

OSCAR HOUSE KELSON MORNING PROGRAMME

PARENT CAREGIVER NEWSLETTER 2025 TERM 1

Tēnā koutou & Greetings,

Welcome Back to a New Year and a New Term!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our families as we kick off the new year and a brand-new term at OSCAR House! We are so excited to welcome back familiar faces and meet our new tamariki who have joined us this term. A special welcome to Noah, Theo, Mankirat, and William! We are thrilled to have you with us and look forward to getting to know each and every one of you. Welcome Back to Our Returning Tamariki: A big welcome back to Nate, along with all of our returning friends! It's wonderful to see everyone settling in and ready to take on another term of fun and learning.

What We've Been Up To This Term

It's been a busy start to the term, with plenty of exciting activities already under our belts. Our creative corner has been full of energy as we've been making our very own volcanoes, painting beautiful artwork, and crafting paper people. These hands-on activities have sparked our imagination and provided lots of fun opportunities for learning. In addition to our crafts, we've been enjoying a variety of group games, including freeze tag, octopus, and dodgeball. It's been great to see everyone working together, building teamwork, and having a blast! As we make the most of the last of the summer sun before the rainy weather settles in, we've been keeping active with football games and free play on the courts. It's been wonderful to see everyone running around, having fun, and making the most of the outdoor playtime.



Our Rewards Program for the Term

For the first half of the term, we focused on celebrating our individual achievements with our Stars of the Week. This was a fantastic way to recognize the unique contributions of each child, from their kindness to their creativity and hard work. Every week, a child was selected to be the Star of the Week, and it was wonderful to see the pride and excitement this brought! Shout out to our stars of the week:

Alice, Theo, George, Nate Whitiker, Miles and Stella.

As we moved into the second half of the term, we shifted our focus to group achievements. Our main goal was to work together as a team to earn our Yes Day! This idea was inspired by the OSCAR House Middle Senior Programme, who have done it a few times and shared their success with us. On Yes Day, the tamariki take control and have the opportunity to make decisions about activities, games, and how they want to spend their time – it's their day to enjoy and lead the way!

We're excited to see how well our tamariki have worked together as a group to earn this special day, and we can't wait for the fun it will bring!

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES:

This term we have practiced both earthquake and fire drills. During the fire drill tamariki immediately exit the building and line up outside for roll call. Similarly for earthquake drills tamariki drop cover and hold when instructed before again listening for their names. It is great to do these drills at OSCAR as it reminds tamariki what to do in case of emergency.



Message from our New Staff Madelyn and Marie

Madelyn: From my first day starting at Kelson Morning Program it was Amazing the kids is wonderful we having fun playing with equipment and kicking the ball to each other kids are helping when we ask them. Some of the tamariki can't wait for the Yes Day to start they are so excited for the Yes Day.

Marie: Hello All, My name is Marie, some of you may recognize me from Eastern Hutt School where I work as a learning Assistant during the day or floating around Hutt Valley Gymnastics in my Club Secretary role. I'm mum to 4 tamariki, 16-28, nana to almost 3-year-old Sadie and there will another granddaughter due in July. I enjoy traveling around our beautiful country supporting Hayley (16) with her Gymnastics & cheerleading as well as long walks along the beach with Willow my 3-year-old golden retriever. I have started working at OSCAR house Kelson in the mornings which I am thoroughly enjoying, getting to know all the tamariki & their interests, and 3 afternoons at OSCAR House Middle Seniors. I enjoy supporting tamariki in their learning journey, building confidence, watching them grow and achieving their goals. I look forward to meeting you all.
- Marie.

**Warm regards from the Kelson Morning Team
Cam, Marie and Madelyn.**

School Closed Day Last day of Term 1 – Friday 11th April 2025.

OSCAR House will be open this day from 7:30 – 6pm at our Lower Hutt Premises next to Eastern Hutt School.

Please go online to book.

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.

