

MOSSTON MESSENGER

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School policies

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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



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Michelle's Message

Kia ora koutou, ni hau, susada, sà wàt dii, namaste, selamat siang, konnichiwa, kamusta and gidday.

A special Mosston **welcome** to Amethyst and Georgia who have joined Hihi and Annika in Room 3.

Our **Digital Hour** was a great success. Thank you for your support. It was great to be able to share the exciting things that have been happening with Digital Technology in the school. Our student Digital Gurus did a fantastic job of sharing their learning with you.



Our whole school visit to Putiki Marae is on Wednesday, the 30th October. On **Tuesday 24 September at 3:15pm we are having a short hui** to discuss the programme and the activities for the day and we invite you to join us in Room 4. Children are welcome to play at school while the hui takes place.

Next week is **Chinese Language Week** and with Songhuan's support we are celebrating this next Friday morning with a number of activities followed by a tabloid sports afternoon; a fun way to end the term. As a result, assembly will be at 2:30pm on Thursday.

We are continuing to revisit our learning maps and will be sharing these with you in our newsletters. It is wonderful to see how well our children are reflecting on and talking about their learning – who helps them learn, what tools help him them learn and where they learn.

We have set the **term dates for 2020**. These are:

- Term 1: 3 February – 12 April (Closed on the 7 Feb to make a summer long weekend)
- Term 2: 29 April – 5 July
- Term 3: 22 July – 27 September
- Term 4: 14 October – 18 December

Enjoy the sunny weather as we look to the end the term. Have a lovely holiday with your children (see the holiday kindness challenge in the newsletter) and enjoy the holiday break.

Ngā mihi, Michelle mwatson@mosston.school.nz

BoT Bit

Kia Ora Koutou Mosston Whānau

The Board continues to invest in our schools development through leadership and trustee professional development. Representatives have recently attended courses in effective leadership and governance, and the use of learning maps to support student agency. It is important to us that Mosston School continues to grow and improve, and offer an amazing learning environment for our children.



Engaging with our community has also been at the forefront this term where we have collected community and student voice to aid our decision making. A highlight was also holding the Digital Hour for families. Thank you to those that participated in these activities. We value strong home-school partnerships and the ultimate benefit this has for your child.

It has been a busy term for all and the school holidays will be a well deserved break. Stay safe and enjoy the lovely spring weather.

Best regards, Kylie

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

- 24 Sep** Marae visit hui at 3:15pm in Room 4
- 26 Sep** Assembly at 2:30pm (Note Thursday this time)
- 27 Sep**
 - Fitzies lunch
 - Chinese Language Week activities
 - Tabloid Sports at Mosston
 - Last day Term 3
- 14 Oct** Term 4 begins
- 15 Oct** Applications for out of zone enrolment places close
- 15-17 Oct** Cycle skills-bring bikes, scooters and helmets
- 17 Oct** National "Shake Out" (earthquake drill)
- 18 Oct** Kapa Haka Festival of Cultures (more info to come)
- 19 Oct** Family photo portrait day (fundraiser)
- 28 Oct** Labour Day-school closed



Student Leaders - Mana T

Hi, my name is Mana. I wanted to be a student leader so I could help younger students at Mosston School. My mum was also keen for me to be a leader as she thought it would be good for me to take on extra responsibilities. She was right!

I am involved in kapa haka, am a PE shed monitor and a peer mediator.

I also help look after Room 5 when it's raining during break times.

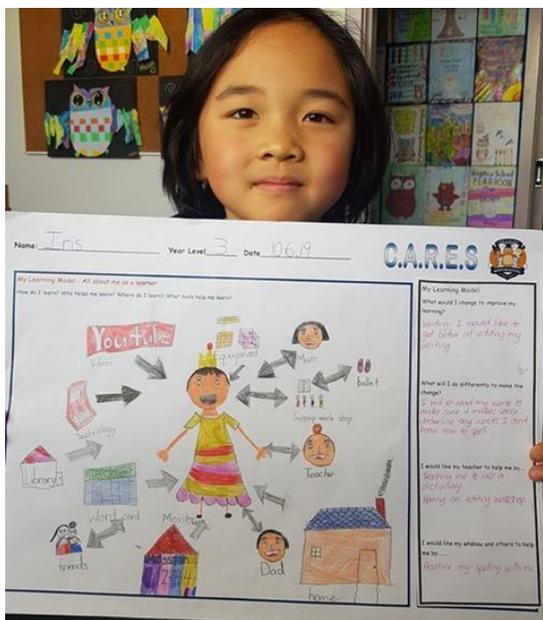
I really enjoyed the young leaders day in Palmerston North. We were able to take notes of things the speakers were saying. There was a "What Now" actor at this conference and it was pretty exciting listening to him speak. I know all my CARES values and I try to follow these every day.

Parents' Group Rocks!

Thanks to Fi and her team of helpers for another successful disco evening! Big smiles and lots of fun were evident.

Reflecting on my Learning - Iris

Iris in Rm 3 " My learning map helps me to learn. I am learning to edit my writing. The **person** who is helping me is my teacher and the **tools** that are helping me are the dictionary and my writing workshop".



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

Congratulations to **Camella, Mckenzie (R1), Lochlan H, Roman, Rosalee, Sera, Alexis R, Amy, Joshua, Shiloh, Hazel, Caralie and Mana T**. Tumeke tamariki. Keep it up ☺.

OWL Awards (Opportunities for Wisdom and Learning)

OWLs were recently awarded in the Junior Hub. **Matthew H** received his OWL for being a focussed learner with a great attitude. **Reina** earned her OWL through making an amazing effort and showing enthusiasm in all areas of her learning. **Brooklyn** gained her OWL by having a positive attitude and making an awesome effort in her mahi. **Zac W** won his OWL by being an all round enthusiastic learner. Super work guys!



Student Spotlight

Here are some stories from some of our learners in Kereru.

On the weekend I went to the Splash Centre with my grandad. I was learning how to swim and to dive. After swimming I went to the bike track. **Reina**

We did an experiment. We put water in the cup. The water went everywhere and the water stayed in the cup. The paper turned blue and pink. **Mckenzie**

I helped my dad to finish the kicking fence and it will not break. When I made the fence I tried the kicking fence and my ball came back. **Matthew**

On the weekend my nana came to my home because my mum and dad are still in China and I have left my granny and grandad's, but my nana came (to my house). I was so happy that I did not eat my breakfast at home. **Reuben**



KINDNESS to SELF

- Do something that makes you happy today
- Exercise for 10 minutes and get your heart pumping
- Smile more often
- Avoid complaining for the entire day
- Create a new game and play it with friends and family
- Take time to practice mindfulness
- Take long slow deep breaths for 3 minutes
- Listen to your favourite music



KINDNESS to FAMILY

- Help with the chores without being asked
- Express your gratitude to your family
- Play a game with a family member
- Wash Mum or Dad's car
- Make a handmade card for someone in your family
- Tidy up after yourself
- Surprise a family member by doing their job for them
- Cook a meal
- Leave a special note on a family member's pillow

