

HOWICK INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



3 May 2021

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Digital Citizenship: Parent Evening

At Howick Intermediate the health and wellbeing of our students is extremely important to us and is at the core of our school vision. A recent publication (2019) by the Education Review Office on Bullying Prevention and Response in New Zealand Schools highlights the fact that whilst most schools were successful in working towards a bullying-free environment, schools were still facing challenges with regards to an increased prevalence of cyber-bullying and unsupervised activity online. As educators we know that our students engage and communicate with their peers in a digital environment, this can be a positive thing but it can also be very challenging to know how to keep our tamariki safe online.

We would like to invite you to a free parent evening on **Thursday 27th May** from 7.00pm - 8.30pm. It will be run by a facilitator from Netsafe NZ and will cover the following topics:

- Online safety for students
- Rules around Instagram for underage students
- Online bullying
- Parental role in controlling access to social media

Netsafe is New Zealand's independent, non-profit online safety organisation. Taking a technology-positive approach to the challenges digital technology presents, they work to help people in New Zealand take advantage of the opportunities available through technology by providing practical tools, support, and advice for managing online challenges.

Yours sincerely

Angela Bell
Deputy Principal/SENCO

Please complete and return the attached reply slip by Monday 24th May

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I/we will be attending the digital citizenship evening.

Number of adults _____

Unfortunately, I/we are unable to attend.

Name: _____

Signature _____