



Tēnā koutou & Greetings,

We welcome Caleb, Cameron & Yiyi and we welcome back Eva

Morning structure: There have been some slight changes in the structure of morning care this term. The children come in from 7:30 and engage themselves in a range of activities with the staff. This ranges from card games to drawing or special crafts. From 8 o'clock there is the option to get some balls and active equipment down the end of the hall.



We then all pack up for a quick talk on the mat before engaging in a group game to see out the morning. This structure works well for mornings as it caters for the children's different needs and ensures all children can have a go being active but also engaging in some quiet and creative activities.

Rewards: This term we have not been focussing on group rewards but instead encouraging positive individual behaviour all term long. This means we have been giving out random prizes when we see children demonstrating excellent behaviour. When children display great sportsmanship, manners and make good decisions they are rewarded at any given time which motivates the children to be their best selves each day.



Craft and other activities: There are a range of new craft and activities which the children have enjoyed this term. One favourite includes fruit loop necklaces. Children were all given their own portion of fruit loops and made this into their own colourful necklaces. This was a great morning activity as the children came up with some cool necklace patterns and also enjoyed eating some fruit loops for breakfast before they went to school. Other activities which the children have especially enjoyed including nail painting, 3D drawing and beading. It is great to see the children being so creative in the mornings.





Group games: There are a range of group games which the children enjoy each morning. One favourite which Madi taught the program is called peppermint. In this game all the children must run around until the staff yells freeze, which means everyone needs to stop where they are. The staff then call out a child's name and number and this child must take as many steps as the number requires to try and tag their frozen friends. This continues until there is only one player left in the game who therefore is the winner.

This is a great addition to our game selection at OSCAR as the children are able to run around but also have to think hard about what the best decision is to win the game. Other program favourites include 10 second tag, sleeping lions, toilet tag and grandmas green undies.



Fire and earthquake drill: This term we have practiced both fire and earthquake drills. This is an essential part of our program as it teaches our newer students, and reminds our older students, what we need to do in emergency situations. For the fire drill, the children quickly evacuate when they hear the whistle and safely line up outside for roll call. The same thing applies for earthquake drills, the children when signalled quickly drop cover and hold before roll. It is so great to see the morning children quickly and sensibly carry out these drills!

Children's comments about morning care:

Robert – "I like OSCAR because Caelin and Hunter help make me paper aeroplanes"

Madi – "I like morning care because I get to play ASAP with Hunter."

Holly – "I like morning care because I get to play with my friends."

Regan – "There are lots of fun games and activities to do"

Elodie – "I like playing 10 second tag at OSCAR."

The OSCAR House Kelson morning Care Team,

Caelin and Hunter

