



18th August 2022

Week 4, Term 3

**"Better Together"**  
**"Mahi Tahi"**

Kia ora whānau

### **New Enrolments for 2023**

If you have a pre- school age child that is due to start in 2023 can you please now enroll them as we are starting to work on our numbers, and class formats for next year. Even if they are not starting until Term 3 or 4 we still need to know as these children are taken into account when setting class sizes.

**This week we have had 0 positive cases of Covid in the school.**

Please continue to contact me if your child tests positive or becomes a household contact. My contacts are: 027 22 33 959 or [principal@ashleyrasahuri.school.nz](mailto:principal@ashleyrasahuri.school.nz)

### **NETSAFE ONLINE ZOOM**

**Parent Information Evening**

**29th August 7pm**

**This event is for all parents within our wider cluster of schools**

### **Social Media**

Our school recognises that children today are growing up in an increasingly online world and that it's important that we do more to support and guide them to navigate this digital landscape.

We work on digital citizenship as part of our learning at school and thought that it may be timely to share our parent information about cyber safety with you all again.

## Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?



### THINGS TO CONSIDER BEFORE LETTING YOUR CHILDREN SIGN UP TO SOCIAL MEDIA

Taken from the Netsafe website - <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/social-media-parents/>

#### WHAT ARE THE AGE RESTRICTIONS?

**The minimum sign up age for Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter and TikTok is 13.** This is because a child's social and emotional capability is still developing which can make it more difficult to identify and manage challenges that occur on a platform designed for adults and teens. If your child is under 13 and keen to use social media, consider their capability to manage potential online challenges before setting up a profile. It is better your child is honest with you as you can help them to stay safe online.

#### WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE APP OR PLATFORM?

Read about the platform and use it yourself before letting your kids use it to get a feel for how it works and what the online community is like. It's best if the platform your child is considering has strong privacy options and offers moderating, reporting and blocking features. Before setting them up try to familiarise yourself with the privacy and security features available, and learn how implement them.

#### WHAT ARE THE PLATFORM'S DATA AND SHARING POLICIES?

All social media platforms collect data about their users and they may share that data with partners or advertisers. Ensure that you are comfortable with the type of information that is being collected and shared.

#### TIPS FOR SIGNING KIDS UP TO SOCIAL MEDIA SAFELY

##### Teach the online safety basics

Before letting your child get started with using social media make sure they know about the online safety basics. This should include how to create a **strong password**, what information to protect online (including passwords, personal information, payment details etc), as well as discussing the

concept of a [digital footprint](#).

There are ways you can help your child navigate social media. This includes:

- Setting up the account together
- Using your email instead of your child's (depending on their age)
- **Entering their actual birthday** so they're less likely to see inappropriate content
- Becoming their friend or following them
- Visiting the safety centres and teaching them how to use the tools available.
- Talking regularly about the need for privacy settings, how to handle social conflict online and what to do when they are concerned
- Creating an [online safety plan](#) so that you and your child knows what to do if something were to go wrong online

## SET BOUNDARIES AND EXPECTATIONS

It's important you understand more about the online activities and experiences your child has or wants to explore. Talk to them about what they do online, how they use devices and who they're talking to. Take the time to tune in to the conversation – what might seem like just a game to you might be the way your child is connecting and interacting with people they don't know.

Also consider discussing [screen time](#) and how much time spent on the app or platform is appropriate.

## CHECK IN

Research shows that parents are critical to the success of young people becoming safe, confident and capable in their use of digital technology. Regular proactive conversations at home helps to minimise the damage if things do go wrong online. It's important to let your child know that they can talk to you about anything that happens to them online and that you'll be there to support them no matter what.

Check in with your child often about their social media life and be on the lookout for any negative changes in behaviour. Behaviour to look out for could include changes to their mood or refusing to go to school. Visit the [Online Bullying for Parents](#) page for more advice.

## WHAT'S NETSAFE'S ADVICE?

Take the time to teach your child the [online safety basics](#) before they start using social media and have regular and open conversations with them about their use of online apps helps mitigate potential harm.

Encourage your child to share with you if they have upsetting experiences and make sure they're aware that any harassment, inappropriate language, bullying or hacking can be reported.

You don't have to be a tech expert to keep your child safe. Our Parent Toolkit offers [practical tips and tools](#) to start the conversation with your child about online safety – and have ongoing conversations – and shares insights into the five main challenges young people experience online.

## Seesaw

We understand that some parents are having trouble accessing their Seesaw accounts. Seesaw went through a complete revamp a while back and has not been working in the same way since. If

you are having trouble with this please contact your child's classroom teacher via eMail. If you do not know their address you can eMail me and I can pass that on to them.

## 100 Word Challenge

Each week in the senior classes students have the opportunity to take part in the 100 word challenge. Here is one that Rachael (Year 7) completed last week.

### **100 WORD CHALLENGE**



'You're heading to your first Commonwealth Games... your standing at the starting point..' Describe what happens

I was sweating. My hands were clammy, my mouth was dry as I stared ahead of me. The track was layered with dirt and white lines. I took a deep breath as I launched myself onto the track, unaware of what this race would bring.

"5 minutes till the race starts" a voice through a microphone called. I stretched till I ached.

My heart pounded as the voice through the microphone called "START"! We're off like the wind, I ran as though my life was ending.

I fell across the winning line before collapsing to the ground - I was victorious!!!

## School Hours

Please note that the **school is not open until 8.30am**. We have had a number of children arriving at about 8.15am. This is not safe as the teachers are preparing for the day and there is no one to supervise your child. Please ensure that the drop off time is adhered to.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new additions to this are highlighted so it is easy for you to see.

26th August	PTA Mufti Day and American Hotdogs/biscuits
29th August	Online meeting for Parents run by Netsafe around online safety for children
15th September	Whole School Production - Rangiora Town Hall
19th September	Learning Conferences
25th September	Working Bee 10am - 1pm
30th September	Term 3 ends
17th October	Term 4 starts
19th October	Whole School Athletics - Loburn Domain
24th October	Labour Day Holiday

30th October	PTA Colour Run
10th November	Teacher Only Day
11th November	Canterbury Anniversary Day Holiday
13th December	Whole School Prizegiving 7pm Rangiora Baptist Hall
15th December	Term 4 ends
30th January 2023	Whānau/Teacher Conferences - 15min slots throughout the day- school not open for instruction
31st January	School open for Term 1 Instruction

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