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Newsletter

Week 2 Term 4 15th October 2025



Colin's Kōrero

Teacher Only Day: Thank you for your understanding and support this week with regard to our Teacher Only Day. Our staff all took part in a whole day of training to learn more about the new Structured Maths Curriculum, which we are currently implementing.

Strike Day: At this stage, it looks like we will be going ahead with our Strike Action next **Thursday, October 23**. This is not something we want to do, nor do we take this action lightly. Our determination to have an Education System that caters to the needs of all of our students is very strong. We believe that your children deserve better, and we are all collectively standing up for your children. We are also determined to have a well-resourced Education System, including one that recognises our contributions to a successful outcome for the students we teach.

ShakeOut Day: This Thursday, October 16, is National Shake Out Day. At 9.30 am, we will all practice our procedures for keeping safe during an earthquake. The whole country will be engaging in this exercise at the same time.

Loud Shirt Day: This Friday is Loud Shirt Day. This is a nationwide fundraising campaign to help raise money for The Hearing House and The Southern Cochlear Implant Programme. We are each encouraged to bring a gold coin to school and wear a loud shirt to show our support for the students impacted by hearing loss



Classes for 2026: We have begun the process of drafting our class lists for 2026. We spend a great deal of time on this, as we are determined to ensure that our students are placed in a class where they have the best possible opportunity to enjoy success. We try to balance each class in terms of gender, ability levels, ethnicity, and personality types. We also ensure that each student has at least one or two other students in the same class they get on well with. Parents and caregivers are welcome to contact me if you have important information about your children that may help us with this exercise. Please note that we do not consider parent requests for specific teachers. We ask that parents respect our collective ability to make the best possible decisions about which class children are placed in and who their teacher will be. If you intend to be moving out of our area, or your children are changing schools for whatever reason, we would appreciate being notified, as this has a significant impact on our decision-making.

2025 Calendar of Events

Term 4



Thurs 16th October

Fri 17th October

Mon 20th October

Wed 22nd October

Thurs 23rd October

Fri 24th October

Mon 27th October

Sat 1st November

Tues 4th November

Wed 5th November

Thurs 6th November

Fri 7th November

Fri 7th November

Wed 12th–Fri 14th Nov

Thurs 13th November

Tues 18th November

Tues 18th November

Wed 19th November

Fri 21st November

Fri 21st November

Fri 28th November

Mon 1st December

Mon 1st December

Wed 3rd December

Fri 5th December

Mon 8th December

Wed 10th December

Thurs 11th December

Fri 12th December

NZ ShakeOut Day

Loud Shirt Day (supporting deaf/hearing impaired chn/adults)

Lucky Book issue 7 Closes

Discos Junior 5.30–6.30 / Senior 7.00–8.00

School Closed Strike Action

Whole School Assembly 11.30am – all welcome

Labour Day

FOTS Community Garage Sale

BOP Rippa Finals

Senior Athletics Day

CBOP Orienteering

Whole School Assembly 11.30am – all welcome

Gumboot Friday

Year 6 Camp

Year 1 Family Picnic and Fun Day 11.30am – 1.00pm

Road Patrol Fun Day

Year 3 Maketu Trip

Year 5 Wax Works Museum

Whole School Assembly 11.30am – all welcome

Sausage Sizzle

Senior Swimming Sports Day

CBOP Athletics (tbc)

Welcome for Rachel Weinberg (new Principal 2026)
at 11.30am (community is welcome)

Colin's Farewell Assembly (community is welcome)

Certificates Assembly

Principal's Awards Prizegiving – Junior & Senior

Year 6 Graduation – 5.45pm to 8.00pm

Westbrook Way Day

Last school day for 2025

Term 1 – 2026

Mon 2nd February

First school day for 2026

Mon 11th May

Teacher Only Day – Maths PD Day 3 (Term 2)

Mon 10th August

Teacher Only Day – Maths PD Day 4 (Term 3)

School Closed

Thursday 23rd October

Primary teachers, primary principals, support staff, kaiārahi i te reo, therapists and Ministry of Education field staff and support workers have all voted to take strike action together on 23 October!

