



Tēnā koutou & Greetings,

Welcome!

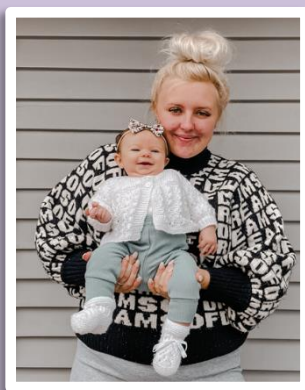
It is with great pleasure that we welcome to our programme Maireriki, Eva, Miah and Tate, and we welcome back Jack, Mollie, Tilly & Summer.

Staffing Changes

Again, the winds of staffing change blow up here on the hill. We're fortunate to have had **Bridgette** join us on the OSCAR House Korokoro staff team this term. Bridgette brings with her a quiet authority, enthusiasm for running and playing games, and a listening ear for children who want to chat about everything from their weekend to their homework troubles. We're really enjoying getting to know Bridgette this term!

Sadly, we farewell **Tanya** as she moves into the corporate sector in Wellington. Tanya has been a valuable member of our team for a couple of terms, but the lure of comprehensive accounting spreadsheets has snatched her away from us so soon. All the best with your career shift, Tanya!

We also anticipate welcoming **Chaar** as an OSCAR House Korokoro staff member after lock-down. Chaar (previously from Lower Hutt and Kelson programmes) took some time off after having her baby, Ava-Marie, and is now looking forward to returning - but this time to Korokoro.



A Message from Chaar: *I have been doing cheerleading since the age of 10 years old. I started as a game-side cheerleader at rugby games and then moved onto competitive cheerleading - competing in both New Zealand and Australia. At the age of 14 I started assistant coaching and at 18 I became a*

fully qualified and registered cheerleading coach in New Zealand coaching kids from the age under 5 right up to their teens. Although I've previously worked a few shifts at Korokoro, I'm looking forward to meeting all the children and having some fun in the afternoons.



Covid19...Again!

We were off to such an excellent start with the term's games, crafts and activities until COVID-19 pumped the brakes in week 4. We hope your whanau stayed safe and sane at alert level 4. It's been a productive time in the household lives of our staff during Lockdown: 2021 Edition. Kelly finally unpacked the last of the boxes from her recent move and introduced a new kitten to her family, Bridgette spent a lot of time studying, and Nicola also dedicated a lot of her time to study and explored the wonderful world of sourdough.



Games & Activities

Even with the term interruption, we learnt a few new group games to keep playtime fresh and interesting. We learnt Mirror Tag, Floor is Lava Ultimate Tag, Spud, Monarch and Musical Bumps. We've also had the very popular Foosketball game available for the children to play this term. Foosketball requires pretty good hand/eye coordination to pick up the small basketballs with opposing claws and then catapulting the ball from one side of a little arena into a basketball hoop on the other side. The yellow ball is worth 2 points, and the orange ones are worth 1. We play 6-minute rounds and the child with the most balls scored wins. Some of the children are already experts at the game!



Bridgette's Broadcast

Mathematical Models: Some of the senior children and I attempted to build some 3D paper mathematical models in week 3. We had a paper template with instructions, scissors and glue. First, we cut along the outline of the shape, making sure not to cut off the numbered flaps we needed to glue it all together. Our shapes had some really big names! They were Cuboctahedrons, Icosahedrons and Deltahedrons. Once we'd cut out the shape, we needed to fold the dotted lines towards ourselves and the solid lines away from ourselves. This part took a lot of thinking and the lines were right next to each other so it was very fiddly. When that was done, we took the flaps and glued them to the edge of the shape with the same number on it. Some of our shapes came out a bit wonky, but we had fun learning how to make them.



Nicola's News

Pool Noodle Sculptures: Pool noodles have been a hit at the programme for a range of activities especially Among Us Tag which is a game the children made up during freeplay time. These games, however, have led to the destruction of our old pool noodles. We decided it would be a good idea to repurpose the old noodles and Kelly came up with the idea of making sculptures with them. We cut up all the pool noodles into various sizes and shapes, these were then distributed to the children in small groups with some toothpicks and skewers. The sculptures ranged in size and creativity, from Thomas and Rosie's little person to Eli and Declan's big robots and Ana and Olivia's pig. Overall, the activity was a hit! It was awesome to watch their ideas come to life, and it's fair to say they had a ball. One of the best parts of the pool noodle sculpture activity was that the children could pull the sculptures apart and make new ones easily. I can't wait to do more craft activities using recycled materials in the terms to come!



Star of the Week

We love to reward your children when we catch them in the act of excellence and our staff are always on the lookout for our next Star of the Week. So far this term our Stars have been Mollie Ford for excellent adherence to our code of conduct, Lucy Bourke for respecting staff instructions and Kalu Leask Young for active listening. We change our Star focus weekly and it is always written on our programme whiteboard.



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

We're looking forward to seeing all of your children again soon, we have so many excellent games, crafts and activities planned for them!

Ngā mihi nui,

The OSCAR House Korokoro Team,

Kelly, Nicola, Tanya, Bridgette & Char



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