

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



All library books to be returned by Friday 30 Nov. please

Michelle's Message

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

Thank you to all those families who have returned their consultation forms. We are appreciating the positive comments as well as the suggestions as we plan for 2019.

Thank you also for your support with our recent strike. While we do not like to close the school it is important that we stand up for what we believe will lead to better outcomes for your tamariki.

We have been fortunate to have sunny days to enjoy our athletics activities and tabloids and it has been great to see children excelling in this area.

We are in the process of preparing class lists for next year. **Please let the office or your child's teacher know if your child will not be returning to Mosston next year.**

The Education Review Office team will be in site between the 3rd and 5th December. We look forward to sharing Mosston's journey with them and supporting them through the review process.

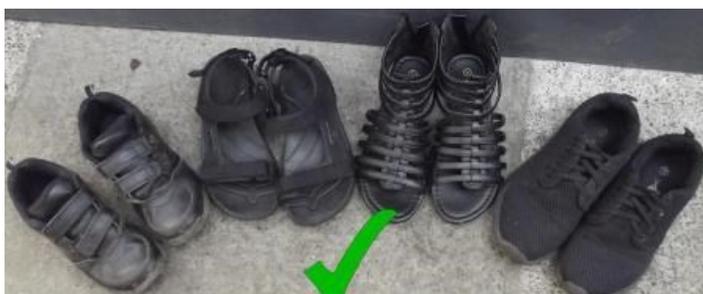


The last three weeks of the term are going to be very busy but also exciting. Keep an eye on the noticeboard and Facebook for upcoming events – The prize giving featuring Wearable Arts is going to be amazing – you won't want to miss it! 😊

Ngā mihi, Michelle mwatson@mosston.school.nz

Uniform Shoes

School shoes must be black only. If you are purchasing sneakers for your children please ensure they are only black. There should be no coloured heels, laces, patterns or logos. We appreciate your support with this.



School Policies

There are two school policies up for review this term. These are **Religious Instruction** and **Improving Educational Outcomes for Māori**

To provide feedback on these policies please:

1. go to <https://www.schooldocs.co.nz>
2. Click the "search for your school" button and enter school name
3. Log on using username **mosston** and password **owl**
4. Click the current review button
5. Select the policy you wish to comment on from the list
6. Once you have read the policy click the red under review flag and follow the instructions.

Thank You



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

- 27 Nov -West Cluster athletics (selected team)
-School trustees meeting 4:15pm
- 28 Nov Mosston's Got Talent Final 1:30pm
- 29 Nov -2019 new entrant children visits
-Leavers dinner at the Grand Hotel 6pm
- 30 Nov Swimming (last day for this is 7 Dec.)
- 3 Dec Education Review staff on site until 5 Dec.
- 6 Dec 2019 new entrant children visits
- 7 Dec Tough Kids Challenge
- 12 Dec Prize giving concert at Central Baptist Church
- 14 Dec Final day of school. Day ends at 12:30pm
- 4 Feb Day 1 for 2019

Every Friday until 7 Dec Pita Pit lunches can be ordered through lunchonline.co.nz

Te Reo Phrase

Whakamau tō...pōtae/hū

Put on you....hat/shoe

(like the brains parents have) seem to be better at understanding risks and dangers.

2019 School Term Dates

Term 1: 4 Feb – 12 April

Term 2: 29 April – 5 July

Term 3: 22 July – 27 September

Term 4: 14 October – to be confirmed

That's why it's important for parents to create some rules specifically for how children use all forms of technology.

Kia Ora!

Thank you families for your Mufti day Donations. Here are some of these. The raffle shall be awesome!

FOCUS AWARDS - CARES

Our recent focus was **active**– ngangahau.

This means:

- ☺ Collaborates and works well alongside others
- ☺ Joins in with school activities
- ☺ Actively involved in my learning

Children showing active characteristics were Zac W, Lachie S, Indiana, Ella-Rose, Timothy, Sienna, Mckenna, Kayla, Luke G, Emma, Tobey and Riwai. Fantastic!

OWL (Opportunities for Wisdom and Learning) Awards

OWL awards were recently awarded in the Kiwi and Tui Hubs. Luke A won his OWL for amazing effort and enthusiasm during writing. Annazaya was awarded her OWL for her progress and hard work in reading. You are zooming Annazaya! Skye received her OWL for working to a very high standard. Jacob was awarded his OWL for taking risks and setting out of his comfort zone. Paige received her OWL for outstanding effort and enthusiasm in all learning areas. Ricky won his OWL for completing his mahi to a very high standard and being a caring class member. Mosston School is lucky to have such neat kids ☺



Recent Activities

Parenting Tip

Manage your family's technology habits

We all know the ingredients for great relationships in a family. Time and attention, and when appropriate, a family theme song. While technology has made our lives so much easier in so many ways, it can get too much of our time and attention, if we're not careful. That's why having a conversation about how your family uses technology is a great way to ensure that you prioritise time, attention and connection.

Technology can disrupt quality time with the family

There are so many incredible things about technology. Like how it can store phone numbers so you can free up valuable space in your brain for remembering Abba lyrics. However, if we're not intentional about the boundaries we place on our technology, our home can end up with a bunch of unspoken rules that are unhelpful like dinner time is just a half-time break from our devices or shouting is the best way to get someone's attention when they are playing video games.

So have a conversation as a family about some guidelines for how you will all use technology.

Technology can sometimes be risky

Even though there are dangers online, the goal for most parents isn't to keep technology out of their kids lives altogether, but to prepare them to use it well. It's like a pool. Instead of just keeping them out of the water, we can teach them how to swim. Some kids are very clever but there are dangers that even clever kids might not be aware of. Older, more mature brains

