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Newsletter

Week 4 Term 4 29th October 2025



Colin's Kōrero

Illnesses: We have an unprecedented number of staff away at present with a range of illnesses. On Tuesday, we had 11 staff away. We have never, on any one single day, had so many staff affected by illnesses. We also have several students away, mainly with stomach complaints. Whilst we like to celebrate our excellent attendance numbers, it is also important that if your children are unwell that you do please keep them tucked up, safe and warm at home in bed.



Murals: Mark Noble, a well-known local artist and a parent of a student at our school, has begun work on the first of several murals we have commissioned him to paint for our school. The first is being painted on the end wall of Room 2. This mural depicts our school whakatauki, "He moana pukepuke e ekengia e te waka," which translates to "A choppy sea can be navigated." Mark hopes to complete this and a second mural before the end of the year.

Break-in: Rooms 17 through 19 were broken into last Thursday night. A few items of classroom stationery were stolen, and a TV monitor was broken. If you or members of your family were around the school at about 5.30 on Thursday evening, October 23, and you saw anything suspicious, or if you have any information that may help identify the offenders, we would very much appreciate hearing from you.

SunSmart Policy: We have a SunSmart policy at Westbrook that requires all students to wear a bucket hat outside during morning tea and lunch breaks. These can be purchased from the school office for \$15.00, or you can bring your own.

Athletics Champs: Our senior school Athletics competitions will be held next Wednesday, November 5, at the Rotorua Stadium. Many of our students have been training hard for these events. Parents and whānau are more than welcome to join us at the stadium. More information about this, including approximate times for each event, will be circulated next week.

2025 Calendar of Events

Term 4



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 (<i>community is welcome</i>)
Wed 3rd December	Colin's Farewell Assembly (<i>community is welcome</i>)
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)

KELLY CLUB WESTBROOK UPDATE

What's been happening...

We hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend and is feeling refreshed as we launch into our "Thrills and Chills" themed week at Kelly Club! This week is all about excitement and adventure, with plenty of fun games, creative activities, and spooky surprises to keep everyone entertained. We're ready for a week full of laughter, energy, and unforgettable moments!








What's happening next week!



THEME: Ka-Boom!

Term 4 Week 5, 3rd November 2025

Weekly Activities Plan
Kelly Club Westbrook

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 - 8:15 am	Flag Making & Structured Free Time	Target Practice & Structured Free Time	Finger Painting & Structured Free Time	Sizzling Indoor Fireworks & Structured Free Time	Colouring In & Structured Free Time
8:15 - 8:30 am	Game: Kids Yoga	Game: The Listener	Game: Sullivan Tag	Game: Shelf Chains	Game: Angry Birds
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 Cookies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Tomato Pasta & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Pancakes & Fruit
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Game: Human Paper Stemwork Book	Game: Duck, Duck, Goose	Game: Teller Tag	Game: Follow the Sergeant	Game: Cat and Mouse Tag
3:45 - 4:30 pm	DISCOVERY Spinning Top Fireworks 	SPORT Defuse the Bomb 	COOKING Firework Pops 	CRAFT Splatter Painting 	GAME Bang 
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: Consonant & Projects	Game: Dance Camp & Projects	Game: Doggy Doggy & Projects	Game: Flea Chase & Projects	Game: Foot Volleyball & Projects

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



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.



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](#).

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

plunket
whānau āwhina

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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 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, a large white text block reads 'Join us this October for an epic Handball-a-thon to help provide food and clothing to 10,000 Kiwi kids.' Below this text is a white rounded rectangle 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

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.



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

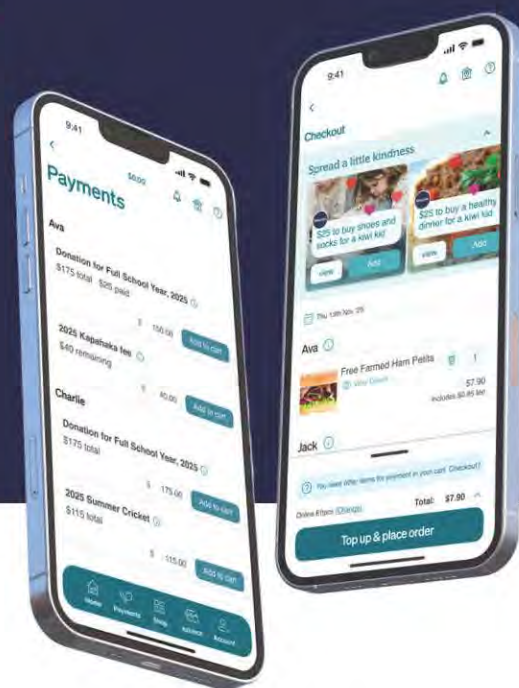
- **Bullying and Harassment**
- **Behaviour Management**
- **Searches, Surrender, and Retention of Property**
- **Minimising Physical Restraint**
- **Stand-down, Suspension, and Exclusion**
- **Staff Wellbeing and Safety**

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- 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.

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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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