

## OSCAR House Korokoro Parent Caregiver Newsletter 2022 Term2



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Tēnā koutou & Greetings,

We warmly welcomed Elise, Emily, Matea, Faye, Penelope & Erika to our OSCAR family this term and we are very happy to have them here!

To begin, I would like to give a friendly reminder for parents/caregivers to wait outside the hall when you come to collect your children. We will get your children organised, signed off on the register and bring/send them out to you! This is for the safety of parents, children and staff as COVID cases are re-emerging in the Wellington region. I understand at times people may forget so we have put an orange cone up as a reminder not to enter the hall and we may come over to remind you if you do enter the hall. You may see some parents in the hall – they will be parents who are also staff at Korokoro School. They do enter the hall due to the fact they are staff at the school and mixing with the children on a daily basis. Thank you for your cooperation in waiting outside the door!

Term 2 has been a great flow-on from Term 1 and I would even say that overall, the children's behaviour has improved, which the staff are very pleased about. The biggest difference this term is the change in weather – as we are getting into cooler months, we do require the children to bring jackets. We try to get out as often as we can for a run around and this has to be done earlier in the afternoon as the sun also sets earlier. Term 1 enabled us to settle into a nice, calm routine and we included lots of new activities. In fact, in week four we decided at the last minute to retrieve the dress ups out of the shed and put on a runway show; the kids had 10-15 minutes to put together an outfit, some 'runway' music was chosen and they all had a chance to walk the runway in front of the judges. It was so much fun and we love that we are able to do exciting, spontaneous activities such as this.

This term our reward system is Star of the Week. We have a focus each week such as 'respectful listening,' 'sensible choices' and 'positive attitudes.' Staff nominate children they think have been showing those values well and on the Monday of the following week we choose our Star of the Week. They get to choose a prize out of our prize box and receive extra perks throughout the week such as extra afternoon tea or extra iPad time etc. These are our winners so far:

- Week 1: **Rosie** – positive attitude
- Week 2: **Anna** – positive attitude
- Week 3: **Nicholas + Cooper** – respectful listening
- Week 4: **Mila** – sensible decisions
- Week 5: **Luca** – packing up after ourselves
- Week 6: **Ishan + Andrei** – managing ourselves



We also introduced **leadership positions** for our senior children (Yr 5+) as we wanted to allow them the opportunity of helping out and being great role models to our younger children. We are really pleased to say that this is going very well. They have been stepping up in the roles they have been given and will also fill in for other roles when those children are away. The leadership roles are as listed below:

Sports Shed Monitors – **Nicholas + Lila W.** – they get to hand out sports equipment for others and make sure the shed is left nice and tidy.

Homework monitors – **Summer + Wills** – they help our younger children complete their homework efficiently and to a high standard.

Afternoon tea monitors – **Eli + Jesse** – they give out our afternoon tea and have learnt all our health and hygiene regulations.

Game participation – **Aleksey + Cooper + Tilly** – they encourage everyone to join in, heighten motivation levels and suggest new games for us to play.

Octoball monitors – **Andrei + Lily + Wills** – Octoball is a very popular game with many rules so our monitors ensure that the game is being played fairly and efficiently.

We have been teaching new group games to the children this term and also playing lots of oldies but goodies such as Capture the Flag and Musical Statues. Playing group games builds up teamwork, friendship and an overall good rapport between the children; it is always awesome to watch the seniors helping our junior children either with the rules of the games, different strategies they can try or general encouragement. We are so lucky to have such supportive children at our programme who actively participate in games. It must be said that the competitive spirit emerges during these games as they all try to win the title of champion team or individual.

What's the Time, Mr Wolf with Shirley:

An old favourite, What's the Time, Mr/Mrs Wolf, was played over two days as the children enjoyed it so much. As it was raining on the first day we were inside but the next day it was fine so we were able to split into two groups, with the juniors and seniors playing separately.



Trivia Quizzes with Elyssa

I always loved doing quizzes and learning general knowledge with my grandad when I was younger so I was really excited that we got to incorporate some trivia quizzes into our afternoons. We would look up good questions for kids online, and I must say how impressed I was with their knowledge! A special mention to Cooper, Aleksey and Zoe who all appear to have a wide range of knowledge. We chose quiz categories from general knowledge, to Disney, all the way to science. One of the days we had left-over M&Ms so we sweetened the deal and gave out one for every correct question. Our children who tend to stay later have been enjoying it so we will likely continue to do these every so often!



### Night at the museum with Bridgette

Night at the museum has always been a hit with the children at Korokoro OSCAR House and is always a go to when suggesting a game to play with the children. They love being the night guard which involves holding a "torch" and wandering around the hall seeing if any of the kids who are statues move. The children as statues always know how to be creative with funny poses while trying to be as still as they can. Sometimes when its later in the afternoon they get to have the lights off and only have the torch for the full effect of the game. A new twist we've incorporated with them on some days is the inclusion of dress ups with the game. All ages love to join in for this game and will hopefully be a game that'll stay very popular for a long time!

### Pink Shirt Day Colouring

Pink shirt day is a very important day as we acknowledge those who are being bullied and those who have been bullied. Kindness is a quality we value very highly at OSCAR House so a small thing we did for pink shirt day was to colour in a picture of a T-shirt and decorate them with kind and loving words. I loved that they took their time on them and they all turned out so well. We hoped this activity would be a good reminder to all our children that a little bit of kindness goes a long way in this world and that it is important to celebrate everyone's differences!

### 3d drawings with Bridgette

Drawing has always been a passion of mine especially when I was at primary age; I remember doing 3d drawings of our hand which I thought was a fun activity to do which is why I was glad to be able to teach the children how to do it for themselves. It is a very simple but cool craft to do with the kids involving tracing their hand then putting curved lines in the hand to give that 3d effect.

### Biscuit Decorating with Shirley:

The children loved decorating biscuits with bright pink icing and sprinkles which they ate while watching a movie. We used pink icing because during that week it was pink shirt day and we wanted it to tie into that important day too. Jesse had a fantastic idea of making it into a biscuit sandwich which all the children really enjoyed. Also, as they enjoyed decorating and eating the biscuits so much, they were able to have a second turn at making them.



## 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 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.**

Ngā mihi

The OSCAR House Korokoro Team,  
Elyssa, Bridgette & Shirley

