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Newsletter

Week 10 Term 3 17th September 2025



# Colin's Kōrero

**Board of Trustees Election Results:** Congratulations to the following parents or caregivers who have been successful in winning positions on our Board of Trustees for the next three years: Kate Porthouse (97 votes), Kelly Bathe-Taylor (77 votes), Michelle Holmes (75 votes), Bianca Taljaard (70 votes), and Karen Hunt (47 votes). The full list of the results is in the main body of this Newsletter.

**Rotorua Basketball Champions:** Congratulations to the team below for winning the "A Grade" Basketball Champs last Friday. Our Year 5 and 6 Team beat Te Koutu 22-15 in the final. This is the first time a Westbrook Team has made it past the quarter finals. We are super proud of this team for their amazing achievement.



**Westbrook Way Treat Day:** The end of our Third Term is fast approaching, with the last day being this Friday, September 19. Many of our students will have earned the right to enjoy the Term 3 Westbrook Way Treat Day this Thursday, September 18. The theme for this day is "Pirates." Children participating in this day are encouraged to come dressed as Pirates.

**Term 4:** Term 4 begins on Monday, October 6. Have a great two weeks with your children. We look forward to having all of our students return fit and healthy, ready for the last term of 2025.



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# WESTBROOK SCHOOL PARENT BOARD ELECTION DECLARATION OF RESULTS

NAME	VOTES
Porthouse, Kate	97
Bathe-Taylor, Kelly	77
Holmes, Michelle	75
Taljaard, Bianca	70
Hunt, Karen	47
Galuszewski, Rachael	45
Putaranui, Shaunee	37
Burrows, Charnelle	23
Harrison, Jovanae	18
Invalid votes	0

I hereby declare the following duly elected:

NAME	VOTES
Porthouse, Kate	97
Bathe-Taylor, Kelly	77
Holmes, Michelle	75
Taljaard, Bianca	70
Hunt, Karen	47

Signed,

Schooled Limited  
Returning Officer

# 2025 Calendar of Events

## Term 3

Mon 15th–Fri 19th Sept  
Tues 16th September  
Thurs 18th September  
Fri 19th September

Y2 swimming lessons at the Aquatic Centre  
Election Results Declared  
Westbrook Way Day  
Last day of Term 3



## Term 4

Fri 10th October  
**Mon 13th October**  
Thurs 16th 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  
Mon 10th–Fri 14th Nov  
Wed 12th–Fri 14th Nov  
Tues 18th November  
Wed 19th November  
Fri 21st November  
Fri 21st November  
Fri 28th November  
Mon 1st December  
Mon 1st December  
  
Fri 5th December  
  
Mon 8th December  
Wed 10th December  
Fri 12th December

Whole School Assembly 11.30am – all welcome  
**Teacher Only Day – Maths**  
NZ ShakeOut Day  
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 Car Boot Sale  
BOP Rippa Finals  
Senior Athletics Day  
CBOP Orienteering  
Whole School Assembly 11.30am – all welcome  
Gumboot Friday  
Year 4 and 5 Swimming Lessons  
Year 6 Camp  
Road Patrol Fun Day  
Y5 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  
Certificates Assembly followed by a farewell cuppa with Colin – community is welcome  
Principal's Awards Prizegiving – Junior & Senior  
Year 6 Graduation – 5.45pm to 8.00pm  
Last school day for 2025



# 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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# WACKY HAIR DAY

Thank you to all who donated to Wacky Hair Day

We raised

**\$400.00**

For child cancer research



## Calendar Art 2025

Exciting!! The art has been done, and has been sent off to Kids Art Works.  
They will upload the art to their website  
(the same process as last year).

As soon as it is ready, the website will be opened for orders - calendars,  
cards, diaries, mouse mat and sketch pads.

Your child will receive an individual code to gain access.

This is a FOTS fundraising event.

We will keep you up to date.





# HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Mon 22 Sept – Fri 3 Oct

Join us for a fun-filled School Holiday Programme including a Super Squad Day, craft and cooking activities, awesome games **& MUCH MORE!**

*Some activities may need to be swapped for other exciting ones!  
Go online to check out a full, up-to-date timetable for your venue.*

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## KELLY CLUB WESTBROOK UPDATE

### What's been happening...

We're having a fantastic finish to the term with our much-loved **Kids' Choice Week**. The tamariki got to be in charge – choosing the games, activities and creative projects they most wanted to do. From baking treats to playground obstacle courses and arts and crafts, it was wonderful seeing their ideas come to life and their confidence grow.

This week we've stepped back in time with our adventurous **"A Knight's Tale"** theme. The children are letting their imaginations run wild as we build up to the school holidays.

We're so excited about our upcoming **Holiday Programme**, packed with fun activities, challenges and special days. We can't wait to welcome everyone back for more action-packed days at Kelly Club these holidays!



### What's happening next week!



## SEPT/OCT 2025 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME WESTBROOK SCHOOL



WEEK 1

Mon 22 September



#### BOOTCAMP MADNESS

Join us for fun obstacle courses, test your strength and fuel up with energising treats!

Tues 23 September



#### SUPER SQUAD

What super hero will you be? Choose your favourite and come along in costume. Lots of super fun to be had! We'll see which super hero is on an epic game of hero ball!

Wed 24 September



#### WONDERLAND 3D MAZE

Join us for an awesome trip day to the Wonderland 3D Maze. Will you find your way out? Please remember a big lunch, drink bottle, shoes and a hat! \$20 extra for the day.

Thurs 25 September



#### ARTY PARTY

Let's get creative and have fun making a meal! Join us for a day of games, arts and crafts as we look at many ways to use paint & paper.

Fri 26 September



#### OUT OF THIS WORLD

Click aboard the Kelly Club spaceship as we shoot off into the galaxy. Let's see what we can find in outer space!

WEEK 2

Mon 29 September



#### GREEN THUMBS

Get ready to grow some fun! Bring your green thumbs and enjoy everything about our gardens. We will plant seeds, soak up the sun and finish with a magic garden tea party!

Tues 30 September



#### DRAGONS AND UNICORNS

Step into a magical world and test your bravery as you slay the mighty dragon, or perhaps you'll fly through the clouds with the unicorns. You decide today!

Wed 1 October



#### HUNGERBALL

Kelly Club Selwyn will join us today for an awesome day of Hungerball. Whilst Kelly Club will come out on loan! Please remember a big lunch, drink bottle, shoes and a hat! \$20 extra for the day.

Thurs 2 October



#### SPIN OUT

What spins and twirls! Whirls of course! Bring your bikes, scooters and skateboards for a wheely fun day!

No Helms! No Eds!

Fri 3 October



#### MYSTERIOUS MONSTERS

There's no need to be afraid of the monsters at Kelly Club today! They may be mysterious but they are fun and friendly.

#### Pricing:

**FULL WEEK: \$290**  
7:00am – 6:00pm

**FULL DAY: \$57**  
7:00am – 6:00pm

**HALF DAY: \$39**  
7:00am – 12:30pm or 12:30pm – 6:00pm

**SCHOOL DAY: \$47**  
8:30am – 3:00pm

**EVENT DAY: Extra \$20**  
(Included in Full Week)

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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  
22<sup>nd</sup> October to 10<sup>th</sup> December and 14<sup>th</sup> January - 25<sup>th</sup> 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://www.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

**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

Owhatiura Lynmore  
Playcentre

**TICKETS  
\$25.00  
VIA HUMANITIX**



**Wednesday 15th October 2025  
SHAMBLES THEATRE, ROTORUA**

Doors & bar open 6.15pm  
Screening starts 7.00pm

NZ Mountain  
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**ROTORUA  
BMX CLUB**

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## Welcome to Rotorua BMX Club and our Start Up to Race programme for beginners. Terms 1 and 4.

'Start Up to Race' is a fun, skills-oriented development programme that introduces kids to the sport of BMX. There is a big emphasis on fun and learning, fun and friendship, fun and going fast, fun and riding bikes...

