

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

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Michelle's Message

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

What a busy start to the term - who can believe we are three weeks into the term already. It is lovely to be back in the Mosston Community and involved once again with your child's learning. I am very grateful to Diane who took on the leadership role in my absence and did a fantastic job and also for the support of the Board and school staff. I visited a number of schools during the term and while some were bigger or newer, none were as amazing as Mosston!

We had 98% of parents attend our **Learning Conversations** last week and appreciate you taking the time to talk with the teacher and your child about their learning. Thank you for your responses to the **Real Time Reporting Survey**. It has affirmed our move to Real Time Reporting this year.

- **99%** of parents feel that their child's Seesaw posts have informed them of their child's learning!
- **98%** of parents find Seesaw posts easy to access.
- **94%** of parents are talking with their child about the posts
- **90%** of our families find the learning maps and learning conversations support the reporting process.
- **83%** of parents are happy with the number of posts that are being shared (3% wanted more posts, 14% wanted less).

We have signed up a number of new whānau members to **Seesaw** over the past week which is exciting. This includes a number of extended family members including grandparents. We love to see you interacting with the posts and delighting in the success of your students. We have put a brochure on how to make the most of Real Time Reporting together. If you would like a copy, please pop into the office. We will also hold an information/question and answer workshop later this term.

PREP is underway, it is a very busy time of the year but the excitement is huge! The students are very excited to 'bank' their tāra each week which they will then be able to spend on Market Day later this term. Children earn tāra in a number of ways and this term earning tāra is supporting the Ka Pai Kids

programme.

We are aware that the **car park** is very congested at 3pm. We have 60 parks for 120 families! We are looking at ways to lessen this and one suggestion is to arrive to pick your child up at 3:10pm, they can either play in the playground or wait outside Room 1. We ask for your patience as it can take time to get out of the car park and also for you to be very aware of children on the walkways and pedestrian crossings. Safety of our tamariki is paramount.

We are very proud of our **attendance** levels at Mosston School with children on average attending 94% of the term. We know that greater attendance leads to greater outcomes for student learning and engagement. Please be aware that our Board policy asks that parents provide a medical certificate if a child is away for more than 3 days. The Ministry of Education currently has a nationwide focus on increasing attendance.

Enjoy the weekend and this warmer weather - spring is on the way.

Ngā mihi nui, Michelle
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Board Bit

Kia Ora Koutou Mosston whānau

Your board met on Tuesday and we had the privilege of reviewing the successful mid-year data of our **children's achievement in reading, writing and maths**. We are so very lucky to have such an amazing teaching staff that put 110% into ensuring every child at Mosston is progressing. They are constantly reviewing and trying new teaching practices and programmes to ensure they make a difference in the learning journey of your children. So, a **big heartfelt thank you** to all Mosston teachers, teacher aides and support staff, you are the best!

Thank you to everyone that contributed to our community consultation recently. It is great to see everyone is enjoying seeing the **Real Time Reporting** of your child's learning on Seesaw. To further support this initiative the board is investing in more iPads and Chromebooks for our classrooms so children can interact with you even more through Seesaw.

I look forward to seeing you all on Market Day, yet another amazing community event!

Take care everyone, Kylie



Student Leader - Sienna



My name is Sienna and I am the youngest in my family of four brothers and sisters to come to Mosston School, so I have been coming here since I was born.

Things that help me to be a good student leader are that I make good decisions, I like to help out and am a good role model for others.

I enjoy participating in activities like kapa haka, choir, being a wet lunch monitor and anything else I'm needed for. My favourite sport is netball and I like to hang out with my friends. I am happy to be a school leader as I can help other students, the teachers and my school.

What We Think - *Elijah, Aria and Keelan*



My favourite thing to do during learning through play is...*play and make paper planes with Mr Park, play with dolls because it is fun, build cars and boats out of wood.*

I love Pukeko because...*it is the best class, we have the best teacher, I get to read to Mrs Alexander on my own.*

If I was the principal of Mosston I would...*give the kids more time to play at morning tea, have more time in investigations, say the kids don't have to do writing.*

Seesaw Survey Snippets

- ☺ I love seeing what my children are doing at school. It is nice to be able to ask them about their day and what they did (especially when they have forgotten). I can show them a photo and then they tell me about it. It also then reminds them of the other fun things they have done at school.
- ☺ We find Seesaw is a magical tool to stay in touch with our son's learning as we don't often get a chance to interact with his teacher due to work commitments, we often feel like we are learning with him or in the classroom when things have been shared
- ☺ Seesaw is a great tool and I love seeing what she has been achieving as she often won't share it with me herself. It is great to be able to give positive feedback and to share it with other family members as well.
- ☺ I love Seesaw as I'm not the primary carer for my children so I miss out on things sometimes, but Seesaw informs me and then I get to have discussions with my child about things he's doing at school. I like it that I get to ask him questions so he knows I'm interested.

Te Reo Phrase inu! e kai! drink! eat!

FOCUS AWARDS - CARES

This time's focus is **Confident** – aheia.

This means:

- ☺ Contributes to class discussions
- ☺ Takes risks and tries new things
- ☺ Manages myself and my learning
- ☺ Learns from my mistakes

These children have recently shown how confident they are: **Harrison, Matilda, Pippa, Kayden, Hollie, Lachlan AC, Peter, Te Aihireinga, Kelby and Alex P.** Ka pai tamariki ma!

OWL Awards (opportunities for wisdom and learning)

The OWL's flew into Room 2 recently. **Hadleigh** was awarded her OWL for a wonderful term's work in Term 2. **Ethan B** won his OWL because of his positive attitude to all of this work. Well done children. 🦉



Student Spotlight - *Maddison and Lucas W*



As part of their pirate writing Room 3 created treasure maps. First they designed them with pencil and then they painted them with water colours. They added some marker for detail and Miss Richards burnt the edges. Lucas has surrounded his island with ocean and Maddison has lava flowing around her island!

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

- 16 Aug** Primary school's football tournament
- 18 Aug** Last chance for Lucky Book Club orders
- 19 Aug** HOOT meeting staffroom 2:30pm
- 20 Aug** **Friday Fitzies lunches -order by Wednesday please**
- 20 Aug** School assembly 2:20pm
- 23 Aug** Dental caravan GIG arrives
- 26 Aug** New entrant Chit Chat
- 27 Aug** Mosston School Cross Country
- 27 Aug** Daffodil Day Mufti Day - **gold coin please**
- 1 Sep** Choir perform at Choir Festival
- 2 Sep** West Cluster Schools cross country event
- 8 Sep** Class Photos
- 28 Sep** PREP Market Day
- 29 Sep** Applications close for 2022 Ballot
- 1 Oct** Term 2 ends

Pita Pit lunches available every term time Friday through
www.lunchonline.co.nz