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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

We welcome the following children and their families to OSCAR House Kelson morning care: Cori and Hieu.

The children are now very used to OSCAR House Kelson morning routine. It has been lovely to have beautiful sunny mornings this term. The children love to go outside to play cricket group games, riding bicycles and scooters, running on the field and outside chalk drawings.

ART AND CRAFTS

We have done some amazing craft this term such as Valentine cards, drawing, colouring, paper crafts and bead jewellery. Coming up later in the term we are very excited to do lots of crafts.

FREE PLAY

Free playtime is very important to chat with their friends and make new friends. This term Legos, knex, I pads and action figures are the most popular thing with children.

As well as that, they loved to play card games, dolls, kitchen toys and soccer board game.

MAT TIME

At mat time it was lovely to share each other's exciting experience during the weekend. On Fridays, everyone is very excited to know who the reward winner is for each week.

Before going to the school, playing group games is another favourite thing to do. Yes! Octopus is still their favourite group game. But we are playing new group games such as A night at the wax museum, tomato sauce etc.

Emergency Drills:

Each of our OSCAR House programmes run two emergency drills per term; a fire drill in Week 1 and an earthquake drill in Week 6. The children also practise these in class so they're 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're 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'll see if we can improve our reaction times across the course of the year!





**SPOTLIGHT
ON
STAFF**

My name is Caelin and I started at OSCAR in September. I work mornings and afternoons here at Kelson school and am absolutely loving my time at this programme. I am a 17-year-old university student, studying education and psychology with the goal to be a teacher. I love to get out and be involved with the children, especially in sports and group games, and am excited for my time here at Kelson OSCAR!

TERM 2 **New Children:**

We warmly welcome Nadia, Ryder and their family to Kelson Morning OSCAR House.



Group Games:

At the end of every morning the children are excited to play a group game. Last term they enjoyed lots of group games such as Tag, Stingaball, Ants and Night at the Wax Museum but Octopus is always the favourite one. This term we had fewer children - but Octopus is still popular!! We had some beautiful sunny mornings and the children enjoy playing group games outside on those days.

Activities:

The children have made creative invitation cards, origami and creative drawings. They had lots of fun with nail art and colouring as well. It is nice to see their imaginative creative ideas.

Free Play:

Their favourite activities during the free play are Legos, K'Nex, card games, Jenga and iPad. They love to have hot chocolate in cold morning while they are having their free time.

Nga mihi
OSCAR House Kelson Morning Team
Thilini, Chaar & Caelin

