

OSCAR HOUSE KOROKORO

Tēnā koutou & Greetings,

Welcome to our new (or returning) tamariki: Charlotte, Leo, Olivia, Lucy and Orion. It's been great to have you at our programme.

Crochet was on our programme plan for Week 1 and 2 of term. It was a surprise hit. A lot of kids kept asking to do more crochet and it is very popular. They've made a bunch of cool stuff.

We've been very lucky able to use the pool at Korokoro. We ask kids each day at sign in if they have their togs and want to go swimming, if we have a big enough group and the weather is kind, we go swimming. It's a nice change of pace from the routine of the programme to the other terms of the year. It's particularly popular with the younger kids.

At the beginning of term, we got a few new toys to use at the programme. One was the arcade style Whack-a-mole game, which is really popular with the kids. We also got a magnetic fishing game and the dinosaur themed electric car track that lets the kids create different tracks and courses for the cars to go around. They made a huge set up with dinosaur toys which was great fun.

Lisa made some delicious brownies with tamariki and it smelled wonderful. We iced them the following day. Yum!



“OSCAR Leaders” We have started an OSCAR Leaders group at the programme for Years 6, 7 & 8 to allow them to demonstrate maturity to the younger tamariki practice responsibility. We

select two different leaders per day who they wear a bright orange leaders vest. They are given responsibilities and assist staff with various tasks throughout the day. Generally, this has been going very well and it's great to see our older tamariki step up to the challenge.

Star Of The Week. We are also continuing out SOTW acknowledgement. Each week there is a new focus that is discussed at mat times on Mondays. Throughout the week, staff are looking out for tamariki demonstrating our focus or otherwise having outstanding behaviour. At the following Monday mat time the SOTW is announced and congratulated, and they choose from the prize box. So far, we have celebrated Charlotte, Merryn, Grace, Luca, Emily H and we also acknowledged Alva for sitting so patiently on the mat one particular day.



Group Games As well as following the programme planned activities, and playing some of the tamariki's perennial favourite games, this term so far we have played the games shown below. We try to offer as much variety for all the ages as possible, and it's also great for tamariki to increase their game repertoire.

1	Bop JM	10 sec tag MK	2 Truths and a lie LsF
2	10 second tag JM	Cat and Mouse MK	Simon Says LsF
3	Number Soccer JM	Egg toss MK	Buddy Up Buddy down LsF
4	The Rule Game JM	Pin the tail MK	Paper Scissors Rock LsF
5	Lighthouse JM	Follow the leader MK	Candlesticks LsF
6	In the river on the bank JM	Jackpot MK	Creepy crawlies LsF

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES: Fire & Earthquake Drill

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 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.

All the best from Jared, Madelyn, Lisa and Shirley!

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.



Programme Evaluation Survey - Activities

Thanks to parents who were able to answer the Programme Evaluation Survey regarding activities at the programme.

The survey has now closed but of course, you are always welcome to let us know how things are going at any stage.

We're delighted to say that the overwhelming majority of responses were very favourable. Some commented they weren't aware that the term's Programme Plan is displayed on the

glass doors by the emergency exit and on the wall near the kitchen.

Some weren't aware that we have library books from Hutt City Library that are changed every 3 weeks.

Some wanted homework time to be a little longer.

Most said their children enjoyed the activities, crafts, games and swimming.

We are going to add some specific activities for older tamariki and will continue to involve them in the activity selection/program planning.

Thanks to everyone who took the time to participate. This all helps us to make the programme a great place for Korokoro tamariki to be in the afternoons.

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.





