

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, Selamat siang and gidday. Welcome back to another exciting Mosston term.

Term 3 promises to be another busy term with cross country, gymnastics, Mosston's Got Talent, playhouse theatre, football, clubs, Daffodil Day, inquiry learning, Chinese students, choir festival, Mathex and all our curriculum learning.

We have enjoyed hosting a group of students from China this week and including them in our classroom programmes. It is a great way for our children to learn about and gain understanding of another culture.

It is great see so many children moving along the maunga to the moana as part of becoming **self managing learners**. Please ask your children where they are on this journey or come in and take a look as all classes have this on their walls.



We had 74 out of 121 (61%) responses to our **Mid year consultation**. The results were very positive and affirmed the teaching and learning programmes at Mosston School. There were also a number of comments made and we will consider these in our annual and strategic planning. Comments are included further into the newsletter.

Homework

	Yes	No	Nil
Do you feel your child receives adequate homework for their age?	97%	3%	
Is the homework given supporting your child's learning?	99%		1%
Do you think there is a benefit to learning spelling words? (Rm's 3 - 6 only)	76%	4%	20%

Cultural Awareness

Are you aware of Cultural programmes taking place in our school?	100%		
Do you think Mosston School is helping your child to develop a deeper understanding of other cultures and languages?	93%	1%	6%
Does your child share their learning of other cultures at home?	94%	6%	

A big thank you to Aimee Loveridge for organising the quiz night that is being held tonight to help the Parents' Group in their fundraising for an all-weather turf. We also have a pie fundraiser underway. Please return these forms by Monday if you have not already. We appreciate your support.

My door is always open if you would like to pop in for a chat, share an idea or give us some feedback.

Ngā mihi Michelle mwatson@mosston.school.nz

Introducing Jack- Student Leader

Hi, I'm Jack and I'm a sport player. My favourite sports are cricket and hockey. I love to play with friends and help others. Being a student leader allows me to help others. Ways I can help are by stopping fights (haven't had to do that yet!), and helping children who are hurt.



I try to be a good role model and inspire others. I enjoy being able to give ideas to make school better and even more enjoyable. I think I have a pretty good sense of humour and this always comes in handy! My favourite thing so far about being a student leader is being able to help other children when they are hurt.

Principal Award Winners Term 2



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

- 4 Aug** Pie orders due
- 7 Aug** Playhouse Theatre-Puss in Boots-no charge
- 14 Aug** Choir Festival
- 24 Aug** Mosston School Cross Country
- 25 Aug** Fitzies Lunch
Daffodil Day/Mufti Day-Gold coin please
- 29 Sept** Term 3 ends

Who's "hoo" at Mosston School



Mr Park is our classroom release teacher who comes into the school each fortnight and when called upon for relieving. The children like being taught by Mr Park, and particularly enjoy his general knowledge quizzes. He has a great rapport with children and staff alike. When he is not teaching, he enjoys spending time with this family.

Te Reo phrase

Kia tere	Be quick
Haere tonu	Keep going
Kia tūpato	Be careful

School Policies

This term the school community are asked to review our Students with Special Needs Policy. Please go online to do this or see Sue for a paper copy

1. Visit the website <http://mosston.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (mosston) and password (owl).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the red Policy Review icon at the right-hand top corner of the page. A new screen will appear.
6. Select your role (Parent/caregiver) from the drop-down list.
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.

Library News

Congratulations to our star Lexile pupils. Allan and Sarah C have read 500,000 Lexile words so have joined the 500K Club. Monique has reached the Millionaire's Club by reading 1,000,000 plus words! Ka pai guys.



Thanks to those children who participated in the Library Scavenger Hunt over the holidays. Well done to Aidan S, Kirsty Mason, Olivia, Jake B and Quintin.

Mrs Butters

Parenting tip -The basics of parenting are pretty simple

One thing that is very apparent after more than 20 years of parent education is that there are lots of right ways to bring up kids. I reckon there are just a few essentials to parenting and if you get them covered off, I think you can freestyle the rest and things will be just fine.

Let's get it down to two basics – your kids feeling loved and feeling safe. If this is happening, I think you have already got a pass mark as a parent.

By the way, please note that I didn't say 'loving your kids' was the basic, I said that kids *feel* loved. I'm sure every parent loves their children, but things get in the way and the child doesn't always actually feel that love. Maybe it is anger, or discipline that is too harsh, maybe it is too much busyness in the home, perhaps a parent isn't able to be with the child.



Learning new and better ways to show love to your children should be a top task for parents.

Reading Together Workshops

This term we will be holding another series of **Reading Together Workshops** on a Monday afternoon. This is a series of 4 workshops aimed at helping you to support your child as they learn to read. Please see Diane or Michelle if you are interested in taking part. It is limited to 10 parents.



Let's Go Whanganui

On Monday each family will receive a questionnaire relating to the route your family travels to school. Please show this on the map and return it to the school office by Friday 11/8/17. Hopefully this will support our desire for a footpath along Mosston Road so children can walk, bike or scooter safely to school.

Some general comments from our recent consultation:

- ◆ Mosston is a great school, a very welcoming and friendly community-both on school grounds and around town. The transition to school 'little learners' and the buddy system is amazing-thank you!
- ◆ Maybe 2 x homework free days. Wed and Fri
- ◆ Facebook page is great for updates
- ◆ Thank you for all the mahi and manāki Mosston School puts in to support our taura
- ◆ I think homework should be an option, not compulsory as they do enough work at school. And most kids have after school activities and find it very hard to fit in homework
- ◆ Thanks for the effort, friendliness and ongoing support.
- ◆ Would love for them to visit a local marae a few times while at Mosston, or learn about Parihaka.
- ◆ We will be very sad to leave the Mosston School community at the end of this term. Both our boys have loved going to Mosston School
- ◆ We struggle with all 3 of our children needing to share a computer to do their homework
- ◆ Other cultures food, music, dress, values, religions, and interesting facts could also be shared as well as language

Our visitors this week

