

**OSCAR House Senior Programme
Parent Caregiver Newsletter
2020 Term 1/2**



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Tēnā koutou & Greetings to OSCAR House Senior (OHS) parents and caregivers 😊

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.

Welcome to the first term of 2020! We're near the end of summer and we've been lucky enough to have some really nice and warm weather.

So far this term we've had a variety of staff join us at Seniors including Sophie, Bronwyn and Judy – the children have enjoyed getting to know them.

All our OSCAR programmes have been doing a weekly reward. So, each week staff discuss who they think have been extraordinarily amazing and one winner is chosen on Fridays to pick something from our little goodie bag 😊.

Week 2 – Remembering manners, sunscreen and a hat.	Wendy Ji
Week 3 – Showing good sportsmanship	Logan King
Week 4 – Homework time: Asking for help if required and quietly completing work	Jess and Lucy Duoba
Week 5 – INT/OHM Joined	Numair was awarded the weekly reward as he showed care and kindness with the younger children during homework and play
Week 6 – Pushing in chairs after use and packing up things where they belong	Sophia Heagren

We've been trying to make the most of our outside time and some fun outdoor games we've played have included octopus, assassins, kick the can, Chinese soccer, stingaball, number soccer, 10-second tag and a new game called Camouflage (thanks to the kids who taught us!). Some indoor games we've enjoyed include spud, silent ball, charades, 21, steal the keys, ping pong, laser eyes, and empire :D.





Of course, handball is still a fan favourite and it can get quite competitive sometimes, indoor and outdoor! It's also been very cool to see the things the year 6 boys can build in the sandpit.



So far this term it's been lovely to have all your children at the Senior programme. They've been really into giving everything a go, showing great enthusiasm for the games and activities and it is so nice to have 😊.

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!

Shoeblox Christmas:

We've also come to the end of our Shoeblox Christmas charity drive – massive THANK YOU to everyone for your kind donations. We managed to fill 30 shoeboxes and make a lot of children very happy this Christmas! Your children also shared in the joy of giving, developing more compassionate hearts through helping others.

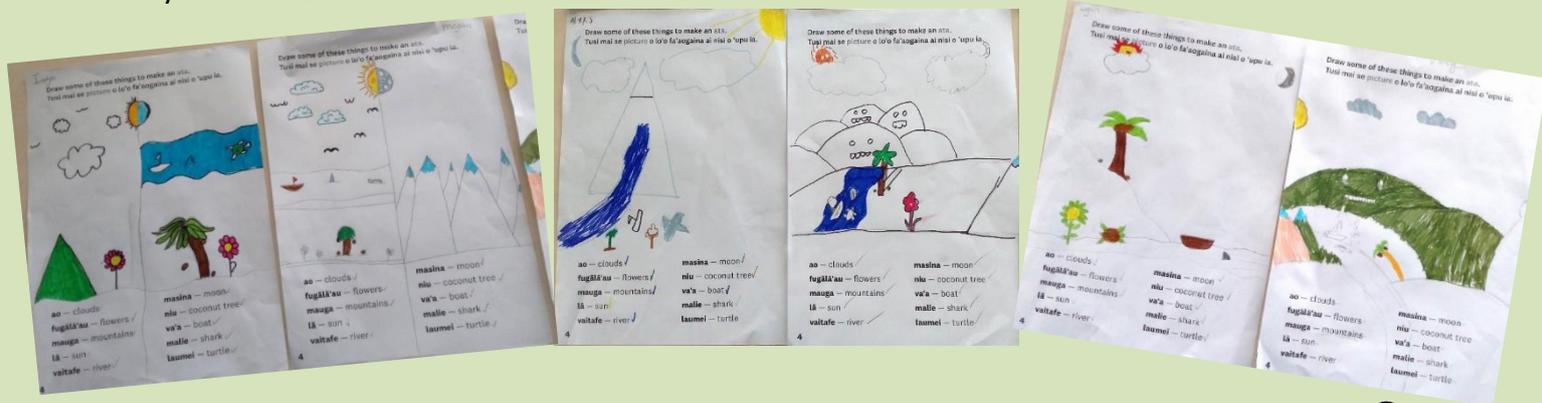
Kelly, Korokoro Supervisor

If there's any questions or suggestions, feel free to speak to Mel at the programme!

Welcome to Term 2 of 2020! It's been a bit different this term, but the senior children have been handling it very well. They've been keeping up with washing and sanitising their hands which has been great to see.

We've only had a small number of people, so group games have been interesting but fun! Our staff member Bronwyn taught us two new games, Whiz and Lape, we've all had some good laughs playing and can't wait to play with more people. The seniors have been enjoying other games such as Pictionary, Charades, Stingball, Octopus, Buzz and of course, our playground time.

Since it's also been Samoan language week we've been doing worksheets learning different Samoan words for emotions and animals. We even put our art skills to the test drawing pictures of given Samoan words, which you can see below!



We hope the kids have enjoyed being back at OSCAR and everyone coped okay with the lockdown 😊, We're delighted that Level 1 has arrived.

OSCAR House Senior will continue at the Middle venue for the time being and we've enjoyed integrating with the Middles.



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.

Nga mihi
Mel U & Bronwyn