

MOSSTON MESSENGER

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Our Vision:

Nuture positive relationships and create lifelong learners
Poipoia te wairua o te temaiti kia puta aia ki te ao mārama

Our Mission:

To engage learners through quality education
Tākaia te tamaiti ki ngā o te tako



Michelle's Message

Tena koutou and a big Mosston welcome to Maggie who has started in Room 6 😊.



Another busy fortnight has passed us by... Firemen visit, Fire Station trip, beach trip, swimming, tikanga, Reading Together, swimming and our Big Day In. A big thank you to those parents who have supported us with the trips, we appreciate you giving up your time.

I am amazed to see children moving between the maunga and the moana already this term as they become self managing learners. The children are becoming very aware of their learning habits and are very proud to move to the next stage. There are visual displays in the classrooms if you would like to take a look.

You may have noticed teachers on their phones or computers during class time. As we continue to move ahead in our digital journey the staff are making greater use of technology to complete their teaching tasks. The roll is now able to be taken using an app that is on all teacher's phones and then accessed by the office. It stores all pupil contact information, which is especially useful on classroom trips, and can even be used to alert the staff that there is a lock down in place. Cell phones will be our main contact between the office and classrooms in this situation. Planning and assessment is being used on 'Google Docs' and this means you also will see staff using devices during teaching time. Please be rest assured that we will still be maintaining a digital balance in our students' work.

We have so far had 72 parents make appointment times for our Meet the Parent Interviews. We hope to see ALL children and parents at the interviews. Please see Sue if you would like assistance with booking. To book online go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz. The school code is **6u9ks**.

We held our first Reading Together evening session this week. This programme is a series of four workshops aimed at supporting parents with home reading. We will be holding a second series of workshops during the afternoon in Term 2. Please see Jo Chamberlain or myself if you are interested in learning more about this.

If you would like to pop in and see me during parent interviews you would be most welcome 😊.

Ngaa mihi Michelle mwatson@mosston.school.nz

Sports Report with Mrs L.

A huge thank you to our wonderful parents who have taken on coaching our summer sports teams. The children are so lucky to have you guide them as they develop their skills in their chosen sporting code.

The Junior Duathlon is fast approaching (next Thursday) which is always a fun event for our tamariki. Please send along your child's bike and helmet so they can participate in this!

The Senior triathlon follows closely behind on the 24th March and more information will be sent home about this. We always welcome parent helpers with this event to ensure the safety of the children, so if you are available please let me know.

Finally, Friday 10th is the last day of school swimming. All senior children and the year 4's in Room 4 will participate in our school swimming sports. These children will leave school at 8:50am on the bus and be ready to swim at 9am, looking to finish about 10.30am. They would love your support too!

The Junior school will swim at the usual times: Whare Iti-10.30am, Room 1-11.00am, Room 2-11:30am and please note the change to Room 3's time for this week to 12:00pm, along with the year 3's from Room 4.

If you have any queries please let me know, many thanks Aimee aloveridge@mosston.school.nz



Will I find this at the beach?

Upcoming Events-for more visit www.mosston.school.nz

- 6 Mar** Middle and Senior teams to Kai Iwi Beach
- 7 Mar** Junior team to Kowhai Park for Ka Pai Kids Club Reading Together session 2
- 8/9 Mar** Meet the Parent interviews. School finishes at 2pm both days
- 9 Mar** Junior Duathlon-11am-12:30pm ALL WELCOME
- 10 Mar** Senior swimming sports/final swimming day Pita Pit lunches for sale
- 13 Mar** Ukulele lessons start. Year 4, 5 and 6 only
- 14 Mar** Reading Together session 3
- 17 Mar** Whole school assembly 2:15pm

Every Friday Pita Pit \$5.50 minimum

Te Reo phrase

Tena Koe - Hello to one

Tena korua - Hello to two

Tena Koutou Hello to three.



Parenting Tip - Your kids: are they rhubarb or beans?

For a long time I thought that parents shaped their children. I believed that we coached, mentored and disciplined them into the adults they eventually become. I now wonder if that is correct. I have a serious oldest son who wants to change the world, a brilliant daughter who loves business and science, and an artistic youngest who lives in a world of music and philosophy. If I was shaping them, did I have any of these shapes in mind? No.

I now see that my role has been more of a gardener than a craftsman. It is like I was given some packets of seeds but the labels had come off. I planted them all and nurtured them the same but after a while, I saw that some seeds were coming up as beans, others as watermelon, some as corn and so on. When I knew what I was growing, I could start to cultivate them appropriately – staking the tomatoes, training the vines, lifting the rhubarb (real gardeners would have better illustrations than me). The gardener is important, but I cannot turn a marrow into a cauliflower – I have to discover what it is then work with that. As our different children showed their areas of gifting, we were able to encourage them specifically – sport with one, music with another and so on.

School Policies.

We would like to hear what you have to say...

Our school has been working with SchoolDocs to create a website for our policies and procedures. We are excited to announce that the site is now live and available to our school community.

SchoolDocs provides us with a comprehensive core set of policies which have been well researched and follow the Ministry of Education National Administration Guidelines. The policies and procedures are tailored to our school, and the



school supplies specific information such as our charter, and procedures for behaviour management, reporting to parents, etc.

SchoolDocs updates, modifies, or creates policies in response to changes in legislation or Ministry guidelines, significant events, reviews/requests from schools, and regular reviewing from the SchoolDocs team. Our board of trustees has the opportunity to view changes/additions and comment on them before they are implemented. We will advise you when policies are up for review and how you can take part in the review.

We invite you to visit the site at <http://mosston.schooldocs.co.nz/> (note that there's no "www"). and follow the instructions below. The topic open for review this term is **Recognition of Cultural Diversity**

1. Visit the website
<http://mosston.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (**mosston**) and password (**owl**).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access and would like to take part please see Sue for other options. If you have any feedback on this process please share it with us.

FOCUS AWARDS - CARES

Our focus as we start the term is Confident – aheia. In our Junior School this means:

- ⇒ Sharing ideas with a group
- ⇒ Doing things by myself
- ⇒ Asking and answering questions

And in the senior school:

- ⇒ Taking risks
- ⇒ Willing to be wrong
- ⇒ Asking and answering questions

Students identified as confident recently were Poppy, Lydia, Manaaki, Te Rangitaewhetu, Mason, Jade, Lily B, Caralie, Kirsty, Skye, Caydn, Drew and Alex.

BOT Bit

Kia ora to our Mosston Community

The school trustees had their first meeting on February 21 and I'm honoured to be elected as your Board Chair for 2017. I, together with Michelle, Diane, Taya, Bronwyn, Donna and Adrienne discussed at length our strategic goals, analysed what worked, what didn't, and have set targets for 2017. Again, another very busy year has been set to ensure our Tamariki get the best and are offered every opportunity, both in and out of the classroom.

It's hard to believe that Week 5 has passed us by and the success of students already being achieved and rewarded is amazing. Keep up the great work everyone. Tumeke! I'll keep you posted as our year continues. That's all from me. ☺

Until next time, Nic ☺