

OSCAR HOUSE KELSON

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Kia Ora, Talofa & Greetings to Parents/Caregivers & Whanau,
Tēnā koutou & Greetings,

*It is with pleasure we welcome Nina, Gemma and their family to Oscar House.
We also welcome our new staff member Sangeetha.*



*Sangeetha - new staff - I am Sangeetha and I am from India.
I was a primary teacher in India and I came to New Zealand to pursue my post-graduate degree in Education. Spending time with the OSCAR children makes me so happy. At the end of the day, I leave the children feeling energized.*

This term has been very challenging as the weather has mostly kept us indoors. With a few days each week this term has allowed us to enjoy the playground, basketball turf and the courts outside the new buildings.

Each staff has been delegated a day to run group time as well as teaching a new game.

Having many staff makes it easy for us to separate the activities into juniors and senior groups to enable the games to be very successful.



FAREWELL: (Pooja) The children made a group card for Pooja and some children individually also made some beautiful cards for Pooja. We are very sad to see her leave but she is coming back with her son Adyah for a visit before their baby is born and lucky for us, she will also visit us once the baby is born. We're looking forward to meeting Pooja's baby girl.



Pooja *Straw Colour Art: Mix watercolours with water and dish soap. Mix it well and give each child few straws which they can dip in each colour and then blow it on a paper to make their own individual art.*

Caelin *We have enjoyed a range of new and fun group games at OSCAR this term. One game the children especially love is Giants, Wizards and Elves. The children are split into two teams and as a team have to decide to be a giant, a wizard or an elf. They then come together and act out their choice. The giants beat wizards, wizards beat elves and elves beat giants. The team with the most points at the end wins. This is a great game as the children work as a team and get to act out some cool moves.*





Hunter This term the children had another chance to play a newly introduced game, Gauntlet. This group game starts with two teams (runners and throwers) and has the running team run down a line of mats one at a time. The throwing team then throws soft balls at them from behind a line much like they would in dodgeball. If tagged by a ball below the waist the running team are out and must sit down back at the start of the line of mats. However, if they reach the end of the line of mats and back to the start, they score points for their team and can rejoin their team's line. This continues until all the runners are out and once this has happened teams swap around so there is an opportunity to be both throwers and

runners. This was a lot of fun for all the age groups and a great way to show their competitive side in a safe environment.

Sangeetha We played 1,2,3

1: Ask the students to find one buddy and ask them to stand as a pair and form a line one after the other pair

2: Instructor will assign some numbers as follows

One - give a high-five to their buddy

Two - do a squat

Three - turn around and touch the ground

Four - buddy on the left side has to run and touch the wall nearby and return to their original position.

The child (and his/her buddy) who came at last will be out of the game.



Children were very excited to play the game. They were very much delighted and enthusiastic. They keenly listened to each instruction as this game requires lots of attention, also their group co-operation made them perform very well. As a whole, the game was interesting which makes them very much alive.



Areene One of the popular games 'SHAPES' is played outside on the turf. When a certain shape such as circles, squares, semi circles drawn on the turf is called out, the children all run to that shape and then on to the next one called. The last person to get into a shape is eliminated. The caller can add a level of difficulty - 'get into groups of 3 or 4' - and if the number of children is incorrect the whole group can also be eliminated. The last two children will then do paper scissors rock or a race from one end to the other of the turf. It is mostly more enjoyable when played in two separate groups – juniors and seniors.

REWARD CHART:

This term our reward is individually based and the winner is described as our

"STAR OF THE WEEK"

Each week we have a new focus for the children to follow. So far, we have covered Being Inclusive, Using Positive Language and Resilience.

We will have more gems on our return after COVID lockdown.

During our daily group mat time staff talk to the children about our focus for the week, and how it looks, and at the end of the day staff write up on the whiteboard a child/ren's name whom they think have shown eg resilience or eg used positive language. At the end of the week staff then decide the best nominee as the "Star of the Week". A photo of this child is taken and printed to be displayed on the board for the whole of the next week till the next "Star of the Week" is chosen.



The winner of each week gets a small reward but at the end of the term all the winners will get to have a special afternoon tea as their big reward.

So far it has been more challenging for the seniors as the juniors have been very engaged in our weekly focus. Staff encourage the children during group games to show resilience and to be inclusive during free play. We've seen positive change in how some of our children interact with others during free play and how they are encouraging their team during group activities. It's amazing to witness some of our senior children now leading some group games.



Nga Mihi

OSCAR House Staff: Areene, Caelin, Hunter, Sangeetha & Tai



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

