

The classroom programmes at this time of the year focus more on the year's end, holidays, class trips, athletics, and Christmas.

Athletics

Most of our students will be testing themselves in various athletic events this week. Our senior students will compete in Track and Field events on Wednesday, at the Westbrook Stadium, next to the Rugby stadium. The Year 2 and 3 students will have their own athletics events at school on Thursday morning.





Term 4 Calendar of Events

Wed 20th November Senior Athletics Day (Y4-6)

Thurs 21 November Year 3 Athletics (9.15am to 10.45am)
Thurs 21st November Year 2 Athletics (11.30am-1.00pm)
Mon- Wed 25-27 Nov Yr 0/1 Team Athletics Rotation

Wed 27th November Ahurei Kapa Haka Festival (7.30pm - 9pm)

Thurs 28th November Year 3 Maketu Rocky Seashore Trip

Thurs 28th November Year 0/1 Family Picnic Day

Fri 29th November FOTS Sausage Sizzle

Fri 29th November Whole School Assembly (11.30am - all welcome)

Tues 3rd December Rm 15 to Kaharoa Forest
Wed 4th December Fill the Bus at Westbrook
Wed 4th December Central BOP Athletics

Thurs 5th December Year 4 Fun Day

Fri 6th December Certificates Assemblies (10am - 1.00pm - with breaks)

Mon 9th December Principal's Awards Prizegiving

Junior 9.45am - 10.45am Senior 11.30am - 1.00pm

Tues 10th December Yr 2 Blue Lake Trip 9:00-3:00pm
Wed 11th December Year 6 Graduation 5.45pm - 7.45pm

Thurs 12th December Principal's Treat Day

Fri 13th December End of Term 4 - last school day for the year.

Early Finish @ 12 noon

Term 1 for next year starts on Thursday, 30th January 2025

Please be advised that we have a Teacher Only Day on 21st February on Trauma Informed Practice for our staff

The Dental clinic will be closed for approx 6 weeks while they are servicing another school.

For any dental issues please phone 0800525378

Library Books need to be returned ASAP

Please return ALL books this week that belong to Westbrook School.

We are doing a stock take ready for 2025 and require all our reading books and library books to be returned.

Encourage responsibility and ask your children to have a good look at home for any books that belong to our school.

There will be a small reward for the first junior and senior class that return ALL library books.

Any books not returned will be charged a fee.

Thank you for your support.



Year 5 Wax Works Museum

Our Year 5 team held their annual Wax Works Museum day last week. It was a huge success





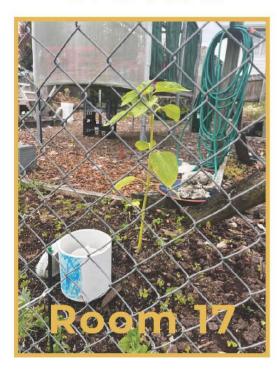


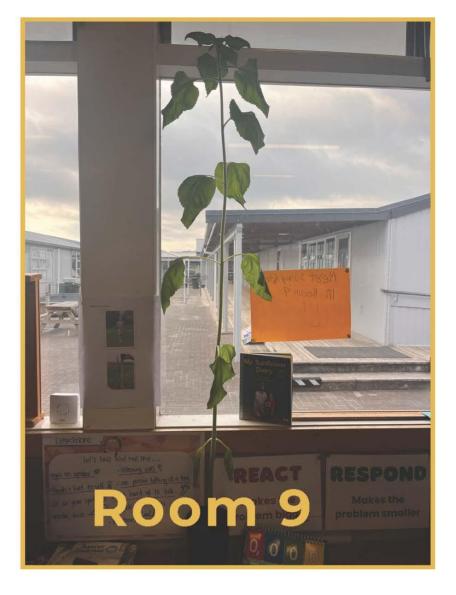






Sunflower Growing Competition UPDATE





2 1/2 WEEKS TO GO!!

Competition ends on the 6th of December.

Please send enteries to annemijn.mear@tremains.co.nz. Best photo with sunflower and tallest sunflower.



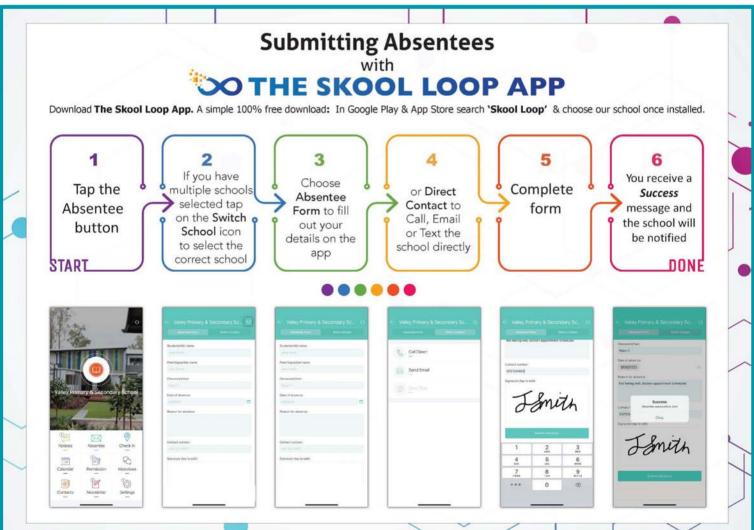
FILL THE BUS!

