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Newsletter

Week 3 Term 4 22nd October 2025



Colin's Kōrero

School Closed - Strike Action

You may have seen in the news that educators across Aotearoa are preparing to take part in a historic national strike on Thursday, 23rd October. For the first time ever, principals, teachers, support staff, and Ministry specialists will stand together to call for better support in schools, fair pay, and the resources our tamariki need to thrive.

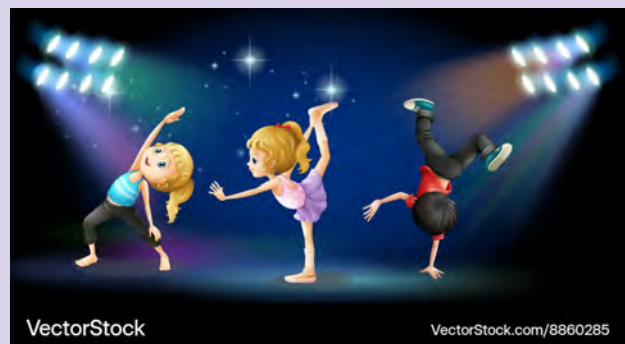
This action is about more than just pay. Health, education, and emergency services are the backbone of our communities—and right now, they're all underfunded and under-resourced. Our schools aren't struggling because of the people working in them. They're struggling because the system isn't being properly invested in.

In education, real investment means having teacher aides in every classroom, valuing educators with fair and secure work, upholding Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and protecting quality early childhood education. These changes would make a huge difference—not just for our tamariki, but for the wellbeing of our whole education system, and for those of us leading it.

At Westbrook School, our priority is always the safety and well-being of our students. On the day of strike action, our kura will be **closed for instruction**, so we ask whānau to please make alternative arrangements for your tamariki.

We know this may cause disruption, and we truly appreciate your understanding and support. This decision hasn't been made lightly—it reflects the seriousness of the challenges we're facing in education, and the urgent need for change.

Discos Tonight: This is a final reminder that we are hosting two Discos tonight, October 22, for our students. The first, for children in Years 1 to 3, begins at 5.30 pm and ends at 6.30 pm. The Senior Disco, for students in Years 4 to 6, begins at 7 pm and ends at 8 pm. All students must be dropped off and picked up by an adult.



2025 Calendar of Events

Term 4



Weds 22nd October

Disco – Juniors 5.30–6.30pm

Disco – Seniors 7.00pm – 8.00pm

Thurs 23rd October

School Closed Strike Action

Fri 24th October

Whole School Assembly 11.30am – all welcome

Mon 27th October

Labour Day

Sat 1st November

FOTS Community Garage Sale

Tues 4th November

BOP Rippa Finals

Wed 5th November

Senior Athletics Day

Thurs 6th November

CBOP Orienteering

Fri 7th November

Whole School Assembly 11.30am – all welcome

Fri 7th November

Gumboot Friday

Wed 12th–Fri 14th Nov

Year 6 Camp

Thurs 13th November

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

Tues 18th November

Road Patrol Fun Day

Tues 18th November

Year 3 Maketu Trip

Wed 19th November

Year 5 Wax Works Museum

Fri 21st November

Whole School Assembly 11.30am – all welcome

Fri 21st November

Sausage Sizzle

Fri 28th November

Senior Swimming Sports Day

Mon 1st December

CBOP Athletics (tbc)

Mon 1st December

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

Wed 3rd December

Colin's Farewell Assembly (community is welcome)

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

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)



DISCO



Wednesday 22nd 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

Glo 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

School Closed TOMORROW




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.

KELLY CLUB WESTBROOK STRIKE DAY 23RD OCTOBER 2025

 **Westbrook School**

 362 Malfroy Road, Rotorua

 23 Oct 2025

 Years 0-6

With the upcoming 'Strike Day' at Westbrook School, Kelly Club has your childcare covered with our exciting fun day!

Our Strike Day Programme provides abundant entertainment for kids aged 5 to 13, offering them the chance to indulge in activities such as, arts and crafts, cooking, discovery, games, and sports.

Ready, set, go! Today, kids will race through exciting challenges, solve clues, and work as a team to reach the finish line in the Kelly Club Amazing Race! Fun and adventure await!

Spaces are limited, so book in today!

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



Loud Shirt Day
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LEGEND OF THE PEAKS
7-8 NOVEMBER 2025
ROTORUA, AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

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](#).

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 _____



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.

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.

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.

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 (or double parked on the road) and others parking in our drop off/pick up zone. We appreciate your support with following our systems, for the safety of all concerned.

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.



CAPTURING PRECIOUS MOMENTS NATURALLY



Bay of Plenty Christmas Portraits
Plunket Portrait Fundraiser 2025

DATES & LOCATIONS

Rotorua Plunket Rooms
Sat 15th November

Taupo Plunket Rooms
Sun 16th November

OUR SESSIONS
15 Minute Session \$20
\$30 Each Children's Digital Photo
\$40 Each Family Digital Photo
Select & pay after your session.
Eftpos & payment plans available.

