



MOSSBURN SCHOOL

Attitude is Everything

Term One - Week Four - 22nd February 2024

Important Dates	
February	
22 Thursday	Working Bee from 3pm
22 Thursday	Family BBQ 5.30pm
23 Friday	Assembly 2:30pm
28 Wednesday	Mid Dome Athletics PLC Meeting 7pm - Mossburn School Staffroom
March	
1 Friday	Assembly 2:30pm
4 Monday-8 Friday	Swimming (<i>tbc</i>)
5 Tuesday	Book Bus 10:30-11:30am
March cont..	
6 Wednesday	Parent-Teacher Interviews (3.30-8pm)
8 Friday	Assembly 2:30pm
11 Monday -15 Friday	Swimming (<i>tbc</i>)
15 Friday	Assembly 2:30pm
21 Thursday	BOT Meeting 5:30pm
22 Friday	Assembly 2:30pm
28 Thursday	Northern Swimming
29 Friday	Assembly 2:30pm
April	
3-5 (Wed-Fri)	Year 5 & 6 Camp (Tautuku)

Kia ora koutou,

As I write this newsletter, it is so fantastic to see most of the school out running around playing a game of tag as they tend to do before school, at morning tea and lunchtime. It is lovely to see the older children helping out the younger ones, and them all having a great time together, just like a really big family (and getting fit too). This was confirmed to me from one of our new parents who said that their child had said Mossburn School is the best school they have ever been to because everyone is so friendly! ❤️ Mossburn School - the best rural school in Southland (or is it NZ)??

We are really excited about **tonight's family bbq**. It will be great to catch up with everyone after the summer break. We are looking forward to seeing you all at 5.30. Please remember to bring a salad to share, your own cutlery, crockery, drinking vessels & beverages. We will have sausages (gf/df/sf), bread (including df/gf), onions, sauce, some meat patties and some venison steaks. We will need some helpers to man the bbq and to chop the onions.

Also - remember that if you are able to, we would love to see as many as you as possible from 3pm (come when you are able) to help with the **working bee**. There is lots of pruning, weed whacking, water blasting, sweeping etc that needs doing around the school. If you've got a broom, hedge cutter, ladder, bucket, weed whacker etc, please bring along. Many hands make light work!

Parent teacher interviews

Hopefully you will have received a notification on HERO that Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Wednesday the 6th March from 3.30-8pm. We have 25 bookings already, which is great. If you are unavailable to attend on the 6th (or there are no time

slots left that suit you), please let us know and we will arrange another time for your interview. This is a great chance to have a chat to your child's teacher about any concerns/queries you may have, to get an update on all of the beginning of the year assessment data we have gathered on your child and to set goals. To book, click on the link on HERO and book a time slot that works for you.

School Phone

From Monday the 19th February, we are going to trial not having a landline. If this will cause you difficulties, please let us know.

To contact the office - ring or text 0223074496 or email office@mossburn.school.nz

- All bus pick up/drop off change messages
- Absence messages (if you haven't used the HERO app feature)

To contact Tracey (the principal) - ring or text 0272856252 or email principal@mossburn.school.nz

To contact your child's teacher - ring, text or email them or use the HERO Home/School Communication button - this will send a private message to your child's teacher (no one else will see it).

HERO APP

- **Home/School Communication button** - for communicating directly (and privately) with your child's teacher. They will receive a notification that you have sent a message and will reply as soon as they can. (No other parent will see these messages). You could share photos or information of things that your child has done at home.
- **Community Feed** - where a teacher will put on a notice or information for the whole class or whole school. You can comment on these and everyone will see your comments.
- **Kikorangi/Mawhero/Kakariki Learning Feature** - Your child's teacher will put work your child has done, assessment data etc on here for just you and your child to see (no other parents see this). You can comment on the feeds and your teacher will see. This is where all of our reporting/assessment data will be.

