

OSCAR HOUSE MIDDLE PROGRAMME

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Tēnā koutou & Greetings,

A big warm welcome to Zaakeyra, Tane and their families who are our most recent additions to OSCAR House; it is lovely to see your enthusiasm and bright smiles each day.

We have made some cool crafts this term starting with these cute Papa Bear cards, Felt minions and rock crafts.

Sometimes the children expect things to be instant so creating with the popsicle sticks and PVA glue required a little more thought and patience. It took a bit of time to place and build up walls and sides of their structures, then allowing drying time before moving on to the next stage required a little bit of planning. They were very proud of their creations; making some great treasure boxes, pencil containers and wee homes for favourite toys.



Baking is one of the children's favourite activities and each week different children are chosen to participate. They carefully read the recipe, chop, measure and stir the ingredients, a wee sample... you know for 'quality control' before baking. They fill the house with wonderful smells of cake and cookies and the promise of the treat to come.



JOY GERM: What is a Joy germ you may ask? The idea behind this concept is that joy is contagious and children who display kindness and enthusiasm make OSCAR House an awesome place to be. Each day the staff acknowledge the children for all kinds of wonderful behaviours; good manners, fair play, helping and including others.



The children are praised and write their names on the white board in the games room. Once a week, a child is selected from the board to choose something from the prize box. This term's Joy Germs so far have been Zaakeyra, Kaylee, Perez, Sachleen & Brayden. Tino pai to all those who have their name on the board.



A big thank you for the kind donations:

To the Adams family for the cardboard flower cut outs the children made some lovely window hangings with white crayon and dye.

We were on the hunt for some wooden spools so the children could try their hand at

French knitting we struggled to find anything suitable. Fortunately Jen (from the junior programme) knew a gentleman from a Men's Shed in the Wairarapa who could turn the spools on a lathe. The children love learning a new skill.

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.



SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF

Hiya everyone! My name's Hunter. I joined this job a little over a year ago as a year 11 (3rd year of college) and this is my very first job. I go to the school HIBS currently and catch the train from Trentham straight to the Hutt to join the kids at OSCAR House after school finishes. I plan to stay local after my education at college is finished, so I can continue to work here! (and I hope to at that). I've been a part of the OSCAR family for as long as I can remember as both my older and younger brothers and I have gone through the OSCAR programme. So it's exciting knowing that I can now work at such a splendid place.

I really enjoy getting to meet and experience each of the children's different personalities first hand. They never fail to bring a smile to my face with their crazy tales from school, (Whether true or not :D) and I like to share some of my own stories and experiences with them in return. It's always a good time when I manage to teach them something new, whether it's a quick tip in a game or so-called 'life hack' as I can see them almost immediately incorporate it into what they are doing and that is an exciting concept for me. Some of which create great memories for myself and I hope for your kids also. I hope to teach them lots of good life lessons and good habits that they hold on to as they grow up.



Ngā mihi
The OSCAR House Middle Team
Bridget, Hunter Mel U, Phoebe and Wendy

