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Newsletter

Week 8 Term 3 3rd September 2025



Colin's Kōrero



Book Character Parade:

To help celebrate the importance of reading and to conclude our annual Book Fair, we held a "Book Character Parade" during our assembly last Friday. Twenty finalists were selected before it was announced that Kaylee Holder placed third, Xanthe Rolston-Dowd placed third, and our winner was Kayden Raupita-Campbell.

Fordlands Community Centre Planting Day: Our Year 4 and 5 Student Councillors attended the native tree planting yesterday. The students really enjoyed being able to help plant the trees right here in our own community. There is great work being done by the Fordlands Community Centre, with many hands making light work.



Westbrook Art Exhibition: Our first-ever "Westbrook School Art Exhibition" opens tomorrow, at 7.45 am and closes at 5 pm on Friday. You are welcome to visit this amazing display at any time throughout either day. Entry is by gold coin donation, with the profits helping to offset the costs and to help with Arts projects in 2026.



Year 6 Speech Finals:

Our Year 6 students took part in a Speech Competition over the past week. The finalists presented their speeches to our senior school on Monday of this week. Our winners were:
Third Place, Charlotte Brooks
Second Place, Amara Winiata
and our very proud winner was Tommy Flinn.

MIGS Gym Competition:

Congratulations to our amazing gymnastics students who took part in the MIG's Gym Rotorua Primary school Champs on Friday, August 22. We had a record number of entries this year, with almost 40 students participating. Our students did particularly well this year, with over half receiving certificates or medals for their achievements.

2025 Calendar of Events

Term 3



Thurs 4th/Fri 5th Sept
 Thurs 4th September
 Friday 5th September
 Tues 9th September
 Wed 10th September
 Wed 10th September
 Thurs 11th September
 Fri 12th September
 Fri 12th September
 Mon 15th–Fri 19th Sept
 Tues 16th September
 Fri 19th September
 Fri 19th September

Whole School Art Exhibition
 Y1 Wharenuī Visit
 Y2 Wharenuī Visit
 Y3 Wharenuī Visit
 Y4 Wharenuī Visit
 BoT Election Day Poll Closes 4pm
 Y5 Wharenuī Visit
 Whole School Assembly 11.30am – all welcome
 Wacky Hair Day!
 Y2 swimming lessons at the Aquatic Centre
 Election Results Declared
 Sausage Sizzle
 Last day of Term 3

Term 4

Fri 10th October
Mon 13th October
 Thurs 16th October
 Wed 22nd 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
 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
 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
 Whole School Assembly 11.30am – all welcome
 Senior Swimming Sports Day
 CBOP Athletics (tbc)
 Welcome for Rachel Weinberg (new Principal 2026)
 at 1pm
 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

WESTBROOK SCHOOL PRESENTS

ART EXPO 2025

**A STUDENT ART &
CRAFT EXHIBITION**

**4TH & 5TH
SEPTEMBER
2025
8AM TO 5PM
DAILY**

**JOIN US FOR A SHOWCASE
OF ART & CRAFTS FROM
WESTBROOK STUDENTS**

**PLUS SILENT AUCTIONS
ON ART & CRAFTS MADE
BY WESTBROOK STAFF**

**WESTBROOK SCHOOL HALL
KOHA ENTRY**

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.



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.



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KELLY CLUB WESTBROOK UPDATE

What's been happening...

Super Dads Week at Kelly Club! This week we celebrated the amazing dads and other role models in our lives with our **Super Dads** theme!

The children will spend time sharing stories about their dads, making special crafts and to take home, and playing fun games inspired by the "superpowers" that dads have. From strength and speed to jokes and big hugs, we honoured all the ways our dads are truly the best. It was a week full of creativity, laughter, and appreciation for the superheroes in our lives – our dads!



What's happening next week!



THEME: Kids Choice!

