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PARENT INTERNET AWARENESS PRESENTATION

TUESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2017 - 6:30PM

We are proud to announce that Paul Litherland, from Surf Online Safe will be attending Bull Creek Primary School on the 21 November 2017 to conduct a presentation to parents on the subject of Internet Awareness. Paul comes highly recommended and has been presenting to many other schools in Australia over the past 5 years. He is Australia's leading presenter on this subject and as a former Western Australian Police Officer, can offer some great knowledge and experience to our parents, helping them better understand the risks our children are encountering in the online world.

The parent presentation will be funded by our P&C however we are also requesting a gold coin donation. Light refreshments and a raffle will be on sale on the night. It will commence at 6:30pm in the Bull Creek Under Cover Area, concluding at approximately 8:00pm. The presentation will include a Q&A session. We invite the parents of all our students to attend this very informative evening. The Bull Creek year five and six students will have had the privilege of attending a session with Paul during the day, kindly funded by the Bull Creek P&C. Pauls' parent presentations are eye opening and offer some great tips and tricks on how to keep our kids safe online, as well as how to stay one step ahead of them in the online world.

The information presented is not technical and offers parents practical ways of minimising risk, whilst still allowing our kids to navigate the internet and interact with their friends online in a safer environment. It is a fun and entertaining presentation that is packed with useable information to help us all grow in this ever changing online world. All who have seen Pauls' presentations have been very impressed with his subject matter knowledge and presentation style.

Subjects include:

Social Networking : What our kids are using. Trends & Pitfalls.

Online Predators : Risks & Trends, protection methods.

Cyber Bullying : Detection, prevention & coping.

The Law : How it relates to us all.

Device Use : Phones, Tablets & PC's, Tips & Tricks.

Image Sharing : Statistics, Risks, Tips & Hints.

Please RSVP if you are attending this event by: Email bcpspandc@outlook.com or via the P&C Facebook Page

Thank you and kind regards
Julie McCarthy - Associate Principal

COP TO CRUSADER PAUL LITHERLAND - SURF ONLINE SAFE

From 2009 to 2014, I was working within the Technology Crime Investigation Unit of the Western Australia Police, a division of Computer Crime. We dealt with issues ranging from people being ripped off on Ebay and Gumtree, to Romance Scams and Hacking, right up to kids being groomed by online predators. It was a massive world of which even I did not realise was so out of control. The last 2 years of my career, I became increasingly frustrated with the lack of legislation and authority I had as a Police Officer to act on the concerns of the parents and educators who were contacting my office on a daily basis.

The majority of these calls were ended with the simple phrase, "Sorry, but it is not against the law." It was upsetting to respond in this way, but in reality, I really had no choice. The internet has been around since 1994, yet legislation has failed (or refused) to catch up. As such, many schools, parents and kids themselves are being left to deal with such matters on their own. In my opinion, I thought this was simply unacceptable.

Whilst still pressing our government for change, I realised education on internet awareness was very poor here in WA. I felt that if I could get my message out to as many schools as possible, the risk our kids were being exposed to every day would hopefully reduce. In 2014, I made the decision to retire from the WA Police to pursue my dream of educating kids and Surf Online Safe was born. Since then I have gone from visiting only 3 schools in my local area, to presenting to 300 schools and organisations across Australia, including some of our most prestigious colleges. I look forward to becoming part of the Bullcreek community.

Paul Litherland - Owner, Surf Online Safe

