

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, talofa and gidday.



A big Mosston **welcome** to Bentley, Pippa, Joshua and Kelsey who have joined the Hihi team as brand new 5 year olds. We also welcome Tyler in Room 1, Cassandra in Room 3 and Mia in Room 4. We are excited to have you all at Mosston School.

We have had a fantastic two weeks back at school and **appreciate your continued** support to ensure we are all kept healthy and safe. It is great that we have had all of our children return. We will be continuing to ask parents to remain in the car park. It has been great to see the children growing in independence in the mornings and coming in with a smile each day. Please be aware of physical distancing in the carpark after school. **Remember teachers are able to be emailed if you wish to contact them or phone the office and leave a message with Sue for the class teacher to contact you.**

We are asking children to sanitise on the way into school and reminding them to do so several times during the day. We are also being very particular in our cleaning schedule and paying particular attention to high traffic areas, door handles etc. **If you are concerned about your child, either their well being or their learning, please contact the class teacher or myself so we can provide additional support.** If your family, or you know of another, who is finding life a little challenging at this time, we would also like to help if we can. Along with sports, many of our school activities including assemblies have been on hold. We hope to gradually reintroduce these as the levels and rules around these change.

There has been a change with our **mid-year reporting** as we support children in their transition back into school. We will be continuing to report to you via work samples and comments on Seesaw over the remainder of this term. We will hold **Learning Conversations** with you in week 2 of Term 3 to discuss your child's progress with you. We do not see any value in after 7 weeks of both holidays and online learning, testing children just to make judgements for a report. We will feedback to you in written report at the end of the year.

After supporting your child with home learning over the past 5

weeks, you will have observed and learnt a lot about your child as a learner - what they can and can't do, how well they focus and self manage their learning, along with their motivation and growth mindset. ☺

Thank you for your responses to the **community consultation**. From those that have been returned, 99% of families felt supported with home learning. It is great to have our efforts recognised as we hoped we communicated effectively with you and provided a programme that could be tailored to suit your family needs. We appreciate that it was a challenging time and while some families found it all easy to manage, others did not. This may have been due to parents working from home, age of the children, number of siblings, internet access etc. Some comments are shared further in the newsletter with you and we will continue to share others in the next few newsletters.

Enjoy the long weekend ☺.

Ngā mihi, Michelle mwatson@mosston.school.nz

Student Leader Mufti Day

Friday 19 June

The student leaders will be running a mufti day on Friday 19th June. Please bring a non-perishable food item that can be given to the Food Bank to support those in need as a result of COVID-19. If you would like to nominate a school family to receive a food donation from this mufti day, please email me at: mwatson@mosston.school.nz



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

- 1 June** School Closed (Queen's Birthday Holiday)
- 5 June** Brass band lessons resume
- 10 June** Community consultations due today
- 19 June** Student Leader Mufti Day (Food donations; non-perishable please)
- 3 July** Fitzies Lunch
Term 2 last day
- 20 July** **Term 3 begins**
- 29/30 July** **Learning conversations (School finishes 12:45 both days)**
Pita Pit lunches available every Friday through www.lunchonline.co.nz

What We Think - Blayke, Kean and Oliver



The best thing about being back at school after lockdown is ... seeing my friends and my teacher face to face, seeing my friends and doing buddy learning, kapa haka and physical stuff, being able to see my friends and not have to worry about Zoom timetables.

If I was the Principal at Mosston School I would...end school at 1pm, give more free time to do your own thing, do what you are already doing but let children have choice in what subject they do and when.

This long weekend I am looking forward to... celebrating my Uncle's birthday & going to Wellington Zoo, celebrating Dad's birthday and seeing my cousins from Germany, having a break and going to a birthday.

Student Spotlight

This week's spotlight is on Ella Jane from Room 3 for her great writing.



Reflecting on Home Learning in Kereru

Georgia - "Matthew helps me learn because he knows words. Mummy helped my figure out questions. Daddy helped me with me the magic trick and Pesto barked to help me learn."



School Leader - Sophie



Since I have been at Mosston School I have always followed the CARES values and tried to be involved in all areas of school life. Respect is the most important CARES value to me and I try to show this in everything I do.

I particularly like sport and have represented Mosston in swimming events and netball. I have also been a librarian, PE shed monitor and am now a wet lunch monitor.

Being in choir was fun and kapa haka was great too. I am able to work independently, but also enjoy being part of a team. As a leader, I enjoy being able to help out with children in the hubs. Now that we are back at school it will be much better as I will be able to make a real difference with other students.

As a student leader I shall continue to be helpful, caring and responsible. I LOVE school.

Te Reo Phrase

Titiro mai, Titiro atu - look at me, look away



Consultation comments

What positives did you find in lockdown learning?

- A lot of support during lockdown, it was awesome.
- Routine lessons, ability to contact classmates, teacher availability to help when things were tricky and mail from Ms x .
- We were excited to do it all online at home.
- Awesome communication from staff. Great to see Mrs Watson and Mrs Maguire in Zoom meetings.
- Being able to do work during our own timetable/routine. Mixture of paper and online learning was great.
- Fantastic system, very well prepared, set out and organised. Well done.
- Mosston School provided extra support for their pupils and spent a lot of time creating their work online.
- Liked Zoom and Google Classroom.
- A lot of support during lockdown. It was awesome. A great appreciation for teachers and admin staff.

