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Tēnā koutou, falofa & Greetings to Parents/Caregivers & Whanau,

A warm welcome to our newest tamariki Callum, Rinoa, Euan, Gia, Ethan. We love your bright energy you bring each morning. We started the term with some lovely water colour painting for Waitangi Day and some very cool dragons for Chinese New Year, 2024 being the year of the Dragon

Our recent obsession is learning how to solve a Rubix's cube by following a youtube tutorial. We are getting pretty close with being able to solve the base and middle layer, next step learning out how to complete the last layer, I'm pretty sure some of the older kids will have it figured out soon.

The tamariki love being active and a had a grand time playing balloon volley ball. It's wonderful to see the older children sharing and helping the younger children. They also enjoy the end of session groups favourites still being Spud, ultimate tag and octopus.

Froot loop Jewellery was a hit with everybody keen to make a necklace or bracelet. Once created most were promptly devoured.

Last week we had and absolute blast with an end of the week treasure hunt - sardines style. Two of our older boys Braxton & Callum were sent into the middle playground/field with the treasure. All the children went hunting. It took a wee while to find them as they hid really well!. When found the seekers hide too become a 'can of sardines' until all seekers have found the treasure.

Each term we undertake emergency drills.

We do Fire and Earthquake drills every term and each holiday period and in the middle of the year we do a lockdown / tornado drill. During the fire drill, tamariki immediately exit the building and line up outside for roll call.

For earthquake drills, tamariki drop cover and hold when instructed, before listening for their names in the roll call.

For Lockdown or Tornado drills, we need tamariki to come inside quickly.

We take these drills very seriously to ensure tamariki know exactly what to do in case of an emergency.

It is also a great opportunity for our older children to show leadership by demonstrating what to do. We talk our new and younger attendees through the process, so it isn't too daunting for them. We are always incredibly proud of how tamariki respond to these drills. Tino Pai Tamariki!

Ngā mihi The OSCAR House Morning Team Bridget, Cam, Tai & Tony

