Week 7 Term 3, 2 September, 2026

Westbrook School

Weekly Newsletter

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Principal Pānui

We have a lot going on at Westbrook School this week. Our Year 6 team are off to Rotorua Intermediate tomorrow to see their Wearable Arts show and the Year 5 team have been busy crafting their own amazing creations this week. Year 2 have their "Tarawera Legacy" trip tomorrow (Rooms 11 and 13) and Friday (Rooms 12 and 14). And of course, we also have discos and Wacky Hair Day as well!

Discos tonight!!!

We are looking forward to our discos tonight in the school hall. A few reminders:

- Year 0 to 3 only - 5.30pm to 6.30pm
- Years 4 to 6 only - 7pm to 8pm
- $2 entry, sausage sizzle, lollies and glow products can be purchased at the disco
- No phones for students
- Children must be collected from the hall by an adult following the disco

Wacky Hair Friday

Don't forget Wacky Hair Day this Friday 7th September! Let's see how creative you can be. Donations can be made via Kindo or cash on the day, with all proceeds going to the Child Cancer Foundation.

Illness

We now have a number of students that have been diagnosed with Influenza A. This is a contagious viral infection characterised by high fever, chills, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, tiredness, body aches, headaches, nausea or vomiting. Please keep your child home if they have these symptoms as it is spreading quickly to both students and staff. Children should not return to school until they are no longer coughing and are fever free for at least 24 hours.
For more information on whether your child should be at school or not follow the link below.
Information for Parents

Rachel Weinberg, Principal

Marae Visits

During the week of 7-11 September, each team will be visiting Para te Hoata (Tūnohopū) Marae in Ōhinemutu for a day. While at the marae, our students will particpate in a pōwhiri (traditional welcome), explore the area with their teachers and participate in a range of activities designed to give them an insight into Maori culture, and build their understanding of the marae and the local iwi.

All students and staff will travel to and from the marae by bus. Parents will meet us there.
Costs for this will be covered by the school and FOTS.

Marae Parent Help needed next week

We are in urgent need of more parent helpers for our day trips to the marae next week. If you could spare a few hours to meet at the marae to help supervise our students, we would be very grateful. Please contact the school office or your child's teacher if you can assist.
Year 1 and 2 - Wednesday 9th September
Year 3 and 4 - Tuesday 8th September
Year 5 and 6 - Monday 7th September

MIGS Gymnastics Comp

The Westbrook Year 4–6 gymnastics team showed incredible dedication and sportsmanship at the recent Migs School Festival Gym Competition. Leading up to the event, students gave up countless lunchtimes to learn and refine their routines - mastering the floor, beam, vault, mat, and tumbling routines while building strength and confidence along the way.
Their hard work paid off, with many gymnasts bringing home individual medals, ribbons, and team awards. Even more impressive was the team's outstanding camaraderie and the immense pride they showed while representing Westbrook.
A heartfelt thank you goes to the wonderful parents who supported and helped supervise on the day - your assistance was much appreciated.
Finally, a special thank you to Whaea Chris for sharing her expertise, passion, and dedication to coaching the team.
Westbrook is so proud of you all!

Week 7 Updates & Reminders

WARNING:
Please be aware that some glow products contain button batteries and that they should be kept away from small children and babies.
Please store in a safe place after purchase.

Westbrook Disco Price List

Food and Drinks

LOLLY BAGS
$1.00

FREDDO FROGS
$1.00

CHUPA CHUPS
$1.00

FIZZY DRINKS
$2.00

WATER
$2.00

CHOCOLATE BARS
$2.50

SAUSAGE SIZZLE
$2.50

Glow Products

MINI GLOW MONSTERS
$2.50

GLOW STICK WITH LANYARD
$2.50

SMILEY FACE RINGS
$2.50

NEON BRACLET
$3.50

JELLY STAR NECKLACE
$3.50

FLASHING TIES, GLASSES, WANDS & HAIR EXTENSIONS AVAILABLE FOR PRE PURCHASE ON KINDO

Wacky Hair Day this Friday!

WIG Wednesday (fundraising day for Child Cancer Foundation) is Wednesday 16th September.

