# Year 5 2021

# Welcome to Room 12 and Room 13!



# A bit about your new teachers

## Ms Chebbi

Kia ora koutou Year 5 whānau. I am so excited to be coming back to Kohia Terrace School, this time as a teacher! Kohia was my primary school for 3 years many years ago and I have some of the best memories of being a student at this fantastic school, which I hope to share with you and build on as a teacher during our time together.



This will be my first year teaching at this school and I am thrilled

to be a part of the Harakeke team as I really enjoy teaching Year 5. Before I came to Kohia Terrace School I lived in Japan for 2 years teaching English as a second language and spent a year at Campbells Bay Primary as a Year 2 teacher.

I love to spend my time outdoors in nature and traveling. You will find my nose stuck in a good book whenever I have a spare moment and I love to sing, listen to and play music as well.

My passion for teaching comes from my mother who is also a teacher and as an immigrant, I am working towards providing an equal opportunity education for all. I look forward to seeing how we all grow and learn together this year! Let's go 2021!

### Mrs Bateman

This is my fourth year teaching at Kohia Terrace School, returning after having my daughter Imogen. I'm excited about moving from the Junior school into Harakeke this year as I really enjoy teaching Year 5. Before Kohia, I taught overseas in Australia and the UK. I love dance, reading a good book and spending time out in nature.

I'm really excited to be teaching this cohort again and I can't wait to see what everyone achieves this year. Bring on 2021!



# Life in Year 5

#### **Home Learning**

Home learning will be sent home once a fortnight. This includes a range of activities and tasks for your child to complete that reflect their class learning as well as explore new areas of learning. Spelling words will be sent out on Monday and tested on Friday. It is important that your child is reading, working on spelling words and practising their basic facts every night.

#### Routines

There are hooks outside the classroom where school bags can be hung. Classrooms will be open for children from 8.30am for students to get ready for the school day and return any notices. The children may choose a quiet activity inside or play outside until the second bell at 8.50am. Morning tea break runs from 10.30 - 11am and lunch 12.40 - 1.30. School finishes at 3pm after which the children are free to safely make their way home.

#### ICT

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. Students reviewed this agreement in class at the beginning of the year.

Students have access to Mathletics and Reading Eggs to support their learning. Hero will continue to be used to share evidence of learning and Google Classroom for learning tasks.

#### Library and PE

Both classes have their library session Thursday afternoon. During this time children are allowed to select two books and have these issued in their name; these are issued for a period of two weeks. In Year 5 we are recommending students issue one book to read at school during daily SSR time and one to read at home. The library is also home during lunchtimes.

Our Year 5 PE skills sessions are on Wednesdays and we join Year 6 for a range of seasonally appropriate sports on Friday afternoons.

If your child would like to join a sports team this year, you can access all the information from the sports page of the KTS website.

#### Behaviour

Please refer to the Kohia Terrace School expectations of behavior. Room 12 and 13 have developed a few chosen rules, reflective of the school expectations of behavior, which we think are necessary for creating a safe, happy environment that encourages and supports learning.

#### Lost Property

There is a school lost property box situated outside Room 9 and a box outside Room 3. Please ensure that all items of clothing are named.

### Communication

If you have any questions or concerns, please email Jo on jo@kts.school.nz or Anusha on anusha@kts.school.nz. Alternatively, an appointment can be made for a time that is convenient to all parties. We are always available for quick chats in the morning but would prefer to set aside a time to talk further at the end of the school day. We are looking forward to a fantastic year, supporting your child in their learning in Year 5!