

Regional OSCAR Awards 2006

Programme Award Winner

Under 50 Children



Parua Bay After School Care

How many children attend your programme?

A total of 37 children attend our OSCAR programme including 2 with special needs. 28 children come from Parua Bay School and 9 from Whangarei Heads School. We average about 18-20 children per day.

How many staff do you have?

We have four staff; Maggi, Ana, Vicki and Beth.

Give a brief description of a typical day at your OSCAR programme?

- 3.00pm Meet and Greet children from Parua Bay School
- 3.20pm Children arrive from Whangarei Heads School
- 3.00-3.00pm Children choose activities e.g. painting, bracelet making, construction
- 3.30pm Afternoon tea
- 4.00pm Homework
- 4.30-5.30pm Inside craft activities/outside activities
- 5.30-6.00pm Board and card games



Why do children love coming to your programme?

Genevieve says "Theres lots to do, it is fun and the teachers rock"

Mikaela likes After School Care because theres lots to do & its Funny & Funkadelic.

Kayla says "Its groovy & its fun & its never Boring"

Kearin loves swimming and thinks After School Care is cool"

Te Hinemoa says "Its fun , The Kids are kind & the teachers are awesome"

Why should your programme become The OSCAR Foundation National Award winner?

Parua Bay After School Care should become the OSCAR Foundation National Award winner because we encourage kids to be kids, while under supervision. With the amalgamation of two small community schools the children are able to socialise, be creative, and become confident within themselves and able to speak freely.

PBASC provides a very safe environment with children able to make their own choices. Our older children help the younger children with learning games, reading stories and looking out for them. We have a 'sea of friendship' that bonds all the children and staff together including during school hours. The staff is always involved in activities both inside and outside the classroom.

Our two special needs children require help with their homework, while this is happening the other children are thoughtful and play quiet inside games or play outside. We have a lot of resources and activities that include carpentry, crafts, art, cooking, games, puzzles, music, dress up clothes, and sports equipment. At afternoon tea time children are encouraged to share something good that has happened that day with the other children and staff.

It is a wonderful feeling to see the children happy and smiling. Our OSCAR programme is so good our children sigh when parents come to pick them up as they don't want to go home.

I am proud of the repoire between all the staff and the children.

We are one big Happy Family.