We are once again supporting 'Fill the Bus'

The bus will be coming to Westbrook School on Wednesday 4th December

If you have a food item or two to spare (non-perishabale), please send them to school. We will collect them in the school office.

Thank you for helping us to help others in our community.



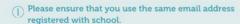
Crediting your myKindo account

We now use Kindo to make school payments easy. Kindo is our preferred method of payment, and we encourage all our families to join.

Once you have created your myKindo account, any school credits you may have will be transferred by the school to your myKindo wallet for you to use.

Not with Kindo yet?

Simply scan the QR Code or go to https://shop.tgcl.co.nz and sign in or create an account. Registration is easy!





Complete Setup in your myKindo account

myKindo and our school Student Management System talk to each other, so it's important that you check your child(ren) are linked. This means details like classroom changes will flow through automatically as well as any payment information.

If you see a message like this, you will need to follow the prompts to link your child(ren).

Please ensure you use the same email address that we have on our system. We have detected one or more students that are not linked to school records. Completing setup will ensure you have visibility of all school payment requests.

Olivia Smith

Complete Setup

Bookclub
Issue # 8

Out Now



Closes Friday 22nd November

Kickstart to School - Term 4. 2024/Term 1 2025

Do you have a child turning 5 in Term 4 this year, or Term 1 2025?

Please phone the office
073476512
or pop in to register for our:
Term 4
Kickstart Programme

The final Kickstart for this year will be Wednesday 20th November.

Uniform Returns

If your child has a Westbrook sports uniform for Miniball,
Hockey or
Rippa Rugby

that has not yet been returned to school, please make sure we have it back by Friday so that we can redistribute them to other teams.

Please return ASAP

LOST PROPERTY



IT MUST BELONG TO SOMEONE!

Please come and check if any of it belongs to your child.

PLEASE name your child's clothing, so that we can return items to them.





Contact: Phone: Email: Erin Burgess 0210797737

Email: Westbrook@kellyclub.co.nz Website: kellyclub.co.nz/westbrook



KELLY CLUB WESTBROOK UPDATE

What's been happening...

Last week we enjoyed wheels week! We used our new busytown mat to create some traffic. We also made some delicious homemade pizzas, did our own obstacle course on the playground and played and energetic round of cops and racers.





What's happening next week...









MONDAY 25TH NOVEMBER ROTORUA NETBALL CENTRE START AT 3:15PM - 7PM

Join us for an exciting afternoon filled with netball fun for our Years 1-6 futureFerns!

We have delicious sausages, fun skill activities, and plenty of games to enjoy!

Thanks to Woolworths—come and be part of the excitement as we celebrate the magic of our amazing sport!

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME, NEW AND
CURRENT PLAYERS
BRING A FRIEND TO JOIN IN THE FESTIVITIES



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 I 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 3 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.
- 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 review topics

- Finance and Asset Management Policy
- Managing Income and Expenditure
- Financial Conflicts of Interest
- School Donations and Student Activity Payments / Attendance Dues and Other Income
- Expenditure
- Asset Management and Protection
- Property Planning and Maintenance
- Prevention of Bribery, Corruption, Fraud, and Theft



Sunhats

During Term 1 and 4 all children need a sunhat with a brim at school every day. In keeping with our Sunsmart policy, they wear hats when outside and if they do not have one, will be directed to sit in the shade at break times.

We have sunhats in our house colours for sale at the school office for \$15 each.

Please also ensure your child has sunscreen on before they come to school and if you wish them to reapply it during the day, please make sure they have it with them in their school bag.

Drop Off and Pick Up

The children have adapted to our safe system for dropping children at school and picking them up after school. This is generally working well, however we still have some concerns with drivers leaving cars unattended and parking in our drop off/pick up zone. We appreciate your support with following our systems.

Please remind your children each day where you will be picking them up at 3pm.

The five Loading Zone spaces on Malfroy Road will remain available for parents to safely drop off and pick up only. Staff will continue to supervise these sites until further notice

Where possible, please encourage your children to get in and out of the car on the footpath side, not the road side. Ensure your child is safely secured with their seatbelt before leaving the car park area/loading zone.

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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SCHOOL LUNCH OPTIONS





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

http://lunchonline.co.nz

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.

