

OSCAR HOUSE MIP PLCS

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Tēnā koutou & Greetings,

During the last school holidays we learnt a new game called Man hunt; it has quickly become a favourite with the children. 2 children volunteer to be the hunters, all the other children are given a head start, they can choose hide or try and out run the hunters. If you are tagged by a hunter you join the hunter's team. By the end of the game all the hunters work together to track down the last few free children. It's an awesome game that suits all the different abilities - even the fastest of runners are caught.



The beginning of the term was all about Mother's day. The children spent 2 weeks designing amazing pop up cards, making pyramid boxes and chocolate truffles. It is lovely to see such care and attention put in to their creations, to make something extra special for Mum.



We have some great new boards mounted on the walls. These are designed to help minimize noise, but are also display boards. The children have been working really hard to create awesome works of art.



Recently we had heaps of fun creating a Newspaper costume display. These were inspired by World of Wearable Arts Costumes. The children were amazingly creative and each groups design reflected the personality of the members creating the garment. Check out their fabulous designs on the display wall in the Games Room.



It is cool how the children are interested in traditional crafts. They love to sew and knit and always very proud of their creations. It is great to learn a new skill and this

term we thought we might try French Knitting. It is an easy way of making a strong braided cord. Cotton thread used to come on wooden reels which are perfect for the base. If you have any unwanted cotton reels at home, we would love have them.



This terms Reward challenge is a Team Challenge where each day the children earn marbles for their group. The children are recognised for displaying respectful listening, responding to instructions quickly, caring for others and demonstrating fair play in sports and games. The children are proud of the marbles they earn and love to hear them tinkle as they drop in to their team's jars.



Fridays are often a special day where the Middle programme will join up with the Senior programme for a game of Stingaball. Other times, children challenge the seniors to a game of cricket or Taniwha, it is great for getting some practice in for the Netball kids.



SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF



Hi everyone!! Just a little bit about myself, my name's Greg and I have lived in New Zealand for 11 years. I was originally born in the UK in Bristol before my family and I immigrated to New Zealand in 2006. Before I started working at OSCAR House I was a Chef, before this I spent some time working with children at my local primary school in Normandale. As much as I love to cook, I decided that working with children suited me better and learnt that this is where my passions truly lie.

In my spare time I enjoy being active, which usually involves hiking, running or playing basketball and football with my two younger sisters. I also love to cook for family or friends and experiment with my own recipes and creations.

I thoroughly enjoy working at OSCAR house and spending time with all the marvellous children. Seeing them all take part in activities in which they love always puts a smile on my face. You may also find me over at the senior programme, as well as here at the middles!

Ngā mihi

The OSCAR House Middle Team

Ben, Bridget, Greg, Hunter, Mel U, Phoebe and Wendy.

Early Closure on Friday 29/06/18

Eastern Hutt School will close after the second lunch bell on Friday 29/06/18 for a Teacher's Meeting.

OSCAR House Junior, Middle & Senior will open to attendees at 12:40 - 6pm.

Seniors will attend the Middle programme until 3:30pm; then join the Intermediates; please collect as usual from OSCAR House Senior.

We will expect your child to arrive if they normally attend Fridays.

We are providing this early opening at no additional fee for parents/caregivers

OSCAR House Holiday Programme 9 – 20th July 2018:

Programme plans, information & enrolments now available

<http://www.oscarhouse.co.nz/holiday-programme-junior/> Years 0 - 3

<http://www.oscarhouse.co.nz/holiday-programme-senior/> Years 4 - 8

Early Bird enrolments close, and fees are due, on Wednesday 27th June 2018.

