

2021 Term 4 Parent & Caregiver Newsletter

OSCAR HOUSE KELSON

MORNING CARE

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Tēnā koutou & Greetings,

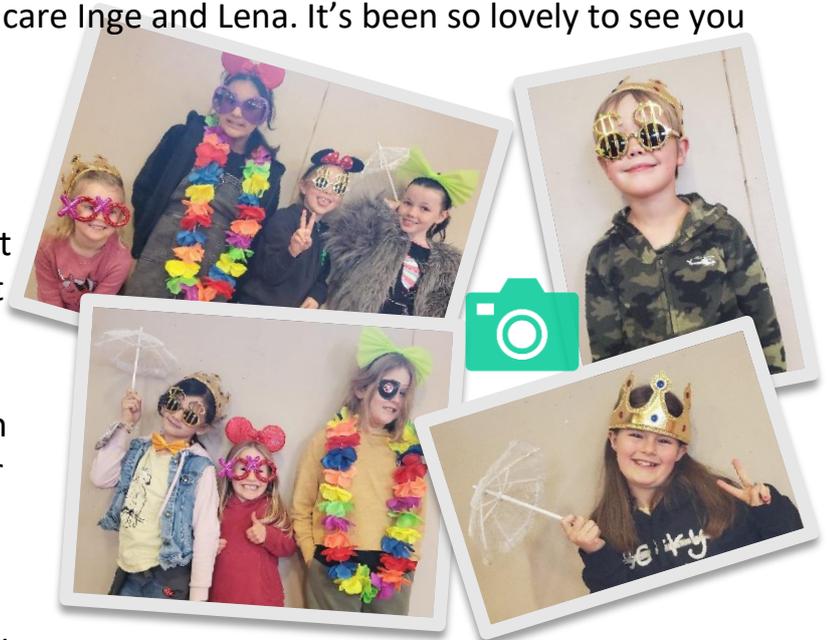
This term we welcomed back to morning care Inge and Lena. It's been so lovely to see you both again.

We're so glad to see the sun in the mornings again, after such a wild winter! We've been making the most of the early sunny weather by getting out into the courts for ball games again.

A wee reminder to parents that you still need to deliver your children to us to sign in, even if you see us out on the courts or field. We need to be sure we register them.

All people over the age of 12 are requested to wear masks (unless medically exempt) in the school grounds and our OSCAR House spaces. We appreciate that many of you are already doing this.

Mat Time: This term we've been focusing on beginning our day with a calm heart and a focused mind. During our mat times we take a minute to visualise what success means to us, set a small but attainable goal for the day, and discuss how we plan to achieve our goal. Some days our goals are as simple as getting all our work done in class, and some days they're much more ambitious – placing in speech finals, being selected as kaikaranga for kapa haka or getting a certificate during assembly. I really enjoy hearing the children's daily goals and helping to guide them on their paths to success.



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 this year and it helps our staff to increase their game knowledge too.

In Term 4 we've played: Octopus, Ultimate Tag, Silent Ball, Dead Ants, Lighthouse, Cat & Mouse, Ibble Dibble, Touch Blue, 10 Second Tag, Heads Down Thumbs Up, Simon Says, Red Light Green Light and many more. Our current favourites are 10 Second Tag, Red Light Green Light and the ever-timeless Ultimate Tag.

We've learnt some new card games too this term, with Taco Cat Goat Cheese Pizza and Dog Man being instantly popular.



Crafts & Activities: I've been really impressed by the engagement we've had in our crafts this term, with all of the children participating in folding origami cranes at the beginning of the term, and again when we sculpted Diya lanterns with fimo (although there was also quite a bit of creative license on subject matter after the initial creations with more than one garden vegetable also thrown in the mix for good measure!). I love to watch their imaginations at work, it's always such a surprise to see what they come up with next.



We hope you have a happy and safe festive season and we'll see you all in the new year! 😊

Meri Kirihimete,
Kelly, Caelin & Hunter
OSCAR House Kelson Morning Care



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.

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 Schools close Wednesday 15/12/21 and Eastern Hutt School closes Thursday 16/12/21. OSCAR House will be open from Thursday 16 December – Friday 24th December 2021 and re-open on Wednesday 5th January – Wednesday 2nd February 2022. Kelson School re-opens 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 17/01-03/02/22 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.