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Newsletter

Week 1 Term 4 8th October 2025



Colin's Kōrero

Term 4 Begins: Welcome back to the final term for 2025. We have a great deal planned for the term, including our Senior and Junior Athletics and Senior Swimming Sports. Our teachers are completing end-of-year assessments and are beginning to write your children's reports.

We have two discos planned, and the Year 6 Team will spend three days on camp at Tui Ridge. All teams have trips or events planned for Term 4.

Sunsmart Awareness: Our school has a Sunsmart policy. We require all of our students to wear a "Bucket Hat" in the playground at morning tea and lunchtime each day. We sell the hats from our school office for \$15.00 each. We have them in all of the House colours: blue, yellow, green, and orange. If your child has a suitable bucket hat they are welcome to wear these.

Classes for 2026: We will shortly begin 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.

Measles: Several children around our country have recently been diagnosed with measles. Please note the following:

- Measles is very contagious and can make people of any age very sick.
- Watch for measles symptoms – fever, cough, runny nose, sore eyes, and a blotchy rash.

[Measles: Locations of interest in Aotearoa New Zealand – Health New Zealand](#)

- If anyone in your whānau has measles symptoms, keep them home and contact a doctor or Healthline urgently on 0800 611 116.
- Vaccination is the best protection from measles. Check that all whānau are immunised.

School Closed: We have two occasions over the next three weeks when our school will be closed. Next **Monday, October 13**, we will be closed for a **Teachers Only Day**, to enable teachers to continue learning about the new MOE Structured Maths curriculum. We will also be closed on **Thursday, October 23**, as all NZEI members have voted to strike over the lack of progress with the Ministry of Education over their work conditions, particularly the lack of support we receive for our most at-risk learners. We will notify you if there are any changes.

2025 Calendar of Events

Term 4



Fri 10th October	Whole School Assembly 11.30am – all welcome
Mon 13th October	Teacher Only Day – Maths PLD (MoE)
Thurs 16th October	NZ ShakeOut Day
Fri 17th October	Loud Shirt Day (supporting deaf/hard of hearing children/adults)
Wed 22nd October	Discos Junior 5.30–6.30 / Senior 7.00–8.00
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 Car Boot 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
Mon 10th–Fri 14th Nov	Year 4 and 5 Swimming Lessons
Wed 12th–Fri 14th Nov	Year 6 Camp
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 & Senior
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

Our next **School Assembly** will take place
this Friday 10th October
in the school hall, starting at **11:30 am**.

You are more than welcome to join us,
and see how we celebrate success.



Teacher Only Day is next Monday 13th October - No School for students on Monday

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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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 _____

Calendar Art 2025

The art has been completed, and has now been uploaded to
www.kidsartworks.com

Check your child's Seesaw for their **individual code** to gain access.

These were uploaded at the end of last term.

This is the same process as last year.

Calendars, Cards, Diaries, Mouse Mat and Sketch Pads.

This is a FOTS fundraising event.

**Orders are only online and must be placed
by 11.59pm on Monday, 13th October – don't miss out!**



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](#).



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 halftone pattern. 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.**

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KELLY CLUB WESTBROOK UPDATE

What's been happening...

Our recent holiday program was bursting with energy, laughter, and non-stop fun! The kids have had an incredible time taking part in a wide range of activities and games, making new friends, and creating awesome memories along the way.

Movie Day was a definite highlight – everyone got cosy with their snacks and enjoyed some downtime together watching Bad Guys 2. **Wheels Day** was full of action, with bikes, scooters, and skateboards zooming around as the kids showed off their best tricks and racing skills. Then came **Hungerball**, which brought out the team spirit and friendly competition as everyone got stuck into the fast-paced matches.



What's happening next week!

KELLY CLUB		THEME: Frozen Fun				Weekly Activities Plan Kelly Club Westbrook	
		Term 4 Week 2, 13th October 2025					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
7:00 - 8:15 am	Bubble Painting & Structured Free Time	Snow Globe & Structured Free Time	Paper Creations & Structured Free Time	Board Games & Structured Free Time	Homemade Cookies & Structured Free Time		
8:15 - 8:30 am	Game: Handball	Game: Fly Saugill Pull	Game: Link Tag	Game: Flew Bases	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 Shells, Salsa & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Cheerios & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Cookies & Fruit		
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Game: Tap Ball	Game: Snowball Tag	Game: Stick in the Mud	Game: Quick Fire Cricket	Game: Capture the Flag		
3:45 - 4:30 pm	CRAFT Ice Cream Necklace 	GAME Nerf Gun Freeze Tag 	DISCOVERY Water Wall 	SPORT Snow Shovel Relay 	COOKING Melting Snow 		
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: Mother May I? & Projects	Game: Where's Wally? & Projects	Game: Sharks, Islands & Fish & Projects	Game: Sheep & Wolves & Projects	Game: Slide Tag & Projects		
E: westbrook@kellyclub.co.nz		kellyclub.co.nz/westbrook		P: 0210797737			



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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)

QUIZZ NIGHT

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

THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER

AT OUR BACKYARD PUB

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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

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Rotorua Tennis Club juniors is kicking off Friday 10 Oct after school from 3pm at the Manuka Cres tennis club.

Tennis is open to everyone and a great sport to get outside and enjoy the sun and get some exercise.

There is an information page on our website. It is free to come along and try for the first time on any Friday.

Click link below for more information.

[Rotorua Tennis Club](#)

We look forward to seeing everybody at the club on Manuka Cres from
3:30-4:15 (primary school - from 6 years)
4:30-5:45 (advanced intermediate and HS)

Please just come 5 minutes early and say hi and we will get you started.

Any questions please email
rotorujuniors@gmail.com

Arawa Bowling Club

Looking for a fun activity to do as a team? Want to make the most of daylight savings? Keen to introduce a bit of fun competition?

Lawn bowls is making a bit of a comeback with increased numbers trying out the twilight competition.

Come and try it out.

Basic rules: 3 players per team. Only one registered player per team. 2 games of 5 ends.

Limited numbers. Total cost for the whole team for five nights \$120.00

Entry form details:

[**Click here**](#)

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

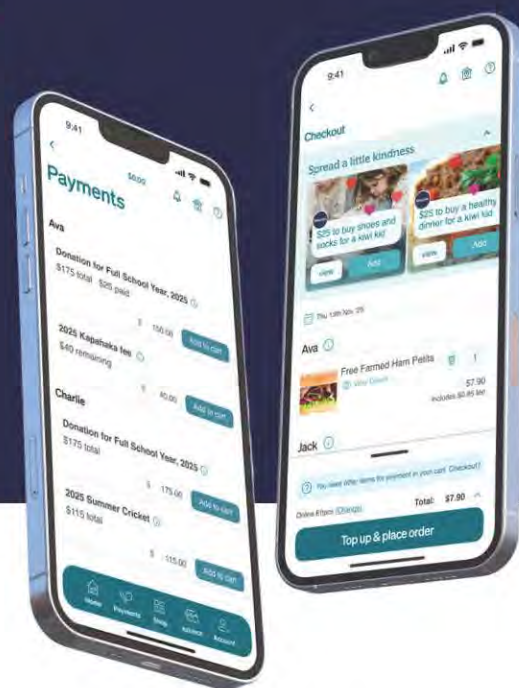
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Please Note:

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



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- 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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