

# Year 5 2022

Welcome to Room 12 and 13!



# A bit about your new teachers

## Whaea Anusha

Kia ora koutou Room 12 whānau, I am so excited to be your Year 5 teacher this year! Kohia was also my primary school many years ago. I have some of the best memories of being a student at this fantastic school and I can't wait to make new memories with you.

Before I came to Kohia Terrace School I lived in Japan for 2 years teaching English, I taught in ECE for several years and worked for a year at a primary school on the North Shore.

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. I look forward to seeing how we all grow and learn together this year!





# Whaea Sarid

Kia ora koutou Room 13!

I am delighted to be part of the Harakeke team in my very first year as a classroom room teacher at Kohia. I am sure that we will have plenty of learning opportunities which will help us to grow together as a big family.

Many of you may know me already, from ESOL, gardening club or you may have just seen me around.

Before Kohia, I taught in China and Mexico, where I am from. Apart from teaching, I love gardening, going around the city trying all types of cuisines, reading and traveling.

I look forward to starting our adventure!



# About Year 5

We feel so privileged to be the Year Five teachers at Kohia Terrace School this year and are excited to start 2022's learning journey with your children.

To ensure that your children have a positive and wonderful school experience, our main goal is to provide, in a collaborative learning environment, motivating and fun learning experiences, to engage our students in order that they achieve successful outcomes.

As every student has different learning needs, we know that it is essential to have a fun, flexible and engaging learning programme in Rooms 12 and 13.

Year 5 is also about helping to grow your children's independence and we are here to support your children as they take more ownership of their learning this year.





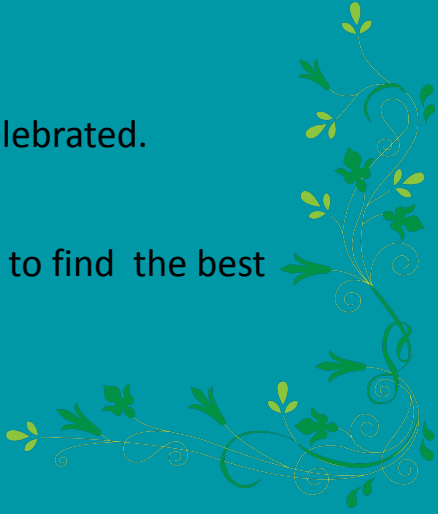
# Behaviour

We want your children to feel comfortable and happy at school.

We strongly believe that your children's ideas and opinions should be valued and appreciated, so Rooms 12 and 13 will collaboratively create values in which all members of the class, including us, will come up with to create a happy and safe environment for everyone, with clear expectations and routines.

At Kohia Terrace School positive behaviours are encouraged and celebrated.


If there are any concerns with behaviour in the classroom we will work together to find the best strategy to positively support your child.





# Covid

## Under Red Level:

- Masks must be worn at all times while indoors unless if your child has a medical exemption
  - We are following thorough hygiene practices such as:
    - regular hand sanitising and washing
    - maintaining distance from others when possible
    - keeping to our Year 5 bubble (separate play and eating areas from other year groups)
    - Cleaning tables regularly before lunch and after school
    - Using our own equipment (please make sure your child has their stationary organised)
    - Fresh clean masks every day please!
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# 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.



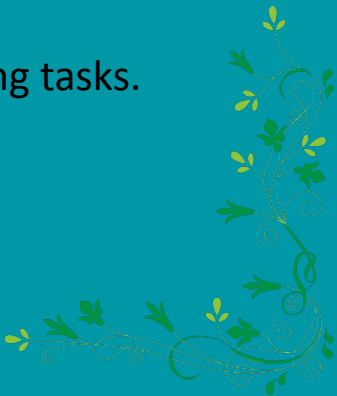




# ICT

- ✿ 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 would normally 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. The two sports offered this term are Basketball and Flipperball.






# 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 Sarid at [sarid@kts.school.nz](mailto:sarid@kts.school.nz) or Anusha at [anusha@kts.school.nz](mailto: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!

