

# MOSSTON MESSENGER

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## Our Vision:

Nuture positive relationships and create lifelong learners  
*Poipoiā 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, faakalofa atu, namaste, cyfarchion, konnichiwa, suostei, kia orana, g'day and hello.

We do not have any new students to welcome this newsletter but we are farewelling Greer from Room 4. Greer is moving to Papamoa and we wish her all the best at her new school. Also Noah (Room 4) and Benjamin (Room 5) are returning to Australia.

We have noticed the colder temperatures this week and that the polar fleeces are back out. If you are purchasing items for **winter uniform** please remember that shoes must be black only in colour and thermals and socks can be navy or black. **Please name your child's polar fleece.**

Our **Big Day Out** was certainly the highlight of the week and it is truly amazing that we can take 148 children on a trip and be so proud of their behaviour. It was a very busy day and the experiences were enjoyed by all from the bus ride, to the zoo, to the train, to the ice blocks at the park. We had a great team of parents supporting us and we are also appreciative of the Mosston Board and HOOT for their support for this event. Time to start thinking about where we will go in 2025!



The new **boundary fence** is underway and construction has started in the native area. The front of the school will be completed over the holiday break. When we return from holiday the entry to the school will look quite different. The gates will be 1.6m high and the fence 1.8m. The gates will be closed just after 9am and reopened just before 3pm. This is to ensure our students are kept safe and have no access to the car park during

the day. Students will be able to come into school through the office when the gates are closed. When coming to the office from classes or the playground during the day students will enter through the door outside my office. Parents or vehicles will not be able to come into the carpark inside the bollards (area that is currently chained off) until after 2:45pm. We will be in touch to let you know how the new gates will be managed as the term begins.



Each whānau has had two **Seesaw Posts** this term to celebrate their child's learning and progress in Te Reo and Writing, along with their Learning Map. Please take time to look at these and pop in and see your child's teacher if you have any questions.

The **Triathlon** and **Duathlon** were both very popular and we love seeing children excel outside the classroom. It is amazing to see so many **winter sports** forms coming in. We are fortunate to have Lisa Preston coordinating the teams for us and providing so many fabulous sporting opportunities for our tamariki.

A big **thank you to HOOT** for putting on another great Family Fun Night. It is always nice to see our whānau and students enjoying each others company along with the activities and fun provided by the HOOT team.

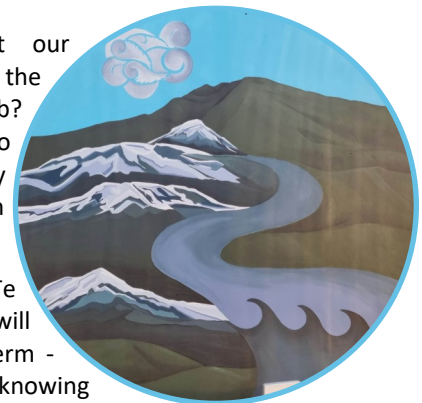
Enjoy the Easter break and the school holidays when they come. We all look forward to an exciting term 2. See you on **Wednesday the 26th April.**

Ngā mihi nui,  
Michelle [mwatson@mosston.school.nz](mailto:mwatson@mosston.school.nz)

## Amazing Art Addition

Have you checked out our amazing new mural on the front of the teaching Hub? We were so fortunate to have this painted by Abby and some of our Mosston School students.

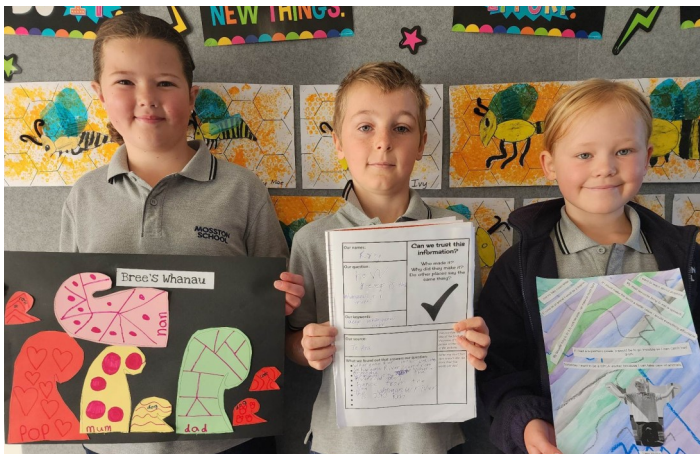
It represents our five new Te Ao Māori values that we will begin to introduce next term - starting with **Tu Pōno**, knowing one's identity.



