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Prospectus

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VISION

Nuture positive relationships and
create lifelong learners
Poipoia te wairua o te temaiti kia puta aia ki te ao mārama

MISSION

To engage learners through ***quality*** education
Tākaia te tamaiti ki ngā hua o te ako

MOTTO

Dare to be Wise
Ne I kuare whāia kia māirama

C **Confident**
Āheia

A **Active**
Ngangahau

R **Respectful**
Humārie

E **Enthusiastic**
Tākare

S **Successful**
Momoho

Maí í te kõpae kí te urupa,
tãtou ako tonu aí.

From the cradle to the grave, we are forever learníng.

Parents' Group

As a parent or caregiver of a child enrolled at Mosston School, you are automatically a member of the Parents' Group. This group is set up as a collective group of parents and while it interacts with the Board, it is a separate body.

The Parents' Group organise fundraising events, social occasions for parents and/or children plus individual parents may be responsible for an activity that assists in the life of the school. You are encouraged, and very welcome to attend the group's meetings. We advertise the meeting times through our fortnightly newsletters and on Facebook.

West Country Cluster Group

We are part of this Cluster Group and we meet for a variety of sporting, educational and cultural activities during the year. The other schools in the cluster are: Brunswick, Kai Iwi, Westmere, Waitotara, Ngamatapouri and Faith City School.

Nau mai , haere mai, welcome to Mosston School

Our School

Mosston School is a state school in a semi-rural area with a family friendly environment. We have an enrolment scheme and operate a school zone. Although many of our families reside in the neighbouring suburb of Springvale, we also enrol pupils from the wider community when enrolment numbers permit. Please see the school website for zone details. Our facilities include three learning hubs, a hall, an all weather turf and our Discovery Centre/library.

Success For All

Mosston School is inclusive of all students and cultures and appreciates the diversity of all learners. High expectations are held for all our students. The progress and achievement of **all** students in their learning is encouraged and celebrated. Extra support and programmes are put in place for children at risk of not achieving. Children who show strengths in learning are given opportunities to further develop these.

Pupils

We deliver education to children from year 0 to 6 (5-11 years). The school roll ranges from 140 to 160 children.

We operate 3 Learning Hubs. Most of the classes are composite, i.e. they span over 2 year groups. For example this could be years 3 and 4 or years 5 and 6. Your child is placed in the composite class that best suits their needs.

Board of Trustees

The Mosston School Board of Trustees is responsible for governing the school and undertakes to take all reasonable steps to achieve the purpose, aims and objectives in the school charter which is developed in consultation with the school community. The Board administers the Ministry of Education's National Education Guidelines (N.A.G's) and has developed a number of goals based on the N.A.G's which are:

- Students will have the foundation skills of learning .
- Students are prepared to become enthusiastic future learners .
- Students are provided with inquiring teachers.
- Students are part of quality learning environments.
- Effective school management systems are in place .

Parents are encouraged to stand for the Board of Trustees elections which take place every 18 months. Parents are also welcome to attend the Board of Trustees meetings which are advertised in the newsletter.

Staff

Mosston School employs a Principal, 7 full time teachers and a combination of part-time teachers and teacher aides to support the full time teaching staff. We also have an Office Manager, Cleaner and Caretaker.

School Leaders

We have a group of Year 6 school leaders who take on responsibility within the school. These leaders are elected by their peers and staff and hold the position for a year. They meet with the Principal each fortnight and develop their leadership skills over the year.

Parent Helpers

We have an open door policy at Mosston School and invite parents to come in to classes at any time. We also welcome parent helpers in the classroom. Teachers may be contacted in person before and after school or by email.

Health Nurse and Health Issues

If you require the services of the school's health nurse please contact the school for their contact information.

WHANGANUI
DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD
Te Poari Hauora o Whanganui

The principal is able to make referrals to various children's health agencies on behalf of families. Please contact Michelle if you would like a referral to be made.

Medication

If medication is required at school, it will be held and administered by the Office Manager. You need to complete a permission form for the medication.

Dental Clinic

Mosston School is serviced by the 'GIG' (Go for Giggles) Mobile Dental Clinic twice a year for dental treatment. If you have dental enquiries outside these times, you can phone 348 1712 or 0800 825 583.

Sunsmart

We are a Sunsmart school. In the interests of protection from the sun, all children must have a navy sunhat (not a cap) and wear this in Terms 1 and 4. During the summer months we encourage you to apply sunscreen before sending your child to school. Children who do not have a sunhat must remain in the shade during break times.

Sports and Sport Uniforms

We like to provide many options for out of school sporting activities. This encourages team participation, fair play and responsibility. We rely on parent support for coaching, refereeing and managing teams.

Notices are sent home prior to the Summer and Winter sports seasons. Some of the sports we offer through the school are:

Summer: volleyball, teeball, softball, cricket, futsal

Winter: hockey, netball, football, basketball

Rugby is offered through local clubs.

Our sports team polo top is on sale at the school office for $25.00. Children wear this with black shorts of their choosing.

School Policies

All Mosston School policies can be accessed through our provider www.schooldocs.co.nz. The access information for our policies is user: **mosston** password **owl**. We review policies regularly and ask our community for input.