Across the motu, we are all driven by the same thing: we're frustrated by the lack of progress in our negotiations and we're deeply worried about the future of education in this country. You don't attract or retain good people to work with tamariki if you don't provide fair pay and good conditions. And you don't support tamariki by prioritising tax breaks for tobacco companies over investment in education. We know New Zealand's parents and tamariki depend on us every day. When their children go to school, they need us there to support them. But right now, we're finding it increasingly hard to do this important work. And the Government is ignoring our calls for more learning support and to uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi in education.

I  my job
but I'm striking
because children
need a teacher
aide in every
classroom

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back our future

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but I'm striking
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Loud Shirt Day

Friday 17th October

2025



Wear a Loud Shirt on
Friday this week!

Loud Shirt Day is the national fundraising campaign for ***The Hearing House*** and the ***Southern Cochlear Implant Programme*** - the only two charities in NZ dedicated to helping children and adults with cochlear implants learn to listen and communicate.

Please bring a gold coin, or donate via [Kindo](#).



DISCO



Wednesday 23rd October

Westbrook School Students ONLY



Juniors 5.30-6.30pm



Seniors 7.00pm - 8.00pm (Only Year 4-6)

Entry \$2

Hamburgers, drinks lollies and glo products for sale.

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

Disco

Food and Drinks

Lolly Bags \$1.00

Freddo Frogs \$1.00

Chocolate Bars \$2.00

(Moro, Crunchie, Twirl, Perky Nana)

Chupa Chups \$1.00

Fizzy Drinks \$2.00

Water \$2.00

Burgers \$4.00

Glow Products

Necklaces \$2.00

Glow Ties \$4.00

Hair Extensions \$3.00

Foam Sticks \$4.00

Rings \$2.00

Glow stick bracelets

3 for \$1

Puffer Balls \$3.00

Glasses \$3.00

FOTS Community Garage Sale

Saturday 1st November, 8am – 11am

Westbrook School Hall

This is your chance to clean out at home and make a bit of money!
Book and pay for a table at the school office prior to Friday 24th October -
\$20 per table– this money goes to the school.

On the day, you keep all the profits from what you sell.
Families are responsible for setting up their stall, pricing their own items
and taking away all unsold items with them at the end.

(Set up will be from 7am in the morning.)

Each seller will also need to arrange their own float.

Anything can be sold, **except food and drink.**

Don't miss out – limited tables available

Return form below or email Angela - donlona@westbrook.school.nz

2025 Community Garage Sale Registration Form

Child's Name _____ Room No _____

Parent's Name _____

Email Address _____ Phone Number _____



QUIZZ NIGHT

Enjoy a thrilling night filled with laughter, great company, and test your knowledge!

THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER

AT OUR BACKYARD PUB

PARTY | PRIZES | FUN

Teams of 6 or 8, \$15 per player or \$100 for a team of 8.
Starts 7pm, get there early to find your table. Food can be pre ordered from their menu on line (instructions at bottom of menu) otherwise on the night only the snack menu will be available to purchase from.

Raffles available on the night - bring your spare change along!!

Payment for teams into account of
J Dahya 03 0415 0607023 00 by 25 October 2025

Contact Carleen to book your team 021 2589 856



NZ MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL

NATIONAL TOUR

a fundraising event for
Owhatiwira Lynmore Playcentre

TICKETS \$25.00 VIA HUMANITIX

Wednesday 15th October 2025
SHAMBLES THEATRE, ROTORUA
Doors & bar open 6.15pm
Screening starts 7.00pm

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NZ Mountain Film Festival

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Legend of the Peaks

The Legend of the Peaks is on Friday 7th November at the Waipa Forest starting at the Waipa MTB park.

This is a free, off-road running event open to Year 0-6

Kids Forest Run- 2 kms, 45m elevation gain-3km, 52 m elevation gain.

Please note:

- The school will not be entering a team.
- Parents are required to transport their own child to and from the event.

Should your child wish to participate, please enter via their [website](#).



