

WELCOME TO OSCAR

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

Welcome Mele, Eleazar & Rosa to mornings - it's been wonderful having your happy energy and lovely smile brightening our mornings.

It's been lovely and warm early in the mornings and we have been making the most of the sunshine getting outside to play volleyball and do chalk drawings. The children love a quick game of tag or free play in the playground before school too.

Nature walk with Tai: Recently we went on a nature walk and the children were very excited to get out, hunting for sticks for our Fairy Bell craft later in the week. The kids enjoyed exploring the school with fresh eyes, taking time to see things often missed, searching out cool sticks and twigs.

For Halloween we made jack o lantern paper chains. This was a great activity to get some cutting practice for little hands. They looked wonderful hung across the doorways.

Lately the boys have loved constructing with the Marble run pieces. I asked them to write something for the newsletter. A responsibility they took very seriously. Here is what Ollie J, Ollie S, Jady, Casey, Caleb and Ryan had to say:

"We like to build with the plastic bits, they are realistic and easy to reload and fix when they break. The pieces make great Guns and Grenades. Using our creative minds, we like playing in a zombie apocalypse world with our friends".

Our new kitchen play set has been a lot of fun, with some rather creative cooking. Today I was offered a lovely soup with carrots from 1982 and old broccoli from Europe! I was told that old vegetables taste better. Mmmm thanks Jaden, very fancy but I think I'll give that delicacy a miss!

For Diwali, Tai helped the kids make beautiful flower garlands. Some of the older girls learned to thread a needle for the first time, a little tricky at first but a good skill to learn. They loved the effect of the red and orange flowers separated by straws and were keen to make more the next day, delighted to hang their creations up at home. Mikala turned hers into a lovely head dress.

Ngā mihi

The OSCAR House Morning Team

Annelise, Bridget, Elyssa, Sangeetha Miya & Tai



From Dalena & Kelsey.

We hope you have enjoyed the newsletters issued this year. It gives a glimpse of the activities and fun the children have during the mornings and afternoons at OSCAR House.

As always, we are interested in **your feedback** of our OSCAR House programmes.

Sometimes this comes to us via our Supervisors or directly by email.

Please know that we are here to listen to your suggestions and comments to constantly improve our delivery of service.

COVID-19 Delta variant

We're delighted to let you know that 100% of our OSCAR House staff are now double vaccinated.



Texting your child's absence

We really appreciate it when you text us when your child is not going to attend the afternoon session. It does have a real impact on the flow of the programme if we don't get this info before 2:30pm. We are busy with the children from 3pm so any notifications at this time will be listed as a non-notification.

We release a staff member away from all the other children to search for your "missing" child. We would rather you let us know so that you don't get a \$10 non-notification fee and the children at the programme enjoy being with the staff who should be present attending to them.

END OF YEAR INFORMATION BELOW COVERS:

- **LAST DAY OF THE YEAR**
- **AUTOMATIC RE-ENROLMENT OF SAME SESSIONS FOR 2022**
- **HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**



LAST DAY OF THE YEAR

Korokoro & Kelson Schools close Wednesday 15/12/21 and Eastern Hutt School closes Thursday 16/12/21.

OSCAR House will open at 12 noon with no further charge for the early start as a thank you for entrusting us with your children during the year.

We will end the year with Party Games & Christmas Goodies for afternoon session attendees.

Please advise your programme Supervisor/sign form at programme whether your child who usually attends Wednesdays (Kelson & Korokoro) or Thursdays Eastern Hutt School) will or will not be attending the last day session at OSCAR House.

We need to know in advance rather than trying to find them on the busy day when school finishes.

Children who attend on Thursdays will have priority; positions after that are limited by staff/child ratios for children who normally attend on other days at no additional charge.

Casual attendees may apply for 12-3pm (\$25.25) or 12-6pm (\$35.50).

If your child is attending OSCAR House on the last day of term: please pack their morning tea and lunch.

RE-ENROLMENT for OSCAR House 2022

Kelson School commences on Wednesday 2nd February 2022

Eastern Hutt & Korokoro Schools commences on Thursday 3rd February 2022.

We will continue your child/ren's current attendance at OSCAR House with no further action required on your behalf.

If you wish to change your days next year, please advise us now at admin@oscarhouse.co.nz. We are able to make changes as staffing & ratios allow.

If you no longer require care, please advise us now. The two-week notification of resignation applies, as per your Parent Contract, including at the start of 2022.

TERM TIME FEES are due to stop in December.

2022 Fee and payment details will be emailed by Kelsey in early January.

OSCAR House Holiday Programme information

We will put count down notices at the programmes to help remind everyone of the time frames for Xmas and the holiday period.

Please enrol on this link <https://oscarhouse.co.nz/holiday-programme/holiday-enrolment/>

Schools close & Holiday Programme open dates	Korokoro, Kelson & Hutt Intermediate close Wednesday 15/12/21 Eastern Hutt School closes Thursday 16/12/21 OSCAR House Holiday Programme will be open from Thursday 16 December - Friday 24th December 2021 and re-open on Wednesday 5th January - Wednesday 2nd February 2022 Kelson & Hutt Intermediate re-open on Wednesday 02/02/22. Eastern Hutt & Korokoro Schools re-open on Thursday 03/02/22
Booking date and fee payment date closure for early bird fees:	There is one date: Wednesday 8/12/21 Please book your dates for all of December and January bookings by 8th December so staff who are not required can be released. Bookings after this date pay full fees.
Fees due & cancellation date 1 Fees due & cancellation date 2 Fees due & cancellation date 3	08/12/21 for attendance dates 16-24/12/21 29/12/21 for attendance dates 04-14/01/22 12/01/22 for attendance dates 17/01-0/02/22 Early Bird Bookings paid after the dates above are required to pay Full Fees (ie additional 10%). Note: Invoices are not issued.
Cancellation information	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.

We wish you all the very best as we head into the Christmas season, feeling very fortunate that we live in Te Whanganui-a-tara - Wellington.

Ngā mihi mahana mo te wā Kirihimete me te Tau Hou.

Season's greetings for Christmas and the New Year from Dalena & Kelsey.

