



# MOSSBURN SCHOOL

*Attitude is Everything*

Term One - Week Eleven - 11th April 2024

## Important Dates

### April

12 Friday Term 1 Ends  
Mossburn Swimming Sports 1.30pm  
Assembly 2.30pm

29 Monday **Term 2 Begins**

### May

19 Sunday Southland Primary Schools'  
Swimming Sports

22 Wednesday Mid Dome Cross Country

29 Wednesday Northern Cross Country

30 Thursday BOT Meeting 5:30pm

### June

3 Monday King's Birthday (School closed)

4 Monday TOD (Govt Mandated)

28 Friday Matariki (School closed)

### July

5 Friday Term 2 Ends

**Kia ora koutou,**

**Yes - we made it!!** It has been such a busy term but we are so proud of what we have achieved and the changes that we have made to better serve our whanau and tamariki. It has been great to receive so much positive feedback from our whanau about how things are going.

## Launchpad

As this term comes to a close, so too does a bit of an institution at Mossburn School - Launchpad. Launchpad (formerly Bible in Schools) has been operating at Mossburn School for 50+ years but this Friday will be the last session. In order for us to ensure that our akonga are receiving at least five hours of reading, writing and maths each week, we need more teaching time on Fridays for these so sadly, no time for Launchpad. We thank Debbie Currie and Vanessa Hamilton for their service to Mossburn School Launchpad (Debbie 33 years!) and look forward to having a special celebration early next term to recognise all of those who have been involved in Launchpad over the years.

## Brainfood

At our staff meeting this week we were reflecting on the term and we have decided that for BrainBreak, students should just have food (fruit, vegetables, sandwich etc) that is not in a packet/wrapper. The akonga are generally listening to their kaiako reading/sharing a book and the constant rattle of packets makes it really hard for the akonga to concentrate and hear what is going on. So no packets please for brain break. Otherwise it wastes a good 10-15 minutes of class teaching time that we really do need in order to fit in all the teaching/learning that is required.

## Northern Primary Schools' Swimming Sports

Congratulations to our 8 swimmers who competed so well at the Northern Primary Schools' Swimming Sports on Thursday the 28th March: Ezra, Tom, Molly, Arabella, Kaitlin, Pippa, Alex and Harry (Skyla was sick unfortunately). All of our tamariki made finals and some were very lucky to miss out on a top 3 placing. The results were:

**Kaitlin Smith** - (8 years girls) 1st freestyle, 2nd backstroke

**Pippa Klein** - (9 years girls) 2nd backstroke

**Tom Heenan** - (8 year old boys) 3rd backstroke

**Harry Heenan** - (10 year old boys) 1st breaststroke, 2nd freestyle, 2nd medley, 3rd backstroke

8 year old mixed relay - **(Tom, Ezra, Molly & Arabella)** - 3rd

10 year old mixed relay - **(Kaitlin, Alex, Pippa & Harry)** - 3rd

## Cross Country

The Mid Dome Cross Country (Garston, Mossburn and Lumsden Schools) will be held at Lorne Peak Station on Wednesday the 22nd May (note change of date). This is Week 4 of Term 2 so we suggest that the tamariki do some training over the holidays. The distances are:

**5-6 years:** 500m

**7 years:** 750m

**8 years:** 1000m

**9 years:** 1500m

**10 & 11 years:** 2000m

Ages are taken from the age your tamariki will be on December 31st **2024** (note this is different to athletics)

We are hoping to go for a whole school run up to the water tower on the first three Friday afternoons of Term 2 so if any parents would like to join us for this, please let us know.

## Mossburn School Swimming Sports



Tomorrow (Friday), we are holding the Mossburn School Swimming Sports (1.30-2.20pm) at the Mossburn Community Pool. There will be fun activities, fun races, competitive races and house events. So please send your tamariki along with their togs & towel (named!!). We also will need lots of parents to help supervise/help out so please let us know if you haven't already done so.

Remember also, if you would like your tamariki to compete in the Southland Primary Schools' Swimming Sports on the 19th May at Splash Palace, please let us know so we can enter them.

Information was sent out on HERO last week.

## Final Term Assembly

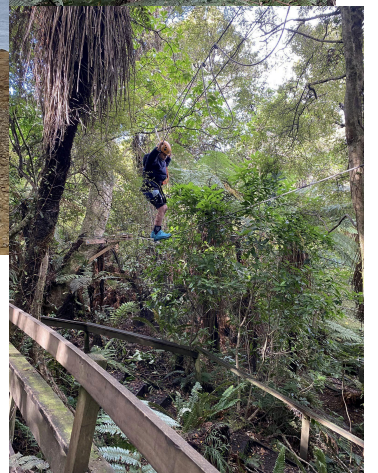
After the swimming sports, we will be having our final assembly for the term. Each class is going to be performing a musical item that they have been working on this term. If you're a Bon Jovi fan, you will be in for a treat.

