Week 8 Term 3, 9 September, 2026

Westbrook School

Weekly Newsletter

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Principal Pānui

Our Westbrook students are excelling and making us all proud in a myriad of ways right now.

- Our Year 6 team thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Rotorua Intermediate last week to see their Wearable Arts show, and it was fabulous to see many of our ex-Westbrook students succeeding and shining in the creative arts. Mr De Thierry made a point of contacting me to share how impressed he was with our students, saying the Westbrook Way was very evident. It is fabulous to know that our children take the Westbrook Way with them, when outside of school.
- Wacky Hair Day was a huge success - we raised $341 for the Child Cancer Foundation. Thank you for your generosity.
- Yesterday, the Year 3 and 4 teams visited Para te Hoata (Tunohopu) marae in Ohinemutu. Yet again, they stepped up and represented our school beautifully with the way they demonstrated respect and got involved in learning about Te Ao Maori, the local area and history. Huge thanks must also go to Koro John for supporting us, our teaching staff for planning the day and the many. many parents who came along to help out. We couldn't do it without you all. Today, Year 1 and 2 head to the marae, and we look forward to Year 5 and 6 being able to visit in the near future, since the heavy rain of Monday led to us having to postpone their visit. (We had planned to go on Friday instead but the marae was unable to accomodate us due to prior committments.)

Rachel Weinberg, Principal

Week 8 Updates & Reminders

Illness

We have an unprecedented number of staff away sick this week and most days have had to spread classes when we have exhausted our available relievers list. Some schools have had to close or partially close due to lack of staff and we don't not want to have to do this.

We 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

Drama Club - Tuesdays in Room 17

Dismantling Club
Mondays at lunchtime in Rm 26

Para Te Hoata / Tūnohopū Marae Experience

Year 5 Wearable Arts Showcase:
A Journey Through Time!

Last week, our Year 5 students stepped into the world of fashion and innovation for their Wearable Arts project.
Centered around the theme of *Time*, students spent hours designing and crafting extraordinary garments, putting recycled materials at the heart of their creations.
From prehistoric dinosaurs to futuristic robots, the creativity on display was phenomenal. The children proudly showcased their designs during a special runway show for parents and students last Thursday, with a highlighted selection featured at our school assembly.
The Year 5 teachers could not be prouder of the students' outstanding work ethic, ingenuity, and achievements. Bravo, Year 5!

Wacky Hair Day

Thank you all!

We raised

$341.00

For the Child Cancer Foundation

Term 3 & 4 Overview 2026

Term 3

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

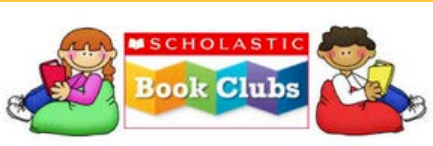
Term 4

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*).

2027 Start Date Tuesday 2nd February

Lucky Book Club

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



End of Season Notice: Sports Fees & Uniform Returns

With Hockey, Miniball, Rugby 9s, and Gymnastics now wrapped up, we need your assistance with two important end-of-season tasks:

Uniform Returns: *Please return all issued sports uniforms to the school office ASAP. Prompt returns are crucial so we can inventory and reissue uniforms to students starting the next sports codes.*

Outstanding Sports Fees: *All remaining sports fees for these completed activities must be paid immediately via KINDO.*

Please note that outstanding sport fees must be cleared before your child can be considered for registration in another sports team.