***However**, we have declared this **Friday 4th September** as WACKY HAIR DAY instead! Funky hairdos, different colours, and accessories, the ideas are endless!.*

It's a School Assembly Day, so of course house points are involved.

And better still, every gold coin donation will go towards the Child Cancer Foundation.

*You can donate via **Kindo**, or to the class teacher on Friday.*

Term 3 & 4 Overview 2026

Term 3

Wednesday 2 September - R.I.S. testing for Y6 students (at Westbrook)
Wednesday 2 September - School Discos (Page 3 for information)
Thursday 3 September - Buried Village/Whakarewarewa Trip Rm 11 & 13
Friday 4 September - Buried Village/Whakarewarewa Trip Rm 12 & 14
Friday 4 September - Wacky Hair Day (Page 4 for information)
Friday 4 September - Whole School Assembly, 11.30am
Monday 7 September - Para te Hoata (Tunohopu) Marae visit Y5/6
Tuesday 8 September - Para te Hoata (Tunohopu) Marae visit Y3/4
Wed 9 September - Para te Hoata (Tunohopu) Marae visit Y1/2
Friday 11 September - Lucky Book Issue 6 Closes
Friday 18 September - FOTS Sausage Sizzle
Friday 18 September - Whole School Assembly, 11.30am
Monday 21 September - Safe Cycling for Y5
Wednesday 23 September - Westbrook Way Day
Thursday 24 September - Safe Cycling for Y6
Friday 25 September - Last day of Term 3

Term 4

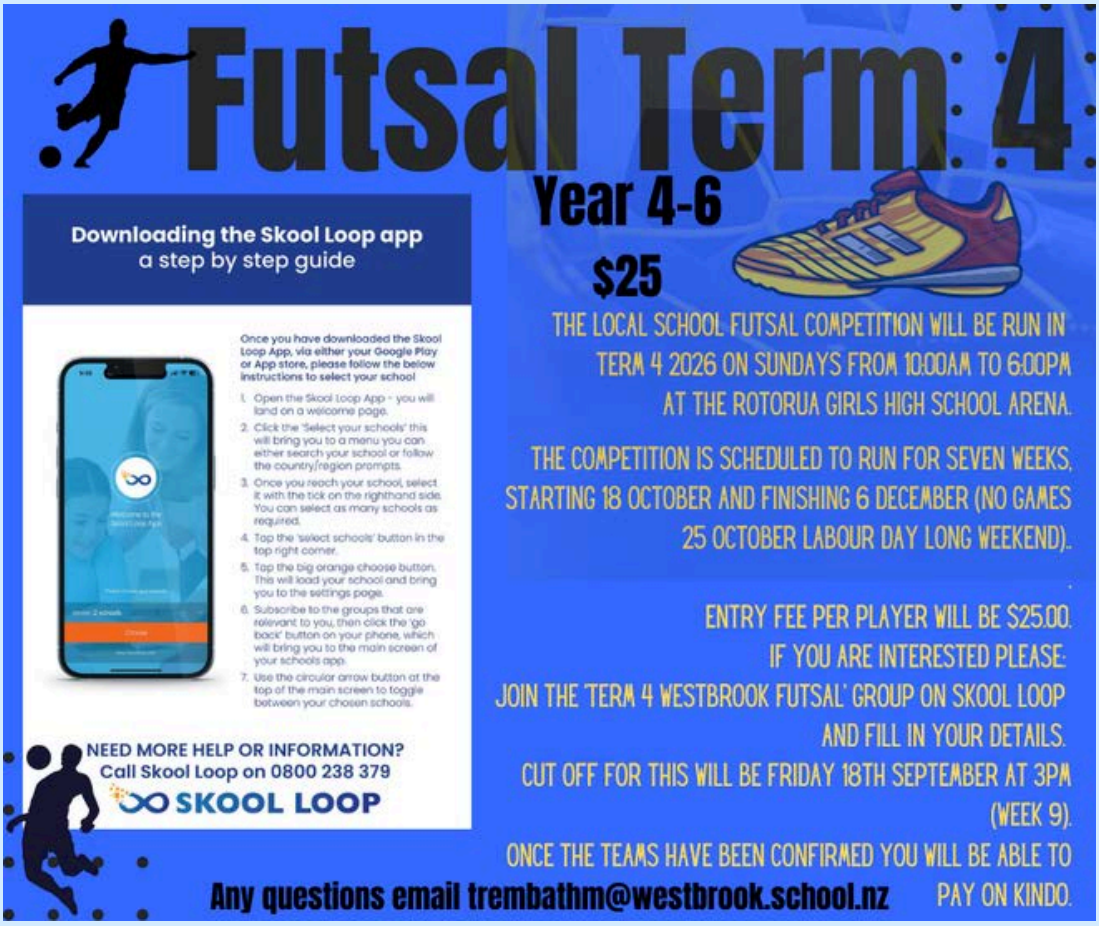
Monday 12 October - First Day of Term 4
Friday 16 October - Whole School Assembly, 11.30am
Monday 26 October - Labour Day SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 30 October - Whole School Assembly, 11.30am
Friday 13 November - Whole School Assembly, 11.30am
Wed-Fri 18-20 November - Year 6 Camp at Tui Ridge
Monday 23 November - Year 3 Maketu Trip
Friday 27 November - Whole School Assembly, 11.30am
Wednesday 2 December - Road Patrol Treat Day
Friday 4 December - Celebration Assembly
Monday 7 December - Principal's Awards Assemblies
Tuesday 8 December - Westbrook Way Day
Wednesday 9 December - Year 6 Graduation
Friday 11 December - Last Day of Term 4 (12 *noon finish*).

