



Year 4 2026

Welcome to Room 10 and Room 11!



 **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 Tinnock - Rm 10

I am thrilled to be joining Kohia Terrace this year. This is my first year teaching, and I am so excited to be your child's teacher.

I have recently moved here from Invercargill, having completed my teaching studies at the University of Otago. When I am not in the classroom, I love being outdoors, playing netball, and spending time with friends.

I am so excited to meet and get to know all of the students and look forward to working building a safe and confident environment with this brilliant group.



Mrs. Friedlander - Rm 11



I am delighted to be your child's classroom teacher this year. I have been teaching for over 20 years and have been at KTS since 2017. I spent my first 14 years teaching year 7 and 8 students before teaching years 5 and 6 (and now 4!) here at KTS.

I live with my husband and our cats, Sabine and Azriel. I love reading books, watching movies, spending time with my friends and family, and travelling!

I have a love of learning and have managed to finish a Bachelor of Science in Biology part-time while teaching. I am committed to instilling a passion for learning in all my students!

Part-Time Y4 Teacher: Ms Berry

Life in Year 4

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 reads and practises basic facts every night. Home learning is encouraged in Year 4. The home learning grid will also be added to our Google Classrooms each fortnight.



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.

School starts: 8.50

Morning Tea: 10.30 - 11.00

Lunch 12.40 - 1.30

School finishes: 3.00

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

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

Inappropriate use of computers (websites, messaging, Google Classroom) at school is taken very seriously and will result in a conversation with our Principal Alison, and the potential loss of usage for an appropriate period of time.



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 or email 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, Science, PE, Drama and Music

Both classes have their library session on a Wednesday. During this time children are allowed to select two books and have these issued in their name; these are issued for two weeks. In Year 4 we are recommending students issue one book to read at school and one to read at home. The library is also open during lunchtimes.

Our PE skills sessions are on Mondays, and we will practise a range of seasonally appropriate sports on Thursdays with the other Harakeke classes.

Music and drama lessons are on a Tuesday morning, and Science lessons are with Whaea Nicola every second Thursday.



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 10 and 11 have developed a few chosen rules reflecting the school expectations of behaviour, 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 outside Room 8. Please ensure that all items of clothing are named.

Holidays and Appointments in School Time

Please note that if you are wanting to take a holiday during term time, you must contact Alison. Please see the school website for further information about this (under Parents > Attendance at School).

Please try to make appointments (dentist, doctor etc.) after school or during the holidays to minimise the disruptions to your child's learning.

Communication

If you have any questions or concerns, please email Angela at angelaf@kts.school.nz or Maddie at maddiet@kts.school.nz. Alternatively, an appointment can be made for a time that is convenient for all parties.

Our team leader for Y4-6 is Vanessa Sharplin she can be contacted at vanessas@kts.school.nz

We are looking forward to a fantastic year supporting your child in their learning in Year 4!