



Year 6 2025

Welcome to Room 8 and 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

Miss Corkin



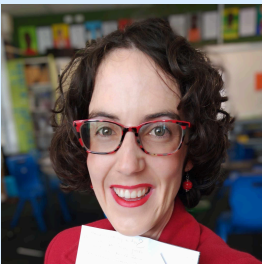
This is my third year teaching at Kohia Terrace School, and I am so excited to be your child's classroom teacher this year.

During my studies, I was involved in a number of research studies that focused both on supporting young tamariki in New Zealand. In addition, I recently completed my own research (Honours), which focused primarily on students with diverse learning needs, and how each learner can be ultimately better supported. I can't wait to bring my passion for education into the classroom.

I grew up on the North Shore, in Auckland. Before I started my teaching qualification, I spent some time travelling to some beautiful countries.

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

Ms. Sharplin



I am delighted to be joining the KTS team in Room 9. Originally from Western Australia, I am an experienced teacher with expertise including: curriculum development, neurodivergent learners, Music and Digital Technologies instruction and assessment and reporting strategies.

I have spent the last 6 years at Parnell District School, where I led both the Year 4-6 and Year 7-8 teams and taught across Years 5-8. I am passionate about providing high quality educational experiences to all learners. I have high expectations, but I work closely with students and whānau to ensure all learning needs are met.

I play a great many musical instruments, read voraciously and enjoy any excuse to be outside: hiking, camping, swimming, surfing, you name it!

I look forward to supporting our tamariki in their ongoing educational journey.

Part Time Y6 Teacher: Ms McEwen

I am excited about joining your child's class in a part-time capacity. I will be in Room 9 every Thursday and I will also be taking both classes for their PE skills sessions each Wednesday. I have taught Years 6-8 in a full-time capacity and am in my 13th year of teaching. I am originally from Christchurch, love hiking, travel, reading and being a lifelong learner. I look forward to working closely with each of your children!



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, and practising their basic facts every night. Home learning is encouraged in Year 6. The home learning grid will be added to our Google Classrooms each fortnight.



Routines and Learning



There are hooks outside the classroom where school bags can be hung. Room 8 bags are kept in the internal corridor behind both classes while Room 9 bags are at the labeled locations outside. Classrooms will be open 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 will review this agreement in class at the beginning of the year.

In Year 6, ICT will be used 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 Wednesday first block. 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. The library is also open during lunchtimes for those wishing to exchange their books earlier.

Our Year 6 PE skills sessions are on Wednesday afternoon. Fitness sessions (10-15 minutes) are conducted 2-3 times a week. Weather permitting, we will practise a range of seasonally appropriate sports on Thursday afternoons.

If your child is unable to attend participate in PE or sports, please contact your child's classroom teacher or Sheryl at sherylm@kts.school.nz

If your child would like to join a sports team this year, please email: sports@kts.school.nz for more information.



Behaviour

Please refer to the Kohia Terrace School expectations of behaviour. Rooms 8 and 9 have set clear expectations for learner behaviour, reflective of the school values and behaviour policy,, which we think are necessary for creating a safe, happy environment that encourages and supports learning.

Camp

And finally CAMP! This year, Rooms 8 and 9 will be going on camp to Long Bay, for two nights. We will be accommodated at MERC, who also manage all of the activities. The dates for camp are Wednesday 2nd – Friday 4th April. Further information provided on Wednesday 5th March in a 7pm Zoom meeting.

Lost Property

There is a school lost property box situated behind Room 8 next to the class bags. Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled as this will make them easier to return if they are found.



Holidays and Appointments in School Time

Please note that if you are wanting to take a holiday during term time you must contact Alison. You can see the school website for further information.

Additional absences will be particularly disruptive with the structured nature of our new Oxford Math program. Please try to make appointments (dentist, doctor etc.) for after school or in the holidays to minimise the disruptions to your child's learning.

Communication

If you have any questions or concerns, please email Vanessa on vanessas@kts.school.nz or Erica on erica@kts.school.nz. Alternatively, an appointment can be made for a time that is convenient to all parties.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year, supporting your child in their learning in Year 6!
