

Tena koutou katoa, Nau Mai Haere mai. Good evening and a very warm welcome to our families, whanau and special friends who have come along to celebrate Mosston School this evening. Tonight is an opportunity to acknowledge the achievements of all our students and to enjoy being together.

2016 has been another successful year for Mosston School. We have enjoyed many successes - academically, culturally, socially and on the sporting field.

There have been numerous highlights of the year and these have included the Ka pai Kids celebrations, our Big Day Out to the Wellington visiting The Carter Observatory and Te Papa, The Book week dress up day, Year 6 Camp to Vertical Horizons, hosting the Chinese students and chinese day, excellent results in the International ICAS examinations, the scooter track with its new signs, Mosston's Got Talent where children were able to showcase a variety of skills and our facebook page which keeps our community informed of school happenings - whether this be a sports team time, a learning achievement or a power cut!

It has been an exciting year. As the world of education continues to change, the way we are teaching is also changing. We have continued our Innovative learning environment journey. The Juniors opened up the bifold doors and made a shared teaching space and in the middle syndicate we have replaced the wall with glass doors. Not only do these environments look fantastic, they also allow for greater learning opportunities across the classrooms. We are very excited to be developing a collaborative learning space for the senior school next year along with a cycle track around the field.

Digital learning continues to be used in the classrooms and to share your child's learning with you. The introduction of seesaw in the Junior team has seen parents being able to celebrate their children's learning almost immediately and I am amazed at how well the children have taken responsibility for this, even asking if they can put work they are proud of onto see saw. In the middle and senior school the children have developed their own google site and are sharing work through their own e-portfolios. These are cumulative and will provide a fabulous record of your child's learning journey at Mosston School. We are also encouraging children to take more ownership and responsibility for their learning with our progression from the maunga to the moana and you will no doubt have heard your children talking about must dos and can dos this year.

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2016 has been a very successful year academically with many children achieving highly. This is a credit to the teaching and support staff who work together to provide the best outcomes for all our students. We ensure our programmes provide both a challenge for our very able learners and support for those requiring a little extra help. These Achievements in learning are reflected in our end of year National Standard data. We

have 87% of children reading at or above National Standard at the end of 2016. In writing we have 80% of children at or above National standard and in Maths we have 78% of our students children achieving at or above the standard. The staff work hard to ensure all Mosston children have the best chance to reach their potential and achieve success. At Mosston however it is not just about making the National Standard, we see progress as just as important.

Mosston School has been well supported by a number of people, these include

Our many helpers... we are fortunate to have our school community helping us with classroom support, music lessons, the library, choir, sports coaching, bought lunches, camp, transport and much more.

Our parents group who have fundraised so hard this year to support the cycle track along with organising the wonderful family fun night last week and the mid year discos.

Our Board of Trustees who continue to govern the school and make decisions on your behalf to ensure all children have the very best educational and learning opportunities.

Our parents and their ongoing support, without this we would not see the results that we do. We appreciate our partnerships with our parents and the active role you play.

And of course the enthusiastic teaching and support staff that we have at Mosston. We welcomed Tarryn Cleveland to the staff at the beginning of the year and recently felt very proud when Ange Wightman and Hayley Addenbrooke received their full registration. We have a fantastic teaching team that is well supported by teacher aides and office staff. Mosston children are very lucky to have staff that are committed and passionate about their job. I would like to personally thank them for their continued hard work and dedication and I thank Diane, Jo and Laura for all their work as part of the leadership team.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the staff who are leaving Mosston School at the end of the year. Roger Moore has been teaching in Room 6 and he leaves us to take up a position at Waverley School and Alicia and Toni who have provided teacher aide support this year. I thank you all for everything you have done for Mosston School and wish you well in your new positions.

But we wouldn't have a school if it wasn't for our learners- your children.....their smiley faces coming through the classroom doors are the reason we love coming to school each day. They are such good kids who live the school CARES values every day and make Mosston School such a fantastic place to be.

Have a happy and safe holiday, enjoy the summer with your children and we look forward to seeing you back next year and building on the successes of 2016.

Ngaa mihi nui

Michelle Watson

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