

# OHJ NEWSLETTER

## T3 2021

### STAFFING

OSCAR House is so lucky to have Miya, Sangeetha and Tony join our wider team.

They each bring with them enthusiasm, skill, and a passion for working with our tamariki.

Miya will be working primarily at our programme so you will see her around a lot.

The children have loved having her smile and love of art.

She recently did a session making weaved fish.

#### Miya

Kia ora my name is Miya. I am a new staff member at Oscar House Junior. I am interested in brain behaviour and currently study health psychology at Victoria University. It has been a wonderful experience getting to know the children over the past few weeks.

#### Annelise

Hi! My name is Annelise, and I am super excited to be joining the Junior Program at OSCAR. I am currently in my 3rd year at Victoria University, studying Education and New Zealand Sign Language. I have a passion for rowing and running so I love being outdoors, trying new things, being active, and learning new skills. Although I also enjoy getting stuck into any activities that involve getting creative, such as arts and crafts, painting, and anything messy!



### NEW CHILDREN

New children

We warmly welcome Paige, Tiffany, Praneel, Heyansh, Hailey-Jade, YuHang and their families to OSCAR House.

We trust you will enjoy your time with us!

### PROGRAMME PLAN

#### Art & Crafts

The children have been super busy this term.

We have done some amazing art and crafts: SpongeBob Play dough, Friendship Day Cards, Yarn Art, Button Magnets, Wooden Pendants, Pencil Holders, Marshmallow Constructions, Mindful Colouring, Rock Painting & much more.

Coming up later in the term we will be making Season Paintings, Frisbees, Koru Art, Peace Bracelets and Tie Dye Headbands.

#### GROUP GAMES

This terms' favourites are Traffic Light, Take a Picture, Body Pulse, Giants, Wizards and Elves, Beans, Line Tag and Evolution.

We aim to play at least 2 group games per day!



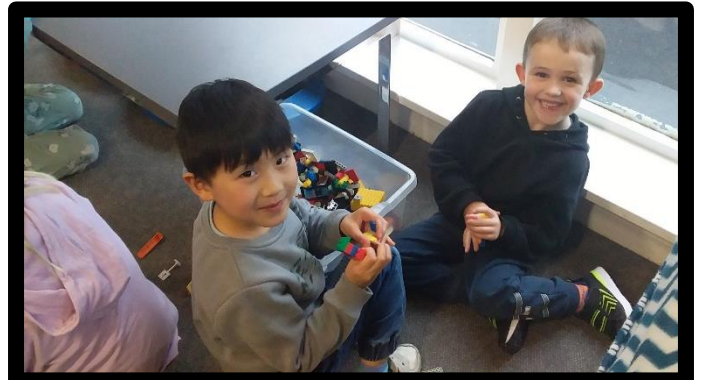
## SPONGEBOB PLAYDOUGH WITH MIYA

We have done plenty of exciting activities such as SpongeBob playdough. It was great seeing what kind of fun creations the kids could come up with and observing them as they used their sharing and communication skills to negotiate the pieces they wanted to use.



## FRIENDSHIP DAY CARDS WITH ELYSSA

Friendship day was on the 30th of July and we decided to let the children make friendship cards. They wrote lovely messages and decorated them for their friends, or someone special to them. It was so special and awesome to see one of our tamariki make a card for a new child who doesn't know many people yet. It really brought out the best in all our children.



## BOATS WITH SANGEETHA

I love doing simple Origami. This time I taught the children how to make paper boats.

Although I am not an artistic person, I enjoyed seeing the children find joy in it! They decorated their boats with colour and drawings.



## Active Time

The weather hasn't been great this term but we do active activities as much as we can. This term the children have enjoyed: Hockey, Playground time, Indoor Volleyball, Badminton, Dance and Super-fast Aerobic activities!



## HOMEWORK

This term we have been doing homework at the later time of 5pm.

This ensures the children get as much time outside, doing activities and important play-based fun before the sun goes down.

At 5pm the children gather with Erin and Nina and read their schoolbooks and are also able to enjoy our large selection of library books from Hutt City Library.

We understand this means some children are collected before homework but this time suits the majority of the children's energy levels, concentration, and their opportunities to participate in more activities.

## Star of the Week- Reward

This term we are doing Star of the week. Each week we have a group focus. Staff observe the children and decide as a team who has been displaying these positive qualities.

The children's photo is displayed on the wall and they get first choice of activities during the week. At the end of the term the 10 winning children get a reward afternoon tea.

Congrats to the following children who have won this term so far . . .

Kiah, James, Blake & Agastya.



BEST WISHES  
FROM YOUR OHJ  
TEAM  
ERIN, NINA, MIYA  
& ANNEILISE

## Message from Dalena & Kelsey.

### MESSAGE FROM DALENA AND KELSEY

Kia ora to our OSCAR House whanau,

COVID has certainly made an impact in all of our lives once again.

We hope you are all healthy and safe and making the most of family time together.

As you are all no doubt aware, the fees have been refunded for the period of closure and will be reissued when we get back to Level 2.

It's sad for our staff that they don't get to have a great time with your children during OSCAR hours and we hope it won't be too long until we are able to restart.

Until then, stay safe, stay strong and love one another lots.

Nga mihi mahana,

Dalena & Kelsey