



# OSCAR House

## STAR OF THE WEEK



Celebrating the effort of all our tamariki is the focus of this term. We've been reinforcing positive behaviours with lots of verbal praise; with staff highlighting the wonderful qualities they observe daily. Each week, tamariki participate in a draw for a treasure box prize. Congratulations to our first winners! Darsh, Evelyn, Jake, Sahar & Rayyan Your kindness, thoughtfulness and leadership are truly commendable.



Tēnā koutou & Greetings,

A warm welcome to our new staff member, Marie, and to all the new and returning tamariki! Harper, Hazel, Riya, Sebastian, Thenuja & Zach. We're delighted to have you join the OSCAR House whānau.

This term, we've had the pleasure of welcoming our new Year 3 tamariki. It's been wonderful to witness their growth. From those initial nervous first days, they've blossomed into vibrant, confident, and fully engaged tamariki, bringing their great energy to our programme each day.



*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 children, 16-28, nana to almost 3-year-old Sadie 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 children & their interests, and 3 days at Middle/Seniors. I enjoy supporting children in their learning journey, building confidence, watching them grow and achieving their goals.*

*I look forward to meeting you all.*



# WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING THIS TERM?



Without a doubt, our clay cat craft was a highlight of this term. It was wonderful to see all the tamariki so engaged and eager to create. The self-guided nature of the activity allowed their creativity to shine, resulting in a delightful collection of unique clay cats. Check out their cute creations.

*To focus on caring for others this term, our tamariki embarked on a community project - baking ANZAC cookies. They worked diligently throughout the week, mixing, shaping, and baking numerous batches. Their delicious creations were then delivered to the residents of Riverleigh aged care facility, who expressed sincere appreciation for the tamariki efforts and kindness. We'd like to make this a regular event and love to hear your suggestions for other community groups our tamariki could support.*



With the arrival of cooler weather, could we please ask that your child brings a jacket every day. We like to get outside - even if it is just for a quick play in the playground. Most days we will get out and play games and sports - soccer & cricket are the favourite field games at the moment. Sometimes we go to the snakes and ladders area or the courts for group games. It's nice for the children to be able to have a little run around each day.



## EMERGENCY PROCEDURES: Fire & Earthquake Drill

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 and it is a great opportunity for our older children to show their leadership demonstrating what to do

Ngā mihi The OSCAR House Middle Team : Bridget, Kellie, Marie, Sophie & 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.

