

OSCAR HOUSE

Tēnā koutou, Talofa & Greetings to Parents/Caregivers & Whanau,
A warm welcome to Ash, Harper, Hazel, Liam Maddox and Roman, it has been wonderful to have you all join us in the mornings initial nervous first days, they've blossomed into vibrant, confident, and fully engaged tamariki, bringing their great energy to our programme each day.



Sunshine Award



The house is filled with smiles, enthusiastic greetings and the warm glow of positivity. That's been the atmosphere at OSCAR this term! We've been actively encouraging our tamariki to spread sunshine, and they've responded beautifully. From warmly greeting staff and friends to diving into activities with gusto, and sending parents off with cheerful farewells, their efforts have been wonderful. To acknowledge and celebrate these everyday moments of brightness, we've started a weekly "Sunshine Award." Each week, a child who has made our mornings brighter is chosen to pick a wee prize from our Treasure Box.

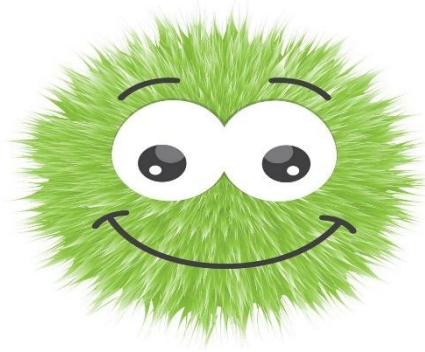
Reward winners so far: Riona, Harrison, Sophie, Avan, Riley, Luna & Jason

We're on a mission to learn more flags of the world! Each week we have a quiz, and it's fascinating to see how many we already know, and even more impressive to watch the tamariki learn the new ones





The swan plants at Oscar House are a magnet for our tamariki! They're mesmerized by the hungry monarch caterpillars, watching them munch and grow bigger every day. The transformation into chrysalises is always exciting, and the children were absolutely buzzing the other morning when they saw a butterfly emerge.



We've got a lively group enjoying some spirited competition in Spud (dodge ball style of game) and foose ball! Beyond the fun, these games are providing valuable lessons in fair play, sportsmanship, and negotiation. We're working on how to compete with enthusiasm while respecting the rules, communicating effectively when there are disagreements, and celebrating both individual and team efforts. Ka pai tamariki!

Tai Spoons - The children have enjoyed learning a card game of spoons. The number of spoons used depends on how many players. For example, 4 players only need 3 spoons as it always needs to have one less spoon than the number of players - which one player will not get a spoon???

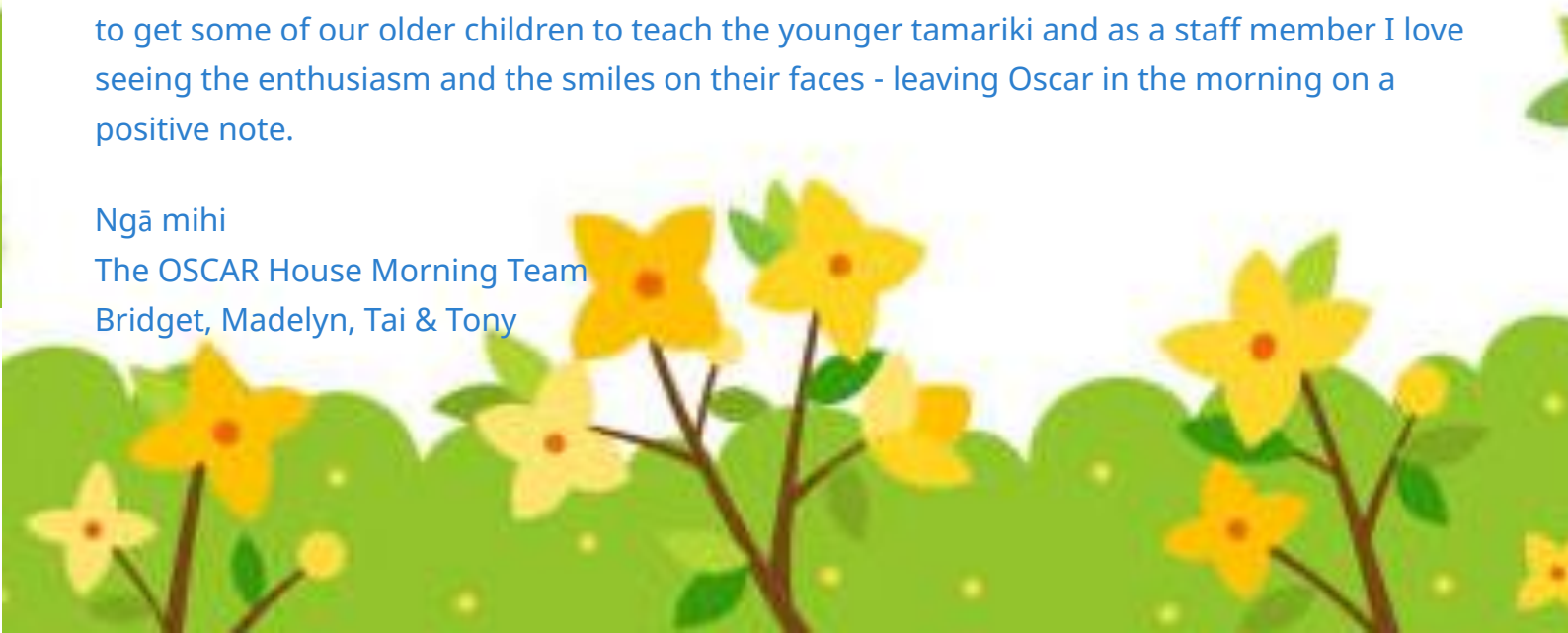
The dealer deals each player 4 cards each, the aim of the game is to have a set of 4 same cards. Whoever starts will take the rest of the deck and then start to take and see if they need the card if not they pass it on to the next player and so on.

Once someone has a set of 4 they take a spoon from the middle and just keep playing as the other players can also take a spoon even if they don't have a set of 4. The person who misses out is then eliminated.

The children love this game and some of our 5 year olds enjoyed getting the staff eliminated. Great resilience to keep going till the last 2 players with 1 spoon. It's been great to get some of our older children to teach the younger tamariki and as a staff member I love seeing the enthusiasm and the smiles on their faces - leaving Oscar in the morning on a positive note.

Ngā mihi

The OSCAR House Morning Team
Bridget, Madelyn, Tai & Tony



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.