Sleep - A recent article outlines how important sleep is for our tamariki. John Parsons, (internet and technology expert), explains in the article that sleep deprivation affects movement, food, sleep and learning levels. The hippocampus has two primary functions - to receive information and then deposit it in long-term memory. He gave the example of a child who was going to bed at 8.30pm and lights were turned off at 10.30pm. When children go to bed at night, without enough sleep, there's only half the time for the information to get into long-term memory. The next day they cannot recall what they have learned because it's not in their brain. Once the child in his study's sleep patterns returned to 12 hours a day, his energy levels returned, he ate better food, and his learning levels came back up. Food for thought!

Fuel for Schools - Many thanks to the many fantastic businesses/farms who have signed up for the Fuel for School Programme. This gives the school valuable resources each year. To sign up, or for further information - please see the flyer in this newsletter.

PLC Meeting - The first PLC (Parent Liaison Committee) meeting will be held on Wednesday the 28th February, 7pm in the Mossburn School Staffroom. Come along and find out what the plans are for this year's activities. For more information - please contact Lisa Powell 0273440321.

And that's all from me this week. See you tonight at the working bee and BBQ.

Nga mihi nui,

Tracey

♥♥♥♥♥♥ **Mossburn School Says Thank You** ♥♥♥♥♥♥

✳️ **Rose Galletly, Katie May, Vanessa Hamilton, Mrs Hellewell, Alexa Smith, Debbie Currie** - helping out with our sand saucer and button hole making on Friday

✳️ **Courtwood Farm, G A & W M Reid, Mianre Meadow Ltd, Antrim Fields, Barford Investments, KD & JM Metherell, D A Osment, Christie Farm, Waterloo Station, Dunrobin Valley Farm and Mahoe Dairies** - for supporting the Fuel for Schools Programme.

✳️ **The Mossburn Rugby Club** for lending us their bbq for tonight, and their line marker to make the 100 metre running track at school.

✳️ **Rex Carter** for dropping off the bbq at school for us

✳️ **Glen & Nicole Woodford** - for donating venison steaks for tonight's bbq

News From the Board of Trustees

Last night we had our first meeting of the year. Office bearers were appointed and we are very pleased to say that Denis is continuing as chairperson for ONE MORE YEAR (he says). Nikasha also continues as Dome Network Rep, Michelle & Alexa as Health & Safety Rep, Michelle as Property Rep, Alexa as PR & HR Rep, Nathan as our trustee number cruncher and Finance Rep, and Tanya as our Staff Rep. It will be great to have some continuity after a period of change. We are so lucky to have such committed and skilled BOT members 😊.

This year's operating and capital budgets were approved. With the generous donations from the community and fundraising (in particular the baling fundraiser), we are in a strong financial position. Alexa updated us on the work she has been doing with our migrant families - seeing how we can better support them. Michelle updated us on the plan for the working bee and to erect a new fence at the back of the school. Our next meeting is going to be held on Thursday the 21st March.

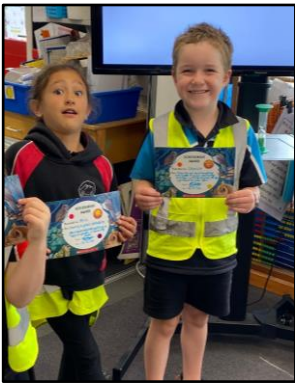
ASSEMBLY AWARDS - Week 3

Congratulations!

The 27 students who had a completed CHARM card this week 🎉🎊



Louie with his certificate for awesome reading this week.



Sienna-Mae (*not in photo*), Charlie and Aria for an outstanding attitude to their learning.



George for having a great start to the year, **Pippa** and **Alex** for always being amazing, responsible & helpful students.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Orders and cash are to be into the office by **Friday 23rd February**.
LoopOrders (payment by Credit/Debit card) also are to be put in by **23rd February**.
Instructions for Loop Orders are on the Order Page of the Catalogue.

