

# 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, and hello.  
A big Mosston welcome to Lachie who has started his learning journey in the Whare iti.

Thank you to the parents who responded to our online survey about the meet the parent interviews. We ended up with a 96% turn out to the interviews which was FABULOUS! The response to the survey was very positive.

- ✓ Did you feel welcome at the interview? **Yes 100%**
- ✓ Did you gain a good understanding of how your child's year has begun? **Yes 96%**
- ✓ Do you know how to support your child's learning at home? **Yes 96%**
- ✓ Was coming to the interview valuable to you as a parent? **Yes 100%**

## There were also some very positive comments

- Very informative and worthwhile. The process was easy and well run. Thank you!
- I think it is a great way to plan early on with the teacher. I find them valuable, but also know that I don't need to book an interview time to have a chat with teachers / staff.
- Awesome to realise how well the teachers know x and 'get' him. Awesome school!
- It was a great opportunity to find out how my child is getting on at school. Also great for my child to be apart of the interview too.
- Was lovely to have positive comments made and the fact that I was able to respond and contribute verbally in the interview.
- It was soo relaxed , I love the question asked 'how do you and your child spend time together', a great way of getting to know the whanau and culture of each student!
- I really enjoyed that my child could sit in with us and make it a joint family meeting.

Some parents felt the time went quite quickly. The next interviews, at the end of Term 2 are 15 minutes long and will provide more time for discussion. Parents are of course welcome to pop in at any time and chat about their children.

We have had another busy sporting fortnight with the senior triathlon and the Interschool swimming sports. It is fabulous to see our children excelling outside the classroom. A team of senior students also represented us at the EPRO8 challenge and had the opportunity to create and innovate using technology. Our Chinese lessons have continued today and we are fortunate to now be providing this throughout the school for all pupils.

**The Easter raffle is coming home today.** We are very grateful for the wonderful donations we received from our school

community and know we will have some very lucky families at Easter time ☺

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

## Introducing Olivia - School Leader

I'm Olivia and I think I am a good student leader because I work hard to demonstrate the C.A.R.E.S values. I work well with all children throughout the school and I believe I am approachable to all. I love to help out around the school and make Mosston a tidier, happier and safer environment for everyone.



I love to take part in all school activities and always try my best. I make sure all of my work is finished to a high standard. I support and appreciate both students and teachers. I enjoy skating, skateboarding, writing and I don't know what my life would be if I didn't read! If a student or teacher comes to me with a problem I help find them a solution. I love making people laugh as well. As a school leader I look forward to having more opportunities to do things for and with the students and teachers at Mosston School.

## BOT Bit

Kia ora everyone. Just a couple more weeks to go and term one will be over. The trustees met on the 20th of March and the 2016 Literacy and Numeracy reports were presented by Diane Alexander and Tarryn Cleveland, our lead teachers in these areas. We were very impressed with the detail in these documents and discussed them in depth. A big thank you to Diane and Tarryn for these reports, many hours were spent on analysing the data and preparing them.

I also want to congratulate the students for their involvement in the triathlon and the swimming. Some awesome achievements.

Ngā mihi Nic

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

- 4 / 11 Apr** Library open at 2:45pm for parents and pre-schoolers
- 5 Apr** Parents Group meeting in Junior Hub at 3pm
- 7 Apr** Fitzies lunch (Please collect an order form from the office - orders to the office by 3pm Thursday 6/4/17)
- 10 Apr** Coffee, Choc and Chat at 3pm in staffroom
- 11 Apr** Final Reading Together @5:15pm
- 13 Apr** Term 1 ends @3pm
- 1 May** Term 2 begins

**Pita Pit no longer on sale from Term 2**

## Te Reo phrase

pāngarau	maths
pānui	reading
tuhi tuhi	writing
E noho ki konei	sit here
kia ora	thank you

## Pita Pit

We will no longer be offering Pita Pit lunches on a Friday due to the low number of orders. Parents Group will continue to offer Fitzies lunch orders twice a term.



