

*Kia ora Koutou Mosston whānau*

*2021 has been another fantastic year for Mosston School and despite another COVID interruption we have acknowledged the achievements and successes of our many students both in and out of the classroom of which we are very proud. Level 2 has meant that our families and whānau have not been as involved and on site as much as we would like but we have kept our school community safe. Masks, scanning in and sanitising continue to be the new norm but we are hopeful that restrictions will lessen in 2022.*



*There were many highlights of the year including the whole school visit to Palmerston North, Puanga, Clubs, Ka Pai kids celebrations, Bike wise week, enviro day, PREP, the triathlon and our successful shift to Real Time Reporting.*

*2021 has been a very successful year academically with many children achieving highly and everyone making progress. This is a credit to the teaching and support staff who work together to provide the best outcomes for all our students. We ensure our programmes provide both a challenge for our very able learners while supporting those requiring a little extra help. We have celebrated 89% of Mosston children reading at or above curriculum level at the end of 2021, in writing we have 79% of children at or above and in maths 86% of our students are achieving at or above curriculum level. This is an excellent increase on 2020 and due to the numeracy school wide professional development we have been involved in this year. There have also been a number of sporting successes but events have been limited due to COVID restrictions.*

*The Mosston Board and HOOT Group have continued to support Mosston School and I am very grateful for their support as this ensures our students have many and varied opportunities throughout the year and some fun! I would like to thank Jayson Herewini for all his work as a trustee and for the support he has given to Mosston School while he was on the board. I would like to thank the school for their gift to acknowledge my 25 years at Mosston. I believe it is the best school with the best students, the best staff and best school community and I feel very privileged to be part of the team.*

*The enthusiastic teaching and support staff at Mosston us one of the luckiest schools in Whanganui. We have a fantastic teaching team that is well supported by teacher aides, grounds and office staff. There were a few changes this year. Miss Dunn resigned in August and we welcomed Miss Cleveland back to the team from maternity leave. We also welcomed Rex Mrs Loveridge has resigned and I would like to thank her for everything she has done for Mosston School, this includes for her learners, schools sports and Parents Group. Her enthusiasm has been amazing and she will be missed. I would like to also acknowledge Rachel Shaw and Karla Morris, two of our dedicated teacher aides who have taken on new challenges in 2022. Thank you for all you have done to support the Mosston staff and learners.*

*I would like to thank the staff for their continued hard work and acknowledge their dedication and support in what has at times been challenging as we moved between levels. I thank Diane Alexander, Kate Cvitanovich and Hayley Addenbrooke for their leadership and support as part of our leadership team. I would also like to acknowledge the awesome leadership of Mrs Alexander during my sabbatical in term 2. This time away also reinforced what a great school we have at Mosston.*

*All the best to our Year 6 students who are embarking on a new challenge. We wish you well for Intermediate and look forward to hearing of your future successes. Thank you to those parents who are ending their time at Mosston with us - for one family it has been 17 years! We have appreciated your ongoing support for your child and for Mosston School and hope you are leaving with many special memories.*

*We are looking forward to an exciting 2022 and being able to safely invite our parents back onto our school site.*

*Have a happy and safe holiday break.*

*Michelle Watson*

*Principal Mosston School*

Tena koutou katoa

As we reflect on the year that's been there has been many successes to celebrate at Mosston School for 2021 and plenty to be enthusiastic about. We have a new confidence course to challenge our older children and our super keen younger children, and there is a new dish swing to arrive in the new year to help fulfil our children's wish list for more swings! We now have a secure water supply from being connected to town mains and let's not forget our new entrance gates and extra lane to make a quick left hand turn exit from the school. We have exciting projects planned in the coming years to enhance the learning environment at Mosston including stacker doors to increase indoor-outdoor classroom flow, new outdoor learning spaces and a whanau room. Watch this space!

The classrooms continue to be well resourced, and the board proudly prioritise funding for teacher aids in the classroom, specialist teaching intervention programmes and staff professional development. As your school board, we are privileged to support our amazing leadership and teaching staff. Their continuous improvement processes, self-reflection and response to our children's individual learning needs is second to none. It is clear in the achievement data for reading, writing and maths that Mosston School achieves equity and excellence in education for our community of children.

We farewell Jayson Herewini from the board as he takes a break to concentrate on his studies but look forward to his return to the board in a couple of years. Jayson's contribution to the schools journey in giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi through kapa haka, te reo revitalisation and tikanga education over the past few years has been invaluable.

We also farewell Aimee Loveridge who is a superstar with contagious enthusiasm and a massive capacity to create fun activities to share with all. We wish you all the best Aimee as you embark on a new adventure and share your magic with more children across Whanganui.

Next year we will have to deal with the reality of covid being in Whanganui, but we are well prepared. We will continue to actively monitor the situation and respond accordingly to keep everyone safe under public health advice.

We are confident that 2022 at Mosston will bring many new and rich learning opportunities for our children. We will be resilient, creative and will actively adapt to ensure we make the school year successful together.

Take care of yourself and yours over the summer break, have a merry Christmas and we will look forward to seeing you all back at school next year along with welcoming new families to our community.

Best regards from your board

*Kylie Harris, Steve Whittaker, Ryan Carter, Scott Francis, Jayson Herewini, Diane Alexander and Michelle Watson*