



Year 6 2021

Welcome to Rooms 8 Room 9!



Our Whakatauki

Kohia te wānanga e tū ki te ao mārama

Gather the knowledge of the ancestors and stand to face the world



A bit about your new teachers

Mr. Harper



This is my fourth year at Kohia Terrace School and I'm very excited to be teaching in year 6.

I grew up in the South Island. Before I became a teacher I worked in the performing arts and was lucky enough to make and perform shows throughout New Zealand and Australia.

I live with my partner and our very anxious tuxedo cat in Mt Albert. When not at work, I spend most of my time reading books and watching football.

I love my job as a teacher and look forward to working with this brilliant new group of students.

Ms. McEwen



I am thrilled to be your child's classroom teacher this year. This is my 10th year teaching, sixth year at KTS, and my sixth 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, a recent school leaver and a daughter in her final year at Auckland University.

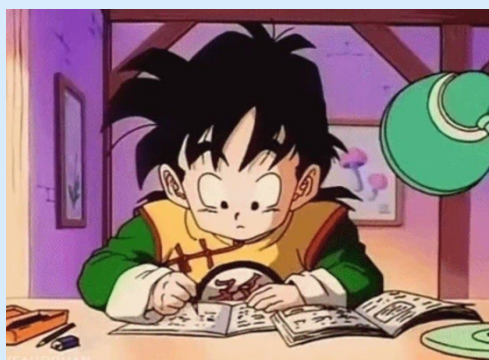
I have a love of literacy and numeracy, and am committed to instilling this passion in all of my students!

Life in Year 6

Home Learning

Home learning will be sent home once a fortnight on a Monday. This includes a range of activities and tasks for your child to complete that reflect their class learning. These will include online and offline tasks.

It is important that your child is reading, working on spelling words and practising their basic facts every night. Home learning is encouraged.



Routines and Learning



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. A variety of ordered lunches are available through the Ezi- lunch online booking system located on the KTS website. School finishes at 3pm after which the children are free to safely make their way home.

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

In Year 6 ICT will be used often to communicate, share and explore new learning.



Sick Children

If your child is unwell, we would really appreciate you keeping them home so that they can get well quickly. This is especially important given the ongoing global pandemic. 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.



Library and PE times

Both classes have their library session Thursday morning. 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 6 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 6 PE skills sessions are on Thursdays with us joining Year 5 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. Rooms 8 and 9 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 8 and a box outside Room 3. Please ensure that all items of clothing are named.

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.



Communication

If you have any questions or concerns, please email Sheryl on sheryl@kts.school.nz or Joe on joseph@kts.school.nz. Alternatively, an appointment can be made for a time that is convenient to all parties.

We are generally 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 6!
