



# WHANGAROA COLLEGE

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Wednesday 31 August, 2016

Dear parents/caregivers

Recently there have been a number of cell phones that have been misplaced, lost or simply taken. In response to these incidents we have tried to follow up any leads within our legal capabilities. Unfortunately, some students don't let us know when this happens and the longer they prolong this the harder it is to find out what may have happened. In saying this it is still very hard to find a missing phone.

Please know students do not need their personal devices; cellphones, tablets or personal computers, unless specifically discussed between their whanau and teachers. The school is fully equipped with tablets and chromebooks. There are desktop computers in every classroom and enough IT to support the learning in the school.

For a number of students, personal devices are becoming more of a hindrance and distract from the learning taking place. It can also lead to poor relationships with teachers when they are asked to put them away and students refuse.

The best way for you to support your child and the school is to encourage them to leave their device at home. The school is not liable if a device is lost or stolen. If having a device at school is essential for your child, then we would advise ringing your child's whanau teacher to discuss.

Thank you for your on-going support.

Yours sincerely

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*Junior School Leader*

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Kia ora parents/caregivers

Please find enclosed your child's mid-year report. We acknowledge this has taken longer than anticipated and we appreciate your support with this.

The information in this report summarises the data discussion you would have had at the last PSTs (parent/student/teacher conferences).

If you would like to discuss the report, get an update on your child's learning, or have any questions please contact your child's whanau teacher or call the school office to make an appointment.

Kind regards

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