

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, greetings.

A big thank you to the 140 parents who came along to our Meet the Parent interviews last week. It was wonderful to be able to

discuss your child's start to the year and learn more about them. In Term Two there will be a longer and more formal



interview to discuss your child's learning with you. You can of course pop in at any time and chat with the teacher about your child or contact them by email or phone. We pride ourselves on our open door policy and the relationships we have with our families. You will have received a link to our short 5 question survey about the interviews and we would appreciate your response. Thank you to those parents who have already done this. **Please include your name in the comment section if you would like to chat with me about the process.**

for this year which was fantastic. It is wonderful to reward those children who consistently make good choices.

Thank you to those parents who came along to our first Parents' Group meeting this year. Some great ideas were shared and we appreciate this support being provided for our school.

Chinese lessons with instructor Kāng Nī (Connie) started today in Rooms 4,5 and 6. We are fortunate to once again be working with Whanganui High School and the Confucius institute who provide this experience for our learners.

The strategic and annual plan have been placed on our school website under "About Us". This includes the charter and achievement targets that have been set by the BoT and staff and we invite you to have a look at the document.

Ngā mihi Michelle mwatson@mosston.school.nz

Our Student Leaders

Congratulations to our 2 School Leaders, Olivia and Allan and



our 6 Student Leaders, Jacob M, Jack S, Jahkahn, Humaarie, Kate, Charlotte and their families. Each year a group of Year 6 students are selected by their peers and school staff to be the leaders for the year. These students take on leadership roles across the school and develop the skills of a leader. I look forward to working with them over the year and will be introducing them in upcoming newsletters.

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

- 20 Mar** School Trustees meeting at 5:15pm
- 24 Mar** Senior school triathlon
Parents' Group mufti Day. Bring an Easter item for the raffle
- 28 Mar** Interschool swimming-selected senior students
- 29 Mar** Coffee, Chocolate and Chat
- 31 Mar** Whole school assembly 2:15pm
- 7 Apr** Fitzies lunch

Every Friday Pita Pit \$5.50 minimum



It was fantastic to attend the West Cluster swimming sports and have Regan and Allan win the Junior boys trophy. There were 6 schools competing and they gained top points in all their races. Well done. Thank you to Sarah Hanna who assisted with the group on the day and to the

Thongskul family for providing lunch for the hungry swimmers.

The Junior duathlon was a super success and it was fantastic to see all the children having a try and with such big smiles. We are very lucky to have Mrs Loveridge organising these sporting events for us.

Thank you to those parents who have paid their school fees this year. These donations go towards providing extra resourcing and support for our learners across the school. If you would like to set up an automatic payment for these please see Sue in the office. School donations are tax deductible and with a receipt can be claimed back (in part) through Inland Revenue.

We had 97% of children attend the first Ka Pai Kids celebration

Te Reo phrase

Kei te pēhea te āhua o te rangi?

What's the weather like today?

Kei te mahana.

It is warm **mahana**

...hot **wera**

...wet **mākū**

...fine **paki**

FOCUS AWARDS - CARES

Our recent focus was **active**– ngangahau

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

Children spotted showing Active qualities were Treyton, Jake B, Tim, Sienna, Alex Pay., Leah, Sophie, Jessica, Harrison, Cameron, Bailee, Jacob M and Sarah.

OWL (Opportunities for Wisdom and Learning) Awards

OWLs flew into the Junior Hub recently. OWLs were awarded to:

- ☺ Indiana as all her work is quality and is done with care.
- ☺ Jake B for his positive attitude towards learning
- ☺ Caleb for having a great attitude towards learning
- ☺ Luke A for making a fantastic effort and using amazing description in his writing.



Parenting Tip-Allowing children to work at their own pace

It is very easy to get into comparisons. We can compare children within a classroom setting, and within our own families. Just because your child is in a particular group at school, or their interests are different to that of their siblings, is not cause for concern. Each of your own children will be so different. Instead of comparing them to others, think about what each child is good at and what you can help them with at home.

How you can help as a parent.

- ☺ Concentrate on what your children can do rather than what they can't do.
- ☺ Celebrate that your children are different from one another.
- ☺ Encourage your children to appreciate the different gifts and talents of siblings within a family too.
- ☺ Praise your child when they work hard and persevere when tasks get difficult. Acknowledging their effort is so important.
- ☺ Make positive links with your children's classroom teachers and discuss any queries and concerns with them.
- ☺ Humour works well in families too! Even mum and dad have different skill sets. Laugh at yourself if you are not so good at something. This positive modelling will support your children to find humour in their own tough situations with learning.

Here are some images of some of the things that have been going on at Mosston School recently.



Junior Duathlon



DOC Beach Trips

Mathletics Message

Thank you for your support in purchasing your child a Mathletics subscription this year. This New Zealand based programme serves as one of many tools we will use to reinforce mathematical concepts being taught in our classrooms across the year.

It is an expectation that your child is using Mathletics daily and working towards 500 points. These points can be gained by them completing the activities which have been set by their classroom teacher. Your child will have an allocated time during maths where they will be working on these activities. If you would like your child to be using Mathletics at home you can find their login details at the front of their reading log or homework book.

Homework is not supposed to be a stress. Your child should be spending about 20 minutes a night completing set tasks (reading, spelling, basic facts etc.).

If you would like to know more about the Mathletics programme, there are free webinars for parents and information which can be found on www.mathletics.co.nz. Alternatively, please pop in and see your child's classroom teacher.