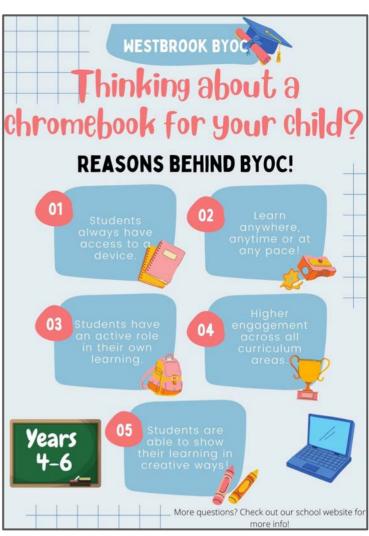
4 pieces of teriyaki chicken or salmon sushi \$5.00 a pack

Small Chicken Katsu or Teriyaki on Rice \$5.00

Large Katsu or Teriyaki on Rice \$7.00

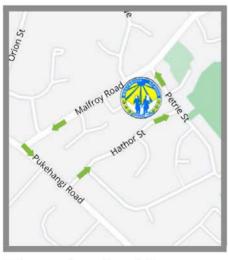
Sushi will be delivered to the classroom with the other lunches.





Driving safely near our school









Plan your route so you don't have to U-turn or 3 point turn on Malfroy Road.

These movements are unpredictable and dangerous for other road users and for our tamariki on the path.

When using the pick up area please keep moving if:

- There are no spaces available to pull into.
- Your child is not there.





DAILY SCHEDULE:

8-9.30: Intro and Games **GYMNASTICS** 9.30-10.30: Gym Sport Skills CIRCUITS & GAMES 10.30-11.00: Morning tea break COOKING 11.00-11.30: Free Play TRAMPOLINE

11.30-2.30: Daily activity & lunch CHALLENGES

2.30-3.00: Quiet games (SHORT DAY ends)

3.15-5.15: Afternoon tea and pla



M.I.G.S TE NGAE ROAD ROTORUA

Bookings via www.migs.co.nz

email: migsholidayprogramme@outlook.co.nz DAILY COSTS: 8AM-3.00PM \$45 8AM-5.15PM \$55

DECEMBED 2024

Tues 17th Dec: Water Fun* Mon 16th Dec: Circuits & Games Thur 19th Dec: Xmas Craft Wed 18th Dec: Xmas Baking

Fri 20th Dec: Xmas Fun- dress up, bring a food plate to share & Xmas movie WE WILL BE CLOSED THE SHORT WEEKS FROM DEC 23RD TO JAN 3RD

JANUARY 2025

Week 1

Mon 6th Jan: Circuits Tues 7th Jan: 'T' Day Wed 8th Jan: Water Fun*

Thur 9th Jan: Fun in the Kitchen

Fri 10th Jan: Craft

Mon 20th Jan: Circuits Tues 21st Jan: Fun in the Kitchen Wed 22nd Jan: Parkour Thur 23rd Jan: Sports & Games

Fri 24th Jan: Water Fun*

Mon 13th Jan: Circuits & Games Tues 14th Jan: Fun in the Kitchen Wed 15th Jan: Jumping Day

Thur 16th Jan: Water Fun* Fri 17th Jan: Equipment Day

Week 4

Mon 27th - CLOSED -Auck Anniversary Tues 28th Jan: Water Fun'

Wed 29th Jan: Fun in the Kitchen

Thur 30th Jan: Craft

Fri 31st Jan: Shared lunch & Movie Day

*CHILDREN CAN BRING THEIR WATER PLAY TOYS, THEY WILL NEED TO BRING THEIR SUNHAT & SUNSCREEN, A CHANGE OF CLOTHES AND TOWEL.

EACH DAY INCLUDES AN HOUR OF LEARNING SPECIFIC GYM SPORT SKILLS

DAILY REQUIREMENTS:

Children need to be dressed in appropriate clothing for active play. They are to bring their morning tea & lunch, some afternoon tea for the Full Day bookings, a named water bottle and socks for trampoline use. Bring a sunhat each day, so we can have outside play.

We reserve the right to alter the daily schedule depending on the enrolled numbers.

> Terms and Conditions apply, see them at www.migs.co.nz

OSCAR FORMS ARE REQUIRED TO BE INTO THE OFFICE, 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO HOLIDAYS START DATE. email: admin@migs.co.nz

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Taekwondo Term #4, 2024

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

Locations & Schedule:

Session 1: Fridays:

Westbrook School Hall, Malfroy Rd. Rotorua

Session 2: Mondays:

Otonga School Hall, Otonga Rd. Rotorua

- Time: 6:30 PM 7:20 PM (Beginners) & to 8 pm (Adult/colour belts)
 - Attending both sessions is highly recommended, but enrolling in one is

Contact for More Information!

Email: Taekwondo.Training.m@gmail.com

Text: 02040 797219

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