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 (School terms):

Otonga School Hall, Otonga Rd.
Rotorua

Session 2: Fridays (School terms):

Westbrook School Hall, Malfroy Rd.
Rotorua

Time: 6:30 PM - 7:20 PM (Beginners)

& to 8 pm (Adult/colour belts)

Contact for More Information! Email: Taekwondo.Training.m@gmail.com

Text: 02040 797219



**Lucky Book Issue 7
Closes Monday 20th October**



Kids Can Ball 2025 Handball-a-thon

Westbrook School has signed up to be a part of this event.

We are a Kids Can School,
they have supported us for many years.

It is time for us to give back.

If your child is keen to participate,
sign them up on the [KidsCanBall website](#)
and link their account to our school.

A promotional graphic for the KidsCanBall 2025 Handball-a-thon. The background is a blurred image of a man in a blue t-shirt and pink headband playing handball. Overlaid on the image are several logos and text elements. At the top center is the 'KidsCan BALL 2025' logo, which is a white circle with a handball pattern and the text 'KidsCan BALL' in red and black, with '2025' at the bottom. To its right is a pink circular logo with 'THE HITS' in white. Below these is the large, stylized text 'HANDBALL-A-THON' in white and pink with a black outline. At the bottom, there is a large white text block that reads 'Join us this October for an epic Handball-a-thon to help provide food and clothing to 10,000 Kiwi kids.' and a white rounded button with the text 'Sign Up Now' in black.

**Join us this October for an epic
Handball-a-thon to help provide
food and clothing to 10,000
Kiwi kids.**

Sign Up Now

Get your tickets now from
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KELLY CLUB WESTBROOK UPDATE

What's been happening...

This week at Kelly Club we explored the theme **"Up, Up and Away!"** The kids had a blast learning about things that fly and soar through the sky. One of the highlights was **creating our own colourful hot air balloons**, experimenting with designs and colours! It was a week full of creativity, curiosity, and sky-high fun as we imagined what it would be like to float among the clouds.



What's happening next week!

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 - 8:15 am	Colouring in Camp & Structured Free Time	Bumble Bee Puppets & Structured Free Time	Dance Bottle & Structured Free Time	Origami & Structured Free Time	Card Games & Structured Free Time
8:15 - 8:30 am	Game: Chicken Tag	Game: Staff Choice	Game: Head It, Catch It	Game: Insect Fruit Basket	Game: Captains Caring
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 Yoghurt & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Corn Chips, Salsa & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Cheerios & Fruit
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Game: Zip Zap Baling	Game: Rainbow Rush	Game: Creek Football	Game: Tag of War	Game: Jedi Dodgeball
3:45 - 4:30 pm	COOKING Bumble Bee Balls 	CRAFT Pom Pom Bees 	GAME Queen Bee 	DISCOVERY Pollination Experiment 	SPORT Steal the Flower 
4:30 - 4:35 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up
4:35 - 4:50 pm	Snack Time Baking	Snack Time Raisins	Snack Time Muesli Bars	Snack Time Potato Sticks	Snack Time Corn Thins
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: Campers & Tents & Projects	Game: The Warm Wind Blows & Projects	Game: Train Stations & Projects	Game: What's the Time, Wally? & Projects	Game: Zombies Tag & Projects



Futsal Term 4

Downloading the Skool Loop app a step by step guide



Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the below instructions to select your school

1. Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
2. Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
3. Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side. You can select as many schools as required.
4. Tap the 'select schools' button in the top right corner.
5. Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
6. Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.
7. Use the circular arrow button at the top of the main screen to toggle between your chosen schools.

NEED MORE HELP OR INFORMATION?

Call Skool Loop on 0800 238 379

 **SKOOL LOOP**



THE LOCAL SCHOOL FUTSAL COMPETITION WILL BE RUN IN
TERM 4 2025 ON SUNDAYS FROM 10:00AM TO 7:30PM
AT THE ROTORUA GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL ARENA.

THE COMPETITION IS SCHEDULED TO RUN FOR 7 WEEKS
STARTING OCTOBER 12TH, AND FINISHING ON NOVEMBER 30TH
(EXCLUDING LABOUR WEEKEND).