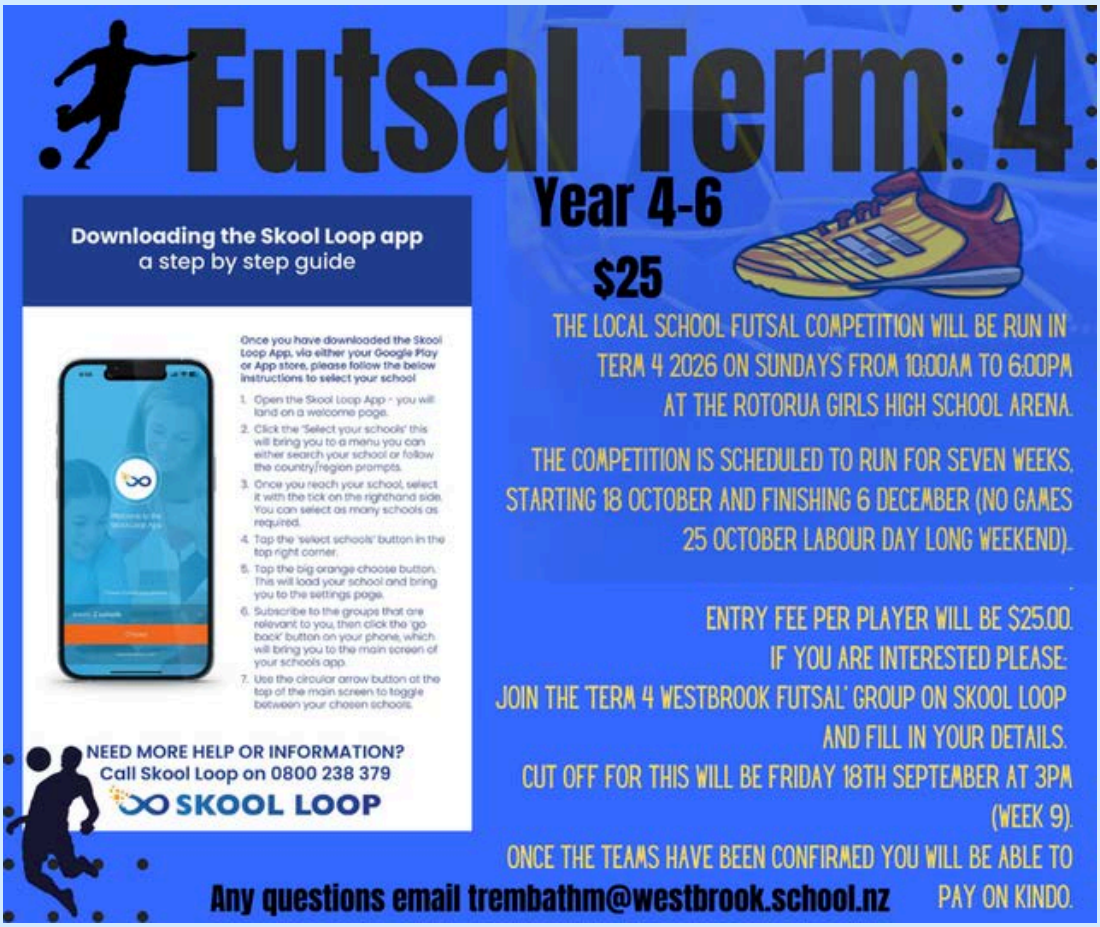
Thank you for your prompt action

TOUCH RUGBY- Term 4

We have had an overwhelming response.

Teams are almost full and there are only a couple of spaces left.

We need to close registrations early at 3pm Friday 11th September



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!

Playstation vs Cards.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 8 Term 3 Timetable:

KELLY CLUB

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What's Up AT YOUR CLUB

KELLY CLUB WESTBROOK UPDATE

What's been happening...

We had another great week getting ready for Fathers Day! We made fathers day cards, kites, burgers and played bat down and whats missing!

Join us next week as we celebrate Maori Language week with games, crafts and fun ways to learn the language together.