Term 3 Week 8, 8th September 2025

Weekly Activities Plan
Kelly Club Westbrook

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 - 8:15 am	Card Games & Structured Free Time	Jenga & Structured Free Time	Legs houses & Structured Free Time	Master Tag & Structured Free Time	Dance Party & Structured Free Time
8:15 - 8:30 am	Game: Clown Races	Game: Cloud Hopping	Game: Hop Scotch	Game: Master Tag	Game: Dance Competition
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 Yoghurt and Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies and Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Corn Thins and Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies and Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Cookies and fruit
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Game: Master Tag	Game: Dodgeball	Game: Dance Competition	Game: Hop Scotch	Game: Kids Yoga
3:45 - 4:30 pm	DISCOVERY Build a Bridge 	SPORT Playground Obstacle 	COOKING Blue Choc Chip Cookies 	CRAFT Friendship Bracelets 	GAME 60 Second Rainbow 
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 Raisins	Snack Time Corn Thins	Snack Time Popcorn	Snack Time Corn Thins
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: Matrus May 1? & Projects	Game: Where's Wally? & Projects	Game: Sharks, Islands & Fish & Projects	Game: Shoops & Wolves & Projects	Game: Line Tag & Projects

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BOOK ONLINE NOW AT www.kellyclub.co.nz



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.

**OSCAR
PROGRAMME
SUBSIDIES
AVAILABLE!**

*Conditions apply.

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HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**
WESTBROOK SCHOOL

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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 supers win in 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

Lets get creative and have fun making a mess! 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

Climb 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. Which Kelly Club will come out on top? 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? Wheels of course! Bring your bikes, scooters, and skateboards for a wheelie fun day!

No Helmet, No Ride.

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 **FULL DAY:** \$57 **HALF DAY:** \$39
7:00am – 6:00pm 7:00am – 6:00pm 7:00am – 12:30pm or 12:30pm – 6:00pm

SCHOOL DAY: \$47 **EVENT DAY:** Extra \$20
8:30am – 3:00pm (Included in Full Week)

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Further information:
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Atua Wahine is a powerful musical and movement piece that breathes life into the ancient narratives of Māori goddesses. Directed and designed by Rangipo Ihakara in collaboration with the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, this work brings together female performers of all ages in a celebration of Atua Wahine through Māori contemporary dance, classical orchestration, and taonga puoro.

Student tickets: \$22 (Matinees, excl fees)

Where: Sir Howard Morrison Centre - Sir Owen Glenn Theatre

Themes: dance, theatre, singing, kapa haka, music, te ao Māori, drama, performing.

Discount links:

Friday 12 September 11am

<https://www.ticketmaster.co.nz/event/240062F6B55813E3?did=kura>

Saturday 13 September 11am

<https://www.ticketmaster.co.nz/event/240062F6B55813E5?did=kura>

[More info](#)

On **Saturday, 6 September at 3 PM**, Rotorua International Stadium will host a special rugby clash between **Fiji and Samoa**.

We'd love for local tamariki and their whānau to be part of it, so we're offering a **\$5 discount for school communities**. Ticket prices after the discount are:

- Adults: \$15
- Children: \$7.50
- Family of 4: \$42

This will be a **family-friendly afternoon out** with more than just the main game.

Local youth groups will have the chance to perform and play on the field before the main game, giving children a moment to shine and setting the tone for a fun, lively day.

There'll also be food stalls, music, and activities to enjoy!



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)



love tennis

NEW TO TENNIS OR MAKING A COMEBACK?

Come give tennis a go!

Games, Sausage Sizzle, &
Discounted Memberships!
Rotorua Tennis Club
Manuka Cres., Rotorua

Sunday 07 Sept 2025 • 10am - 2pm

EVERYONE IS WELCOME AND IT'S FREE



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 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



More info and register at: 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](#)

Westbrook School

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

Lunch

Westbrook School Lunches delivered to School

Pita Pit
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It's simple; all you need to do is register at
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- 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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Beginners After School Art Classes with Janet Keen

Enrolling NOW for Term 3 2025
Drawing, Painting, Mosaics.
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
3.30pm to 4.30pm
and 4.35pm to 5.35pm
Small classes, friendly, safe, quiet,
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From age 6 and upwards.
Enquiries welcome:
Phone 027 351 3887 or email
janet@jkeen.net.
374 Clayton Road
Rotorua.



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.



Election Pilot Mission Control

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Westbrook School Board of Trustees Election Timetable

VOTING OPENS	Wednesday 13 August
ELECTION DAY	Wednesday 10 September
CLOSE POLL	4pm on Wednesday 10 September
COUNT VOTES AND DECLARE RESULTS	Tuesday 16 September
BOARD TAKES OFFICE	Wednesday 17 September

VOTING UPDATE

Voting Return Rate

12.81%

Days Until Voting Closes

8

Remember to Vote

There is still time for you to vote in our School Board election.

