



OSCAR House Senior Programme

Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers,

Water Play

We have enjoyed some lovely weather so far this term and with this hot sun it is good to be able to cool down with a little water. Please bring a change of clothes to OSCAR for our impromptu water fights.

ED Policy

At the end of Term 3 we rolled out our new Electronic Device Policy and Agreement for the Senior children. This new policy aims to keep everyone safe on their devices while at OSCAR House Senior. The children may bring their devices every day to do their homework and use their personal devices during ED Time – which is when the group has OSCAR iPads – once or twice per week and Friday afternoons.



Forts

The children loved making forts at the end of last term. They were great at being inclusive and sharing the giant parachute. Their creative minds went to work to see who could build the best fort. Some made a massive fort spreading out across most of the room, using all the tables and the one parachute spread across the top. One group made a smaller fort but built walls and secret passage ways inside and another group made a split level fort using the chairs, one level on the seat of the chairs and the other around the legs of the chairs on the ground. Caleb was amazed by how many ways the children could use one single parachute.

Roll Call

OSCAR House Senior did a fantastic job last term of calling The Roll. Using everybody's input we were able to lower our Group average by over 3 seconds.

Our first Group average was 18.80 sec.

After everybody had called The Roll once it dropped to 15.75 sec - after everybody had a little practice. Annabel was able to get the fastest time out of every one of 9 seconds.

It was great to see everybody trying their best and working together to lower the group average.

Games

We have started to play a new game called Mengamenga. It's a great strategy game that can be played with multiple people. Gabrielle was our reigning champion last term, winning most of her games.



Puzzles

The children will sometimes come up to the staff and ask us riddles that they have learned at school - or in a book and sometimes we get stumped! So we decided to find some riddles ourselves and see if the children could guess the answers.

The first riddle we gave was a tricky one. The entire group spent the whole afternoon working on it - trying to figure out the answer.

We have also been testing the children on Rebus brain teasers and for some of the children this was completely new. It has been a lot of fun finding new riddles and brain teasers for the children to solve.



Thank-you to Gabrielle and Callum - for helping make our delicious Chocolate Halloween Cupcakes. Everyone got a turn decorating and then eating these delicious treats!

**Thank you from Caleb and Shannan –
The OSCAR House Senior Team.**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

POOL PARTY Saturday 2nd December 6:30-8:30pm.

Last Day

Week 10 Last day of the term activities.

The Intermediates finish on Friday 15th 2017 but sadly we won't be open early that day.

On our last day of Term 4 for EHS –Tuesday 19th December OSCAR House commences at 12 noon and we'll have an end of year celebration.

We will be watching a Movie (we will pick the movie closer to the date) and eating Pizza at OSCAR House Senior. We hope everyone can join us for this extra fun last day. Intermediates are welcome too!



We need to know whether children who usually attend Tuesday afternoons 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 18th & 19th for Kelson, Korokoro & Intermediate attendees – enrol at <http://www.oscarhouse.co.nz/special-days/>

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

St Bernard's commences Tuesday 30th January 2018 – OSCAR House will be open.

Eastern Hutt School & Hutt Intermediate School commences Wednesday 31st January 2018.

We have discussed with most attendees/parents/caregivers whether you will continue your child/ren's current attendance at OSCAR House.

If you have not yet informed the Supervisor you no longer require care, please advise Caleb now.

Have a wonderful end to the year, a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.