

Friday, 25 May 2012

## Re: John Parsons and the 'Raising Awareness' Programme

To Whom It May Concern

John Parsons has been working with the parents, staff and students at Enner Glynn School over the last two years. John has helped us to raise our awareness of some of the dangers of antisocial behaviours online and the risks associated with online crime and criminals who use the internet to perpetrate these crimes.

Some of what John shares shocks us, but the evidence in the newspapers and media is clear, more and more criminals use the internet to commit crimes against others. More and more teenaged students are shamed and exposed by their own behaviour and that of their peers on social networking sites. All of this conduct has the potential to harm and damage people.

What John does is focus us on changing our behaviours. Our students now ask permission to take photos of others and tell people what those photos will be used for, our students also ask people what will happen with the photos taken of them. They are becoming more savvy, and more prepared for an online world that is changing and evolving at a rapid rate before our eyes.

This year we elected to bring elements of John's programme to our 8 and 9 year old students, many of whom are currently playing online social network games (such as Club Penguin). John is helping us to prepare these kids for safely using these environments and what signs to look for when things are not 'as they should be'.

I completely endorse John's programme and am pleased that we have people like John to support us to prepare our students for the unknown future.



Isaac Day

Principal - Enner Glynn School



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...Inspiring Place...



...Active Learning...



...Awesome Future.

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Te wahi whakaara, Te ako  
kakama, Tihei Mauri Ora*