

WELCOME TO 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

A warm welcome to the Year 4's and Georgia who has joined the morning programme it is lovely to see your beautiful smiles each day.

We have also welcomed our newest staff member Chaar to morning care - the children adore spending time with you in the mornings.

Food activities are always a favorite with the kids we try to do one a term. Recently we made edible slime from Gummy Bears, having food you can play with is just the best. A super easy but somewhat sticky activity but heaps of fun.

We also had some lovely sticky fun with the Papier-mâché. Working the newspaper and glue is all a bit gross at first but we soon get the hang of it and are smoothing out the layers to make it nice and strong. Our bowls are sure to look amazing

Rubick's cube has been huge at OSCAR for a long time - the kids have been practicing every day and are getting very fast. The children race every day. Jed thought it was fun to learn how to solve a 3x3 cube and can do it in 1 minute and 4 seconds!!!

We recently purchased a Rubick's Race Game which has been very popular, the children love to challenge each other - and beat the staff.

Sometimes we have a little too much energy for Karlee and Bridget so early in the morning so it's JUMP JAM to the rescue to direct our energy and get us moving.





TERM 2

This term we have merged the Junior and Senior Morning Programmes - the younger children bring such a bright, happy energy with them. It has been so lovely seeing all the children playing happily together, sharing equipment and watching the older children showing the younger ones some new games and how to do things at the 'big kids house'. It's good to see the big brothers and sisters playing with and helping their younger siblings and brings a real family atmosphere to the programme.

We have also enjoyed origami and getting creative with paper. We love the patterned paper, creating awesome foxes, boxes and butterflies. Paper crafts are pretty cool. We also made paper pinwheels - they are easy to make and add a touch of fun to your decorating. The children love to see them spin as they wave them about; the faster you run the faster they go!



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.





This week we made cute button tree art. The children designed whimsical trees and glued an array of colourful buttons on for the leaves. Ada thought the buttons make it look like tree has eyes.

Ngā mihi
The OSCAR House SAM Team



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 practice 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!



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.