**When:** Starting October 9th 2025  
Thursdays 4.30pm - 5.15pm (session 1)

**Suitable for:**

- 7 years and under
- New to BMX or no gate experience

**Thursdays 5.30pm - 6.30pm (session 2)**

**Suitable for:**

- 8 years and older

**Where:** Rotorua BMX Track  
Corner of State Highway 5 and Waipa State Mill Rd

**What's Involved:**

- **Coaching:** focusing on skills and development. A fun environment helping kids build their confidence and technique.
- **Gear needed:** bike, long sleeve top and long pants, closed in shoes, gloves, helmet (full face when using the gate), under 8 years old must also wear elbow and knee pads.
- **Hire option:** BMX bike \$5 per night (limited availability), helmet, gloves, and pads \$5 per night. Hire available from 4.15pm.
- **Cost:** You will need to purchase a Club Membership plus a Race Licence. These will be valid until the end of the 2025 year. There are more details about what membership you will need here: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/rotoruaabmx/Become-a-Member>

**Need help?** Email [rotovegasbmx@hotmail.com](mailto:rotovegasbmx@hotmail.com) or message us on Facebook 'Rotorua BMX Club'

# GOAL

FOOTBALL ACADEMY



## SEPTEMBER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME!

for 6-13 Year old Boys and Girls.

**Dates:**

Monday 22 September  
Tuesday 23 September

Monday 29 September  
Tuesday 30 September

**Time:** 9am - 3pm

**Cost:** \$45 per player per day

**Location:** Western Heights Primary School Field, Turf and Gym

**Programme:** Our days are spent having fun playing and learning about football. We group the children into age and ability groups working on 4 concepts of the game through the morning and then putting it all together with fun game-based tournaments in the afternoons. We also like to sprinkle in some other entertaining events and games to keep your children engaged and smiling!

**Register:** Online at [www.goalfootballacademy.nz/holiday-programme-registration](http://www.goalfootballacademy.nz/holiday-programme-registration)



More info and register at: [www.goalfootballacademy.nz](http://www.goalfootballacademy.nz)

Or text/phone Ben on 021 053 8978



## 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 3 policies

- [Child Protection](#)
- [Abuse Recognition and Reporting](#)
- [Food and Nutrition](#)
- [Safety Checking](#)
- [Police Vetting](#)
- [Missing Student Procedure](#)

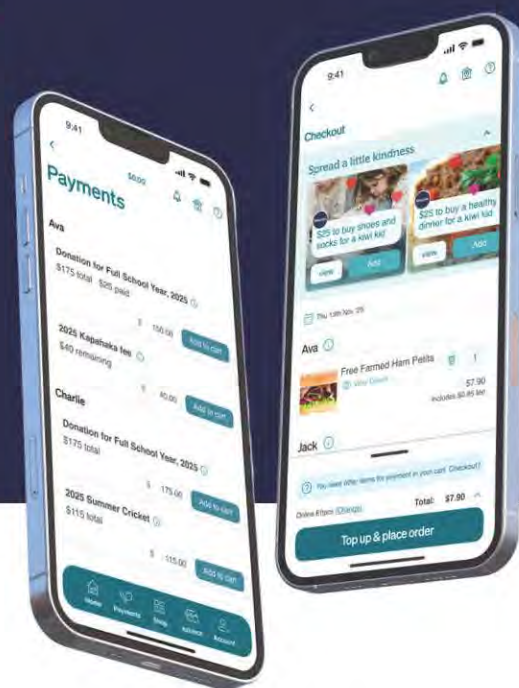
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### Already have a Kindo account?

- 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](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz)

## Lunch

### Westbrook School Lunches delivered to School

Pita Pit  
Order & pay for lunches online  
It's simple; all you need to do is register at  
[www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz)  
and follow 4 easy steps to get started

- 1 Register an account
- 2 Add member/s including your child's name, school and classroom
- 3 Make a payment so you have funds in your account before you order
- 4 Select your lunch and place an order



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## 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.



## Reminder of our 'Rubbish' policy



We will encourage children to repack their plastic or paper lunch wrappings, yoghurt containers, or cardboard drink containers back into their lunch boxes and take them home. This encourages more recycling and will limit our school's landfill waste. We will also have containers for waste food scraps which we will either compost or use to feed our worm farms.

## 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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