Cheers Midge Webb

Kikorangi had to put themselves in the place of a piece of sports equipment and explain what happened and how they felt?

10am

I got picked up. It must be time for an adventure. We go and pick up my friend Tennis Racket and we're off. Soon enough we're here. We get picked up out of the car and the next minute... BANG BASH were playing a game of tennis. "I love playing tennis," said Racket.

"How do you think I feel, you keep hitting me."

"Well sorry but it's what I do", said Racket while I got hit, not caught.

"Maybe I'll get someone to hit you and we will see how you like it."

Indie Woodford

I suddenly hear something coming. I'm not surprised, it's my owner Bess. She picks me up in her mouth and I feel like she has just given me a shower with her slobber, eeewww!

Soon after I am in someone's hand, then I feel like I'm flying and I land with a thud. Now I'm back in my owner's mouth covered in her drawl, Yuck!

Pippa Klein

I wait by the bed. I wait and wait but finally I am picked up. My favourite time of the day. We are going for a skip. I love being a skipping rope but one thing I don't like about being a skipping rope is breaking and getting dumped outside when it is raining.

Jorja McGhie



Last Week at MOSSBURN COMMUNITY FLOWER SHOW.

Amazing sand saucer & buttonhole creations. Thanks to the parents and community members who came along to help.



Congratulations to Arabella, Thea and Mabel Stalker, who competed in the Challenge Wanaka Kids' Triathlon last Friday. They had the best time!



Congratulations Ezra! On February 15, Ezra entered a swimming competition at Splash Palace Invercargill. "2024 WAVERLY SPRINTS MEET" - 7 year old men's events, he won 2nd place 25 M freestyle kickboard, 2nd place 25M backstroke kickboard and 3rd place 25M backstroke.

Getting ready for the Working Bee.



SOUTHLAND FOOTBALL
FOOTBALL FESTIVAL
Free for all

WINTON

- When: 29th February 2024 (Thursday)
- Where: Central Southland College
- Time: 4 pm to 6pm
- For: All age group

ENQUIRIES TO [RYAN@SOUTHLANDFOOTBALL.ORG.NZ](mailto:ryan@southlandfootball.org.nz) FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER VISIT WWW.SOUTHLANDFOOTBALL.ORG.NZ

Southland Football run event

Skills and games session free for all ages, no experience needed.

When: Thursday February 29th 2024

Time: 4 – 6pm

Place: Central Southland College, McKenzie St, Winton

COMMUNITY NOTICES

MOSSBURN DISTRICT CHARITABLE TRUST

The Mossburn District Charitable Trust was formed to provide financial support, with emphasis on improving education, development and the general well-being of local citizens. Applicants must have resided in the Mossburn District for a period of at least five years, and/or attended the Mossburn School. There will be two funding rounds closing on 31 August and 28 February of each year. To apply for a grant you must use the official application form. Applications are now open for the first round and must be received in writing by 5pm 29 February 2024.

*Please contact the Trust Secretary, Sonya Taylor
on 021 884 972 or bruceandsonya@xtra.co.nz
to obtain a grant application form*

Winton Bridge Club

If you are looking for a new hobby and to meet new people, consider learning to play contract bridge which gives plenty of mental challenges without too much physical exertion. Free lessons (10 week course) start Wednesday 20 March 2024 in Winton. For more information or to register your interest email winton.bridge@xtra.co.nz or contact Wendy 027 427 0447 or 03 2217 417



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23RD & 24TH
MARCH 2024

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out more:
www.sces.org.nz

The poster features a large glass jar of orange juice with a label that says "Demonstrations and workshops" and a smaller jar of red jam with a label that says "Good Food Apple Pressing". A yellow apple is also shown with a tag that says "AND MORE!". The background is light pink with small white stars.

For comments & suggestions, please email office@mossburn.school.nz.

Enjoy the rest of the week!