



15 August 2017

Kia ora tatou

Over the following couple of weeks starting 4 Sep, we will be teaching the personal safety programme *Keeping Ourselves Safe*.

*Keeping Ourselves Safe* has been designed to give students the skills to cope in situations involving abuse. It has three overall aims:

- to develop and strengthen children's skills to keep themselves safe with other people;
- to support and encourage abused children to get help from caring adults;
- to make teachers and parents/caregivers more aware of the need to keep children safe from abuse by adults or other children.

*Keeping Ourselves Safe* will be taught by your child's teacher, with support from the local Police School Community Officer, Josh Reidie, as required.

To be successful, *Keeping Ourselves Safe* needs your help and support. Your child may have homework activities to work on with you. It is important that you participate as much as possible and talk to your child about what they have been learning. This will help reinforce the messages the school is giving, and help your child to use his or her new skills with confidence.

A parent and caregiver meeting will be held at

**7:00 pm on Thursday 31 Aug in Wakamarina**

Please contact the school if you would like any more information about the programme or about child abuse. KoS info for parents/whānau can be found online by searching using the search string *keeping ourselves safe parents*. We are taking the opportunity to use this time to also consult the community about our Health curriculum (required every two years) and allow the parents of our Y6-8 pupils to discuss the pending *Pubertal Change* programme.

*Ernie Buitveld*

Principal/Tumuaki

*Ben Roborgh*

Board Chair/Tiamana

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**Return slip...**

*Keeping Ourselves Safe* Parent/Caregiver Meeting

Child's name:

YES, we will be coming to the meeting.

Number attending:

NO, we are unable to come to the meeting