

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



Michelle's Message

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

What a **fantastic Term 3** we have had. It is so hard to believe it is over already. There were a number of highlights which included the re-opening of the Senior Hub and Discovery Centre, school photos, Cross Country, market day, Gifted and Talented art, pie fundraiser, disco, Interschool netball and football, mathex, hosting the Chinese students, Daffodil Day, Chinese Day, Zeebong and more. Term 4 is only nine weeks so will go even more quickly. A big thank to all the staff who have once again worked hard to ensure the best outcomes for our learners and to our parent community for your ongoing support – we are so lucky!



What an exciting day we had this week with our **Market Day**. The children were excitedly selling their wares and there was great support from our families who also joined in the fun. Congratulations to those companies who performed well together and made great profits on the day. We hope to do this again and build on the learning. Huge thanks to the teachers who put so much time into planning this learning experience for our learners.



Today we **farewell Jo Chamberlain** from the Junior Hub. Jo has been at Mosston School for the past 8 years and has contributed so much to our school. Not only has she been our new entrant teacher and started many children on their learning journey she has also led our Junior team, been our Special Education Needs Coordinator and led Kapa Haka. Jo is taking up a part time position at Waikato University, but will be back to relieve from time to time. Thank you so much Jo and all the best for your next adventure.



The revised **enrolment zone** has been shared with our community and we will consult with the wider community at the start of Term 4. Please feel welcome to approach us with any queries on this issue. A map of the new zone can be found in the meeting room window.

Enjoy the **holidays** with your children and hopefully some lovely sunny weather. We would love to share your holiday

adventures on our whakanui walls so please feel welcome to send some photos or email them in for us to print out. It will be time to find the sunhats when we return ☺.

Ngā mihi

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Sports Report

Thank you to everyone who has returned their child's sports forms for Summer sports. I am in the process of sorting the teams and will email out the information over the holidays. Payment is due by week 3 of Term 4 for all teams. Start dates for summer sports are as follows:



- Teeball and Softball starts Saturday 27th October at the ball park
 - Kiwi Cricket starts Friday 26th October at Victoria Park
 - Volleyball starts Friday 26th October at Springvale Stadium
 - Futsal starts Monday 15th October at Jubilee Stadium
 - Touch starts Tuesday 16th October at Springvale Park
- Please remember your child must wear our Mosston School Sports uniform. Shirts can be purchased from the school office for \$25. These are worn with black shorts and socks.

The Tough Kid Challenge is fast approaching and I will be taking registrations for Year 4-6 children wanting to participate in early Term 4. This will be at a cost of \$5 to cover the bus and entry to the event. This is a fantastic event and we encourage your tamariki to give it a go!



Looking ahead to Term 4, swimming will start again for everyone on the Friday of in week 3. This will be at a cost of \$24 per child for 6 lessons. Although, if your child plans on attending Tough Kid's the price will be \$20 for swimming and \$5 for tough kid as the last lesson and the challenge fall on the same day. Payment for these can be made to Sue in the office.

Have a restful and safe break.

Nga mihi nui, Aimee aloveridge@mosston.school.nz

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

- 15 Oct** Term 4 begins
- 22 Oct** Labour Day –school closed
- 26 Oct** West Cluster Technology Challenge
- 2 Nov** Swimming starts
- 2 Dec** Tough Kid Challenge
- 14 Dec** Final day Term 4

Te Reo Phrases

He *kaimahi* pai koe! You are a good *worker*.

OWL (Opportunities for Wisdom and Learning) Awards

OWL awards were recently presented in Tui Hub. Ruben won his OWL for being an active learner in Room 5 and managing his time well. Brooke was awarded her OWL for being a confident learner who is making excellent progress. Daniel received his OWL for always being kind and considerate. Aria scored her Owl for being kind to everyone she meets. Well done children!



An Extract from The Parenting Place

The Morning Chaos

I've found a way to outsmart the morning chaos! Tell me I'm not the only one who finds getting my kids out the door in the morning a challenge. Surely it's not just me who repeats, "Get dressed" commands in ever-increasing tones and frequencies over and over and over again. Who cajoles another bite of breakfast into my daughter, who despairs when my son takes forever to put on his shoes.

There are others out there – maybe you're one of them – in homes all over the place, doing the same thing. I've tried many things to make getting out the door less painful. Here's what we've found works at our place – for now, at least.

A routine



A list of things that need to get done, in an easy-to-follow pattern, with a reward at the end. The rule is the kids need to do their jobs before they can play. (This hardly ever happens but it's important for later on in the process). I set the oven timer, and if all the jobs are done when the timer goes off, he gets to put a small magnet on the fridge. Once he accumulates seven magnets, he gets \$2, which he can spend at the two dollar shop, school tuck shop, or save.

Getting up before the kids

Back when the kids had unpredictable waking hours, it just wasn't doable. I never knew when I was going to be pulled out of a deep sleep and so I just couldn't bring myself to do it to myself with an alarm earlier than absolutely necessary. Now, they know to stay in their room until a certain time so I set my alarm for an hour before this and get myself sorted before they're up.



Humour

Why is it so much easier to be serious than light-hearted? For me it takes consciously flicking a switch to engage my playful brain. The kids respond better to this and it instantly lightens the atmosphere. We talk gibberish or sing at the breakfast table, make finger puppets out of the kids' socks while they're putting them on, or just go along with whatever imaginative buzz they're on that morning.

Reading Counts!

Focus Awards CARES

Our recent focus was respectful - hūmaarie

This means:

- ☺ Listens and learns from others
- ☺ Appreciates views and ideas different to my own
- ☺ Respects people and property

The winners for respectful were Ella-Jane, Lilyana, Nixon, Aisling, Daisy, Jake, Alex N, Mackenzie, Shiloh, Caydn, Paige, Zachary and Celena.

SOME RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