## Library

The library is open from 2:45pm on a Tuesday afternoon if you would like to come and chose a book for your pre-schoolers or select a library book for your children.



## Focus Awards CARES

Our recent focus was respectful - hūmaarie  
In our Junior School this means:

- ⇒ using my manners and being honest
- ⇒ listening to and learning from others
- ⇒ allowing everyone to learn.

In the Senior School this means:

- ⇒ treating others the way I want to be treated
- ⇒ appreciating the views and ideas of others
- ⇒ allowing everyone to learn.

Pupils who stood out as respectful were Iris, Grace, Michael, Tyler G, Alex (R2), Iona, Bailey, Priyah, Riley C, Kyra, Rory, Ella, Charlotte and Tobey.

## OWL (Opportunities for Wisdom and Learning) Awards

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

- ☺ Olive for always completing her mahi to a quality standard.
- ☺ Billy for his amazing description and enthusiasm in writing.
- ☺ Mana T for his enthusiastic attitude toward writing.
- ☺ Carlos for trying hard to improve in all his mahi.



## Book Look

Thank you for your feedback on the recent Book Look. Here are some of your lovely comments:

- ★ Dad thinks your slope writing is improving each time. Take your time and the rewards will follow. Awesome.
- ★ Glad to see your progress. She has identified her areas for improvement. Very proud of her.
- ★ Great job! Keep working on getting your b's and d's the right way. Thank you for showing me your handwriting book. We can practise doing capital N's at home.
- ★ I can see that you are achieving your goal of writing your letters on the line. You are leaving a finger space between your letters. Keep up the hard work.
- ★ Your handwriting is absolutely beautiful! We are so proud of your work. Keep it up.
- ★ Wow! I can see you are improving every time you write. Keep up the great work, you are amazing.
- ★ I love seeing the progress of writing in your book, which

means you are getting better with every story!

- ★ Great writing - we are so proud of you!!
- ★ I have noticed that you have improved so much since the beginning of the term. Your stories are getting longer and you are giving spelling a go. A lot of great stories and attempting tricky words.
- ★ Mummy and I are very proud of how hard you are working
- ★ His writing has improved. I can understand what he is trying to write. He is using spaces between his words

## Sport Shout Out

Wow where has this term gone! Summer sports are now wrapping up and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful parents who coached our teams this season! You are awesome!

Winter sports registration forms have now been sent home. **Please ensure you get these back to school by Wednesday 10th of April** so I can sort teams over the holidays. Please also remember that we need parents to support these teams or unfortunately they are unable to go ahead. You don't have to be an expert, you just need a positive attitude and give it a go!! I am happy to help where I can.

Sports on offer are (items that are needed to play in brackets):

- ☑ Hockey year 1 - 6 played on a Wednesday at Gonville Domain (Mosston sports top, hockey stick, mouth guard and shin pads)
- ☑ Netball year 1 - 2 played on a Wednesday at Laird Park (Mosston sports top and running shoes)
- ☑ Netball year 3 - 6 played on a Saturday at Laird Park (Mosston sports top and running shoes)
- ☑ Football year 1 - 6 played on a Saturday at Wembley Park (Mosston sports top, shin pads and black socks)
- ☑ Basketball year 3 - 6 played on a Thursday at Springvale Stadium (Mosston sports top and running shoes)
- ☑ Rippa rugby year 1 - 6 played on a Saturday at Springvale Park (Mosston sports top, mouth guard and running shoes)



Mosston sports tops are available from the school office for \$25.00. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at school on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday or [aloveridge@mosston.school.nz](mailto:aloveridge@mosston.school.nz). Have a fantastic break! Aimee

**Raffle Prizes (10) for our Easter Raffle . Thanks to Cindy Wilks and helpers for making up these awesome prizes for us.**

