

# MOSSTON MESSENGER

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## School policies

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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*

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## Michelle's Message

Kia ora koutou, ni hau, susada, sà wàt dii, namaste, selamat siang, konnichiwa, kamusta, talofa and gidday.

I cannot believe how quickly this term is passing us by – we are half way today! The second half of the term promises to be as busy as the first as we prepare for the end of year prize giving concert and Mosston's Got Talent, have our athletics, write reports and start to plan for next year.

Brianna Hobson will be joining the Mosston School team in **2020**. I have been awarded a sabbatical in Term 2 and have the opportunity to visit other schools, complete some research and look at learning programmes across the curriculum including learning maps, student agency and writing. Mrs. Alexander will be released from the classroom next year to provide cover for me during Term 2 and also for her to travel in Term 3. There will be some changes in the class that teachers teach next year as we make changes to ensure the best outcomes for our learners and to give teachers the opportunities to teach at different levels.



This week we have been supporting our **support staff** with their pay equity claim. Mosston is extremely lucky and very spoilt with our teacher aides who go beyond what is unexpected of them in so many ways. They are a great support to all our teachers and learners and are especially chosen for their skills and the care they show towards your children. We hope the government listens to their claims as they are highly valued and deserve much better pay and conditions than they currently receive.

From time to time there are incidents in the **school grounds after school**. If an incident should arise please do not speak directly to the child/ren concerned. Instead ask myself or a staff member to manage the situation.

Thank you for your feedback with the **Community Consultation**. This will be shared with you in more detail in the next newsletter. **The last day for forms to be returned is Monday.**

Remember this is also your chance to vote for the 2020 **Year book cover**.

Well done to all the children who took part in the **Ka Pai Kids** celebration this week. You are amazing and can be very proud of getting 5 jump ups!

Ngā mihi, Michelle [mwatson@mosston.school.nz](mailto:mwatson@mosston.school.nz)

## GIG Greetings

To Mosston School and Families,

Thank you for having us at such a busy time of the year. The GIG Dental Team would like to thank parents with Mosston School pre-schoolers for the fabulous turn out for our pre-school appointments. This ensures a much better dental outcome for your children, while helping to reduce our administration time. We have also noted clean, healthy looking teeth in our school aged children.

It has been a pleasure being at Mosston and we look forward to seeing the whole school again in 2020. Any problems before then call us on 06 348 1712. It might feel a bit early, but Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from your Dental Team



## Upcoming Events - also visit [www.mosston.school.nz](http://www.mosston.school.nz)

- 18 Nov** Community Consultation due
- 19 Nov** Senior School Athletics **1pm start**
- 21 Nov** Junior School Athletics **1pm start**
- 22 Nov** **Christmas Hamper Mufti Day. Wear mufti and bring an item for our Christmas hamper raffles.**
- 26 Nov** 2020 New Entrant Meet and Greet at 2pm
- 27 Nov** West Cluster Athletics. Selected team.
- 29 Nov** Tough Kids Challenge
- 3 Dec** School trustees meeting
- 4 Dec** \*Kiwi and Tui hubs at golf from 9am  
\***Mosston's Got Talent Final at 1:30pm**
- 10 Dec** School picnic at Bason Reserve
- 12 Dec** School leavers dinner at Grand Hotel 6pm
- 13 Dec** Final Ka Pai Kids Celebration
- 17 Dec** School prize giving and concert at 6:30pm (**note new time**)
- 18 Dec** Last day for Term 4. Classes end at 12:30pm

## Support Staff Pay and Pay Equity Claims WILL YOU HELP US?

You may have seen a bit in the news about the problems facing support staff in schools. There are too many to list in this space, but be aware our support staff are an extremely valuable resource to our school and your children. Unfortunately the Government and Ministry of Education are only slowly waking up to this. We encourage people from our community to help us with their support. A simple way of doing this is by signing this open letter to Chris Hipkins (Minister for Education).

<https://campaigns.nzei.org.nz/support-staff/open-letter/>

Just follow this link. Thanking you in advance 😊

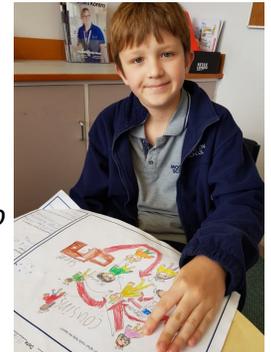


learning. **Lucas W** gained his OWL for always being engaged in his learning with a smile. **Tyson** won his OWL because he is working hard in all areas and is making his own choices. **Rosalee** was awarded her OWL for being a kind, hard working member of Pukeko who always tries her best and is an example to others. Ka pai children 😊



## Reflecting on my Learning... Harrison Room 6

*“My Dad has a thick arrow towards me because he teaches me a lot but the arrow from me to Dad is thin because I do not teach him a lot.”*



## Calendar Art on Sale

There is some amazing art to be viewed in the school office if you are still considering whether you would like to buy some calendars, cards or a diary. Orders must be on the official form (I have extras) and lodged by Friday the 22nd of November.

## What We Think-Poppy, Nixon, Alexa and Alex

The best thing about Mosston is...*the maunga to the moana, inquiry because you get to make things, we get to go on trips and I get to do things I do not do every day, maths because I learned my times tables which will be good at Intermediate.* Thinking about next year I think it would be good for Mosston School to...*do more arts and crafts, it's perfect as it is, have clubs again, get a cricket pitch.* My favourite part of the day is...*maths because I am getting better at it, PE because I am a fast runner, reading because it makes me feel free because I can read whatever I want, writing because you get to make up your own creative ideas.*



## 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

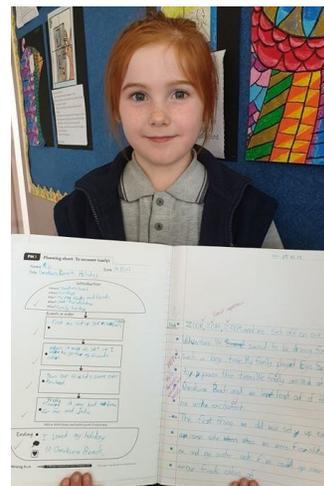
Congratulations to Indie, Mckenzie (R1), Ethan, Zac W, Roman, Summar, Amelia, Tyler, Sienna, Sophie L, Tommy S, Maynard and Luke G. Well done guys!

## OWL Awards (Opportunities for Wisdom and Learning)

OWLs were recently awarded in the Junior Hub. **Reuben S** received his OWL for always giving 100% to all his mahi. **Eden** earned her OWL for having such an awesome attitude to her

## Student Spotlight

This week's spotlight is on Mila from Kiwi Hub.



*To the wonderful people who sort and distribute the Fitzies lunches to our tamariki.*



Every child deserves a  
**champion**  
-- an adult who will  
**never give up**  
on them,  
who understands the  
power of  
**connection**  
and insists that they  
**become**  
the best that they can  
possibly  
**be.**  
-- Rita F. Pierson