

# OSCAR HOUSE KELSON

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

Tēnā koutou & Greetings,

Welcome to the following children and their families: Nate, Ryan, Genevieve, Millia, Aarnav, Maryam, Frankie and welcome back to Dominic & Jack.

Most of our new children this term are juniors, and it is great to see them interacting well with the older children both during homework as reading buddies and when they are teaching them new board games as well as group games.



## REWARD CHART

This term we're encouraging the children to be their best by having a weekly focus. Staff acknowledge the children during group time, their name goes into the jar and on the following Monday only one name is drawn to receive a prize from the prize container. Our Focuses have been – wk. 1 Code of Conduct, wk. 2 Kindness to others, wk.3 Tidying up after yourself, wk.4 Manners, wk. 5 Positive Role model. Wk. 6 Sportsmanship.

So far, the following children have received prizes:  
Elodie, Imogen, Alapati, Evelyn. Millia and Addison

## STAFF - Tony

Kia Ora Everyone, It's Tony here.

I have been at OSCAR House for nearly a year now (mostly based at the Lower Hutt venues) and I have enjoyed every moment of it. And I hope to stay on for much longer!

Coming in and seeing the kids so excited and ready for activities really makes my day a lot better! I never attended a programme like OSCAR before and I'm sad that I never did because the atmosphere around here is so awesome!!! It's especially awesome when the kids come in and tell me about their days, their stories are always interesting and entertaining. I personally love to be outside with kids and enjoy playing group games with them, especially

Football (Big up ARSENAL!!!) as I am extremely passionate about the sport and have been since my early teenage years. One of my favourite things to do with the kids is play ASAP (a trivia card game). Some of the knowledge they have is quite impressive.



## CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES:

There are a range of new crafts the children have loved this term. One favourite was making fluffy slime. The children mixed glue, food colouring, boric acid and baking soda together to create fluffy slime. The children made three different colours and enjoyed this activity as they could get messy! This was a great activity as the children had to follow the recipe and work in a team to make the best slime possible!

Another activity which was enjoyed was clay making. For a whole week children were able to use a range of different clay to make creations of their choice. Some of the best work included foxes, flowers, caterpillars and other shapes like love hearts and teddy bears.

## GROUP GAMES

### Fruit Salad with Arene

This game is like Mid Night. Children sit in a circle and each child was given a number 1-4 or a number that is suitable to the group size. When staff called their number (example number 3) all the number 3 children run round the circle enter from where they were sitting and touch the object in the middle. Child who touch the object first will become a fruit example an apple. Then call another number like number 2. All the number 2 children run and the child who reach the middle will become an apple too. When all the apple called the child first reach the middle will become a Pear and Pears will become Bananas etc. When called Fruit Salad all the fruits run and the child reach to the middle will become the winner.



### Bum Bum Shuffle with Tai

It was one of my new games to teach the children. All players had to sit on a chair in a circle. Then one child gets to stand in the middle of the circle which means there is an empty seat.

The aim of the game is to keep moving around in a circle sitting on each seat and keeping the child in the circle from sitting down on the empty seat. The children really enjoyed the game that we played about 6 rounds the first time played. So much fun when the person in the middle is almost dizzy from going round and round trying to get a seat. The bigger the circle the better.



### Crab Soccer with Caelin

Another new game the children learnt this term was crab soccer. This game needs three taggers in the middle who are on the ground like crabs and everyone else stands on the start line with a ball at their feet. The children with a ball at their feet must dribble to the other end of the hall to pick up a cone and dribble it back to the start. The crabs however are on the ground trying to prevent this by kicking the balls away.

However, you lose your ball you then are a crab trying to stop others from getting all the cones. This continues until either all the balls have been taken or everyone is a crab. The children really enjoyed this game as it was new and exciting, it even had the children laughing for most of the game which was nice to see.



### Jackpot with Hunter

Jackpot is a fun game that often has been requested by the children. It is played with any larger number of children, a tennis racket, and a tennis ball. The way it's played is simple and fun with a bit of imagination mixed in which is likely why the children enjoy playing it, one person will start with the tennis racket and ball and then proceed to tell all the rest of the children an imaginary item that they can win. After this the child will hit the tennis ball high up towards the group of children and whoever catches it 'wins' the stated prize.

However, occasionally, the person with the tennis racket will shout "JACKPOT!" this means if a child catches the tennis ball on the full, they get to replace the child with the tennis racket. This gives the game some healthy friendly competition which is always nice to see between the children.



## MESSAGES FROM DALENA AND 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 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.

