



Tēnā koutou & Greetings,

Entering the year 2024, we have welcomed a few children to join OSCAR in the morning. We have had the joy of welcoming siblings of tamariki who already attend OSCAR such as Esther, Alice and Elyse. All the girls have settled in with such ease from the help of their lovely siblings, which is great to see! We also welcomed AJ and Adam who attend both before and after school care at OSCAR and love planes and helicopters, allowing them to become great buddies!



We have also had the pleasure of welcoming Jared, who has been filling in casually in the morning. Jared, who has been at OSCAR for some time, was able to settle in with ease as he knew some of the children from our holiday program. He is great at welcoming the tamariki into OSCAR and has been able to make great connections with some of the children such as AJ by building LEGO with him.



"Hi I'm Jared. I used to work at OSCAR when I was finishing high school back in 2016/2017. After working in IT for a while as a linux sysadmin, I decided to make a change and start studying to be a primary school teacher. The upside of needing to spend a few more years studying is that I get to work at OSCAR again which is the most fun job I've had. I'm currently majoring in Linguistics and Education with a minor in Japanese. In my free time I enjoy studying languages, playing video games and going down information rabbit holes on random topics that I'll stop thinking about after a week!"



We started 2024 with a comprehensive program plan with the help of our already attending OSCAR children, ensuring we have a variety of crafts, group games and active games to suit all. Besides coloring-in that is available every morning, tamariki particularly enjoyed the loomband making as well as the paper planes competition - allowing them to use their creativity. As an active bunch, we have also played a lot of active group games. Besides the crowd favorites of Ultimate Tag and Octopus, we introduced Chinese soccer and indoor hockey. We also played some calm group games such as Who am I, 20 questions, 2 truths 1 lie which were a great way to introduce the newbies the variety of group games we play OSCAR.



Overall, 2024 is starting with a bang. We have lots of energetic, kind children and we offer lots of fun activities. We are looking forward to what is to come this year as we get to know the new children even better.

Ngā mihi
OSCAR House Kelson Morning Team



Messages from Dalena & Kelsey

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!

We are so sad to lose the lovely Maia to a full time position at the end of this term but we know she will bring joy and kindness and competency to her new job as well. We wish her all the very best for her future.

We will try to find someone just as wonderful as Maia to start the new term with Emilie in the mornings at OSCAR House Kelson morning care.

