



Weledeh Catholic School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

RE: Student XO Laptops

I am pleased to announce that each of our students have received an XO laptop through the support of the non-profit organization, Belinda Stronach Foundation, and their pilot project "One Laptop Per Child" (OLPC). The staff and students are excited to be integrating these educational devices into their learning activities. Hopefully your child is exploring the laptop programs at home as well. To ensure optimal use of these devices, there are some reminders that we would like to share with your family.

It is important to point out that although these devices are very durable, they are not unbreakable. Please remind your child to treat their laptops with respect to ensure they will last. The foundation donated one laptop per child enrolled in our school. Unfortunately, that means if a laptop becomes damaged or broken there is no replacement. Also if your child's laptop gets lost or damaged they will not be provided with a replacement one.

Weledeh has an expectation for laptops to be at school for educational use during school days. Teachers have been trained to use these devices purposely to enhance literacy and numeracy. They have been incorporating the laptops' educational programming into their lessons. Your child is welcomed and encouraged to take their laptops home, in order to further explore and learn with them. We are however, requesting your assistance in reminding your child to bring their laptop back each day for optimal learning opportunities.

Lastly, we need to remind you of the important challenge of keeping our kids safe when surfing the Internet. We are increasingly aware of the ways that children and teens are using the Internet for learning, entertainment and socializing, but we need to remember the issues that they may encounter along the way. Please speak with your child, and discuss how to navigate the Internet safely, wisely, and responsibly to ensure Internet safety is encouraged both at school and at home.

Thank you,

Simone Gessler
Principal