Lucky Book Club

Issue 6 out now.
Last day for orders Friday 11th September
Order at the office or online @ Scholastic

Sports News

Touch Rugby 2026
Is your child interested in playing Touch in Term 4, 2026?
Games for Years 5 and 6 will take place on Tuesday afternoons.
Years 1 to 4 will play on Wednesday afternoons at the Westbrook Fields.
2 games will be scheduled per team each week.
Grading games are set for:
Tuesday, 13th October for Years 5 and 6,
Wednesday, 14th October for Years 1 to 4
Final games will be on 8th-9th December.
Commitment to training and games is essential.
We need dedicated adults to coach and manage these teams.
Join the Touch Group on Skool Loop and fill in the permission form with your details.
Spaces are limited and cut off will be Tues 25 September
Once the teams are formed, a fee of $35 will be required via KINDO.


Futsal Term 4
Year 4-6
$25
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 2026 ON SUNDAYS FROM 10:00AM TO 6:00PM AT THE ROTORUA GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL ARENA.
THE COMPETITION IS SCHEDULED TO RUN FOR SEVEN WEEKS, STARTING 18 OCTOBER AND FINISHING 6 DECEMBER (NO GAMES 25 OCTOBER LABOUR DAY LONG WEEKEND).
ENTRY FEE PER PLAYER WILL BE $25.00.
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 FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER AT 3PM (WEEK 9).
ONCE THE TEAMS HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PAY ON KINDO.
Any questions email trembathm@westbrook.school.nz

NETBALL

We need coaches/managers for teams to be registered, please let us know if you can help out. Year 5/6 team will also require an umpire, Can you help out?

Please contact Michaela Muncaster for further information or if you can support in anyway.

Email:
muncasterm@westbrook.school.nz

Cyber Safety Parent Evening

We all want our school and community to be a safe place for our tamariki. But in a rapidly changing digital world, the risks our children face online are growing faster, more frequently, and more seriously than ever before.
That's why we are bringing filmmaker, author, and speaker Rob Cope—producer of the powerful documentary Our Kids Online—to Rotorua for a fast-paced, humorous, and eye-opening presentation you cannot afford to miss!

Event Details

- When: Wednesday, 23rd September | 6:30 PM
- Where: Rotorua Intermediate
- Tickets: $10 Individual | $15 Couple
- Book Online: https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2026/our-kids-online-rotorua/rotorua

(Note: This event is for adults only and is not suitable for children or teens to attend.)

