

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 gidday.

A big Mosston welcome to Harvey who has started in Room 3 and Summar who has started her learning journey in the Whare iti. We have also welcomed Graham Nimmo as our caretaker while Bene is away.

While it was unfortunate that we had to close last Wednesday due to the weather conditions, it was reassuring to know that everyone was home and safe. Facebook was an excellent way of getting this information out to families – we now have 198 members in this group.

It is hard to believe that the end of the term is here. We have had a very busy term with many exciting opportunities for our students in and out of the classroom. We look forward to another exciting term after the holidays.

Thank you to those families who are supporting our Bring Your Own Device programme and have purchased a Chromebook. We have 59% of children bringing in a device in Rooms 5 and 6 and 41% in Rooms 3 and 4. Please see Sue if you have any queries about this. One Day sale have recently had some ACER Chromebooks on sale for \$180 with a one year warranty which is a very good price. Noel Leeming continue to support us also and provide special offers to Mosston families.



I collected some student voice around having to get their lunch boxes checked during the Big Day In. There were a number of responses as to *why we should get our lunch boxes check* and why not.

- ◆ *So the teachers know we are having a healthy and filling lunch*
- ◆ *You might eat unhealthy things and go*
- ◆ *Some people might go without eating*
- ◆ *The seniors should be self managing themselves*
- ◆ *If your friends go first they sometimes have to wait a long time for you*
- ◆ *We could just have a bell*

We have listened to the students. Next term the children will be expected to sit for 15 minutes and a bell will ring and the children can go off to play if they have had enough to eat. Teachers will not be checking all lunch boxes. If you find that your child is not eating their lunch please let Sue or the class teacher know and we will continue to monitor them. As with anything new, we will review its success towards the end of the

term.

Thank you very much for your support with the Easter raffle. We know there will be 10 very happy families today. ☺

Have a happy and safe holiday. Take care in any nasty weather and we will see you back on the 1st May.

Ngā mihi Michelle mwatson@mosston.school.nz

Introducing Allan - School Leader

I am Allan and have wanted for so many years to be a student leader. As a student leader I can help people with their work and remind them to stop talking and get on with their work. I can also help anyone who needs help. If someone is hurt I can help them and get them an ice pack. If kids are arguing I can stop them from arguing and help them to calm down. The reason I wanted to be a student leader is I really like leading little kids. I am really responsible and I always show my CARES to the teachers. Teachers trust me to do things on my own and I enjoy being one of the teachers' trusted helpers. As a student leader I am really enjoying helping younger kids learn skills like making origami.



Winter Uniform Expectations

The weather will become cooler in Term 2. Please respect Mosston School expectations – this is in fairness to parents who do ensure their children are in the correct uniform.

- ✓ Shoes must be black (with no other colour evident)
- ✓ Navy or black socks with no other markings
- ✓ Navy or black thermals

Children who do not wear the correct uniform will be asked to correct this. Please name all uniform.



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

- 1 May** Term 2 begins
- 9 May** Literacy Hour-more info to follow
- 10 May** Parents' Group meeting
- 12 May** Assembly
- 7 July** End of Term 2

Pita Pit no longer on sale from Term 2

Who's "hoo" at Mosston School

Bene is our smiley friendly caretaker who joined the staff in 2015. Bene is also our handyman who keeps the buildings and grounds looking smart and tidy, taking great pride in his work. I am sure you will agree he does a fantastic job. Bene can always be heard having a laugh and a joke with the children. No job is too big for him and he does everything to a very high standard. Bene is away visiting his daughter in China over the next 5 weeks and Graham Nimmo is filling in for him. We look forward to hearing about Bene's adventures.



shows our kids that it is normal to get frustrated and cross with ourselves

- ✓ In fact, we can model working through this frustration. Walk away and come back with 'fresh eyes'
- ✓ Get some help or advice
- ✓ Share our dismal failures
- ✓ Encourage the original idea
- ✓ Value creativity – find a special place for children's artwork

Many inventions in the modern world actually resulted from a mistake. Some of these inventions also illustrate that creativity is a very important part of scientific endeavour. Creativity is not limited to the arts but is important across all curriculum areas, including science and mathematics. It's a great idea to talk about some of these inventions with your children.

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.



Some images of our kids just having fun!

Focus Awards - Enthusiastic (Tākare) Learner

The value we are focusing on this term is **Enthusiastic - Tākare**.

In the Junior school this means:

- ⇒ being positive
- ⇒ encouraging others
- ⇒ trying my best

And in the senior school

- ⇒ sharing my learning
- ⇒ staying focused
- ⇒ being positive.

Children showing enthusiasm were Sam, Michael D, Jordan, Alexa, Quillan, Oliver, Lily, Paige, Luke G, Lyncon, Keira Br, Brock and Kate.



Raffle Prizes

Thank you for your fabulous support of the Parents' Group Easter raffle. Approximately \$1120.00 was raised through raffle sales

The 10 prizes were won by...

- ☺ Jacinta Crafar
- ☺ Absolum family
- ☺ Shirley McBrydie
- ☺ Dew Family
- ☺ Taylor family
- ☺ Sarah Walsh
- ☺ Lewer family
- ☺ Wendy Johns
- ☺ Gordon Campbell
- ☺ Karina Gardiner



Parenting Tip

Beautiful Oops - The value of mistakes

As teachers and parents, we need to create situations where we encourage risk-taking. It is essential that we demonstrate to children that making mistakes is part of learning.

What can we do to help children?

- ✓ As adults we must model having a go, making a mistake, and taking a risk
- ✓ We need to share our feelings by verbalising what is going on for us during frustrating moments, because it

