

# NEW STAFF 2024

We welcome our new kaiako who join the KSS Teaching Team

## Whaea Jane

Kia ora everyone!

My name is Jane McLaughlan and I am absolutely thrilled to be joining the Knights Stream team for 2024. I relocated to Christchurch at the end of 2022 after living (and teaching) in Blenheim for seven years. I have two older sons (19 and 23) who have left home and are finding their own path. On weekends you will find me spending time with my husband, exploring New Zealand and camping.



I enjoy walking, listening to music, heading out for coffee and shopping. The rest of my family live down south so I have a strong Southern accent.

I have been teaching for many years and love being part of our students learning journey. I am passionate about neurodiversity, developing positive relationships and promoting wellbeing with our learners.

I am looking forward to meeting you all soon.





## Matua Ryan

Kia ora, I'm Ryan Burson and I'm thrilled to be joining Knights Stream School | Mingimangi Hautoa for 2024!

I am a born and bred local and have lived most of my life here in Ōtautahi. I have been involved in the education sector for 15 years, having worked at Kirwee School, Clearview Primary, and most recently at Templeton Primary.

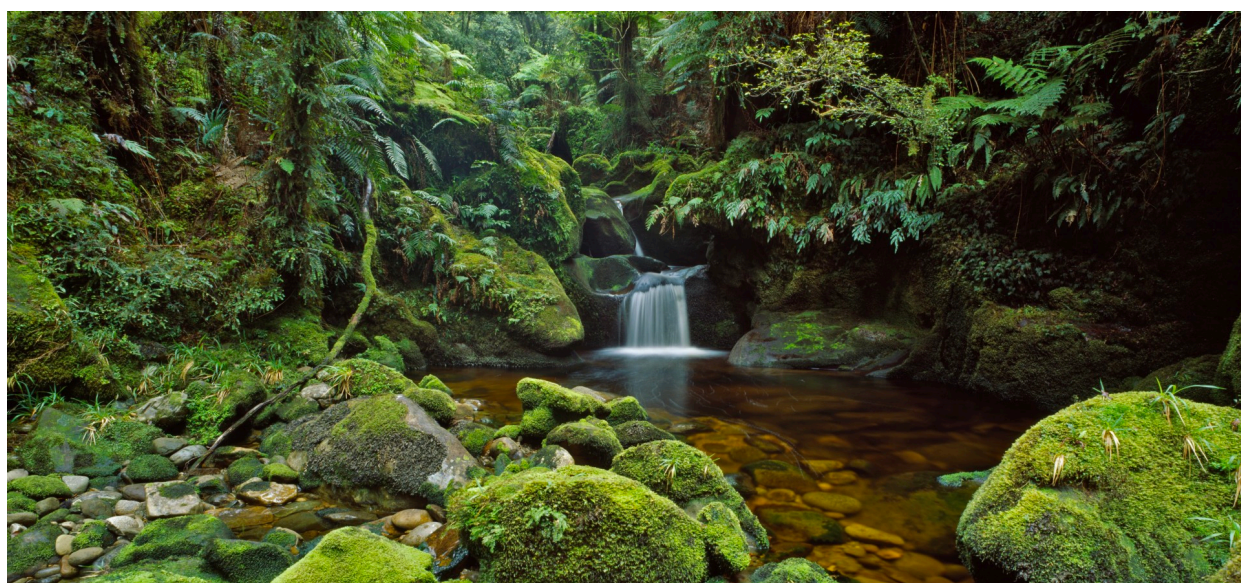
I also spent 3 years living in Brunei, Southeast Asia, where I supported teachers working in local schools.

I love the role of teaching, which brings young people together to develop their life skills and help them to reach their potential.

Outside of the classroom I enjoy being in nature and exploring beautiful Aotearoa. I am also a keen sportsman and sports watcher, enjoy listening to music, and love hanging out with my wife, family, and friends.

I look forward to meeting you all next year. Enjoy the holiday break!

Ryan Burson





## Whaea Dinethma

Kia ora and ayubowan!

My name is Dinethma Delapolage and I feel very fortunate to be joining the KSS whānau in 2024.

I was born and raised in Sri Lanka before moving to New Zealand in 2014. Since then, I have lived in Invercargill, Dunedin, Christchurch, and Westport. I began my teaching career as a Year 2/3 teacher at Westport North School, and am beyond excited to make the move to KSS as well as being back in Christchurch close to my family.



In my spare time, you will find me going on walks with my fiancé Rory, spending time with my family, or curled up with a good book and a hot chocolate in hand. When time allows, I also love to tick places off my travel bucket list and visit my wider family in Sri Lanka. I have always been passionate about mathematics and helping children. For me, teaching is the ideal profession to combine these interests and make a meaningful impact.

I am looking forward to utilising my skills and background in Child and Family Psychology to help children at KSS achieve their potential through a holistic approach where their social and emotional development is fostered alongside academic learning.

Happy holidays and see you all next year!





## Whaea Ruby

Kia ora koutou,

My name is Ruby Braam and I am really looking forward to joining the KSS whanau in 2024.

It is exciting to be making the move back home to Christchurch from Wellington, where I have lived for the past 10 years. During this time, I have been teaching at a wonderful little kura nestled in the northern suburbs of Wellington, Newlands Primary School.

When I am not in the classroom teaching, I enjoy spending time with my recent fiancé Sebastian, catching up with friends, playing netball and reading.

I look forward to meeting you all in the New Year. Have a fantastic summer!