Call Kerrilee 021 489 992 or visit envisagephotography.co.nz



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

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 image for the KidsCanBall 2025 Handball-a-thon. It features a man in a blue t-shirt and pink headband, looking down at a handball. The background is a blurred outdoor setting. Overlaid on the image are several logos and text elements. At the top left is the KidsCanBall 2025 logo, which is a white circle with a handball pattern and the text 'KidsCan BALL 2025'. To its right is a pink circular logo with the text 'THE HITS'. Below these is the large, stylized text 'HANDBALL-A-THON' in white and pink. 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 button with the text 'Sign Up Now'.

Sign Up Now

Get your tickets now from
[Ticketmaster](#)



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Variety – the Children’s Charity has received \$50,000 of funding for tamariki and rangatahi in Rotorua!

Our Individual Grants (IG) programme provides one-off funding for something your child needs. The good news is, your child doesn’t have to be part of the Kiwi Kid Sponsorship programme to be eligible for an Individual Grant.

An Individual Grant pays for a one-off need such as...

- Everyday essentials (such as clothing, car seats and shoes)
- School costs (including uniforms, stationery, activity fees, school camps, and school trips)
- Digital devices for school (for children aged 8 or older)
- Extra-curricular activities (like sports lessons, music lessons, club fees, and uniforms)
- Medical fees (covering doctor’s fees, prescriptions, glasses, medical, and mobility costs)
- Beds and bedding (beds, cots, bedding packs)

You can apply for an Individual Grant if you have a **valid Community Services Card** and your **child is aged between 0–18**.

Variety reviews IG applications three times a year, April, August and November.

Round	Open	Close	Decision
One	1 Aug 25	31 Oct 25	30 Nov 25
Two	16 Feb 26	31 Mar 26	30 Apr 26
Three	22 Jun 26	31 Jul 26	31 Aug 26
One	21 Sep 26	31 Oct 26	30 Nov 26



Visit **variety.org.nz/get-support/apply-for-ig** or scan the **QR code** above to learn more and apply for an Individual Grant.





Contact: Kirsty McCallum
Phone: 0210797737
Email: westbrook@kellyclub.co.nz
Website: kellyclub.co.nz/westbrook



KELLY CLUB WESTBROOK UPDATE

What's been happening...

Last week at Kelly Club we embraced the chill with our *Frozen Fun* theme! The kids enjoyed a flurry of icy activities — from making paper snowflakes to building “indoor snowmen” and competing in frosty challenges. There was plenty of laughter as we got creative with winter crafts, icy experiments, and snowy games. Even though the weather wasn't freezing outside, it definitely felt like a winter wonderland at Kelly Club!



What's happening next week!

		THEME: Thrills & Chills! Term 4 Week 4, 27th October 2025				Weekly Activities Plan Kelly Club Westbrook
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
7:00 - 8:15 am		Fort Building & Structured Free Time	Cup Towers & Structured Free Time	Halloween Peg Bats & Structured Free Time	Colouring In & Structured Free Time	
8:15 - 8:30 am		Game: Halloween Tag	Game: Rab the Nest	Game: Shelfie Challenge	Game: Wacky Bakiys	
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	
3:10 - 3:30 pm		Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Corn Chips, Salsa & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Yoghurt & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Corn Chips & Fruit	
3:30 - 3:45 pm		Game: All on One Side	Game: Midnight	Game: 4 Corner Dodgeball	Game: Turkey Tag	
3:45 - 4:30 pm		COOKING Pumpkin Pancakes 	CRAFT Spooky Mask 	GAME Haunted House 	DISCOVERY Googly Eye Slime 	
4:30 - 4:35 pm		Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	
4:35 - 4:50 pm		Snack Time Baking	Snack Time Biscuits	Snack Time Crackers	Snack Time Veggie Chips	
4:50 - 5:15 pm		Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	
5:15 - 6:00 pm		Game: Catch the Dragon Tail & Projects	Game: Caterpillar Bots & Projects	Game: Cloud Hopping & Projects	Game: Coin Rugby & Projects	
E: westbrook@kellyclub.co.nz		kellyclub.co.nz/westbrook				P: 021 079 7737



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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

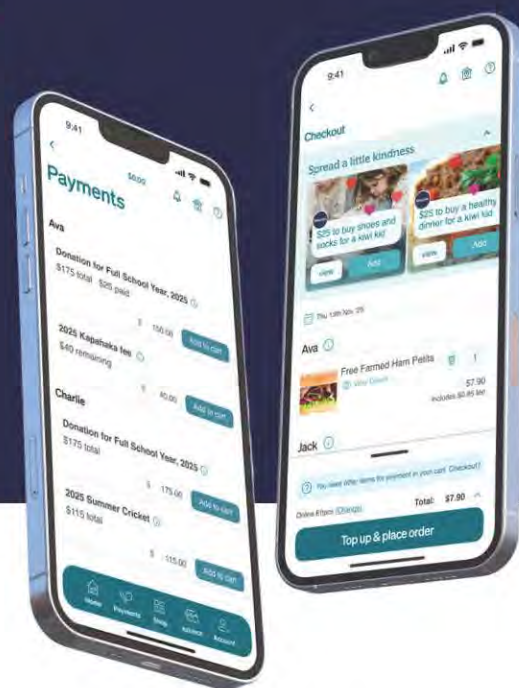
- **Bullying and Harassment**
- **Behaviour Management**
- **Searches, Surrender, and Retention of Property**
- **Minimising Physical Restraint**
- **Stand-down, Suspension, and Exclusion**
- **Staff Wellbeing and Safety**

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- 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.



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