

OSCAR HOUSE MIDDLE PROGRAMME

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Tēnā koutou & Greetings

This has been a wonderfully busy term. We are loving our time outdoors in the sunshine with lots of group games sports and some really fun challenges. The caterpillar race is fabulous fun with the groups working together to make their way across the field. It's always a close race.

We have been creatively industrious too - making sweet cupcake flowers, tapa art with Baba and these adorable clay ghosts which look really great sitting over a battery tea light. Recently the children have even been trying their hand at the sewing machine making cool drawstring bags.



Soon we will be starting my personal favourite - Christmas crafts! I still have decorations that I made as a child hanging on the tree each year. I like to think in years to come the children will pull out their Christmas decorations and fondly look back on their time at OSCAR House.

Wishing you a wonderful holidays, Bridget.

Celebrating India:

The children were interested in the many aspects of Indian life; they liked seeing the pictures of everyday life in India –families, clothing, the busy street markets, temples and the beautiful elephant festival.

We had a wonderful time making Dosa. It was a special treat as some children had not tried it before. Many of the children loved the hot chutney - others would prefer it a little less spicy.

Henna was a particularly popular activity. They loved the intricate patterns but some thought the henna paste was a bit stinky. Many children are still requesting it months later. It was a wonderful opportunity to share my culture with the children of OSCAR House. Sumathy.

Nada's Ninja Star Fidget Spinner

I thought it would be a cool idea to try and make the latest toy craze but origami style. After watching the video we gave it a go. The boys especially liked the ninja stars because they could either throw it or make it into a spinner. Stormie has written the instructions on how to make - so give it a go yourself!



First cut the squares (5inches). Then fold them in half fold them in half again
Open up the other corner and fold it. Hold both sides and pull up the fold down.

Fold it. hold both sides pull up the fold down.

Fold it fold it the other way stick it in the hole

To make in to a spinner cut two circles and glue a stick between. By Stormie Age 8

Check out the video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CPV_5ljFu5o



Wendy's Flower Group Project: We have had a lovely creative time. Firstly tracing our hand on a piece of paper, we then designed our hand with felts and nail polish. We arranged everybody's hand to create a beautiful flower. The children collaged the phrase "we are each unique and beautiful but together we are a masterpiece".

Paper Dolls with Phoebe: It was lovely to see the kids playing around with the paper dolls; making up interesting colour combinations and patterns. Sophia and Megan spent several afternoons having great fun and giggling away as they made them.

Group Games with Melissa: This week for group games we had ultimate tag, caterpillar race, midnight sack races and the kids favourite.... Stinga Ball! Ultimate tag is a quick and easy little game to play with the kids. Midnight is a bit more competitive. Sack race we did for the first time with Year 3's which was heaps of fun and silly! A few children fell and had to army crawl the rest of the way. Stinga ball is the kid's absolute favourite which they request every day.

A big thankyou to Megan and her family for the kind donation of board games and puzzles. The children were super keen to start on the puzzles. We really appreciate you thinking of us.

This term we started a team challenge. We have been focusing on our respectful listening, being quiet at mat time & roll call and following instructions. The children win and lose smiley faces for their team. At the end of the term, the team with the most smiley faces will win a reward.

Ngā mihi

The Middle Team: Baba, Bridget, Mel, Nada, Phoebe, Sumathy & Wendy

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PIKELET BREAKFAST Wednesday
13/12/17 for senior morning care children



REWARDS: The children have been working together to earn tokens the winning team will win an Icecream Sundae Bar on Wednesday 13/12/17



Week 10 Last day of the term activities.

OSCAR House commences at 12 noon Tuesday 19th December and we will have an end of year celebration. Party Games, Christmas Cookie decorating and a Bouncy Castle.



We need to know whether children who usually attend Tuesdays will be attending or not attending. Please advise your programme Supervisor, sign form at programme or email by Tuesday 12th December 2017. Children who attend on Tuesdays will have priority; positions limited by staff/child ratios for children who normally attend on other days; casual attendees may apply (usual fees apply to casual attendees).



Xmas 2017 / January 2018 Holiday Programme information is available on the web
OSCAR House Holiday Programme will be open 20-22nd December 2017 and Wednesday 03-30th January 2018. enrol at <http://www.oscarhouse.co.nz/programmes/>

Early Bird enrolments for entire December and January holidays close on Wednesday 13th December 2017.

RE-ENROLMENT for 2018 OSCAR House

We will continue your child/ren's current attendance at OSCAR House with no further action required on your behalf.

Due to MSD requirements around numbers and venues:

Year 2 who will be Year 3 in 2018 will remain at OSCAR House Junior.

Year 5 who will be Year 6 in 2018 will remain at OSCAR House Middle but still meet at G2 verandah and play in the Senior playground before returning later to OHM.

If you no longer require care, please advise us now.

If you wish to change your days next year, please advise now at dalena@oscarhouse.co.nz .

We are able to make changes as staffing & ratios allow.