We need 5 parent representatives to join the Westbrook School Board.

Schooled have been appointed as the Returning Officer for this election.

Voting instructions have been sent out by the team at Election Pilot.

The clock is ticking.
Voting closes at 4pm on
Wednesday 10th September

WESTBROOK SCHOOL PARENT BOARD

ELECTION CANDIDATE PROFILES

BATHE-TAYLOR, Kelly



Hi I'm Kelly Bathe-Taylor and I am re-standing for Parent Representative on the Westbrook School Board. I am a mum of two boys, one who has moved on to intermediate and one still attending Westbrook School. I enjoy being involved in all aspects of my sons' life and fully support them in their sporting activities, whether it is on the side-lines cheering them on, managing the team or helping out where I can. I was on the trust at the Childcare Centre my sons attended. I work for Education Services which is a school accounting provider, providing financial reports and assistance for schools around the country and have worked there for twenty years. I had always decided once my boys got to school I would like to go on the Board of Trustees to help make decisions within the school that would empower my children's time there. In March 2020 I was co-opted onto the Board and currently lead the finance subcommittee. I have been impressed with how the school is run and would like the opportunity to stay on the board and share my time and knowledge to continue to make Westbrook School an awesome learning opportunity for all students and their families. It would be my privilege to serve on the Board again.

BURROWS, Charnelle



As a proud parent, midwifery student, and long-time Rotorua resident, I am delighted to nominate myself for the school parent election board. With 6 children currently in the education system and a 7th on the way, I bring not only lived experience but a deep, heartfelt commitment to ensuring our schools nurture both academic success and emotional wellbeing. My journey, from emigrating from Nuneaton, England to building a life in Rotorua, has shaped me into someone who values resilience, inclusion, and community collaboration. I believe that every child deserves to feel seen, supported, and inspired in their learning environment. As a parent representative, I would advocate for meaningful engagement between Whānau and school leadership, ensuring that our diverse perspectives and cultural values are honored at every level. I am currently studying midwife at AUT, where my coursework in human development, cultural safety, and holistic care has strengthened my belief in responsive, equity focused education. I'm highly organised, reflective, and driven by a passion for creating tools and spaces that foster connection and growth. Whether it's crafting visually engaging study plans or participating in values-led assessment, I thrive in roles that blend empathy with action. As a board member I aim to: Champion student wellbeing through culturally responsive policies and community support. Strengthen communication pathways between parents, teachers, and school leadership. Promote initiatives that reflect the values and aspirations of our local families. Above all, I bring my heart. I understand the juggle of parenting, working, studying and I know how powerful it is when schools walk alongside families in that journey. I'm deeply committed to contributing my energy, creativity, and organisation skills to help shape a school environment where every child can flourish. Thank you for considering my nomination. I look forward to the possibility of serving our schools community and making a meaningful difference together. Warmly, Charnelle Burrows

GALUSZEWSKI, Rachael



As a dedicated and passionate individual with a strong background as a civil servant in the public sector, I am excited to stand for the Westbrook School Parent Board Election. With experience in helping people help themselves, I believe I can bring a unique perspective to the role, fostering a supportive and inclusive environment that empowers our school community to thrive. My involvement and previous experience in the arts and creative sector has also given me a deep appreciation for the importance of creativity and self-expression in education. I am eager to contribute to the development of innovative and engaging programs that cater to the diverse needs and interests of our students. As a parent of a young child attending this school, I have a personal stake in ensuring that our school provides the best possible education and care for all students. I am committed to listening to and representing the voices of parents, teachers, and students, and to working collaboratively with the board to make informed decisions that benefit our school community. I am a calm, friendly, and empathetic person who is approachable and open to feedback. I believe that every parent deserves to have a say in their child's education, and I am passionate about creating opportunities for parents to engage with the school and have their voices heard. I would be honoured to serve on the board of trustees as a parent representative and help contribute to the ongoing success and growth of our school. I would love this opportunity to be part of Westbrook School and to help serve our children.

HARRISON, Jovanae



Hi there, I would like to be part of the school board in order to support the school and my son's who attend Westbrook. I would like to encourage good values at the school and support the learning of the children, and support the teachers who do a full on job!

