

OSCAR HOUSE SENIOR

Hi parents, caregivers and Whanau!

The weather has been a lot colder this term but we're still enjoying our time outside whenever we can. If we're lucky and the cars have cleared out at the Irish Club, you might find some children playing basketball 😊.

Football/Soccer have also been a long-time favourite among the boys and you'll often find them on the field. The kids are also still into handball and continue to play it every day. And of course, there are always children on the playground!

The seniors have made some lovely crafts this term such as jewellery, mostly earrings! They were supposed to be for Mother's Day so I'm sorry if you didn't receive any, but I can understand why they kept them for themselves 😊.

We also had a group of children get into black paper pastel art and they made some very beautiful art as you will see.

Some children got creative and made many things out of colourful modelling clay.



This term we also have a **reward system** in place. Each child made a badge in the first week of the term, the badge included their name and was decorated by them to represent themselves. This will be displayed at the Irish Club for everyone to see and track.



- They're in groups of 3-5 and their goal is to have everyone's name badge in their group up on the board, facing the front by end of term for a reward.
- They are all initially put up on the board and names get taken off if not following the OSCAR code of conduct or doing things that staff don't believe are okay.
- Every child got to pick two buddies to be with, so they work together as a team.
- If a child's is removed, they can earn it back by good behaviour over time (e.g. a week), following OSCAR code of conduct (e.g., showing respect, not talking during mat time), showing kindness, using manners, helping staff clean up etc.
- Children individually only have 3 chances, as in their name may only be removed 3 times.
 - You have 1 week to earn your name back, otherwise you get another strike to your name.
 - If their name is removed 3 times but everyone else in their group is up on the board by end of term, only the remaining people in the group will get a reward.
 - This is to avoid people being part of the reward when their name has been removed for many weeks and having their name up there last minute.
- **The reward will be an ED day with Fortnite in the rumpus room and McDonalds!**
- Children may bring their own money for McDonalds, otherwise there will be some loose change for frozen drinks/soft serve or maybe some chips (more information to come closer to date).

Staffing: We're sad to be saying farewell to DJ at the end of the July holidays. She is embarking on a full-time job in early childcare. We've enjoyed having DJ's enthusiasm and sporting abilities and thank her very much for her lovely interactions with the older children at the Senior Programme. We wish you well for the future DJ!

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.

MESSAGE FROM HUTT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL has been included given that the children walk to Eastern Hutt School when sun strike is occurring

Kia ora koutou With winter upon us the morning sun is low in the sky. Many of you will have noticed that when driving in a North facing direction the sun can make it very difficult to see the road ahead. This poses a significant risk for our children who have to use crossings on the way to school. This is especially so on Oxford Terrace and Waiwhetu Road. Many drivers, due to the early morning sun strike are essentially driving with very limited visibility. There is no guarantee that they can see and will stop for children on crossings. We have had a couple of near misses and one child hit by a car due to them not been seen when using a pedestrian crossing on these roads. Please can you speak to your child about taking extreme caution when crossing the roads on sunny mornings. Nga mihi Mike.

Ngā mihi
The OSCAR House Senior Team
Mel, Phoebe, DJ & Judy,