



# OHJ NEWSLETTER



## T 2022

### MESSAGE FROM ERIN

Kia Ora Whanau,  
Just a quick message to say thank you for all your support this term as we continue to navigate through Omicron and the Cold and Flu Season.

The children as always are washing their hands regularly, having group discussions about hygiene and the importance of letting staff and parents know if they are feeling unwell. Thank you to all for continuing to wear masks in the school grounds.

We are fast approaching the coldest and wettest part of the year. We do ask that children bring a warm jacket to OSCAR each day.

Outdoor playtime is an important and favourite time for the tamariki and we will endeavour to get out into the fresh air when we can.

Nga Mihi  
Erin

### NEW CHILDREN

We warmly welcome, Annabelle, Charlotte, Evie, Lachie, and their families to OSCAR House.

We trust you will enjoy your time with us!

### STAFFING

Hello OSCAR community! My name is Jack. I am seventeen years old, turning eighteen and I go to St Bernard's college and am in year thirteen, my last year at school. It was this year through my school that I got given the opportunity to work at OSCAR.

My favourite thing about working at OSCAR is running around with the kids on the playground. Playing playground tag gets the heart rate up as the kids are full of energy. It is refreshing to be around very bubbly and energetic kids.

I grew up and live in Eastbourne. I love being outside taking in the scenery. It's good being able to always go to the beach. I appreciate being in a tight knit community with some good friends. I like fitness, skateboarding and being active.

I am looking forward to a good rest of the year working at OSCAR.



## PROGRAMME PLAN

### Art & Crafts

The children have been super busy this term. We have done some amazing art and crafts: Winter Colouring, Key Rings, Clay Candle Holders, String Painting, Cotton Tip Canvas, Origami Butterflies, Spiral Snakes. Coming up later in the term we will be making Poi, Ribbon Rainbows, Stain glassed Pictures, Patty Flowers, Newspaper Hats, and many much more.

### SPIRAL SNAKES WITH CINDY

Recently I got to assist the children in making cool PAPER SNAKES. The children carefully coloured the bodies with pastels making them wonderfully vibrant. The cutting was a little tricky so I assisted them when they need a bit of a hand. What fun was had twirling around and hissing with their new wee pet.

### COTTON BUD TREES WITH NINA

The children painted some amazing dot art trees. They all chose amazing colours and some even mixed the colours that they had chosen. It's nice getting to see their creativity shining through in their own artwork.

### MOTHER'S DAY CRAFTS WITH ERIN

The children were excited to make some beautiful gifts for their mums to celebrate Mother's Day. Clay Candle Holders, Bookmarks, and beautiful pictures of flowers. We loved hearing all the reason why the children have the best mums ever!

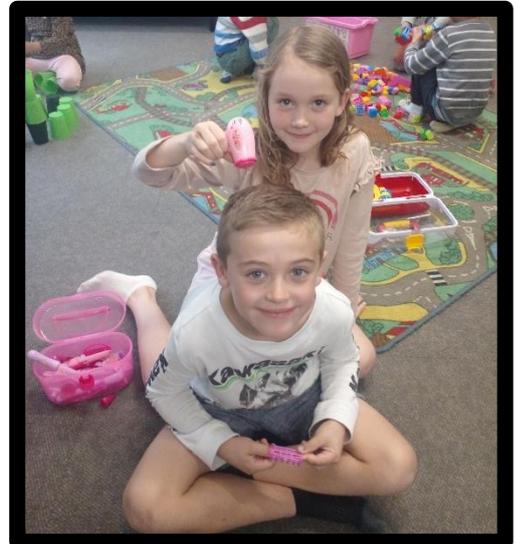
### PINK SHIRT DAY WITH NINA

For pink shirt day the children got to make pink shirts with their own special messages on them like Be kind, no bullying & kindness is free. Then we laminated them and added string so they could wear them around as necklaces.

### GROUP GAMES

This terms' favourites are Beans, Vegetable, Touch Blue, Chain Tag, Circle Hoop, and Buddy up.

