

OSCAR HOUSE MIDDLES

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Tēnā koutou & Greetings,

A warm welcome back to Joseph who has recently returned to OSCAR House. It has been awesome to hear about your adventures at your new school.

We also have some wonderful new staff who have been popping in and out of the programme. A big kia ora to Dom, Isaac & Jack. The kids love running around the playground and playing football with you all, and all the energy you bring to the programme.



SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF



Hello everyone! My name is Isaac and I just started here at OSCAR House last term. I currently attend St. Bernard's College as a year 13.

I was born and raised in the United States and moved to New Zealand when I was 13. I love to play all sorts of sports such as volleyball which I've been playing for 8 years now and is a big hobby of mine.

I come to OSCAR House every week because I love watching and helping the children grow in their friendships with each other. I also love playing sports and just hanging out with them while they tell me they're crazy stories that went on during their week. I look forward to what the future has in store at OSCAR House!

With the cooler weather, could we please ask that your child brings a jacket every day. We like to get outside - even if it is just for a quick play in the playground. Most days we will get out and play games and sports - soccer is still the favourite. Sometimes we go to the snakes and ladders area or the courts for group games. It's nice for the children to be able to have that run around each day.



We have made some great crafts this term, we made these "super adorable" & "so cute" and easy turtles!

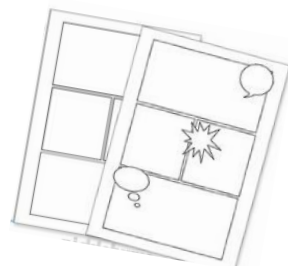
The turtle shells were made from an egg carton that the kids trimmed, they created the hands, feet and tail from green pipe cleaners or pompoms. They painted their turtle shells cool colours like blue or with spots. Every turtle was unique, and we ended up with a lovely nest.



We had a superhero theme week; we started by making some awesome Spiderman's out of oven bake clay which took a lot of careful work, the children were very proud of the results.

The children also designed their own comic strips, there is some awesome resources online (link below) you can print a comic strip layout for them to fill in. Print a couple of pages it can keep them busy for ages

<https://picklebums.com/free-printable-comic-book-templates/>





We celebrated pink-shirt day, a commemorative day to stand up against bullying and harassment and be the change we want to see in the world. To begin with, both middles and seniors created their own design for shirts, adorning them with messages of kindness, bravery, and empathy.

Children then got in groups of 3 to 4 and worked in making 3D newspaper and paint designs of OSCAR designer pink shirts. While cutting, pasting and painting, children shared in conversations their thoughts about anti-bullying and how we should celebrate one another for who we are and what we bring to our community. Conversations about where we come from, which language we speak at home, and what we want to be when we grow up helped us laugh and wonder as we explored the fashionably kind part of us. C'est Magnifique!



Taskmaster UK is one of my favourite shows and I thought wouldn't it be fun and interesting to do with the OSCAR kids! 5 tasks were given:

1. Make an ice cube disappear without hiding it
2. Make your marshmallow as small as you can
3. Throw the teabag into the mug from the furthest distance
4. Get the ball as close to the center of the blanket without touching it
5. Make a rock as handsome as you can

Vinh and Jayanethra had super funny faces when they got brain freezes. Vinh was able to let out a slow whispered "im okay" and they both powered through and did so well.

Making a marshmallow small without ripping it was a little bit too hard so we changed it for the year 3/4's and lets just say.. Oshika and Finn didn't even have a speck of marshmallow at the end! They were very convincing but visually it wasn't enough.

There were lots of different strategies for the tea bag in the mug and it really tested their listening and engineering skills. Some used cardboard others used a chair and best of all some used the 5 other mugs.

Some children thought the tasks were "super easy" but that quickly changed, and others thought 'crazy, strange, weird'. In the end we all had so much fun!



Some of the staff were lucky to have a wee catch up with Sophie and her adorable baby boy Ashton, lots of cuddles and baby tales. We are looking forward to when they will be able to visit the programme.



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.

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 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

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 Middle Team

- Bridget, Cindy, Dom, Isaac, Jack, Mel, Shirley & Tony

