

Ko Rāpare, te rā tuawaru o Here-turi-kōkā : Thursday 8 August 2019

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Last Friday Mr D, Mr P and I braved the very cold start (7.00 am) to attend a breakfast seminar at Western House. The session was presented by **John Parsons** (<http://www.johnparsons.nz/>) and while we thought we were attending a session on cybersafety it was quite a lot more than that! Some of the key points that I thought might be relevant to you as whanau were:



- Schools have children for 11% of their life.... therefore they cannot 'fix' issues that come from the home BUT they can work with the home, if families are open to this.
- The internet today is not a different world but an extension of our current one. Those who treat others badly face to face do the same through the cyberspace!
- What are the values we espouse? These need to be consistent across all worlds - **WRAP your children in values. Boundaries that you set are nurturing NOT controlling.**
- There are two rooms that are most important in a child's life; **the living room and the classroom** and **BOTH need teachers.** The message being that you should always know what your child is doing on the internet and be educating them about things. How are you filtering the web in your house?
- Facebook (for example) has an age specification of 13 years; if you sanction a page for your child and they are not yet thirteen what message are you sending? Would we let them drive around the streets of Levin at 13 even though they should legally have a licence and be 16 years of age?

AND lastly **a nosey parent is a loving parent;** we need to **raise people who care.**

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qLGNj-xrgvY>)

Adapting the Curriculum

Last week Mr P wrote about **personalising learning and adapting the curriculum.** The following piece of writing has been created by Jonathon (Year 6) and rather than present moon facts (highlighted), he chose to include them in a fictional piece... he was given the option by his teacher to work in a way that suited him.... AMAZING result!

The Moon Disaster

Once I woke up in my bed like normal, but the reason was because I heard a big explosion outside, so then I ran, I ran outside the door but tripped over a piece of wood my dad was working for building something, then I fell over and rolled into the car. I turned my head to the right side, I yelled so loud "OMMMMGGGGG" my dad got scared and stopped on a rake and hit his head. I ran down the driveway, i was so shocked! I saw a Rocket Ship. I asked the worker, "hey! Why is there a huge ship right here?" the worker replied. "Oh! you father is going to the moon. "CAN I COME???" screamed me "Well, we do have a kid sized astronaut suit so yeah! Don't pass out buddy it's a long ride" said the worker. "YAAAAAYYYYYYAAAAAYYYY!!, wait, what was the explosion then?" i said. "oh it was our other one right.. There.." said the worker. My dad went inside the ship with me. It was pretty hard for me to get ready. 5 4 3 2 1! The rocket ship blasted off going like a million



