

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

Kia ora koutou, ni hau, susada, sà wàt dii, namaste, Selamat siang and gidday.

A warm Mosston welcome to Peter, Annazaya and Tyson who have started at Mosston School this term and also to Mrs Dunford and Mrs Moana who have joined our staff. Mrs Dunford is providing classroom release and Mrs Moana is providing literacy support in Kiwi Hub.

Term 3 is a busy term as we train for Cross Country, work towards our Prep Market Day, celebrate Daffodil Day, participate in Mathex, the West Cluster Technology Challenge, school photos and Inter school sporting events.



Discovery Centre



We had a very excited Tui Hub last week as our students moved into their new learning space. We encourage you to take a look at this

innovative new space where children and staff can collaborate and learn together. The Discovery Centre is now open until 3:15pm on a Tuesday and Thursday.

Thank you for your contributions to our community consultation. This information will be used in our 2019 planning. We received responses **Thanks!** from 74% of our families. In summary:

- Parents like being reported to twice a year with both interviews having merits.
- Parents like all parts of the reports.
- 71 % of parents thought seesaw was very good or excellent, but they would like more posts.
- 84% of parents want swimming to remain as it is.
- 80 % of parents support having the same teacher for two years with many wanting the option of changing teachers if there was a personality clash with peers or the teacher. This will be an option.
- Keeping Ourselves Safe (NZ Police-*Stranger Danger*, *cyber bullying*, *abuse etc*) and Friendships, social skills, problem solving and resilience were the topics parents thought to be the most important to cover in health.
- Having the water only policy was the most liked health promoting activity but all scored highly.

The Teachers strike on the 15th August has now become a full day. The strike is to draw attention to three claims that the union are making...

- ☑ More teachers so our students get more attention
- ☑ More resources and staff to support children with additional learning needs
- ☑ A pay increase for teachers to address the teacher shortage and make teaching an attractive career so that there will be enough teachers in the future.



The Board will meet on Tuesday and it is **likely the school will be closed on Wednesday the 15th of August**. We really regret this inconvenience to our families, and we hope that the government and the union will be able to reach an agreement quickly. I thank you for your ongoing support for the Mosston Staff.

I am sure this term will pass us by very quickly. It is nice to be heading towards warmer weather and longer days ☺.

Ngā mihi, Michelle
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Upcoming Events - also visit www.mosston.school.nz

- 7 Aug** Interschool netball tournament
School trustees meeting
- 15 Aug** Proposed teachers' strike (to be confirmed)
- 23 Aug** Mosston School Cross Country
- 28 Aug** Interschool football
- 29 Aug** Mathex competition
- 31 Aug** West Cluster cross country (venue Westmere School)
Daffodil Day multi-gold coin please
- 11 Sept** School photos
- 28 Sept** Term 3 ends

Te Reo Phrases

Whakapai tenei ruma

Tidy the room

Haere mai ki konei!

Come here!

Homai tou pukupuka koa

Pass the book please

Student Leaders - Jacob



Hi, I'm Jacob. I am the eldest of 3 of my family at Mosston School. When I started school I didn't think I would ever become a leader. However I have found that I have loved helping others with their learning among many other experiences. I have been able to use my music to play guitar for the school choir and at prize giving. I even came second in the Mosston's Got Talent Competition. I enjoy being a librarian and have read over 2 million Lexile words. I have led kapa haka and spoke a mihi at Putiki Marae on behalf of the school.

I think it is important to be well mannered, kind and caring. I try to show the CARES values every day. My goals for this year are to reach 5 million Lexile words and win 1st place in Mosston's Got Talent! I would also like to qualify for an interschool sporting event. I hope to continue to learn and grow at Mosston School in a happy way!

I am really grateful to be able to complete my Mosston School journey as a student leader.

Focus Awards - Enthusiastic (Tākare) Learner

The value we are focusing on this term is **Enthusiastic - Tākare**.

This means:

- ☺ Strives for personal excellence
- ☺ Excited to learn new things
- ☺ Encourages others

Students showing enthusiasm recently were Manaia, Rosalee, Jazzlyn, Braxton, Sophia. Olive and Kayla. Well done tamariki!

OWL (Opportunities for Wisdom and Learning) Awards

OWL awards were recently awarded in the Tui Hub. Sarah won her OWL for managing her maths learning. Keira Ba. earned her OWL for making excellent progress. Harrison gained his OWL for being a confident active learner. Bailee received her OWL for always managing her time well. You are all ka pai kids. Well done.



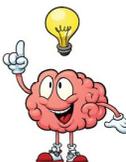
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Parenting Tip - Train the brain

Teach your child to do monotonous work from early years as it is the foundation for future "work-ability"

- ☺ Folding laundry, tidying up toys, hanging clothes, unpacking groceries, setting the table, making



lunch, unpacking their lunch box, making their bed.

Be creative. Initially make it stimulating and fun so that their brain associates it with something positive.

Teach Social Skills

- ☺ Teach them turn taking, sharing, losing/winning, compromising, complimenting others, using "please and thank you"

Attendance

Monitoring **attendance of students** is a legislative requirement. If your child is away and we have not been notified we will always contact two parents by phone and text so we know the reasons for your child's absence. This is a Ministry of Education requirement and must be entered on the roll.

It is school policy for parents to be notified when their child misses 15% of the school year. At 20% absence (a day a week) a meeting will be arranged. If a child is absent for more than three days a medical certificate may be requested. Some parents are unaware how absences can mount up and the effect this can have on their child's learning and we are happy to support you with this.



18 OR MORE DAYS

- Excused and unexcused absences represent lost time in the classroom and lost opportunities to learn.
- Missing just one day every two weeks can add up to 18 days in a year. Absences add up before you even know it.



10 TO 17 DAYS

- Students who are absent an average of 15 days a year miss a year's worth of school before their senior year.
- When students miss a day of school it actually puts them two days behind their classmates.



9 OR FEWER ABSENCES

- Students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more.
- Children benefit and make the most of their educational opportunities if they attend school regularly and on time.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS
every school day counts.

After School Question

This is one of a series of questions that are great conversation starters after school.

HOW DID SOMEONE HELP YOU TODAY?