



## Outstanding OSCAR Programme Award Regional Winner Profile

Wellington, Wairarapa, Kapiti Coast, Levin

### The SMASH Club

#### How many children attend your programme?

We have 149 children on our rolls and currently average around 80 children a day, in our Senior and Junior Programmes.

Our Junior Holiday Programme averages 50 children a day, and our Senior Holiday Programme averages 30 children a day.

#### How many staff do you have?

We have a fantastic team of 29 people, with 2 full time staff and 27 part time.

#### Give a brief description of a typical day at your OSCAR programme.

After picking up the children from school, they have free-time for half an hour. We split this into two rooms, a quiet space where children can do activities such as colouring in and games, and another area where children can do more rambunctious activities.

We then have half an hour for afternoon tea where we read stories, share what happened in our day and share afternoon tea together.

Between 4pm-5pm we have an hour of structured activities including homework, sports, crafts and various clubs (Boys' Club, Girl's Club, Gardening Club etc...).

From 5pm-5.30pm, the children split into juniors, middles, and seniors to complete fun challenges and games devised by our creative supervisors.

#### Please provide 5 children's quotes on why they love coming to your programme.

"They run really great games for seniors, and there are always heaps of options." *Josh, 11.*

"I love going to Boys' Club, we get to eat yummy food and make awesome things like forts and go-karts, all without the girls!" *Fred, 9.*

"Gardening Club is really cool, my lettuces were yummy!" *Ryan, 7.*

"I really like having Senior time where we have a say in the activities we want to do. This term I made my own sock monkey!" *Laura, 11.*

"It's cool that we earn SMASH Cash. I saved up to buy a Cinderella doll." *Emma, 5.*

#### Why should you become The OSCAR Foundation National Award winner?

We always put the children first. We listen to what is asked of us and do our best to deliver it. We encourage creativity, teamwork, compassion and patience. We provide consistency, continuity and the ability to achieve.

This is what our parents think of our programme:

"Such variety and creativity is put into the daily activities that it is a constant source of amazement to us and a delight to our son." *David Grahame.*

"We appreciate and acknowledge the educational link between the activities provided and are constantly impressed by some of the inventive ways these are





introduced to the children, while maintaining a fun and engaging element." *Claire Smollet.*

"The staff at SMASH do an amazing job of including my daughter who has intellectual and physical disabilities. They do not need special programmes for her- they just seem to be able to include her without even thinking about it. I believe this is as a direct result of the staff valuing all children for who they are."

*Isobel King.*

"I can honestly say I feel secure in the knowledge my children are cared for well beyond the realm of SMASH's responsibility. I am moving out of the suburb in the New Year, and whilst it would make sense to enroll the children in another programme, I am more than prepared to travel the extra distance for a team that go the extra mile for my children." *Sally Gould.*

"The SMASH team is a stable and well managed team of lovely child-centred people delivering a stimulating and well organized programme for the children." *Anne Anderson.*

