

M O S S T O N M E S S E N G E R

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Our Vision:

Nuture positive relationships and create lifelong learners
Poipoia te wairua o te tamaiti 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, kamusta and gidday.

Who can believe we have reached the middle of the term already – Spring is just around the corner!

It was wonderful to see so many parents supporting the children at the **Cross Country** today. Fortunately the weather was good enough for us to run the event and there were many proud and puffed faces coming across the finishing line. Thank you to Mrs. Loveridge for her organisation of the event. A team will be selected to represent Mosston School at the West Cluster Cross country to be held at Westmere School next week.

Donuts with Dad is back this year and we invite all dads to join us between 10:15 and 11am on Monday the 2nd September. If your child's dad cannot come along, we are happy for a grandad to attend. Invitations will come home from your child next week.

Our choir will be representing us at the **Kids Sing Choir Festival** next week with the support of Mrs. Carter. They sound truly beautiful and I am sure they audience will be wowed by them.

We had a fantastic turn out at the **Ka pai kids** celebrations this week. We had 97% of children attend. Mosston School prides itself on children showing the CARES values each day and it is great to recognise those children who do this.



Ka Pai
Kids Fun!

We had an enjoyable **Little Learner** session to welcome the children about to start at Mosston School. If you know of any 'in zone' children who are starting school in 2020 please ask them to let the office know as soon as possible.

We are fortunate to have a **school health nurse and a social worker** that I regularly make referrals too. If you have an issue that I can support you with, please come and see me as I am very happy to help.

Please feel welcome to pop in for a chat or share an idea at any time 😊

Ngā mihi, Michelle mwatson@mosston.school.nz

Daffodil Day

Next Friday the Student Leaders are running a Mufti Day to support our local Cancer Society. Children are invited to wear mufti and bring a gold coin. Student Leaders will collect the gold coins and issue a sticker to children as they arrive at school. Thank you for your support. Our Student Leaders will also be selling daffodils at Whanganui Hospital during the day.



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

- 28 Aug School photos from 9am
- 29 Aug Choir Festival - Kids Sing
- 30 Aug
 - Daffodil Day - Mufti Day (gold coin please)
 - Westmere Cross Country (selected team)
- 2 Sept Donuts with Dad (for Fathers' Day)
- 5 Sept
 - Mathex
 - Camp fundraiser pies delivered
- 9 Sept Māori Language Week
- 11 Sept New Entrant Chit Chat
- 12 Sept Disco
- 27 Sept Term 3 ends



Student Leaders - Charlie



Hi, my name is Charlie. Leadership is not a position or a title. It is an action and an example. It's also being confident, active, respectful, enthusiastic and successful!

I think a leader is the kind of person that's always ready to give a helping hand. For example, when the teachers make towers of learning, the leaders help them to make skyscrapers. When there's trouble in the playground, the leaders listen to the children's problems and make them right. When there's a job to be done, leaders will always have a raised hand. When there's a hard choice to be made, leaders consider others and try their best to make the right choice and accept outcomes willingly.

As a leader I try to be a kind reassuring person to those in need. I encourage others to be kind and be good friends. I take part in all of the awesome responsibilities that a leader has. I help those who are scared of making mistakes because making mistakes means you're learning. I just try to be the best leader I can be.

FOCUS AWARDS - CARES

Our recent focus was **active**– ngangahau.

This means:

- ☺ Collaborates and works well alongside others
- ☺ Joins in with school activities
- ☺ Actively involved in my learning

Our active learners this time are **Kylah, Ruby, Ethan, Cyrus, Sirius, Iris, Samuel, Jake, Lydia, Auguz, Mckenna, Kean and Olive**. Ka pai guys!

Parents' Group Fundraiser DATE CHANGE NOW SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER 2019

Help our school and give yourself a valuable family memory.
10 x 13 inch portrait for only \$15 sitting fee (SAVE \$79.00)

All you need to do is pay \$15.00 for a sitting fee with your family and/or children and you will receive a black and white or colour portrait. You may choose to purchase other photos taken on the day as well. This opportunity is not limited to the Mosston School community so invite your friends and family to participate too. Sitting times are ten minutes each. For further information or to book a sitting time please pop into Room 1 and see Aimee. Bookings must be made with the \$15 payment. This is great timing for Christmas!



Librarian Awards

Congratulations to Leah and Reegan who have earned their Bronze Library Awards. Well done. The school appreciates the input from our student team of helpers and the extra effort that our librarians make.



OWL Awards (Opportunities for Wisdom and Learning)

OWLs were recently awarded in the Senior Hub. **Ricky R** earned his OWL for demonstrating a focussed attitude towards all learning. An OWL was awarded to **Vinny** for managing his time more efficiently and achieving goals. **Bailee F** won her OWL for her outstanding efforts in learning. **Luke G's** OWL was earned because he has been using outstanding "voice" in his writing. Amazing work children!



School Policies

School policies are available for parents to view on the school docs site <https://mosston.schooldocs.co.nz>

The log in is **mosston** and password is **owl**



Student Spotlight

The Hairy Frog By Vinny Room 5

Did you know that the hairy Frog's scientific name is *Trichobatrachus Robustus*. It is also commonly known as the Horror Frog!

Appearance:

Unlike a normal frog the Horror Frog has bone claws that puncture through its skin and retract after. There is not much hair apart from the small ones on its back, but it can grow more.

Diet:

This carnivorous frog feeds on other animals that it kills including frogs! Once they have defeated their prey they use their sharp teeth to pierce through them and after that they feast. The hairy Frog eats, fish, animals, beetles, grasshoppers, myriapods, slugs and spiders.

Protection:

The Hairy Frog breaks its bones to puncture claws out through its toe pads and retract them back in once they are finished. This helps them defend themselves and it helps them get food. When frogs feel threatened they flex a muscle, that connects to the lower half of the claw. This severs the connection to the nodule and pulls the claw down. The Hairy Frog, or Horror Frog, is an interesting creature that people don't know much about and should study harder soon.

