

JUNIOR MORNING OSCAR

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Tēnā koutou & Greetings,

Term 1's newsletter release was interrupted, as we all were, by Covid-19, so we are releasing a joint Term 1 & 2 Newsletter - so you don't miss out! These have been very interesting times for us all. We are so delighted to now be in Level 1 and welcome your children back into our OSCAR House whanau.



TERM 1

NEW CHILDREN: Welcome to Phoebe, Ethan, Toby, Isaac, Quinn and their family's to OSCAR House Junior morning care. It is great to see lots of our new children settling in well.

Staff: We had the lovely staff Elyssa, Izzy & Judy at the programme in the mornings. Please do feel free to say "Hi".



BREAKFAST

Children that have breakfast at OSCAR in the morning enjoy the time to chat about their day

GROUP GAMES

It is always fun to get outside in the morning to play group games before heading off to school. We've enjoyed skipping, stilts, ultimate tag and we even had time to play at the playground. Some inside group games such as Zap, Paper Scissors Rock, wink murder, Chinese whispers are some of their favorite.

We often end the session with news sharing or a book read by one of the staff. Other days we do movements in the front yard and the children just love the active activities before going to school. It stimulates the brain - ready for a day's learning. Happy children, happy teacher!



REMINDER Access to OSCAR House Junior

Driveway – There is no vehicle or pedestrian access via the driveway.

Front Door – is not an entrance to the programme.

Entrance -Please enter via the back gate from the school grounds or by coming over from the Middle programme and down the side path to the back door.

Signing In – All children must be signed in at drop off. Although Tai did this during Covid-19 Level 2, we are now back to parents/caregivers taking responsibility.



ARTS & CRAFTS

Our Jungle Wall ... children coloured animals to decorate our JAM display wall. Some amazing creations.

Culture Art: Australia Aboriginal art, Samoan, Maori and Chinese art were introduced to the children.

The different patterns that originates from different cultures really is fascinating. Some children could recognize it straight away by telling the staff what country the art belongs to.

TERM 2

This term has been as you know different from other school terms, it started off great - then the disruption of Covid 19. But it is awesome to be back at OSCAR House again. We surely missed the children during the lockdown period.

Since we've returned with small numbers, we combined the Junior morning programme with the middle and seniors in the morning. I've enjoyed working alongside Bridget and Izzy in the mornings and it is fantastic as I get to see the children who have grown up and moved from the Junior house to the Middles – I missed them!

We warmly welcome Matthew and his family.

ARTS & CRAFTS:

Origami: it is one of the favourite's amongst the children. We made butterflies, boxes, fishes and the older children tried cats and foxes.



Pinwheels: The children got to choose a piece of paper, folded diagonally one way then fold it the opposite. Opened it and cut towards the middle leaving 4 centimeters. Miss one corner and bring the next corner into the middle and glue all four corners and the other four should be sticking outwards. Pin it to a straw and there we have a pinwheel! Awesome work guys, well done!



For Samoan language week Tai brought in some awesome wooden carvings. We loved the intricate patterns and were able to make colourful rubbings with the crayons. Tai shared a bit about her culture and language. We practiced saying hello, goodbye and counting in Samoan. Do you know Tai is short for Fa'afetai? and that in the Samoan language Fa'afetai means Thank you. When Tai was born, her sister was so happy and grateful she said, "Thank you!" and that is how Tai got her name. We think it suits her wonderfully.





Group Games:

To end a session the children always enjoy games such as: Zap, Papers scissors rock, heads down thumbs up, Simon says, 21 - a great way to finish the morning session.



Annual contact details query:

Have you moved to a new house? Started a new job, got a new cell phone number? Please do let either the Supervisor or admin@oscarhouse.co.nz know if you have had any changes in your contact details. If you have already informed us – Thank you 😊



Fee payment information:

Just a reminder, as previously advised, parents/caregivers will need to **stop** the payment for the school holiday period 6th -17th July. Please remember, depending when you started back, you may need to amend the final payment to cover one weeks attendance only (this is 50% of the usual fortnightly amount) as OSCAR House's Term 2 is 7 weeks long. If unsure, please contact kelsey@oscarhouse.co.nz.

Emergency Drills:

Each of our OSCAR House programmes run two emergency drills per term: a fire drill in Week 2 and an earthquake drill in Week 6. The children also practise these in their class at school, so they are no strangers to evacuations and Turtles. The drills at the programme helps to cement our emergency protocols so they become second nature. We discuss expected reactions, assembly points and safety instructions with the children at mat time in the week prior to the drill so they are well informed - the only part of the drill that should be a surprise is the timing. OSCAR House Trial Evacuation Plans are reviewed by the Fire Department. Your children have become very efficient at drills; we will see if we can improve our reaction times across the course of the year!

