

OSCAR HOUSE MIDDLES

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Tēnā koutou & Greetings,

A warm welcome to our newest children: Cecile, Chase, Kiri and Shammah - we love having you join us in the afternoon.

This term you may have noticed a few new staff faces at the programme. We have been fortunate to have Baba, Heidi and Tracy join our OSCAR House Family. They will be spending time at all our programmes. Feel free to say "Hi" next time you see them.

GARDENING CLUB - We have an enthusiastic group of children who are keen to get their fingers into to the soil. We spent a couple of sessions preparing garden beds; removing the weeds and turning the soil. Working as group makes gardening much more fun especially finding bugs and worms - Emma's worm was named Emma Junior!!

The green fingered bunch are rather ambitious with a long wish list of items to grow. This month we will start sewing lettuce, carrot, strawberry and tomato seeds. Some of our gardens are well established and we have been able to enjoy making lemonade and stewed rhubarb with custard. Yum!

Making woollen birds with Sumathy

We made a colourful birds using woollen string - the children were excited to make their own after seeing the example. Many of the kids started crowding the table keen to make a bird to hang at their home, especially Hugo who desperately wanted to make a bird for his little baby brother.

Some of the year 3 kids found it a little tricky to wind the wool on the card but all persevered. Sophia finished her bird and was very happy with it. She was quick to pick up the steps of making the birds and started helping the other children. Some children liked the birds so much they made a few more to make little bird families.

Nada has been working on a group project: making papier mâché letters that spell out OSCAR HOUSE. Papier mâché is easy to do and you can make almost anything. Create a base using card board or a balloon, dampen strips of newspaper with the glue and layer them onto your form. A quick google search will provide lots of inspiration. The paste is easy to make, it is made from a few simple kitchen ingredients that you are likely to already have. Go on, give it a go! It's lots of fun.

Papier-mâché glue

2 cups cold water
2 cups boiling water
¾ c flour
3Tbs sugar.

In a pot whisk flour into 2c cold water and carefully add 2c boiling water mix. Gently whisk while heating (moderate temperature) until it starts to thicken (ensure it doesn't catch on the bottom). Remove from heat stir in Sugar. Mixture will thicken on cooling. This will last 3-4days possibly longer if kept in the fridge.



SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF



Kia Ora!

My name is Phoebe and I've been a part of OSCAR House ever since I was 5 years old! I started working at OSCAR as soon as I was able to, and have been a part of the team for more than six years. Working with the kids at OSCAR is really rewarding, it is amazing to watch them develop and to be a part of their maturing. When I'm not at OSCAR House, I'm studying a bachelor of commerce at Victoria University.

I love getting involved with the kids, so you might catch me running around playing tag on the playground, playing group games or down on the floor playing card games like Spoons or Presidents and Paupers. I also enjoy seeing the creative side of the children with arts and crafts and especially enjoy origami crafts.

When possible, we have an active outdoor session each day. The children love free time on the playground; others will play Soccer nearly every day. Stinga Ball, Octopus and Kick the Can are still the most requested group games but we like to change it up and try something new each week. Recently we have been trying our hand at badminton which is heaps of fun once you figure out how to hit the shuttle cock.

We have also had a lot of fun playing ping pong, there is some lively competition particularly as our skills get better and better, we may have a few budding professionals in our group.

Ngā mihi -The OSCAR House Middle Team

Baba, Bridget, Jared, Heidi, Hunter, Mel, Phoebe, Sumathy, Tracy & Wendy.

Message from Dalena & Kelsey:

Unfortunately the side path of the Junior house is flooding when it rains. We are planning to review the drain and surface area between the two properties however until this takes place we will block access down the side path if it is flooded.

We'd rather not have any injuries where it's not possible to see your footing. Please walk via the school to the back entrance of the Junior programme if you have children at both programmes.

We note there are a number of parents walking via the driveway.

We'd like to remind parents/caregivers that when you signed the Parent Contract you agreed not to access OSCAR House via the driveway, additionally I've spoken about this with all enrolling parents/caregivers. Access to the programmes via the school is a condition in the **resource consent** on our premises; and a condition of your child's attendance at OSCAR House.

We trust your children are enjoying their afternoons with the Middle OSCAR staff team – the children always look like they are having so much fun! Cheers Dalena & Kelsey

Eastern Hutt School is closed for a Teacher Only Day

on Tuesday 24th October – the day after Labour Monday.

OSCAR House will be open. Enrol at www.oscarhouse.co.nz/special-days/