Health Promoting School

We are a ***water only*** school to assist with dental hygiene and to keep our children hydrated. Children bring their water bottles into the classroom.

We also have a ***Brain Break*** every morning around 10am where children eat a piece of fruit they have brought with their lunch. This helps teach them about healthy nutrition choices and gives them a learning boost for the next part of the morning.

Bought lunches are available twice a term, usually from Fitzies Bakery. Order forms are sent home on these occasions. Children may order Pita Pit lunches every Friday via a service provided by www.lunchonline.co.nz

Children are encouraged to have healthy and 'litter-less' lunches. All lunch wrappers/packaging are sent home with the child.

School Hours

The times for a normal school day are:

9.00am	Class starting time
10.00am	Brain break (Fruit time)
10.30am	Morning interval (30 mins)
12.45pm	Lunchtime (45 mins)
3.00pm	Classes end for the day

(Children should not arrive at school before 8:30am and should leave for home by 3.10pm (unless attending sports practice.)

Our car park is very busy and congested at the end of the day. Please follow the arrows, take care and show consideration for others ☺.

Office Hours

The office is open between 8:30 and 4pm daily. OPEN

School Uniform

We expect our pupils to wear school uniform with black or navy socks and black or navy shoes. In colder months children may wear black or navy thermals under their uniform. Uniforms are available from The Warehouse or online. We also have some second hand uniforms for sale at school. **Uniforms must be named.**

https://www.thewarehouse.co.nz/c/schools/mosston-school

We prefer children not to wear jewellry to school. For safety reasons pierced ears should be studs only. Please do not send your child to school with Mohawk styles or dyed hair. It reflects on our school and we would appreciate it if you would restrict these hairstyles to out of school times.

Cell Phones

Children are not permitted to bring cell phones to school. If one is required for a special reason it must be handed in to the office.

Absences

Please advise the school if your child is going to be late or absent with the reason by either:

- *phone 345 5432 extension 1*
- *email: office@mosston.school.nz*
- *text to 027 428 7967*

If the school has not been notified, we will make every effort to contact parents/caregivers.

Attendance at school is monitored and parents are contacted if we become concerned about the number of absences a child has.

If your child becomes unwell at school they will be looked after in the sick bay until they are collected. It is important that you keep your contact numbers up to date with the office.

As children can become quite concerned if you are not there when you usually are, please let us know if you have been delayed.

Stationery for Children

The school office has supplies of stationery that are available to children on a 'pay as you receive' basis. If you are purchasing your child's stationery elsewhere, please make sure that you purchase the correct stationery. Lists are available from the school office.

BYOD-Bring Your Own Device

The use of technology features strongly throughout Mosston School. We operate a BYOD programme with our children in Rooms 3 to 6. Families are encouraged to purchase a Chromebook. The senior students use their Chromebooks to complete learning activities across the curriculum and also for homework. This is balanced with traditional teaching methods. These only need to be a basic model (entry level) and recycled devices are also fine.

All students in Years 2-6 are required to sign an internet safety agreement. Children who bring their own device to school also sign a BYOD agreement.

Chinese

All children take part in weekly Chinese lessons that are provided by a Mandarin Learning Assistant from the Confucius Institute.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Brass instrument lessons, choir, peer mediators and Kapa Haka are currently available for children with an interest in developing their ability in these areas.

School Swimming

As part of their class programme, all children are expected to participate in weekly swimming when it is held. We swim at the Splash Centre for 6 weeks on a Friday in Term 1, and again in Term 4, (depending on the availability of the Splash Centre). The children are transported by bus to and from the venue. Qualified instructors are available who work alongside teachers.

Cycle and Scooter Tracks

We have a cycle track and a scooter track that children may use each day. Children are able to bring bikes and scooters to school and must always wear a helmet while riding these. In order to protect property, we do not allow sharing of helmets or bikes and scooters.

Cycling to School

Because of the Limited Speed Zone (60kph) and narrowness of surrounding roads, it is suggested that cycling to and from school is safest for children of 9 years and over. Where there is a need for younger children to cycle they should be accompanied by an adult.

Our speed restriction signs are activated between 8:30 to 9:15am and 2:45 to 3:15pm on school days. Motorists must travel past the school at 40kmph during these times. Children who cycle to school must arrive at school after 8:30am when the speed signs are operating. At the end of the school day school staff assist children in safely crossing at the designated area.

Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC)

Children take part in educational activities outside the classroom to enhance learning programmes; e.g. museum visit, marae visit, celebration of behaviour trip. Parent permission is sought each time and parent help welcomed. There is a senior camp every second year which includes all year 5-6 children.

Investigating Through Play

Our Junior Hub operate a play based learning programme three days per week. Children are able to take part in a variety of investigations that promote self-directed learning.

Reading Together

Each year we offer a series of four workshops for parents to support you with helping your child learn to read. All families of junior pupils have the option to attend.

Te Reo

All children participate in a Tikanga Programme. This is supported by a phrase of the week, weekly waiata and integration of the Maori language. The powhiri process is used to welcome special visitors to our school. Children also have the option of joining the Kapa Haka group. We visit the marae every second year.

