



OSCAR House Kelson Morning Programme Parent Caregiver Newsletter 2025 Term 3

Tēnā koutou & Greetings, a warm welcome to Mclane and Edith we love having you join us in the mornings



**Skateboarding day - Jared**

After one of the tamariki discovered that I had recently bought my own skateboard, there has been growing demand for me to bring it ,and for us to have a skateboard day. We finally did it and it went well. For our tamariki who remembered their helmets they were able to show off their skills. For those without helmets they still had a lot of fun rolling around on their tummies or while sitting down. Unfortunately for me they now all know my most impressive trick is simply going forwards without falling over...



**Star Wars - Madelyn**

We started the day with a planned group game in the school hall. The game was called Star Wars and it's a bit of a mix between Octopus and Dodgeball with taggers throwing dodgeballs from the sides. The children participated enthusiastically, running around and interacting with each other. I observed positive engagement and collaboration among the kids during this activity. This morning's session was a good opportunity for physical activity and promoted social interaction. The game provided a fun opportunity for the children to burn some energy. Overall, it was a successful and enjoyable morning.



## Limbo- How Low can you go! - Marie

Activities today using skipping ropes, included forward and backwards skipping, and ending with an impromptu game of 'Limbo' using the rope, this turned into a huge hit with our morning tamariki, leaving the OSCAR staff amazed by their strength, balance, and flexibility!



Thanks to parents who were able to answer the Programme Evaluation Survey regarding Enrolment, Food and Facilities at the programme.

We're delighted to say that the majority of responses were very favourable.

- All bar one were happy with the procedures for delivery and collection, who noted they were not asked for clarification of who they were (maybe assuming staff didn't recognise them?) whilst another was happy they were phoned when an unauthorised person came to collect their child.
- Two responses mentioned the cold in the hall in the mornings. It is chilly at 7:30am for the first ten minutes while the hall heats up. The school caretaker has already put on the heating in the hall as soon as he arrives and tamariki warm up playing active games. We can additionally go to the library if it is a really freezing morning.
- In the main, most felt fees were in line with other providers.
- Afternoon Tea snack: One parent thought basic fruit, crackers and biscuit would be more than sufficient for afternoon tea, as an alternative to deep fried chips (chip butties) and garlic bread (these were provided twice in 50 days over the cold winter term). Note: we do not deep fry any food. One parent thought we provided a standard thoughtless provision of junk.

Please feel free to put food you find acceptable into your child's lunchbox for afternoon tea, if you do not like the snack we provide. Everyone else felt food provided was adequate as a snack.

### General feedback:

- We are incredibly grateful for the Oscar programme. The kids have fun and are well looked after. We can trust that our child is safe around food allergies. The comms are quick. The staff are fantastic. Keep it up!
- We appreciate the Staff particularly Tai who has been amazing with all our kids.
- I'm quite happy with the Oscar service. If however I could get more value from being more engaged myself, as our family is so busy, please feel free to let us know.

Nuts and Bolts Messages from Kelsey & Dalena:

**Sign In / Sign Out** - Please remember to sign, and be acknowledged by, the staff member with the register. They sign your child in or out on the register, along with who has dropped off/collected them, and the time. We also regularly talk to tamariki to remind them to let the staff member with the register know they are departing and ask them to remind their parents as well.

**Personal Changes** - We appreciate it if you would please keep us updated with any changes to your child's life eg address changes, parent separation, custody changes, medical diagnoses and medications – so we can best help your child at OSCAR House. This requirement is also in your Parent Contract.

Nga mihi, Dalena & Kelsey.