At Mosston we believe our tamariki need to know and understand who they are and their connections to their whānau and their home. We want our tamariki to take their identity and values with them wherever they go in the world.

**Real Time Reporting Alert Term 1**  
Te Reo, Learning Maps and Writing

## Student Spotlight on... Bree, Rory and Hollie



Room 4 children have been learning about who we are, who we come from and where we come from. Bree has created a family tree of koru branches for each whānau member. Rory is showing us the research he did on this topic. Hollie has created an artwork using mixed media which is all about who she is and what she wants to become.

## OWL Awards

**(opportunities for wisdom and learning)**

The OWLs flew into Pukeko recently. They landed on **Cassidy** and **Poseidon's** desks. The OWLs have noticed that Cassidy has been trying so hard with all her mahi and Poseidon has been making fantastic progress in his reading and writing. Ka pai korua!



## Focus Awards CARES

**Our recent focus was Respectful - Humārie**

This means:

- ☺ Appreciates views and ideas of others
- ☺ Respects people
- ☺ Respects our environment
- ☺ Develops learning relationships with others

Karawhuia/Congratulations go to **Aria N, Alfie B, Dawn, Tyler, Emily E, Sophia Z, Keelan, Adeline, Lucy H, Reuben, Isaac and Amelia** who are all respectful learners/humārie ākongā.

## Board Bit

Kia ora e hoa mā

Fun fact - there are only 7 school days in all of April! But still lots going on! You will have noticed contractors have started building our perimeter fence out the back by the native area and over the holidays they will start on the area surrounding the car park. When you return in Term 2, it will possibly still be in the construction phase so we thank you for being super patient and vigilant keeping a look out for our precious little ones in the car park. Heat pumps are ready for winter, acoustic ceilings are being installed and the new external doors for classrooms are in the design phase.



The board has increased funding for the purchase of classroom structured literacy resources. This teaching strategy is proving successful and we want to ensure that not only our children have great learning tools but our teachers aren't overloaded by having to make their own resources.

A big thank you to the Lion Foundation for the generous

\$15,000.00 grant for the Green Team's board walk project in the native area. The board has contributed the shortfall to enable this project to go ahead. You will also see Mr Nimmo has a new mower.

We are always happy to support our school and staff with the necessary resources to do their job. Our children's learning environment is our top priority.

Happy Easter everyone, and enjoy the school holidays.

Kylie (email: kharris@mosston.school.nz)

## School Leader Yanxin



Hi I am Yanxin. Although I have not been at Mosston since I was 5 I love it here! I think the CARES values are really important so I find it easy to follow them.

Three words that describe me are smart, friendly and kind. I have a wild imagination and those around me find me absolutely hilarious! I love to participate in sports and group activities. I try to always help my peers and teacher.

Since being at Mosston I have been involved in netball, Enviro Group, Kapa Haka, Mathex, have helped at Breakfast Club, have been a wet lunch monitor, and been a peer mediator. As a leader I am happy to support the juniors as they start their learning journey. I am keen to give advice to children as needed. I am looking forward to another exciting year at Mosston School, especially now that I have this opportunity to be part of the leadership team.

## Well done to our senior triathletes last Friday!



## What's Coming Up - also visit [www.mosston.school.nz](http://www.mosston.school.nz)

5 April	2pm Whole school assembly
6 April	Last day Term 1
24 April	Teachers Only Day - school closed
25 April	ANZAC Day - school closed
26 Apr	Term 2 begins - Powhiri for new students
28 April	Junior school tabloid sports Cooks Gardens at 11am
5 June	King's Birthday public holiday - school closed
6 & 7 Jun	Teachers Only Days - School closed
Pita Pit lunches available every Friday through <a href="http://www.lunchonline.co.nz">www.lunchonline.co.nz</a>	
Every morning from 8:15 am breakfast in the school hall	