We aim to play at least 2 group games per day!



## ACTIVE PLAY

If the weather permits, we get outside in come capacity each day. Playground, sports equipment in the quad, sports on the field or backyard games on the front lawn.

When we can't get outside, we have been doing yoga, Just Dance, Go Noodle and fast five exercises.

Here a few links you could use at home:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BQ9q4U2P3ig>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fTzXFP6CPI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m3402DZvbVU>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gVfgTw\\_W\\_JY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gVfgTw_W_JY)

## DAILY ROUTINE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>3:00 PM Week 7</b> WASH HANDS MAT TIME SILENCE TIME 3:30 PM SNACK TIME 4:00 PM CLUBS WASH HANDS 4:30 PM ARTS & CRAFTS FREE PLAY 5:00 PM TOWEL TIME 5:30 PM SANITISE MOVE TO MIDDLE FOCUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ribbon Rainbows</li><li>Playground</li><li>Musical Instruments</li><li>Magic Carpet (Erin)</li></ul> <p>STAFF: Erin, Nina, Cindy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ribbon Rainbows</li><li>Winter Quiz</li><li>Playdough</li><li>Who's Missing (Nina)</li></ul> <p>STAFF: Erin, Nina, Cindy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Paper Fans</li><li>Playground</li><li>Tents</li><li>Ultimate Tea (Cindy)</li><li>Playdough</li></ul> <p>STAFF: Erin, Nina, Cindy</p>
	Thursday	Friday	NOTICES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cosmic Yoga</li><li>Playdough</li><li>iPods</li><li>Musical Stories (Jack)</li></ul> <p>STAFF: Erin, Nina, Jack</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Playground</li><li>Football</li><li>Cartoons</li><li>In the river (Miya)</li></ul> <p>STAFF: Erin, Miya, Jack</p>	<p>Remember Jackets &amp; hats Clothes</p> <p><b>HAAS</b> Monday &amp; Thursday</p>

## Reward – Star of the week.

A huge congratulations to the following children who have so far this term been named the STAR of the WEEK  
Rayyan, Shania, Marama, Nathan, Annabelle & Chelsea  
We have been focusing on Mat manners, following instructions and being a kind and caring friend.  
Fabulous job tamariki

Best wishes from your OHJ Team  
Erin, Nina, Miya, Jack,  
Dom, and Cindy



## NOTES FROM DALENA & KELSEY

### CASUAL CARE:

We're happy to provide casual care where we have staff numbers to cover ratios.

If you need an additional morning or afternoon session, please email [admin@oscarhouse.co.nz](mailto:admin@oscarhouse.co.nz).

If you discover you require care on the day, please text 0221759534– the phone is checked throughout the day with the last check at 2:30pm. Please CALL if care is required urgently after 2:30pm.

If you don't know you require morning care until the night before or the day of, we usually have space at morning care so please email or text, then deliver your tamariki in the morning and let the Supervisor know it is an unexpected additional session.

Afternoon sessions may be full so please wait for a response from Admin.

Annual contact details query:

Have you moved to a new house? Started a new job, got a new cell phone number? Please do let either the Supervisor or [admin@oscarhouse.co.nz](mailto:admin@oscarhouse.co.nz) know if you have had any changes in your contact details. If you have already informed us – Thank You!

### FEES

Reminder from Kelsey to please stop your fee payments for the two weeks of the July School Holidays.

If you are unsure, please contact on [kelsey@oscarhouse.co.nz](mailto:kelsey@oscarhouse.co.nz)

### FULL STAFF MEETINGS

One of the ways we continue to develop our staff at OSCAR is in our Full Staff Meetings where staff from all of our programmes come together for training. This term we were fortunate to have the NZ Fire Service come and talk to the team about fire safety. This followed on from a visit at the school holiday programme and an assessment of our trial evacuation - all of which ensures we have the best practices in place to keep our tamariki safe.

### HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Enrolments are now open – Bridget and Erin have created a lovely programme for your tamariki to enjoy over the July holiday period. We look forward to your enrolments.

