



OSCAR House



Tēnā koutou & Greetings,

A warm welcome to Emma Daisy & Harry who started OSCAR House this term and a welcome back to Lexie, Markaydah, Rasul & Ryan it's wonderful to have us back with again



Every so often, we hold a special event, like a fun disco or party. This term, the tamariki voted to open their very own pasta restaurant named Ratatouille Place. They spent the entire week preparing. They worked together to create posters, they chose their roles, from managers and chefs to waiters, eager to get started. On the big day, we transformed the main room into a cozy Italian restaurant, complete with vines, twinkling fairy lights, and long tables for a family-style meal. It was wonderful to see their excited faces and hear all their happy comments. One child said the pasta was so good it was a "chef's kiss"

At OSCAR House we like to develop and encourage the kind and positive attributes of our tamariki. They are always willing to assist our staff and often seen looking out for each other. To acknowledge and celebrate their lovely qualities, we are doing a Star of the Week acknowledgement. The staff nominate children throughout the week praising the awesome things they see every day. Congratulations to our initial winners:

Isabel	leadership & Kindness towards younger tamariki
Alvin	Responsibility - always doing the right thing at the right time.
Georgia	Encouraging others, leadership- helping younger tamariki resolving conflict
Sebastian	Respectful listening, always willing to lend a hand
Isla	Always looking for ways to help, caring for others
Toby	Responsibility, initiative & helpfulness



WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING THIS TERM?



Tony Oscar House Chants

I'm a huge sports fan and one of the best things about that is the chants that come with it. So, I thought it would be an awesome idea to get the kids to make some chants of their own for OSCAR House! Boy o Boy I was right, they put so much effort and thought into their chants, even including some dance moves! Overall, I can count this as a success and an awesome experience for the kids!

Marie – Bread making with the tamariki, they each took turns measuring out the flour, yeast and water. We spoke of how bread rises and the children were surprised at how much it had risen after just one hour. The "No Knead" recipe was a hit and they look forward to smelling it cooking and eating it for afternoon tea.



Kellie Flower drawing

The children's skills blossomed as they learned to draw a variety of flowers, starting simple and working their way up to more complex designs. With each new, intricate flower, a sense of accomplishment grew, making the children proud of their detailed creations.



Zach Games: Group games are an important, and often undervalued, part of child development. Along with being a fun way to burn some of the limitless reserves of energy that kids have, they also serve to help advance some of the essential interpersonal skills they'll use for the rest of their lives. Group games allow us to instill the value of things like teamwork, showing them that communication and working together are often essential and a much more efficient way of achieving a goal. They also allow us to teach them about showing humility in their wins and being gracious in their losses, both of which can only serve to help them down the line. Things like this are why group games play such a pivotal part of OSCAR and why we try to play a large variety of games regularly.





Spotlight on Staff: Kia Ora, I'm Zach. I've been at OSCAR House for a few terms now and I'm really enjoying my time here. I grew up going to OSCAR so it's nostalgic and kind of exciting to be back. I'm currently studying to be a teacher, and I've already learnt so much that I know is going to help me. The kids always come with such positive energy and want to do absolutely everything, which is completely exhausting, but it also makes it pretty hard to leave at the end of the day in a bad mood. 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. It's been a lot of fun learning about all the kids so far and I'm looking forward to the rest of the year.

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

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.

Absences - We have had an increase in the occurrence of non-notifications ie when parents/caregivers don't let OSCAR know **before 2:30pm** that their child will not be at OSCAR House. If your child is unwell, **PLEASE, please** advise OSCAR when you let school know that your child won't be attending school – then both the school and OSCAR get to know about it at the same time. The school don't advise us as they don't know who attends when.

We need to hear from parents directly by TEXT to the programme phone number that has previously been sent to parents when you commenced 027 922 0870. Asking the child's sibling to inform is not acceptable and we need to know prior to the programme commencing each afternoon. I was at a programme recently and we were chasing 3 tamariki, in one afternoon, whose absences we had not been advised of – it takes staff a long time to action, and that is time they are away from the programme and the tamariki they need and want to be caring for. Thanks for your assistance in this procedure.



Nga mihi, Dalena & Kelsey.