TEAMS ARE YEAR 4-6 AND CAN BE ALL GIRLS, ALL BOYS OR MIXED.

ENTRY FEE PER PLAYER WILL BE \$25.00.

TEAMS NEED TO BE REGISTERED BY
WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER (WEEK 1).

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE:

JOIN THE 'TERM 4 WESTBROOK FUTSAL' GROUP ON SKOOL LOOP
AND FILL IN YOUR DETAILS.

CUT OFF FOR THIS WILL BE WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER AT 9AM.

ONCE THE TEAMS HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PAY ON KINDO.



Summer League 25/26

EVERY WEDNESDAY AT THE SMALLBONE PARK HOCKEY TURF
22nd October to 10th December and 14th January - 25th February

OPTION #1

FAMILY SOCIAL LEAGUE 5:30-8:00pm

- 7 aside with rolling subs played on artificial turf.
- All ages
- Super social teams only as this caters for parents and whanau from the youngest to the oldest of ages wanting to play together in a fun relaxed atmosphere.

\$350 Per Team

OPTION #2

SENIOR SOCIAL LEAGUE 5:30-8:00pm

- 7 aside with rolling subs played on artificial turf.
- Adults and Youth 14+
- Grab a team of friends, family or workmates and join the fun!

\$350 per team



REGISTER A TEAM NOW-GO TO [LAKESFC.COM/SUMMERFOOTBALL](https://lakesfc.com/summerfootball)

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

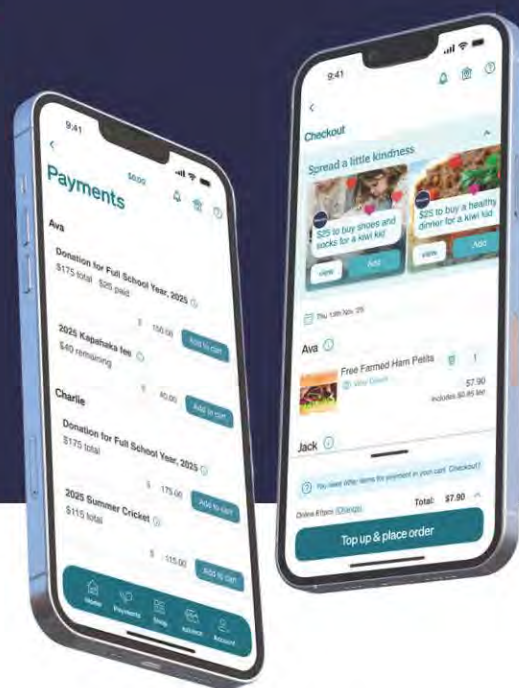
- **Bullying and Harassment**
- **Behaviour Management**
- **Searches, Surrender, and Retention of Property**
- **Minimising Physical Restraint**
- **Stand-down, Suspension, and Exclusion**
- **Staff Wellbeing and Safety**

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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

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



Yikes Term 4 already!!

Win a \$50 Lunch Credit

**Five Winners to be drawn this week -
\$50 Lunch Credit each!**

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

**All orders this week go in the draw to win a
\$50 lunch credit.
Five winners will be drawn.**

Terms

Winners will be drawn randomly. Open to all
Lunchonline schools with lunches available between
13th October to 17th October



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.

Beginners After school Art Classes

With Janet Keen enrolling NOW for term 4 and for 2026.

Drawing, Painting, Mosaics.

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 3.30pm to 4.30pm and 4.35pm to 5.35pm.

One hour accelerated creativity opportunities. Small classes, friendly, safe, quiet, organic environment. From age 6 and upwards.

All Enquiries welcome:

Ph Janet Keen 027 351 3887 or email janet@jkeen.net. 374 Clayton Road Rotorua.

Alert to all our Whanau

[Ministry Parent Portal](#)

This is an amazing new resource you might like to check out.

Lots of great ways to support your tamariki at home with their learning.

Clear indicators for the Year level your child is in and what to expect with the New Zealand curriculum coverage.

It also gives you information around how schools manage attendance, learning support, health, safety and well being as well as transition to school.



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 sun hats in our house colours for sale at through [KINDO](#) 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.



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