

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

School Policies can be found at:

www.schooldocs.co.nz Search for Mosston School and use the password **owl**

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Michelle's Message

Kia ora koutou, ni hau, faakalofa atu, namaste, cyfarchion, konnichiwa, suostei, kia orana, groete, kumusta, ahlan, talofa, mhoroi, ahoj and hello.

We have had a very busy start to the year with our multi sport biking programme, celebrating Chinese New Year, Des Hunt author visit, Big Day In to celebrate Year of the Dragon, Wear What You Like day to fill the pantry, our whānau picnic night and the Year 5 and 6 camp has just come to an end.

Forest Lakes



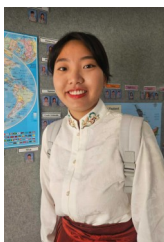
A big thank you to Kate and Roman for their time and energy in providing our camp experience. Thanks also to all of our parent helpers for your support of our tamariki during the week. It was wonderful to visit **Forest Lakes** on Tuesday and to see students going out of their comfort zones; whether this be horse riding, overcoming a fear of heights or hopping into a kayak. Camp provides many great activities for students to try new things; it's a great opportunity for new friendships and for our teachers to get to know their students outside of the classroom.

HOOT are already doing great things for our students in 2024. Amongst other things HOOTs have funded reading logs for every child in the school, funded the materials for our artist in residence and organised a fun whānau picnic that we had 90 of our children and their families attend. We are very lucky to have this group of parents supporting our school in so many ways. If you would like to be involved this year there is a meeting at **5:45pm at school next Wednesday the 6th of March** and everyone is welcome.



We have our first **'Meet the Whānau'** chat on the 11th and 12th of March. **School will end at 2pm** on these days and you will have the opportunity to book a ten minute appointment to chat with your child and their teacher about their start to the year. To book please go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz. The code is **gbk86**. If you would prefer, you can pop into the office and Sue can sort this for you. We hope to see all families.

Ni hao Yi Wang. Yi is our new **Mandarin Learning Assistant** from Whanganui High School. We look forward to having her work with our tamariki over the year and building our knowledge of the Chinese language and culture.



It is great to see **summer sports** underway. We appreciate parent support with managing and coaching the teams and your encouragement in getting your children involved. Big thanks to Lisa Preston for all her organisation to make these teams happen.

Next week we start our **Keeping Ourselves Safe** unit with Constable Ben Broughton from the NZ Police. This unit is taught every three years at Mosston as we believe it is vitally important for every student to know about their bodies and that they belong to them. It is also important that they recognise inappropriate behaviour by others and know who they can talk to or where they can go for help.

*Take care of our children,
Take care of what they hear,
Take care of what they see,
Take care of what they feel.
For how the children grow, so will the shape of Aotearoa.
Dame Whina Cooper*

We have had a **number of concerns** raised by members of the public in regard to our students coming to and from school. **As the traffic is not slowed to 40 kilometres per hour until 8 30am** we recommend cyclists do not cross before this time. It is very important that students look both ways and make sure it is very clear before crossing. We also ask that vehicles **DO NOT** stop to let the students cross as this creates another hazard. The classrooms are not open for students to access until 8:30am.

Enjoy your weekend and the warm autumn days ahead
Ngā mihi nui Michelle, mwatson@mosston.school.nz

Literary Loot - Library News

A big thank you to HOOT for purchasing new shelving for our fiction books in the library. They look amazing! There are a number of exciting changes in our library that you need to check out! We have our new Lollipop Genres for our chapter books and our non-fiction books have been organised into subjects to make it easier for our tamariki to find books that interest them! We also have a section celebrating our NZ authors! Come on down to the library on Thursday after school until 3:20pm to see all the amazing changes!



School Policy Review

School Policies explain how we do things at Mosston and the systems and processes we follow. Each term we ask for parent feedback on our policies via the newsletter. Mosston School policies can be found at www.schooldoc.co.nz.

This term we are asking for parent feedback on the following policies - Parent Involvement, Communicating with Parents, Community Conduct Expectations, School Planning and Reporting, Reporting to Parents on Student Progress and Achievement.

To provide feedback, go to www.schooldocs.co.nz. The user name is mosston and the password is owl

Student Spotlight on - Alexis, Sebastian and Carter



Hihi tamariki have been learning about butterflies. They can now tell you about their life stages. They have completed some lovely art work to go along with their learning. Ka pai Hihi chicks!

Lock Down Snacks

A named plastic bag has been sent home for children to put in a couple of snacks that we can make available to students should they be in a lockdown for a long period. While we hope we are never in this situation we like to be prepared for any emergency events that may arise.

FOCUS AWARDS - CARES

This times 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 been spotted being confident lately. **Alexis H, Freddie, Shivansh, Gwen, Noah B, Aila, Charlie D, Alexis C, Skyla, Kobe, Sean, Adeline, Frank, Lochlan H and Lucy H.** Well done tamariki ma!

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
- ☺ Uses tools to support learning
- ☺ Asks for help when needed

And here are some active learners: **Wyatt, Emi, Darragh, Noah J, Hazel W, Marley, Poseidon, Elsa Y, Timukudzeishe, Cooper, Aria H, Maddison, and India.** You are super stars!



Te Reo Phrase

Kia tau
Relax

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

OWL Awards (opportunities for wisdom and learning)

The Owl's recently flew into Room 5 and 6 and were awarded to: **Lachlan AC** and **Lily W** for having an Owlstanding start to the year, and to **Leo** and **Noah R** for having an amazing start in the Tui Hub! Well done tamariki ma.



Yi with Kereru tamariki



What's Coming Up - also visit www.mosston.school.nz

4 Mar	Sea Week - Kiwi Hub to Kai Iwi Beach
5 Mar	Student Leader candidate speeches
7 Mar	Keeping Ourself Safe programme begins HOOT AGM at school 5:45pm
8 Mar	Full School Assembly 2:20pm
11/12 Mar	Meet the Whānau Meeting-School closes from 2pm
14 Mar	Healthy Eating Show for students-no charge
15 Mar	HOOT Easter Raffle Wear What You Like Day
26 Mar	Contributing Schools Swimming Sports-selected team
28 Mar	Triathlon Year 4 - 6
29 Mar to 2 April	SCHOOL CLOSED - Easter Holiday break. NB school always closes on the Tuesday after Easter if it falls during term time
3 Apr	Whānau Hui at 3pm
4 Apr	Junior tabloid sports (Yr 0 - 3 students) Cooks Gardens Whānau Hui at 3pm
5 Apr	Kiwi Cricket Festival (All students) Duathlon (Year 0 - 3 students)
9 Apr	Rippa Rugby Tournament (selected team)
12 Apr	HOOT pizza lunch Term 1 ends
29 Apr	Term 2 begins

Each weekday Breakfast Club 8:15-9am
Pita Pit orders via www.lunchonline.co.nz on Fridays

Swimming Term 1 Every Friday Kiwi and Tui Hubs only