

OSCAR HOUSE MIDDLES

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Tēnā koutou & Greetings,

A warm welcome to the lovely Year 3 children who have moved to the Middle Programme and our new children and their families: Chloe, Finn, Jayanethra and Srinika.



We're celebrating some staff milestones. For those who attend our morning care or holiday programmes, you'll no doubt have met Tai and Areene. Tai has worked with our OSCAR House children for 20 years now and is the valued Supervisor at our Kelson programmes. Areene also works at OSCAR House Kelson and has done so for the past 10 years. And Shirley has now been with our OSCAR House whanau for 5 years. Aren't we so fortunate to have such fabulous, long-term staff!



The staff have been experiencing a little baby fever over the last year or so and we have had 3 new additions to the OSCAR Family, Most recently welcoming Chaar & Bryce's wee bundle of joy Athena-Rae.



After being on maternity leave last year, we are excited to have Adora back on the team a couple of days a week. The kids are super excited to spend time with her again. On her first day back at the middle programme she ran a cute craft, the children made adorable snails from marbles and oven baked clay.

"It was so joyful to be back to work! Doing craft with kids made me totally forget the time, also not miss bubba so much xx. I could see kids all enjoyed the crafting time as well. They concentrated hard and did not give up even if they encountered difficult steps. Kids in OSCAR House are the sweetest!" ----Adora



We also have some awesome new staff who have been popping in and out of the programme. A big kia ora to Annelise, Bridgette & Violet. Please do feel free to say "Hi". The kids are loving the fun and exciting energy and games they bring to the programme.



It has been a wonderful start to the new term and the great weather enables the children to experience the awesome outdoor activities more fully. We have enjoyed Backyard games of Gutter ball, Pétanque, Swing ball, Giant connect four, Volley ball and our new game Ladder Golf. We have also had lots water fun with races down the water slide and lounged around on the blob - perfect for those superhot afternoons.



This term for our reward challenge, the Staff have been focusing on praising the children. We like to 'catch the kids being good' and acknowledge the kind or helpful behaviour we see every day. Congratulations on our first winners Zeik, Karihi, Inyat, Eshani, Noah & Vinh

When you take a moment to look, you see how kind and helpful our children are. Every day they assist with organising equipment to go outside and it means we get outside a lot quicker. The children are brilliant when we have new children (and staff) at the site and they make them feel very welcome and ensure they always have someone to play with.



Group Games: One of the ways we enrich our programme is through learning new group games. It's been so much fun discovering new favourites and it helps our staff to increase their game knowledge too. We've learnt – Bop, Buddy up, Spoons, Electric Piggy and super popular with the kids is Dead ant, a great teamwork game. The children also taught our staff the rules to Poison - a cool hoop shooting game and it's good to get in some practice before the next netball season.

Seniors Bouncy Ball making with Mel

One of the best senior crafts this term was homemade bouncy balls. Our ingredients included liquid glue borax cornflour and food colouring. It was all our first time making them and we got to choose and mix our now colours. It was a little difficult, fun and very messy! In the end, a couple worked quite well; some didn't work as well as we hoped but that's okay for the first time.





Last week we played a game of Bingo and the level of enthusiasm was fantastic!! Everyone was getting really into the game and were all helping one another. Amber beat me in paper scissors rock to be the caller - she did an excellent job.



Cute things kids say:

"I want to build caves (forts) for my future children"

When asked what they want to do when they are older:

Caleb "likes holding a sledge hammer so he wants to demolish things."

Holly "is going to be a footballer for South Hampton or Barcelona"

Ben "wants to work hard like his Dad; he puts paint on walls and works on roofs"

Amber "wants to be a hairdresser or maybe a babysitter"

They really just want to be like Mum and Dad.

Emergency Drills: Each term we conduct two emergency drills. The children practice evacuating the building or forming the Turtle position for Earthquakes. We perform these drills regularly, so they become second nature.

The changing Covid-19 levels means we have been required to change procedures a few times. Thank you for your patience in adapting to our sign-out procedures during Level 2. The children have been very good (with a little encouragement from staff) at going very quickly to meet you by the cloak bay. There are 3 QR codes displayed around the entrance of the Middle programme. We would appreciate you scanning every day.



Upcoming dates:

Schools Closed Day Easter Tuesday 06/04/21

OSCAR House will open 7:30am – 5:30pm at our Lower Hutt venues.

Please find information and enrol at <https://oscarhouse.co.nz/schools-closed-days/>

Enrolments and fees are due Wednesday 24th March 2021.

OSCAR House Holiday Programme

Holiday Programme Dates:	19 – 30/04/21 Holiday programme closed for Anzac Day Monday 26/04/21.
Booking date and fee payment date closure for early bird fees:	Wednesday 07/04/20 Any bookings made after this date pay full fees. Any fees paid after this date pay full fees. (ie additional 10%). Invoices are not issued.
Cancellation cut-off date:	Sunday 11/04/21 Full refund (minus \$10 administration fee) if management are notified and accept cancellation up to & on this date. No refund if notified after this date.

Please remember that your Automatic Payments for term time care continue through the holidays because these fortnightly payments have been pro-rated over the whole school year. (Apart from a few parents who have special individual arrangements with Kelsey)

Ngā mihi

The OSCAR House Middle Team

