

OSCAR HOUSE KELSON AFTERNOON PROGRAMME

PARENT CAREGIVER NEWSLETTER 2025 TERM 1

Talora, Tēnā koutou & Greetings,

Welcome to the following children and their families to Oscar House Kelson: Kacper, William, Oliver, Veronica, Welcome back to: Nate, Maryam, Rheva
Welcome to our new staff: Zach Harris

This term the weather was often cold and windy in the beginning, so we did more inside arts & crafts. In the middle couple of weeks, we've had awesome outdoor water play weather yay! The children love squirting each other and the staff. Our new children settled in well and are enthusiastic participating in activities provided. We have a fantastic group of tamariki this term and all are happy to learn new games and giving it a GO!

Group Games: The children enjoyed a new game 1, 2, 3. In pairs one child starts with 1 then the other says 2 back to the first child 3 then back to 1 then add in instead of 1 you nod your head and then after a couple of rounds add clap instead of the number 2. Heaps of fun as even the staff forgets to say 1 after 3 but automatically say 4.

Reward chart

This term our reward follows the Focus of the Week and the other OSCAR House rules. A child is chosen for following the weekly focus and their photo is taken and put on the whiteboard for a week. Once another child is chosen for the next week the week before winner photo goes on the 'OSCAR House Wall of Fame' to be displayed for the term.



Congratulations to: Hannah - Rebekah - Liam - Annabelle



New Staff:

Kia Ora, I'm Zach. I've been at Oscar House Kelson for a few weeks now and I'm really enjoying my time here. I grew up in Kelson and went to both school and OSCAR here so it's nostalgic and kind of exciting to be back. I'm currently studying at university to be a teacher and I've learnt so much that I know is going to help me already. There's such a warm atmosphere all the time, it makes it easy to turn up happy and leave in a good mood (perhaps because I only have the children for 2 hours a day, so I get the fun part). I'm passionate about making a positive difference in the lives of children and I can't imagine a better place for me right now than here at OSCAR Kelson. It's been a lot of fun learning about all the kids, and It's been great to meet and have a chat with some parents when time has allowed. I'm looking forward to getting to meet everyone and having the rest of the year here.

Cheers, Zach.



EMERGENCY PROCEDURES:

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

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.

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.**



