

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, konnichiwa and gidday.

The end of the year is very close, it has simply sped by. It does not seem long ago that we were welcoming our new group of year 6 students.

The last week will be very busy as reports come home, children take part in their last Ka Pai Kids celebration, we have our prize giving concert, children visit their 2019 classes and we have our final assembly.

Congratulations to Charlie who won our Mosston's Got Talent – we will treat you to her performance at our prize giving concert. Well done to all the other children who took part in MGT! I admire both your talents and your confidence in being able to get up in front of others and share these. You can be very proud of yourselves. This is another example of giving our superstars another way to shine.

Mosston's Got Talent Competitors



We have had very positive feedback from The Education Review Office team who were on site this week. We expect to receive the report towards the end of January and we look forward to sharing this with you. **School reports will be coming home next Tuesday.** Please share your child's achievements with them and feel welcome to come in and discuss with their teacher.

A big thank you to our families who have supported both The 2018 Year Book and The Year That Was feature in the Whanganui Chronicle next week. It is another example of the wonderfully supportive school community that we have at Mosston.

At the end of this term as we farewell Alison Westcott who has been the Reading Recovery Teacher as Mosston for the past 5 years and Kellie Benefield who has been teaching in Room 1 for the past 18 months. I would also like to thank Nicole Moana and Darryl Dunford who have been teaching part time for us in the latter part of the year. Thank you all for the contributions you have made to Mosston.

We are always interested in how our students fare after they leave Mosston. Congratulations to Jack Donaldson who is

Deputy Head Boy at Whanganui High School next year. Mosston students appeared often in the High School prize giving booklets ☺.

To those children who are not returning to Mosston School in 2019 I wish you all the best as you start a new adventure at another school.

Have a lovely summer holiday with your family and we will look forward to seeing you again on the 4th February 2019.

Merry Christmas, Meri Kirihimete, Šukhšant wən khrišt māš, rikreay thngai bony nauel, Shèngdàn jié kuàilè, and Merī kurisumasu.

Ngā mihi, Michelle

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Prize Giving Concert Practise

All children will be travelling by bus to Central Baptist Church on Wednesday 12th December. The buses leave school at 9:10am and return at 12:15pm.

All library books should have been returned to the Discovery Centre. Late ones can be returned to the office thanks.

All raffle tickets to be returned with \$\$ to the office by Tuesday next week thanks.

Upcoming Events - also visit www.mosston.school.nz

- 11 Dec** -School reports going home
-Student Leader trip to the movies
-Junior Ka Pai Kids celebration
- 12 Dec** Prize giving concert at Central Baptist Church
Gold coin entry to assist with running costs
- 13 Dec** -Children visit their 2019 classroom and receive Year book and stationery list
-Tui Hub Ka pai Kids celebration trip (Science show and B & G Gym or scooter track)
-Kiwi Hub Ka Pai Kids celebration
-Assembly 2pm
- 14 Dec** Final day of school. Clean up day...attendance optional. The school day ends at 12:30pm
- 4 Feb** Day 1 for 2019

BoT Bit

Kia hora te marino. Kia whakapapa pounamu te moana. Hei huarahi ma tatou i te rangi nei aroha atu, aroha mai Tatou i a tatou katoa Hui e! Taiki e!



My final blurb for 2018...and what an amazingly successful year it has been. We had the Education Review Office team on site this week. Of all of the weeks to have an ERO review we get week 8 of term 4! However, our fantastic leader and dedicated staff showed them what we do at Mosston School and their findings were of a high standard. It was extremely positive and a great way to finish the year. We won't get the final report until the end of January and we will share it with you then.

I would like to thank Jayson, Taya, Adrienne, Kylie, Michelle and Diane for your time dedicated to the kura as trustees. It has been awesome working with you all. We have the elections in mid 2019 and some changes will be made to the Board as we farewell two trustees. This is your opportunity to have a think about putting your hat in the ring. It really is rewarding and a way of giving something back to Mosston.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holidays. Enjoy and treasure the time with your tamariki. They're only little for such a short time.

Ngā mihi, Nic

Te Reo Phrase

He pātai?

Questions?

Meri Kirihimete

Merry Christmas

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

Children spotted being enthusiastic recently were Saya, Sirius, Sophia J, Summar, Alexis A, Lydia, Oliver, Bailey B, Kyra, Brooke, Mokoia and Aria. Ka pai!

Uniform Shoes

School shoes must be black only. If you are purchasing sneakers for your children please ensure they are only black. There should be no coloured heels, laces, patterns or logos. We appreciate your support with this.



Here is an example of what you can expect to see at our **WOW** Presentation!



Programmes in full colour containing photos of all the costumes will be on sale for \$2 each. These must be pre-ordered through the school office before **Wednesday** please.

Parenting Tip

How to make meal times memorable part 2...

Create 'buy in'

Do this by sometimes letting the children help choose what to have for dinner, prepare part of the meal and set the table.

Set some easy-to-keep rules

Such as – the child who set the table gets to choose where to sit. You could try adopting Monday as the special day to focus on manners. For example – we stay seated on our bottoms, we don't talk with food in our mouths, and we ask before we get down from the table.

Get everyone to say something positive about the meal

Children may naturally dislike some foods and they can learn to share this respectfully, not rudely.

Create opportunities to talk

These are essential. Some families play 'the highs and lows of the day' where each person talks about the best part and the worst part of the day. Another great way to create a fun atmosphere is to use conversation starters and have a special box in the table that these unique questions can sit in. Everyone gets to pick a conversation starter and answer the question.

It doesn't have to be dinner time

If someone can't make it to dinner, wait and all eat dessert together. If it's a challenge to arrange dinner time, make a special event out of morning tea, afternoon tea or supper.

Have times of celebration

You might focus on a school achievement, sporting success, completion of a task, area of effort, or willingness to give something a go. [The Red Plate](#) can be awarded at times like this and the recipient gets to eat off this plate.

Put devices away

Studies show that one of the positives about eating with screens off is that children eat healthier meals. If screens are not invited to the meal, you're more likely to have better conversation.

