

# OSCAR House Korokoro Parent Caregiver Newsletter 2024 Term1

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Ngā mihi Nau mai haere mai to out new tamariki: Gemma, Robyn, Harrison, Ina, Maebh, Grace, Ryder, Aaliyah, Sawyer, Saskia, Lucy, Finley and Tara. And a very warm welcome to Madelyn and Julie our new staff.



This term our reward system is the classic \*Star of the Week\*. Each week, staff choose a child who has behaviour has stood out for the week following our focus that we come up with at the start of the week for example respect, respectful listening, tidying up after ourselves and teamwork.

Message from supervisor Bridgette

Kia ora Whanau. If you haven't already noticed, I've have been away Tuesdays and Wednesdays from OSCAR. This is because I have started my graduate diploma in primary teaching so on these days I have been at uni. This also means I will be off at placement during parts of the year where I will be off for a good few weeks. The kids have been adapting well with Maia filling in for me while I'm gone. I've been making sure to have lots of fun with the kids for the times I am here with them.

Message from Acting Supervisor Maia

Kia ora OSCAR House family! I have been taking on the role as Supervisor on Tuesdays and Wednesdays when the awesome Bridgette is away at her placement. It has been an absolute privilege taking on this role for a couple days during the week and I'm super excited to see how the rest of the term goes. It's been so lovely meeting all our new tamariki and parents who started this year and of course re connecting and seeing all the other kids again and their smiles. Unfortunately, I will be leaving at the end of Term 1 to pursue a new full time career! It's very bittersweet, I am so excited to move onto my next journey but I am also pretty devastated about what I will be leaving behind. It has been an honour to take care of the OSCAR tamariki for the past year and a bit. Hopefully I will see you and your whanau around! Ka kite ano, and Ngā mihi Nui. Maia



Message from Madelyn

Kia ora. My name is Madelyn Kruger. I'm a wife and a mother of 2 beautiful children - my son is 18 years and my daughter is 14 years old. I'm the new personal at OSCAR House. I'm so excited to meet the children, work with them, playing new games with them and having an amazing time. While we are waiting for the parents to come and collect their children, your child safety is our priority.

Message from Dalena & Kelsey.

We are so sad to lose the lovely Maia to a full time position 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.

Jared has started coming up to OSCAR House Korokoro. He has been working at our Middle Senior programme and been Acting Supervisor during the holiday programme as well. Jared will be Supervisor for the days Bridgette will not be present from next term – it's great that we have time to induct Jared while Maia is still with us.

Cam will also be coming up for the last couple of weeks of term as we will swap him with Madelyn so she is accustomed to our Junior and Middle/Senior programmes and some of the tamariki there before the holiday programme.





"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!"

Kia Ora, Ko Cam Tōku Ingoa, Nō Naenae Ahau! Kei te whare o OSCAR ahau e mahi ana.

Hey! My Name Is Cam and I'm from Naenae. I've just started working at Oscar House!

I am currently in my third year at Victoria University and I'm gearing up to pursue Education next year. Teaching resonates deeply with me as I cherish the opportunity to positively influence Tamariki, particularly during their formative years. While in my personal time I relish outdoor activities and staying active, I'm discovering the boundless energy Tamariki possess, which is definitely keeping me on my toes! Settling into OSCAR House, I've been captivated by the diverse personalities of your Tamariki and spending time with them has been the highlight of my days! They've welcomed me with kindness, openness, and an instilled sense of Manaakitanga! I eagerly anticipate getting to know each of them better. Cam.



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!

The OSCAR House Korokoro Team,  
Bridgette, Maia, Madelyn, Jared & Cam



