

M O S S T O N M E S S E N G E R

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Our Vision:

Nuture positive relationships and create lifelong learners
Poipoia te wairua o te tamaiti 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, konnichiwa and gidday.

Wow, here we are approaching the end of the term again. As we near the middle of Autumn the mornings are getting a little cooler and the polar fleeces and thermals are appearing. We were fortunate to have a lovely evening for our Family Fun Night before the nights became too chilly.

The **tryathlon** was a highlight of this past fortnight with most senior students taking part individually or as a team. There were some amazing results and it was great to see children stepping out of their comfort zones. We also had a team of senior students represent us at the **Contributing Schools' Swimming Sports**. The represented us proudly and many of them were in finals for their heats. The **West Cluster Junior Tabloids** were held at Cook's Gardens and are a fun way for our students to mix with children from other schools.

I recently attended a meeting on the **Tomorrows Schools** reforms. I invite you to have a say on these if you have not done so already. There are eight areas under review *Governance, Schooling Provision, School Competition and Choice, Disability and Learning Support, Teaching, School Leadership, Resourcing and Central Government Agencies*.

You can have your say by completing an online survey. This survey takes you through the various issues and recommendations. You can respond to them all or only those that are of interest to you. This survey is anonymous and is available at

<https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/tomorrows-schools-review/> **It closes on the 7 April.**

I met with the **Student Council** last week. It is always interesting to hear their ideas and thoughts on school happenings.



We have welcomed **Whaea Chae** to Mosston as our new tikanga kaiako and next week we welcome **Harold** and the Life Education classroom for an exciting end to the term.



Remember to put the clocks back on Sunday night as daylight saving comes to an end. Enjoy the holidays ahead and the learning opportunities they bring. ☺

Ngā mihi, Michelle mwatson@mosston.school.nz

BoT Bit

Nga mihi ki to mātau hapori Mosston

It's so hard to believe it's almost end of term! The trustees met on Tuesday 26 March and the Numeracy and Literacy report were presented by Diane Alexander and Tarryn Cleveland. Robust discussions took place around these reports and it was very pleasing to see what new strategies are in place to ensure we are giving the very best to our young learners. We have amazing results which is a testament to our passionate staff. I thank Diane and Tarryn for their time in presenting their reports to the board.



The trustee elections are rapidly approaching and we have 3 positions available. I urge you to really have a think about becoming a trustee. Visit www.nzsta.org.nz. There's lots of seminars you can attend to upskill in this area. The role is very rewarding. Nominations will be sent out soon.

The school holidays are nearly here! I'm sure the students are looking forward to this two week break, as am I ☺.

Until next time, tae noa ki te wa e whai ake nei, noho haumaruru Nic

Upcoming Events - also visit www.mosston.school.nz

- 8 Apr** All raffle cards to be returned please
- 10 Apr** Kiwi and Tui hubs Kapai Kids trip to Virginia Lake \$2
- 11 Apr** Easter raffle drawn
- 12 Apr** ♦ Last day Term 1
♦ Fitzies lunches today
- 29 Apr** Term 2 begins
- 30 Apr** Stratford/Hawera Trip -all payments due today
- 2 May** Stratford/Hawera Big Day Out Trip

Pita Pit lunches every Friday www.lunchonline.co.nz

Big Day Out—Stratford

The count down is on! **Please return raffle cards to the office now.** Remember every card sold means \$10 less on the cost of the day for your child.

Water Bottles

With the recent lockdown experience in Christchurch and our water pump breaking down for a few hours on Tuesday, we have had a reminder of the importance of bringing named water bottles to school **every day**. This ensures all children are able to have a drink in these situations.

Library Awards

Congratulations go to Olive, Alex and Emma who recently achieved their Bronze Library Awards. Tumeke achievement librarians!



Sports Report

WOW where did that term go! I want to say a massive thank you to all the wonderful parents who coached, supported and helped out with our teams this season. It has been fantastic to see the progress. Teams are not possible without our dedicated parents and we really appreciate all that you do to make this happen!

This term has been a very busy on the sporting calendar and I am very proud of everyone who participated in our school swimming sports, contributing schools swimming, our school duathlon and tryathlon and in the lifesaving competition. Our tamariki did their best in all of these events and have all had a new experience in doing so. Well done to you all!!

Over the holidays I will put the winter teams together - so please keep an eye on your emails so you know what is happening. Winter sports begin almost immediately when we return to school in Term 2.

Have a safe break and enjoy the last of the sunshine, Aimee
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OWL Awards (Opportunities for Wisdom and Learning)

OWLs were recently awarded in Kiwi Hub. **Tyler** received his OWL for showing amazing maths thinking. **Luke A** earned his OWL for working incredibly hard in reading. **Chelsie's** OWL was awarded as she manages her time well. For always giving 100% to all learning tasks **Jeremiah** also received and OWL. Kapai tamariki!



Focus Awards - Enthusiastic (Tākare) Learner

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

- ☺ Strives for personal excellence
- ☺ Excited to learn new things
- ☺ Encourages others

Showing lots of enthusiasm this fortnight were **Kylah, Ethan, Georgia, Sophia A, Braxton, Iris, Summar, Sienna, Alexa, Auguz, Bailey B, Maynard and Carlos**. Well done guys ☺

Student Leaders

We have a new batch of student leaders and today we are introducing Monique who is one of the school leaders and here's what she has to say.



I think it is important for student leaders to be kind, confident, and show a commitment to the job. I love to help out whenever I can and be kind to others. I complete most of my work on time and try to achieve a very high standard.

In the time I have been at Mosston I have become a lot more confident and have learned to speak up and speak clearly and am keen to ask and answer questions. I try to be a role model to other students and am keen to help out and take on more responsibilities.

I feel I am lucky to have been selected as a student leader as I will be able to enjoy some cool opportunities like going to the National Young Leaders Day and being able to help organise school events. I look forward to the rest of my last year at Mosston and will try to do my best for the school and our students.

Parenting Tip-5 MORE powerful ways to wish a good day to your child

- ☺ Remember who you are.
- ☺ Make a new friend today.
- ☺ Believe in yourself.
- ☺ Today is a new day!
- ☺ You've got this!

