

OSCAR HOUSE JUNIOR PROGRAMME

PARENT/CAREGIVER NEWSLETTER

2025 TERM 1

MESSAGE FROM ERIN

We warmly welcome our new tamariki who started this term; Ahaana, Gabby, Myra, Ivy, Srimedha, Gus, Ash, Roman, Reyansh, Alka, Amelia, Liam, Arthur and Siara.

We trust you will enjoy your time with us.

Wow the term is nearly coming to an end.

We have had a terrific start to 2025, the sunshine has been amazing, and the children are happy, healthy and thriving. We said farewell to our Year 3 tamariki in Week 2 as they made the transition to the Middles/Senior Programme. We are so pleased to hear from Bridget they settled well and are enjoying the next phase in their OSCAR journey.

Our current year 2 tamariki are now the leaders and are enjoying the added responsibilities in helping our new friends settle and helping with some jobs like being hat monitors, bag attendants and toilet buddies.

It's great seeing them step up and showing maturity in these tasks.

We look forward to the rest of this term and beyond.

As always, if you have any questions or queries about your child's time at the programme, please do feel free to seek me out.

Nga Mihi

Erin

NEW CHILDREN

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NEW STAFF

Late last year we welcomed Marli to our OSCAR house team.

She worked a lot at our programme earlier this term.

Marli is super crafty, and the children have enjoyed getting messy and creative during her art sessions.

We absolutely love the energy and enthusiasm she brings to our programme.



FAREWELL

In week 6 we bid farewell to our wonderful staff member Leah.

Leah has been an amazing member of the OHJ team for 2 years.

She is going to be missed so much by the children and the OSCAR team.

She showed care, warmth and love to all the tamariki.

We wish her all the very best in the next chapter of her life!

PROGRAMME PLAN

Our programme plan consists of Arts& Crafts, Active Play, Group Games, Free Play and structured activities.

If you ever want to see what is being offered to your children; please check out our daily plan on the whiteboard or see the Term Programme Plan situated on the window by the front door.

The green highlighted activities are the activities the children requested during our planning discussion.

Planning is great but we also take cues from the children and add impromptu activities depending on the weather, mood and what the children want to do.

ARTS AND CRAFTS

This term we have done some amazing arts and crafts – Popsicle Stick snakes, pom poms, Owls on a stick, Hot Air Balloons, Pasta Jewelry, paper boats, monster envelopes, Citrus painting & toilet roll monsters.

Comin gup later this term we will be making, Paper lanterns, pets & water painting.

The children enjoy the opportunity to get creative, messy and getting to take home some of their wonderful creations.

GROUP GAMES

We play many group games during the session.

The children have their favourites like Night at the Museum, Zap, Doggy where's your bone and in the river, on the bank.

To keep things fresh and interesting each staff member researches, plans and implements new games and current ones to introduce throughout the term.

The games this term are Fruit salad, Toilet tag, Tea towel island, Name Ball, Red and Black and more

It is great seeing the energy and enthusiasm this brings to the children.



ACTIVE PLAY

The children have thoroughly enjoyed being able to play outside most days. We have enjoyed playing on the playground, waterplay, Sports and Sport equipment. When we can't get outside the tamariki love dancing, quick 5 fitness, just dance and cosmic Yoga.

**Best wishes from your OHJ Team,
Erin - Supervisor
Miya, Cindy & Marli**



MESSAGES FROM DALENA and KELSEY

OSCAR House Audit:

OSCAR House is under the MSD (Ministry of Social Development) banner.

We are audited by the Te Kahui Kahu branch of MSD about every 2 years, although it was 3 years this time when we were audited in December 2024.

Te Kahui Kahu commented:

What you're doing well

We would like to celebrate the areas OSCAR HOUSE LIMITED did well at. These are areas that Te Kāhui Kāhu identified where OSCAR HOUSE LIMITED went above and beyond the standards and legal requirements.

Name	Finding
Client services and programmes level 3	The organisation is to be commended for the comprehensive enrolment and child orientation programme in place for new children to the programme.
Staffing level 3	The organisation's comprehensive internal audit programme is commended as being not only an effective quality improvement tool but an effective tool for staff training.
Staffing level 3	The organisation is commended for the comprehensive induction and orientation process for new staff which includes detailed Staff Handbook and completion of Staff Orientation Form over a period of three months.

Overall, with a few minor policy wording updates, we are happy with the outcome and feel reassured we are providing a quality service to parents/caregivers, our schools, and most importantly of all, your lovely tamariki.

Ngā mihi nui,
Dalena & Kelsey
OSCAR House Managers.



