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Thanks to those parents who have already filled in the parent survey – there is still one week to go before it closes so CLICK HERE if you don' want to miss out. I will publish a summary of the results in the next newsletter and use your valuable feedback to guide future article content.

This week I will have a look at TikTok. You might remember an article last year on Musical.ly, well TikTok is its rebrand. Once again users can create and share music videos. Some of the problems associated with Musical.ly have been solved, you can delete TikTok accounts and making them private is much easier.

However, there are still many things for parents to watch out for and be concerned about. Firstly, new accounts are public by default. This means that until you change the privacy settings other users can see your videos, message you directly and even use your location information. This is easily fixed, but needs to be done so that you can control the amount of information you are sharing and with whom.

Whilst the age limit is 13+ a separate section has been set up for younger users which allows them access to 'clean' version and more age appropriate videos. Another benefit is that they can't comment or post their own videos. Unfortunately bypassing these features is only a falsified birthdate away.

In closing, TikTok can be a lot of fun, but if you allow your child to use it, it will require active supervision on your part to ensure that it is a positive experience and does not expose your child to unwanted attention from people they don't know in the real world. If you want further information you can read *Commonsense Media's* full review here.

Finally, this week I want to share some of the fabulous work completed by our Grade 4 students. This year the Year 4 students have been learning about what is safe and unsafe to share/post online. Whilst they have been taught that any information that identifies who they are, their location or could be used to steal their identity is unsafe, the overarching rule is that they should consult a trusted adult first.

The task they were given was to create two profiles, one that was safe to share and one that was unsafe. The safe profile would be about them and the unsafe one would be about a made up person. Here is a sample of their work, others are on display in the Digi Tech Lab or if you ask your son/daughter to log in to Office 365 they can show you their own work which is in their Class Notebook.

Steph – 4JS

Sophie 4SD

Safe
Name: Stephanie
Nickname: Steph
Hobby: Netball
E. colour: Rose gold
Gender: Female
Country: Australia
Age: 9
E. movie: The Greatest Showman

Unsafe
Name: Asia Dolan
Password: A%d16olan
School: Harvey High School
House: 86 Canterbury RD
Birthdate: 29th June 2002
Phone Number: 0413667986

SAFE
Nickname: Eevee
Age: 9.5
Hobbies: Art, piano and craft
Like: TV, videogame/video
Dislike: Dark place, bugs, being alone and annoying people
Number of people in my family: 5 (plus me)

UNSAFE
Name: Sophie Xu
School: Roblox Primary School
Friend's name: VyVy Nugget
Password: 321320
Address: onion St in Victoria
Phone number: 0416 639 092

Peeyush 4JH

Brad 4AM

Safe
Nickname: Bunty
Age: 9
Hobbies: cricket/soccer / running
Fav food: sushi

Unsafe
Full name: Bob Timberlake
Birthdate: 19 July 2004
Password: ghjkl78
Phone number: 0456 745 723
Home: 79 Brooke Street

Safe
Nickname: Boss B 09
Favourite colour: Red
Favourite game: Fortnite
Hobbies: playing video games and watching YouTube
State: Victoria
Gender: Male

Unsafe
Full name: James Jones
Address: 15 Canterbury Road Mitcham
Birthdate: 1st January 2009
School: Vermont Primary School
Phone number: 0417393012
Password: $$$money$$$

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