

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 giddyay.

A big Mosston **welcome** to Nixon and Daisy who have joined the Whare Iti. It is a busy term for the Whare Iti with seven new children arriving.

I was fortunate to sit in on the Room 5 **speeches** this week. I loved seeing the confidence in the children and there were some very interesting topics. Our senior students were fortunate to have Kristen Hamling from Toast Masters come to speak to them about presenting speeches. A selection of senior children will represent us at the West Cluster Speech competition in the coming weeks.

Constable Miller has also been in to talk about **cyber safety** and how Mosston students can keep themselves safe on the internet. I believe this is a very important for our students as they become more digitally literate and invite him to come in each year to speak to this group. We have zero tolerance to any abuse of the internet.

The Junior hub were treated to **zong zi** last week, a food that is traditionally made to celebrate the Dragon Boat Festival. We were lucky to have Iris' mum, Yue Yin, come in and make this with the children and they were then able to enjoy it.



Good luck to those students who are doing a **40 Hour Famine** type challenge this weekend. It is fantastic that these children want to do something to make a difference for those who are less fortunate.

We have enjoyed having the **dental team** on site over the past two weeks. Not all children were seen this time and the bus will be back in December to see the remaining children. All children are seen at least once a year.



Parent interview times will open on Monday (see instructions which follow). These interviews are 15 minutes long and run between 1:30 and 7:30 on Tuesday 4th July and 1:30 and 5pm on

Wednesday 5th July. We look forward to seeing you and sharing your child's learning with you and your child.

Ngā mihi Michelle mwatson@mosston.school.nz

Parent interview code and instructions

To make a booking please go to

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Enter this event code **4xzag** which will take you to Mosston School bookings then follow the on-screen instructions. It is pretty straightforward, but if you have any problems with this or don't have internet access please come and see Sue in the office who is happy to help.

Introducing Charlotte - Student Leader

Tena tatou katoa, my name is Charlotte. As a leader I try to set good examples for the junior hub and the rest of the school by having a tidy uniform and being presentable. I am responsible, caring, trustworthy and I always help others, no matter who they are. I try to be involved in as many school activities as possible. I am enjoying the experience of being a school leader especially the new opportunities like going to National Young Leaders Day. It is great to be able to help other kids with their learning and in the playground.



2018 Senior Camp

Thank you for returning your permission slips. The chocolates have been ordered for the Term 2 fundraising. These will be sent home next Tuesday and **the money must be returned to school by the 30th of June**. There are some additional boxes and if you wish to sell more than one box we require you to return the money from box one first. Every box sold is \$24 off your child's camp fee.

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

- 13 June** Interschool hockey tournament
- 19 June** School trustees meeting at 5:15pm
Rooms 3 and 6 visit Art Gallery
- 21 June** Rooms 4 and 5 visit Art Gallery
- 22 June** Grandparents' morning/Puanga
- 23 June** School assembly 2:15pm
- 30 June** Mid year reports sent home
- 4/5 July** Parent interviews. **School closes 12:30pm each day**
- 7 July** Term 2 ends (at 3pm)
- 24 July** First day of Term 3

Who's "hoo" at Mosston School

Connie is our Mandarin Learning Assistant who comes to Mosston School every Friday. Connie is teaching the children the Chinese language and about Chinese Culture. We are fortunate to work in partnership with the Confucius Institute and Whanganui High School and appreciate the opportunities this gives our students. Connie comes from Harbin City (pop. 10 million) which is in the Heilongjiang province.



She lives with a host family in Whanganui for the year and when Connie returns to China she will finish her masters degree in English interpretation. She is really enjoying being in NZ especially the people, lovely students, and blue skies. Connie is looking forward to some adventures like bungee jumping! She says living here is a totally different lifestyle.

OWL Awards (Opportunities for Wisdom and Learning)

The OWLs flew in to Room 6 recently. One was awarded to Jodie who received her OWL for always completing her mahi to a high standard. Jahkahn won his OWL because he always approaches everything with an awesome attitude. Ka pai guys!



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

Awards for being active have been made to Sophie W, Chelsie, Cazna, Ollie, Zoe, Kayla, Mikaere, Gabby, Matthew M, Vincent, Tyler and Aiden. Well done!

Te Reo phrase

Māku koe e āwhina I will help you

Pipiri June

Ngahuru Autumn

He ātaahua tō pikitia Your picture is beautiful

Parenting Tip-The Antidote to bullying

There are two ways to tackle unpleasant behaviour. One is to discourage it with penalties and disapproval. The other way is to encourage better behaviour to replace the bad behaviour. It is not enough to say what not to do, you need to teach kids what they should do. If your child is bullying others, you will of course use the first way. They will get a telling off and there may well be some penalties. They have to know it is unacceptable and it'll get them into trouble. Coach them into better ways of getting what they hoped the bullying would achieve.

For example, bullying is often simply a way to impress onlookers. The bully wants to show he is part of the group and

so he picks on someone who is different from the group – older, younger, shorter, etc. There is usually something about the victim that sets them apart from the bully's group. The bully thinks the more I pick on the victim, the more I prove I am part of the in-group. So, if your child has been caught bullying, not only do they have to learn that bullying will get them in trouble, they also need to learn social skills to make friends and fit in. Skills like:

- 😊 How to invite a friend home to play
- 😊 How to approach peers and how to ask to join in their game
- 😊 How to say positive things about other people
- 😊 How to play games and practice taking turns
- 😊 How to be a good sport
- 😊 How to be empathetic to others
- 😊 Good social skills are an antidote to bullying.



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