

YEAR 6 – RM 8 AND 9

Mrs. McEwen
Room 9



Ms. Ogilvy
Room 8



About Us

I am thrilled to be your child's classroom teacher this year. This is my fifth year at KTS, and my fifth year of teaching year 6.

I spent my first four years teaching year 7/8 composite classes.

I have two children of my own – a son in year 13 at Mount Albert Grammar School and a daughter in her final year at Auckland University.

I have a love of literacy and numeracy, and am committed to instilling this passion in all of my students!

A big welcome to Room 8! I have been teaching for 15 years. Along with Kohia Terrace, I've also taught at Hillsborough Primary and Mount Roskill Intermediate.

Like many of you, I am a working parent and have 3 kids aged 16, 11 and 7 years old. My youngest daughter is here at Kohia Terrace School.

In my spare time I love to read, play music and enjoy the outdoors. My favourite subjects to teach are Maths and Art.



Te Reo



"SIGNS
ARE TO
EYES
WHAT
HANDS
ARE TO
EARS."

Behaviour

Based on the Kohia Terrace School Expectations of Behaviour, Year 6 students will be expected to treat everyone with respect and empathy.

We use a mix of targeted praise and rewards to reinforce these expectations so as to create and maintain a positive, inclusive classroom environment. There may be a lunchtime consequence for more serious incidents.

We also encourage students to resolve conflict in a reasonable way, with a focus on compromise.

We will inform you of any ongoing behavioural concerns.

Treat everyone with politeness, even those who are rude to you not because they are nice, but because you are nice.

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Lost Property



Please ensure that all items of clothing are named.

If things do go missing, there is a Lost Property box in the corridor by room 8.

Timetables

PE/Sport:

We have two sessions per week: Friday Sport (a year 5 and 6 combined session), and Thursday for Rm 9, Tuesday for Rm 10. Students will participate in a variety of physical activities that develop selected skills, promote sportsmanship, and an ability to work as a team.

If your child is not able to take part in any of these PE sessions, due to illness or injury, please send an email or a signed note to school.

Regular fitness sessions will be undertaken each week, focusing on general fitness levels.

Library:

Our library day for both classes is Tuesday, before lunch. Students can issue two books, for a two-week period.

The library is also open to students each day at lunchtime.

Homework:

Homework is sent home each fortnight. Although not compulsory we encourage students to complete some/all of the assignments. It includes some basic facts work, Inquiry activities and topical issues to consider.

Spelling goes home each week. There is a list of 10 words, which the students are expected to check with a buddy. We would appreciate your support with marking basic maths facts and testing spelling words.

Cyber Safety:

All parents and students are required to sign an Internet Safety Agreement concerning the operation and use of the Internet and ICT equipment in the school. If your child wishes to bring their own device, they need to complete the BYOD form. Please contact me to send a copy home.



Houses:

Each student is allocated a house colour upon entry to Kohia Terrace School. This house is also your family house and all siblings will be in the same team.

Each house is based on an inspirational New Zealander who has displayed the qualities that are at the heart of the cornerstones of our school vision.

The house colours and names are:

Te Kanawa (nurturing the spirit – red)

Snell (excelling through effort – green)

Hillary (reaching for the sky – blue)

Sheppard (leading the way – yellow)

Mrs Etty

On Tuesdays Ms Ogilvy will be out of the classroom on Senior Teacher release and Kim Etty will be teaching. This is because Rachel is working as the team leader for Harakeke. We will work together to make sure our programmes are complimentary.



Parent Helpers:

We would love to hear from any parent who would be willing to help in Room 8 or 9 this year. We have camp in term 1, and 2 school trips over the year, so offers of help are much appreciated.

Parent Liaison:

We are looking for a parent liaison for each class. The main responsibilities include updating parents from the PTA, information about upcoming events and requests to help with activities within the Kohia community.

Communication:

If you have any questions or concerns (or just want to say hi!), please email us at Sheryl@kts.school.nz and rachel@kts.school.nz. We are always happy to chat, but for a more in-depth discussion about your child, feel free to make an appointment for a time that will work for both parties.

Sick Children:

If your child is unwell, we would really appreciate you keeping them home so that they can get well quickly. Please remember to phone the office to leave a message informing us that they are sick.

If your child is clearly unwell at school, we will send them to the sick bay and the office staff will contact you to collect them.

Routines

There are hooks outside the classroom where schoolbags can be hung. The classroom will be open from 8:30am. This time is a good opportunity for students to prepare for the day ahead.

Morning tea is from 10:30 to 11:00am

Lunch is from 12:40 to 1:30pm

A variety of ordered lunches are available through the Ezi-lunch online booking system on the KTS website.



SIR PETER BLAKE



CAMP

And finally CAMP! This year rooms 9 and 8 will be going on camp to Long Bay, for two nights. We will be accommodated at MERC this year, who will also be managing all the activities. The dates for camp are 7th – 9th April.

A teacher takes
a *Hand*, opens
a *Mind* and
touches a *Heart*

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