HOLMES, Michelle



Hi, My name is Michelle Holmes, and I would like to nominate myself for a position on the Westbrook School Parent Board. I have one child currently in Year 4, and I am passionate about the success and wellbeing of all children at Westbrook School. I believe strongly in the value of community, collaboration, and supporting our school to provide the best environment for our children to learn, grow, and thrive. I work in Health & Safety and Human Resources, which gives me a strong understanding of people, wellbeing, risk management, and creating positive environments where everyone can succeed. These skills, along with my ability to communicate effectively and work with diverse groups, would bring value to the board. Westbrook School holds a special place in our family, and I am eager to contribute to its continued success. I am particularly passionate about supporting initiatives that enhance student wellbeing, provide equitable opportunities, and strengthen connections between school, family, and the wider community. I am committed to ensuring that every student has the chance to achieve their full potential, both academically and personally, in a safe and inclusive learning environment. I value teamwork, honesty, and open communication. I believe that a strong school parent board represents the voices of the community while also supporting the principal and staff in achieving the school's strategic goals. I want to use my skills and experience to help guide Westbrook School into the future while upholding the values that make it such a special place. I am committed to working closely with the board to help our school continue to grow and provide the best possible environment for our children.

HUNT, Karen



I would like to be nominated myself for the Westbrook school board. I have two children in the junior school and a long history with the school as myself was a pupil at Westbrook. I would like to see the school continue to be successful with the new principal and see this being a good time to show support.

PORTHOUSE, Kate



Hello I'm Kate and I've been on the Board of Trustees for the past 3 years and presiding member for the past 18 months. Although my children's Westbrook journey is coming towards the end I feel my journey is not. Over the past 2 months I have been working with the other board members in the recruitment process for our new principal. Playing a role in deciding the future and direction of the school means I would love the opportunity to help and support the new principal along with the staff, students and community as the school moves forward. I am an osteopath with my own clinic which gives me the flexibility to attend sporting events, day trips, school camps, performances and assemblies. As I have done this over the past 7 years I have built strong relationships with the Westbrook community. It would be an honour and privilege to continue to be part of this as our school enters a new era.

PUTARANUI, Shaunee



Kia Ora My name is Shaunee Putaranui And feeling I would be awesome as a board member I have two children at Westbrook school soon to be three and have lots to do when it comes to fundraising I am strong willed

TALJAARD, Bianca



I am excited to express my interest in serving on the Board of Trustees for Westbrook School. As both an educator and a parent, I bring a combination of professional insight and personal investment in ensuring the best outcomes for our tamariki. I am a dedicated English teacher at Rotorua Girls' High School and a proud mum to two wonderful boys, aged 6 and 2. My eldest son is currently attending Westbrook School, and my youngest is in early childhood care, so I'm deeply engaged with the education journey across multiple levels. I understand the value of a strong, supportive school community that nurtures not only academic success but also the emotional and social well-being of every child. Originally from South Africa, my family and I chose Rotorua as our home, and we have been embraced by its warmth and diversity. We've experienced firsthand what it means to belong, and I'm passionate about giving back to the community that has given us so much. Being involved in the RGHS Childcare Trust has allowed me to see how quality governance and genuine care can make a lasting difference in the lives of tamariki and their whānau. I would bring that same commitment and collaborative spirit to the Westbrook School Board. As a teacher, I'm familiar with curriculum development, assessment practices, pastoral care, and the importance of inclusive, future-focused education. I work closely with students and their families every day and understand the challenges and opportunities within the New Zealand education system. I also believe strongly in the partnership between schools and whānau, and I am committed to strengthening those relationships to support student success. I value clear communication, cultural responsiveness, and thoughtful decision-making. I believe all children should have equitable access to learning and support, and I'm particularly interested in how the Board can uphold these values through strategic planning, resourcing, and community engagement. Serving on the Westbrook School Board would be a privilege. I would bring integrity, empathy, and a practical understanding of education, along with a deep belief in the potential of every child. I want to be a part of shaping an environment where all learners can thrive. Ngā mihi nui.

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.

A wonderful new resource you might like to buy for your whanau.

Constable Viv shared this book with our staff and some classes during our KOS sessions. We have since purchased some for our school.

You can buy these directly from the publisher.

mybodymytaonga@gmail.com

We got a wonderful message from the author 'Thank you Westbrook School, Rotorua for supporting body safety education for tamariki' Nga mihi Rosalind



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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