## Clubs

We are still on the lookout for a few offers of people to take clubs so if you know of anyone in the community (or yourself) who have a skill/hobby/sport (squash, golf, needlework, knitting, craft ideas, woodwork, basketball etc ) you could teach/share with our akonga, we would love to have you. So far we have offers for table tennis, gymnastics and coding. Clubs will start Friday the 1st June and run for a 6 week block.

## Year 5 & 6 Camp

What a fantastic time the Year 5 & 6 tamariki had at Tautuku last week. We were super lucky with the weather, and had a great time challenging ourselves on activities. Our fantastic bunch of parent helpers (Ruth Sewell, Nicole Cavanagh, Katie May and Bevan Webster) and the tamariki were a pleasure to be away with. We had a busy 3 days (2 nights) with some of the highlights being the crab catching at Waipapa Point, kayaking, playing killer & spotlight, the night walk, the high ropes course and paddling at Papotowai.



## St John in Schools

We were very lucky to have the St John in Schools programme this week at Mossburn School. Each class had a session with Alan, the instructor, on how to administer life saving first aid. One of the things that he did discuss was how to ring 111 on a cell phone - which can be quite tricky for young tamariki. If you are able to show your tamariki at home how to call 111 on your cell phone (even how to use the emergency call (SOS) option if they are out of cell phone coverage), that could come in handy one day (even on the school bus if there was an incident where the driver was unable to call for help).



And that's all for Term 1, 2024. We hope you enjoy having your tamariki with you for the two week break. I know the teachers and I are looking forward to recharging our batteries and getting some preparation done for Term 2.

Nga mihi nui,  
Tracey

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- \* **O'Kane's Garage** for sponsoring our Class Act segment on the Southland App last week
- \* **Nicole Cavanagh, Ruth Sewell, Katie May, Bevan Webster & Denis Heenan** for being awesome camp helpers
  - \* **Vanessa Hamilton** for providing a yummy apple crumble for camp
  - \* **Nicole & Ricky Cavanagh** for donating mince for our yummy spag bol on camp
- \* **Farmlands and NSTH** for providing and delivering more pellets for our new playshed
  - \* **Alexa Smith** for providing transportation for the plywood and 4x2 for our playshed
- \* **Cromwell Bridge Club** for donating \$400 to Mossburn School in lieu of bridge

## Year 5 & 6 Camp

*This year the Year 5 and 6s went to Tautuku Outdoor Education Centre. We had 3 activities: kayaking, flying fox and a confidence course. My favourite thing was the flying fox. The confidence course was kind of fun even though I hate heights so I cried the whole time. The flying fox was really fun, it got really high at one point, so you had to hold on for your life. I would have hated to fall off (luckily I didn't). It got really muddy at the end and we all (well not all of us) fell off and slipped over in the muck. My first turn I had butterflies because some of the people before me had slipped at the end. I put the wood between my two legs, pushed off and away I went. "Adios Amigos," I shouted. Yes - it was a little scary but when my turn came around again, without thinking (because I was having a lot of fun) I just went, without my gut telling me it was risky! The flying fox was my highlight because we went so fast and we did it every day!*

**By Pippa Klein**

It took me a long time to hook my clips onto the wire. I eventually got it and I was off. Then I saw Miss Doak below me then I got on the ground where I had to climb up a very tall ladder. Nicole tied a very big green rope to me then I climbed up the ladder. When I got to the top of the ladder there was a wooden platform tied to a tree. When I was at the bottom, Nicole told me to detach the rope. But I couldn't undo it. So Dad had to come and help me. So anyway, Dad got it undone then I moved onto one that had ropes going diagonally. I thought it was going to be very hard but it turns out it was very very easy. But something was waiting for me on the other side there was ropes on the.....

**By Lucian Webster**

My favourite part was the confidence course. Before we went there we had to put harnesses on. Once we put it on, we added a hook. To get there we had to shuffle on the long mucky track. Later on we got there. Firstly we lined up. The trees were gigantic. We started low and made our way up but first we had to ask the parents or instructor politely if we could move our three hooks on the big bulky wire. We roamed across the wire we stood on and went off one by one. It wasn't demanding at all. We went platform to platform. Finally we finished: "Hooray." Later on once a few people finished, we went off and did some activities. I was really exhausted but at least it was an enjoyable time. That was my favourite part about camp.

**By Alex Mendoza**



What a wonderful display of colour, flair and wackiness we all witnessed on Wednesday as the children and staff arrived at school. I know they all enjoyed showing their individual character through their clothing and styling. We have two large bags of cans and packaged food items to donate to the Lumsden food bank which the children kindly brought to school, thank you. What will Term 2's Wacky Wednesday be?

Whaea Tanya



We were very lucky to have plants donated for our garden. The students in Kikorangi look forward to getting these growing over the winter.