Communicating with Families

The school operates a closed Facebook group (Mosston School - Wanganui). We encourage families to join. We post notices and celebrations of learning.

There is a weekly events noticeboard as you come up the ramp from the car park. We also have a general notice board in the windows of the meeting room.

Each fortnight on a Friday you will receive our newsletter, the Mosston Messenger. This is available in paper form if you do not have access to the internet. We regularly consult with our community to seek your input on our teaching programmes.

School assemblies are held every second Friday at 2:15pm in the school hall. Parents are welcome to attend.

A school prize giving concert is held at the end of each year.

Reporting To Whānau

We believe that parents/whānau should be regularly informed of the progress their child is making at school. We have regular opportunities for you to view and discuss your child's learning during the year to ensure this is happening.

Parents are welcome to come and discuss their child's progress at any time of the year by making a time with the class teacher.

We hold Learning Conversations with families and provide regular real time online reports on your child's progression in the various curriculum areas via our Seesaw app. Additionally, there is a Meet the Parent/Goal Setting conversation with parents and students in Term 1.

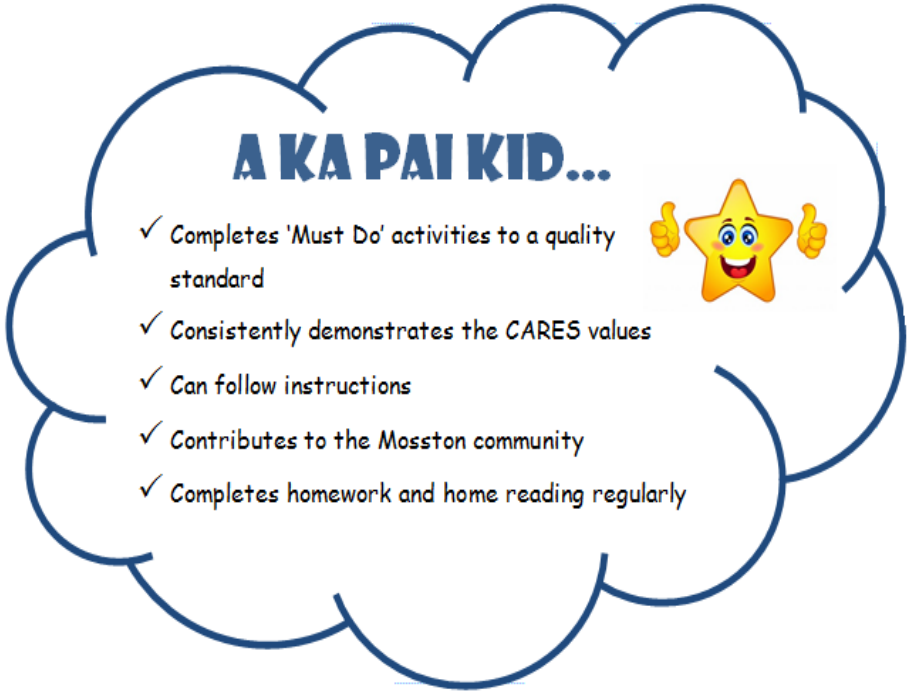
Children share their work through the Seesaw App. Information on this app will be supplied when your child is enrolled.

Before School Visits
We aim to give your child three school visits before starting their learning journey with us. This supports an easy transition to school.

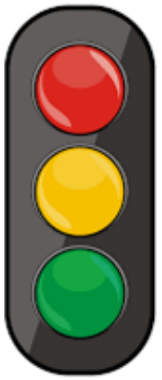
All children and parents are invited to a New Entrant afternoon with the Principal. This includes a tour of the school and is an opportunity for the children to meet the new entrant teacher along with children who are starting school around the same time.

Learning Maps
Children complete Learning Maps twice a year. These are then shared with parents during our Learning Conversation meetings. Learning Maps show people, tools and places that help students learn and also include a goal that children will focus on in their learning.

Ka Pai Kids Celebration
These are held twice a term to acknowledge those children who have made good choices with their learning and behaviour.



Traffic Light Behaviour Management
The Traffic Light is a behaviour management system that is used throughout the playground and in the classrooms at Mosston School. While rewarding positive behaviours is our focus, there are times when it is necessary to place students on the Traffic Light so that inappropriate behaviours are discouraged.



Behaviours that might cause students to go on the 'Traffic Light' include, bullying, defiance, inappropriate sexual, verbal or physical behaviours, breaking school or class rules, damage to property, being constantly off task, disrupting others, going outside the school boundary or disrespecting people within the school.

If a child is placed on the Traffic Light then a card is sent home to the parent on that day explaining why. The Traffic Light card is signed by the parent and returned to school the next day. Parents are welcome to come and discuss the Traffic Light with the issuing teacher.

Mosston School has a zero tolerance approach to bullying.

Homework
All children have reading logs for home reading and these must be signed by a parent each day. Children are expected to do other regular homework activities which are set by the teacher and vary from class to class.

The Discovery Centre is open until 3:30 two days per week. This is to support children with homework or to select library books.