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To Whom It May Concern
John Parsons

I am writing to outline our appreciation for the work carried by John Parsons in our school and wider community. Buller R.E.A.P. sponsored John's work in our community. We were very impressed by the quality of his presentation and the key messages to support the safe use of digital communication technologies.

The community meeting facilitated by John was well received by those attending. The presentation was balanced and very informative. While acknowledging the benefits of digital technologies for young people John was able to give parents and caregivers ideas on the types of safety issues that are present. He then provided some simple strategies that could be used to mitigate potential problems.

John worked with our Year 7 and 8 students on a very comprehensive programme that explored their use of online environments. Our students were fully engaged throughout the session. It challenged their practices in a positive and supportive manner. Students were encouraged to be responsible digital citizens and to look out for each other so they don't put themselves and others at risk. The feedback from students was very positive and we are certain that changes to their online practices will occur.

We fully commend the work John is undertaking with schools and community groups. We have no hesitation in recommending his services to other groups. We are grateful to Buller R.E.A.P. for sponsoring John's work in the Buller.

Yours sincerely