

OSCAR HOUSE MIDDLES

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Tēnā koutou & Greetings,

We warmly welcome Ava, Ellie, Grace, Amyra, Georgia & Lucas - it has been a blast to have you all join us this term!



We have had some magnificent afternoons this summer and it is wonderful to see tamariki enjoying being outside. They have had a great time playing cricket, digging in the sandpit, playing with tyres and throwing themselves down the waterslide. Free play time is tamariki initiated and tamariki directed, they enjoy exploring their environment. This play



helps develop their imagination, creativity and problem-solving skill as well as gross motor skills.



This term for our reward challenge we have been doing a 'Star of the Week'. Staff give tokens and praise to tamariki they see demonstrating lots of wonderful and kind behaviours. These are the children who show kindness, play games fairly, include

others, participate enthusiastically in activities, and give everything their best effort. When acknowledged, the children put their named token in the pot. It is lovely to see how proud the children are when they are recognised by staff. Once a week a name is drawn from the pot and the lucky tamariki will join to have an Ice cream sundae bar at the end of the term. Congratulations on our winners.



This year we have been doing some senior focused activities, in recognition of the Intermediate children's age and interests. The Intermediates are still involved with the other aged children and activities on offer at the programme but will be offered an additional activity each week just for them. Earlier in the term we brainstormed what they would like to do. We started with some chaotic cooking time in the kitchen making yummy Macaroni cheese, had a go at sewing and are looking forward to movie time & Taco making soon.



SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF

Hello, my name is Kellie, I have been working for OSCAR House for over 8 months. I have lived in Wellington all my life and grew up mostly in Lower Hutt where I currently reside. In my spare time I enjoy doing art and listening to music. I find working at OSCAR House very fulfilling. I enjoy seeing the kids thrive in each other's company and it also helps me to keep active. OSCAR House is an encouraging and enriching environment for all kinds of different personalities and abilities. The staff at OSCAR House work well together to create a safe and nurturing atmosphere for the kids. I look forward to continuing my work with OSCAR House.



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 Middle Team

Bridget, Kellie, Jada, Leah, Sophie & Tony