What Rob Will Cover:

- Cyberbullying & Social Media: How bullies reach kids 24/7, plus the impact on mental health (FOMO, depression, and anxiety affecting 3 out of 5 kids).
- Gaming & the Developing Brain: Dopamine overload, synaptic pruning, and the impact on social skills and empathy.
- Online Predators & AI Risks: Spotting predator tactics, alongside emerging AI threats like companion bots, deepfakes, voice cloning, and radicalisation.
- The Hard Topics: Dealing with the pressure around naked selfies, as well as the realities of online porn versus healthy sexuality.

Practical Solutions You'll Walk Away With

- Filters & Smartphone Locks: Exactly which filters to use and how to lock down devices safely.
- The 3 Golden Rules: Simple, effective guidelines to protect your kids online.
- Boundaries & Difficult Conversations: How to talk to your kids and reconnect as a family by challenging our own phone habits.

FREE $99 GIFT FOR ATTENDING!
Every ticket includes a FREE 1-year subscription to the Parenting in an Online World 101 course (valued at $99), created by Rob and Zareen Cope. This practical, no-nonsense online course is used by thousands of Kiwi families nationwide.
(Please note: You must attend the event on the night to claim your free access!)

"We need to tackle this as a community so that all of our kids are safe. When I protected my kids online, I also protected yours, so please, please protect your kids online so that you are also protecting mine."
— Rob Cope

This topic is too important for us to ignore, and we strongly request at least one representative from every family attend. Secure your tickets today via Eventfinda and let's protect our tamariki together!

📱 *Growing Tech-Smart Tamariki Together!* ✨

At our school, we love seeing our kids thrive, both in the classroom and out. We know that while technology brings so many awesome opportunities, navigating the digital world can sometimes be a bit tricky. We want to work right alongside you to keep our tamariki safe, happy, and balanced in the digital space.

To help us all team up on this, we'll be sharing a quick, bite-sized video clip in our school newsletter each week. These short clips are packed with practical tips and insights so that we can learn, chat, and work together as a whānau. This week's clip is below - remember to keep your eye out for next week's one!

5 Ways Smartphones are hurting our kids.mp4

These clips are kindly provided by Kids on Line

SchoolDocs Policies and Procedures

Westbrook School

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

- School Community Engagement Policy
- Inclusive School Culture
- Enrolment
- Student Attendance
- Student Uniform/Student Dress Expectations

Westbrook School

Kelly Club Week 7 Term 3 Timetable:

KELLY CLUB

Contact: Kara Lefson
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Website: kellyclub.co.nz/westbrook

What's Up AT YOUR CLUB?

KELLY CLUB WESTBROOK UPDATE

What's been happening...

We had another amazing week with Kids Choice! We made Slime, Squishes, Ice Cream Sundaes, played soccer and Find the Lolly.

Join us next week as we explore the Deep Blue Sea. We'll be playing Crab Football and Seaweed! Don't miss out on Ocean Fossil Cookies, Layers of the Ocean and Egg Carton Turtles!

Next Week

KELLY CLUB

THEME: Deep Blue Sea!
Term 3 Week 8, 7th September 2026

Weekly Activities Plan
Kelly Club Westbrook

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 - 8:00 am	Flag Making & Structured Free Time	Ocean Playdough & Structured Free Time	Target Practice & Structured Free Time	Finger Painting & Structured Free Time	Homemade Pikelets & Structured Free Time
8:00 - 8:15 am	Game:Kiwis & Kangaroos	Game: Kids Yoga	Game: Balloon Tag	Game: Limbo	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 Rice Bubble Cakes & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Tomato Pasta & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Homemade Pikelets & Fruit
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Game: Human, Paper, Scissors Rock	Game: Duck, Duck, Goose	Game: Toilet Tag	Game: Follow the Sergeant	Game: Cat & Mouse Tag
3:45 - 4:30 pm	DISCOVERY Layers of the Ocean	SPORT Crab Football	COOKING Ocean Fossil Cookies	CRAFT Egg Carton Turtle	GAME Seaweed
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: Concentration & Projects	Game: Doggy Doggy & Projects	Game: Flee Chase & Projects	Game: Dance Compi & Projects	Game: Foot Volleyball & Projects

E: westbrook@kellyclub.co.nz kellyclub.co.nz/westbrook P: 021 079 7737

OSCAR PROGRAMME SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE! *Conditions apply

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KELLY CLUB

SEPT/OCT 2026 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

WESTBROOK SCHOOL

WEEK 1

Mon 28 Sep

ARRR ME HEARTIES!

