



Year 6 2026

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



Meet the teachers

Mr. Chong (Room 8 teacher)



I started at KTS in 2023 and have loved working in Kapa Harakeke, and I am looking forward to working with Year Six this year. I have spent my time gaining experience in Audio Engineering, Music Production, and even teaching music too!

I love using my creative side in the classroom to share knowledge in different ways. I strongly believe in the use of creativity in the classroom to present lessons in engaging ways that will allow students to extend their way of thinking. This brings a level of excitement and enjoyment that can be sprinkled among some of the more content-driven lessons.

I come from a massively creative family of artists and designers, and outside of the classroom, I spend my time writing and producing music by myself and collaborating with others! I love travelling and experiencing every part of the world through the sights and sounds. You can always find me with a guitar not too far away, and writing music, which is a big passion of mine!

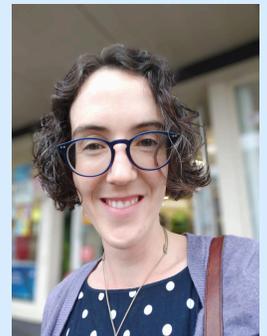
Ms. Sharplin (Room 9 teacher + Harakeke Team Leader)

I am delighted to teach your child in 2026. Originally from Western Australia, I am an experienced teacher with expertise including: curriculum development, neurodivergent learners (extension and support), Music and Digital Technologies instruction and assessment and reporting strategies.

Previously, I spent 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.

Outside of work, I play a great many musical instruments (ie violin), 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: Mrs Martin



I am excited about joining your child's class in a part-time capacity. I will be in Room 9 every Thursday. I am an experienced teacher and have taught across different year groups from Y0 to Year 8. I was born in Malaysia and immigrated to New Zealand when I was 7 years old. Outside of teaching, I love spending time with friends and family. I look forward to working 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 activities will be added to our Google classrooms every fortnight

Classroom Learning

Students will do an hour of Reading, Writing and Mathematics on a normal classroom day. Our Mathematics programme follows the Oxford Mathematics approach used by the whole school. Literacy lessons use structured programmes such as The Code to support students with the explicit teaching of Reading and Writing skills including Cursive Handwriting, text structure and more complex vocabulary and language features.

Read our Year 6 weekly Hero update for more information on specific learning goals.

Daily Routines

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 open: 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.

Second bell: 8.50am. This signals the start of learning.

Morning tea: 10.30 – 11am

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: 3pm after which the children are free to safely make their way home.

Please make sure that your child is not at school before 8:30 and they have left the school by 3:15. Students at school outside those times need to be enrolled in Kohia Kidzone

Technology and Devices



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. Most classwork is completed in student workbooks with technology primarily used for scaffolded research and publishing purposes.

Sick Children

If your child is unwell, we would appreciate you keeping them home so that they can get well quickly. 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 Monday afternoons. 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 Monday during the middle block. 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 participate in PE or sports, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

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

Drama, Music and Science

Performing Arts and Music lessons are on Tuesdays from 11am to 12:40am. Room 9 starts with music, and Room 8 starts with Drama. Music lessons are held in Room 1 (for Semester 1), and Drama lessons are held in Room 9. The Arts is an important part of our curriculum which stimulates children's creativity and self-confidence.

Further performing arts opportunities will be available throughout the year, such as Kapa Haka, choir and cultural dance groups.

This year, students will also take separate science lessons with Whaea Nicola in Room 3. These lessons will allow students to study core science concepts and theoretical knowledge in a hands-on way with experiments and exploration.



Student Leadership and Opportunities

At Year 6, students are provided with a variety of exciting leadership opportunities including Student Coach, House Representative, Techspert, Library Leader and Sport Leader. Each role comes with its own unique set of responsibilities and the highest expectations of student behaviour. Year 6 students are also responsible for raising the school flag and ringing the end of lunch warning bell.

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.

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.

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 Tuesday 31st March to Thursday 2nd April.

Further information provided on Thursday 26th February in a 7pm Video Meeting.



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 kanec@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!