Next Week

KELLY CLUB

THEME: Te Wiki O Te Reo Māori!
Term 3 Week 9, 14th September 2026

Weekly Activities Plan
Kelly Club Westbrook

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 - 8:00 am	Card Games & Structured Free Time	Cardboard Creations & Structured Free Time	Charades & Structured Free Time	Homemade Muffins & Structured Free Time	Board Games & Structured Free Time
8:00 - 8:15 am	Game: Bean Bag Toss	Game: Boss of the Balls	Game: Line Defense	Game: Football	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 Thins & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea: Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea: Cheerios & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea: Homemade Muffins & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea: Sammies & Fruit
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Game: Staff Choice	Game: Master	Game: Space Invaders	Game: Scatterball	Game: Lonely Ghost
3:45 - 4:30 pm	GAME: Four Kakano Corners	DISCOVERY: Explore Te Reo	SPORT: Rippa Rugby	COOKING: Fry Bread	CRAFT: Paper Weaving
4:30 - 4:35 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up
4:35 - 4:50 pm	Snack Time: Vege Chips	Snack Time: Popcorn	Snack Time: Biscuits	Snack Time: Baking	Snack Time: Crackers
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: Hornet Tag & Projects	Game: King of the Ring & Projects	Game: Mexican Kickball & Projects	Game: Pirates Basketball & Projects	Game: Martial Enemies & Projects

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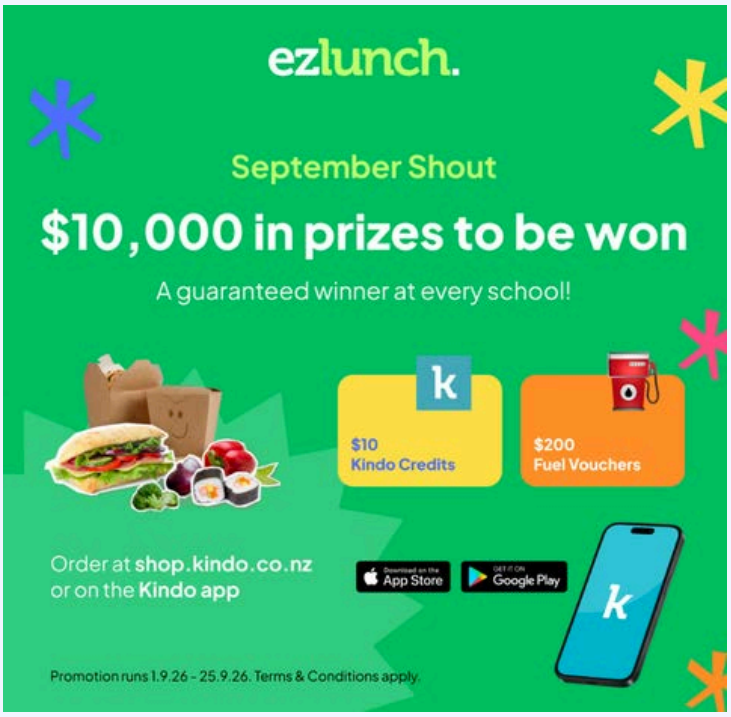
OSCAR PROGRAMME SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE!

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT www.kellyclub.co.nz



🎉 *One of our families is guaranteed to win!*
The Ezlunch September Shout is now on.
Every lunch order this month goes in the draw to win a share of $10,000 in prizes, including $200 fuel vouchers drawn every week.
Best part?
Someone from our school is taking home a prize. 🙌
Every order = an entry. So the more you order, the more chances you get.
Order on Kindo today 👉 *https://bit.ly/orderezlunch*
Promo T&Cs 👉 *https://bit.ly/4icRzAl*

Upcoming Community Events

Look Sharp Store Discount

Our school has a Look Smart membership and we can pass on the benefits to our teachers, parents and students. To receive 10% off your purchases, show this QR code in store.

Perhaps this is a good opportunity to stock up your house colours!

Helpful Links & Contacts

Click to follow the links:

Kindo
App Store: Skool Loop
Google Play: Skool Loop
Dental Clinic Phone Number 073476242
Kelly Club
Kids in Need Rotorua
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