

# OSCAR HOUSE

# JUNIOR PROGRAMME

Parent/Caregiver Newsletter 2018 Term 3

## MESSAGE FROM ERIN (karere I Erin)

We have been super busy this term!  
Our OSCAR family is growing fast after a large group of new children started the programme.  
The staff have been so proud of our older children for taking the newbies under their wings and welcoming them all so enthusiastically!  
The evenings are getting lighter and the children are getting more excited to spend the end of the day outside on the playground or running around on the field with a ball.

**ABSENCES:** Parents/caregivers **please text your child's programmes directly with absences as the first option;**  
and only email if you are unable to text. This more direct communication will be appreciated.

If you ever have any questions or concerns about your child's time at OSCAR please feel free to come have a chat!

Nga Mihi  
Erin

## NEW CHILDREN (Tamariki Hou)

We warmly welcome Amber, Caitlyn, Alex, Joshua, Karihi, Liam, Marco, Kaylee, Pia, Deven, Frankie & Amanda, James, Ryan and their families to OSCAR House Junior Programme.

We also welcome back Madden, Hayden and Alan.  
We trust you will enjoy your time with us!

## OHJ NEW STAFF

We are so lucky to have had Mariana, Ashley, Zeenat, Liz and Himanthi join our amazing OSCAR team.  
They each bring warmth, enthusiasm, energy and passion in working with children.  
The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning greetings and key phrases in Portuguese, Indian and French.  
Having such a culturally diverse staff is amazing!



## PROGRAMME PLAN (Mahere hōtaka)

We have done some exciting art, craft activities and play this term. The children have done LOOM BANDS, ORIGAMI, PIPE CLEANER FLOWERS, NEWSPAPER BOATS, CLAY, SCRATCH ART, PEG PEOPLE AND FATHERS DAY CRAFTS to name a few. If you are ever curious about what's on offer, feel free to check out the term programme plan on the notice board over the sign out desk.

Coming up this term we will be doing WIND TWIRLERS, PAPER PLATE COWS, DRAGON FLY FLIERS, and GLOOP, PAPER PLANES AND LOTS MORE. We will also be doing loads of group games and active play both inside and outside.

### Scratch Art

Fun and exciting with amazing results.

The patterns the children made were very eye catching and well designed.

Some children made them into cards for their Mums and Dads.

### Loom Bands

This craze has returned more popular than ever.

The loom bands are a daily request from the children.

They have been creating some wonderful jewellery and key chains.

### Wind Twirlers

Black card, coloured cellophane and scissors was all the children needed to make a wonderful piece of art work.

The children really enjoyed taking full ownership of the craft with little help or input from staff.

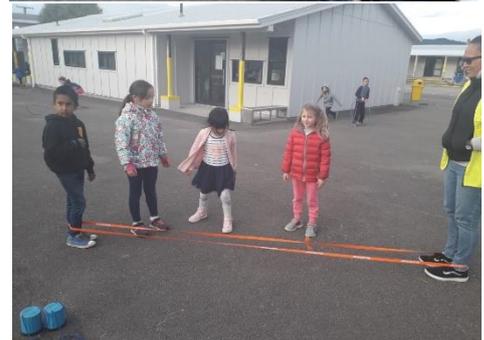
Ka pai Tamariki!

### Peg People

Captain Peggy, Spider Peg and Aunty Peggy were all made with care by the children during our peg people craft.

Melissa had fun helping to make parachutes for the jumping spiders.

Grand imagination from the children involved.



## ACTIVE TIME

This is an essential part of our afternoon sessions. Keeping our bodies moving and grooving.

## Ball Line Tag

Mariana and Erin have loved playing this speedy game of endurance, luck and speed with our group.

It is similar to tag but with a twist.

The children must stay in a designated zone with painted lines.

Two taggers are chasing them with a very soft ball (taggers to must stay on the line) if the children are caught they exit the game and become champion supporters. The game doesn't take long to finish but we certainly work up a sweat!

## Fort Building

Using a Parachute, sheets and pegs; the children make awesome forts.

They enjoy finding secret little passages and pretending it was their own hideout.

## Walking Challenge

This term we have been giving the children challenges when we are walking from the house to the playground.

In line they have had to walk like a penguin, keep their hands on their heads, not speak, and poke tongues out and even a duck walk.

It is so much fun and the children really look forward to hearing and laughing about the crazy things Erin makes us do!

## Bowling

Always a favourite activity for the younger kids.

Not only is working on their motor skills but it's a bucket full of fun.

It's a noisy activity for sure but it's worth it to hear the giggling and excitement of the children.

Some of our older year 3 children enjoy some healthy competition so it's able to be adapted for the different age and stage of the kids in the programme.

