

OSCAR HOUSE MIDDLES

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Tēnā koutou & Greetings,

A warm welcome to Jadyen, Kaitlyn, Lily, Wendy, and their families who commenced OSCAR House this term. We hope you are enjoying your afternoon with us and spending time with your friends.

A note from Bridget

You often hear people lament about the children of newer generations childhood, that they are not getting outside and connecting with the people and the world around them.

There are days at OSCAR where I look around and just smile, it is wonderful to see the children spending their afternoons playing and connecting with each other.

Out in nearly all weather, whether it be out in the sunshine or wrapped up warm braving the cool winds. Every day the children of OSCAR House are playing soccer, tag games, playing in the mud, making up imaginary scenarios or squishing playdough through their fingers.

There is also a great social element to out of school care, figuring out friendships and how to cope with everyday issues; how to compromise, disagree with respect, win with humility, lose with dignity and have empathy for others. They are developing their social skills daily.



At OSCAR we are always looking for something new to do, we made some lovely flowers from coffee filters. The coffee filters are perfect to absorbing the dye the children loved watching the colours run and blend into each other creating wonderful patterns. Once dry they cut and twisted the papers into flower shapes add a pipe cleaner and voilà beautiful flowers

Christmas. The children have delighted in our new marble run and wooden construction sets. I think a few families will be going shopping to buy some sets for home.



Baking with Ashley

The kids have been having a blast baking in the kitchen, especially when its chocolate fudge on the menu. Whipping up a batch is as sweet as it is simple. The smell of chocolate in the air means there is definitely no shortage of volunteers to help lick the spoon (not to mention the bowl). The kids love getting stuck into it on a Friday afternoon and find it's a great way to wrap up a fun filled week at OSCAR.





Nina - SPORTS & GAMES

The children at OSCAR love playing group games. A few of their favourites are Octopus, Ultimate Tag and Stinga Ball which they ask for daily. It is nice to see that the children encourage each other and have good teamwork skills when they are playing. They also enjoy it when the staff join in on the fun. If you have any awesome group game ideas and think it would be good for OSCAR please let one of the staff know. We would love to add more games to our list.

SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF



My name is Karlee, I've had the pleasure of becoming a part of the OSCAR House Team. I have been floating around between the Kelson site and Eastern Hutt sites.

I have recently moved to Upper Hutt from Palmerston North. In Palmerston North I was dairy farming. After finishing my study in Calving, I chose to come home to study. I am currently completing my Health Certificate through Otago Polytechnic and then will be going on to a Bachelor of Midwifery.

I enjoy coming to work each and every day and seeing all of the children so energetic and happy to be at OSCAR. Sports games outside is my favourite part of the day because I get to see all of the children together giving the games a go, trying their best, encouraging friends and most of all having fun.

Shoebox Christmas Charity Drive!

OSCAR House have begun a charity drive for Shoebox Christmas this term. Your child should have taken a notice home but if this is the first time you've heard about it, you can ask a staff member for details.

Shoebox Christmas accept donations of gifts wrapped in shoeboxes and give them to children in schools and in Women's Refuge safe houses across the community at Christmas time. For many of the recipient children, it may be their only gift. OSCAR House would love your help to make a big difference in our community this Christmas. Your family can choose to participate by either donating individual items or by donating a completed box. Your programme will have a donations box for individual items and a sign-up sheet for families who choose to donate a complete box. We hope to spread a lot a joy with your help this Christmas!



Kelly (Korokoro Supervisor & Shoebox project organiser)

Ngā mihi
The OSCAR House Middle Team
Ashley, Bridget, Flynn, Judy, Karlee Nina, Phoebe, Ruchika, Shirley & Vavao



