

OSCAR HOUSE KOROKORO

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Kia Ora Koutou,

We understand it has been a bit of a crazy and disrupted term, mainly due to COVID, however I wanted to thank all the kids for following our new hygiene rules well and I also wanted to give a huge thank you to the parents for keeping us updated and messaging us when their children will be away – it makes our afternoons so much easier! On a lighter note, we got to enjoy the school pool at the start of the term when we still had very hot weather and I think it is fair to say that quite a few of the children enjoyed those days. We also had a fire drill and earthquake drill during the term which are very important to do in case a real emergency happens so that everyone knows what to do; I am happy to report these went really well.

Welcome

We warmly welcomed Ruby and Mila to OSCAR House this term and they have joined our community so effortlessly! We are excited to get to know them more as the year continues on.

Thoughts on Term 1

Term one at OSCAR House Korokoro has been a wonderful start to the year and we, as staff, are thrilled to have a fantastic bunch of kids. I think it is fair to say the children love playing octoball so we have had many afternoons filled with this game but we have also done many other fun activities too such as making sherbet, playing with the dress ups and creating self-portraits. It has been so nice to see how all of them play together and build friendships; it feels like a big family up here and the sense of community is what struck me straight away when I began working here. The kids are also amazing at coming up with activities that we as staff did not think of; a personal favourite was when a group of kids came up to me asking if we could do a toga party. So, what did we do? We grabbed the blankets out and wrapped the kids up in them like toga dresses and they sat around playing a card game together. We are looking forward to more fun-filled terms with everyone.

Message from the Supervisor

I knew coming into the supervisor role that I would have a lovely group of kids to work with but they have well-exceeded this expectation; they are so well-behaved and I love seeing how kind and respectful they are to the staff and also their peers. I am continuing to strive to make the afternoons fun for all the children by doing a range of activities and getting outside as often as we can, especially as we are heading into the winter months. Some of them have also been teaching me how to play octoball and I must say, I have really been enjoying joining in with their games.

- Elyssa

Self-portraits with Elyssa

I gave them no instructions for this activity except to draw themselves and I loved seeing all their different art techniques and aesthetics. They were all so unique which I think is an important aspect of a self-portrait and the children are fantastic artists; I was very impressed. I also gave them our nice colouring pens so they could make them as vibrant and colourful as they wanted. Finally, I really appreciated the time and care taken over some of them to add extra layers of detail.



Dress-ups with Shirley

We have such a cool collection of dress-ups at OSCAR House Korokoro and there is no shortage of creative combinations; there is everything from chickens to fairy princesses and sometimes even fairy chicken princesses! "Combining the game "night at the museum" with dress ups is a favourite with our children; impressive moves by clever characters keep our museum's night guard on their toes. As always, it is heart-warming to see how wonderful the seniors are at helping junior children"

- Shirley



Sherbet with Bridgette

The sherbet was a fan favourite for the kids and was very simple to make with only 4 ingredients. Three kids were chosen to help out and pour the ingredients into a bowl, mix it all together and then helped put it in little bags for each kid to have. They were all so excited to try it out and all of them ended up with bright pink tongues after eating the sherbet! One child even took some home to put on her ice cream! It'll definitely be one we do again!



SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF

Bridgette is our other 6pm finisher and has been working at Korokoro OSCAR around 8 months already and all the kids love her!

"My name is Bridgette if you didn't already know! I am 19 years old and I am currently in my second year at Victoria University studying education and psychology. I am planning to be a primary teacher in the future hopefully! I also have an old dog named Max and I love music, especially ABBA. My Favourite part of OSCAR would have to be the awesome kids I get to hang out with every day!"

Funny moment

"Andrei will become Scottish because he ate 'Scotch Finger' biscuits"

- Wills, 18/03/22

Nga Mihi,
Elyssa, Bridgette and Shirley (the OSCAR House Korokoro team)

