

OSCAR HOUSE KOROKORO

Kia ora and hello,

A warm welcome to our new children and their whanau this term: Lilly Boyce, Ishan Rai, Ryder Twomey, Andy Rasmussen, the Ford family and the Gendall family. And welcome back to those children and families returning to us.

As many if you already know, we said an emotional farewell this term to our long-time supervisor, Leigh. We wish her all the very best with her big move down to the South Island - she will be deeply missed.

Taking Leigh's place is our new supervisor, Kelly. Kelly comes to us with previous OSCAR programme experience down in Eastbourne where she was Acting Manager of a similar-sized programme.

"I'm looking forward to getting to know the OSCAR House Tamariki, whanau and hapori whānui. Working with children allows me to immerse myself in my local communities and I enjoy having a positive impact on our future generations. Not many careers allow me to finger-paint with children for a living!

Coming from a very remote rural background, I really appreciate the atmosphere up at Korokoro School. I've noticed the children have a fabulous bond with each other not normally found in the larger city schools and I think this is a really special environment to nurture confident and happy children.

My husband and I live in Upper Hutt with our pet family, an enormous cat and a very small dog. I have a keen interest in crafts, cooking, baking and international travel. I love to read, spend time with family and go camping."



We've been buddying our big kids with our little kids during homework time this term, and we're really pleased with how well they're all helping each other!

Above: Alexa is reading a story to Rosie, Holly and Merryn.



Right: A game of Group Paper Scissors Rock.

This term has progressed so quickly, with a busy line-up of activities, games and crafts. As the weather cools and the evenings darken, we're spending more and more time inside, however we still have plenty of active inside group games to play. Your children have enjoyed playing musical statues, ultimate tag and dancing along to Jump Jam. We've painted faces, made finger puppets, and baked chocolate chip biscuits – which everyone really enjoyed eating for afternoon tea the following day!

As many of you have already noticed, we've begun a stamp chart for our behaviour focuses at OSCAR House Korokoro during Term 2 2019. Our goal is to gain 100 stamps across the term for an end of term reward day. Our four focuses are Manners, Fair Play, Quiet Roll Calls and Random Acts of Kindness. The OSCAR House Korokoro staff love seeing your children playing inclusively and offering help to others. Your children have happily involved new children in their games and are quick to help them feel comfortable and this is an excellent display of kindness. We've also recognised many other positive behaviours this term; from helping other children to tidy up their games, to remembering our manners during afternoon tea and mat time. We really appreciate the quick, quiet roll calls and a cheerful 'Thank You' during meals.

So far, your children have really been trying their very best to be positive, helpful and kind and we've been impressed. Sadly though, it doesn't look as though we will reach the 100 stamps in this term but we are keen to try again next term.

The team and I have had a lot of fun learning new games, trying new crafts, and meeting new children this term, and we can't wait to see what's in-store for us next term.



We made Finger Puppets, Peg People, and loads of other fun crafts!

Top: Cooper and his finger puppet

Middle: Emma and her peg fairy

Bottom: Luca and his finger puppet



Above: Zara and Trisha helping our staff to sort out the library books, thanks girls!

MESSAGE FROM DALENA & KELSEY

Emergency Procedures: Our recent staff training has been focussed on Programme Policies including Emergency Procedures including Lockdown. We'll be carrying out further training with our staff at the beginning of next term.

Nga mihi,

Kelly and the OHKK team, Nicola, Izzy, Shirley.



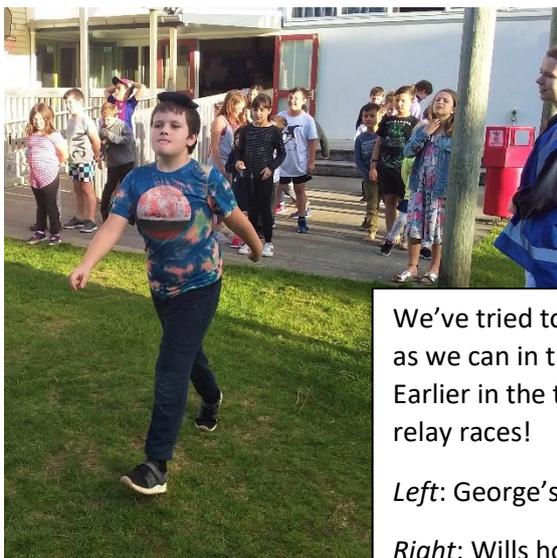
Face Painting!
Left: James as a soccer ball
Below: Zoe the cat



Above: Lennox as a scary zombie
Right: Holly with a shooting star



Some of the children have used their initiative and begun running skateboarding lessons!
Above: Jack and Eli helping Emma



We've tried to get outside as often as we can in the cold weather. Earlier in the term we ran some relay races!
Left: George's balancing act
Right: Wills hopping his hardest

