

OSCAR HOUSE KELSON

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Kia Ora, Talofa & Greetings to Parents/Caregivers & Whanau,

We warmly welcome Alex O, Archie, Arabella, Cody, Corey, Loula, Kai, Lachlan, Lucas, Saige and welcome back to Hannah & Elodie.



We also welcome Heidi & Baba as our newest relieving OSCAR House staff members. We hope to see them from time to time at Kelson along with Shirley.

ARTS & CRAFTS:

- Chalk drawing and painting is always a favourite activity. Staff are often asked if they can trace around the children so they can add details to their outline.
- Pinwheels were perfect, as the day we made them, it was windy alright! Although it was cold, we just couldn't feel it because we were running around outside with the wind doing its magic on our pinwheels - so much fun!!!
- Edible necklaces and bracelets were a hit with the children. Sue was slow in cutting the string as the children were all threading them and eating at the same time.
- OSCAR HOUSE word search – we created our own word search with all of the children's and staff's names. We had to find our own name first before searching for others - lots of fun.

Celebrations:

- Maori New Year or "MATARIKI" - the children shared about their understanding of the seven sisters (stars). Children painted a large sheet of paper all black and then each child and staff decorated a star and glued it on the poster. Some children coloured-in Maori images.
- Birthdays - We always make sure to sing Happy Birthday during group time if a child's birthday was on the day they attended OSCAR.

This Term has gone really fast and with a lot more new junior children joining us.



GROUP GAMES:

Snakes is a great activity: hanging snakes on a string; the children line up underneath with their hands behind their backs – not allowed to touch the snakes! When staff hold it up, the children are ready to gobble the snake lollies all up. It is so funny to see the young ones as they struggle to keep the snake in their mouths.



Ladders: Seated

in pairs, the children line up in the middle of the hall, feet together. When their number is called they must run through the ladder, touch the end wall then run on the outside of the ladder, touch the other wall then run back through the ladder. The first child to sit down in their place gets a point for their team. It's very exciting.

Light House and **Captain's Coming** along with **Octopus** are the most popular games. Quiet games such as **60 seconds** and **Heads or Tails** are awesome before afternoon tea or before free play.

Flush the Toilet was reintroduce as many of the new children did not know how the game went and once they learnt it, they kept suggesting it to be played.

Tofa Soifua
Arohanui

OSCAR House Staff: Sue, Areene & Tai