Climb aboard and start the long voyage across the seven seas. Will you be a pirate on the ship or a mermaid under the water?

Tues 29 Sep

SECRET AGENT

Bring your detective skills to Kelly Club today. We are going to be putting your brain to the test with clues and clever obstacle courses! Can you solve the mysterious case?

Wed 30 Sep

AQUATIC CENTRE

Splash into an awesome trip day at the Aquatic Centre! Please bring your lunch, drink bottle, jacket, togs and a towel.

Extra $10 for the day.

Thurs 1 Oct

RACE THE CLOCK!

The name of the game today is speed. See what you can achieve in just 60 seconds with our wacky win in a minute challenges. Book in quick, the clock is ticking!

Fri 2 Oct

KIWIANA DAY

Celebrate who we are and all things New Zealand! Gumboots, Pavlova, Rugby, Ki o Rahi and more!

WEEK 2

Mon 5 Oct

A TRIP TO THE ISLANDS

Put on your flower lei as we take an imaginary trip around the Islands. There is so much to see and explore!

Tues 6 Oct

WHEELS DAY

Bring your bikes, scooters or other wheels for races, obstacle courses and relays and then see what else you can make move. Please remember your helmet.

Wed 7 Oct

FUSE DRUMMING

Join us for an awesome day with Fuse Drumming, a fast evolving bucket drumming programme taking the world by storm.

Extra $20 for the day.

Thurs 8 Oct

CHILD VS WILD

Have you got what it takes to survive in the wild? Come and learn some tips and tricks at Kelly Club to have fun in the outdoors.

Fri 9 Oct

FUN-TASTIC FRIDAY

Get ready for silly games, crazy challenges, and non-stop fun! Step into our wacky world and let the adventures begin.

Pricing:

FULL WEEK: $275 7:00am – 6:00pm

FULL DAY: $58 7:00am – 6:00pm

HALF DAY: $40 7:00am – 12:30pm or 12:30pm – 6:00pm

SCHOOL DAY: $48 8:30am – 3:00pm

EVENT DAY: Extra $10–$20 (Not Included in Full Week)

Contact: Kara Lefson
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Phone: 021 079 7737
Facebook: @KellyClubWestbrook
Address: 362 Malfroy Road, Pomare

BOOK NOW AT
kellyclub.co.nz/westbrook

Further information:
www.kellyclub.co.nz/hp#info

NZ MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL

NATIONAL TOUR

THURSDAY 24th SEPTEMBER - Shambles Theatre, Rotorua
Doors & bar open 6.15pm (Screening starts 7.00pm)
Raffles also for sale

A fundraising event for **Westbrook Primary School**

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AGES 8–12

ROTORUA

- WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER
- THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER
- 9AM–3PM
- OTONGA SCHOOL

- Invent awesome characters
- Add twists and surprises
- Learn real author tricks

With award-winning children's author **Tom E. Moffatt**

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IN STORE ONLY

Beginners
After School Art Classes with Janet Keen enrolling NOW for remainder of Term 3 and 4

Drawing, Painting, Mosaics.
Tuesdays, Wednesdays , Thursdays
3.30pm to 4.30pm and 4.35pm to 5.35pm
Small classes, friendly, safe, quiet, environment.
From ages from aged 5 and upwards Enquiries welcome:
Phone 027 351 3887 or email janet@jkeen.net.
374 Clayton Road, Rotorua.
https://www.facebook.com/janet.artistteacher

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

Helpful Links & Contacts

Click to follow the links:

Kindo
App Store: Skool Loop
Google Play: Skool Loop
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Kelly Club
Kids in Need Rotorua
Lena & Phil Stirrup Phone Number 0222808550
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