



St Peter Chanel

Catholic Primary School, The Gap

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To Whom it May Concern

This letter serves to favourably introduce Jo Ingram and the team from The Gap Neighbourhood Watch.

I first began communicating with Jo early in January 2020, when she approached the school to determine our interest in and support for the prospect of a bag tag being developed for students. The tags were to contain a fold out insert (with age appropriate hotline recommendations, such as Kids Helpline), together with specific details tailored to our school, such as contact numbers and the school logo.

With a favourable response from the school, Jo worked enthusiastically to develop the concept, from creating a link on The Gap Neighbourhood Watch website to working with external supporters to raise funding. Jo and her team created the initial fold out insert design and were very consultative in seeking feedback to enhance the product.

The result has been a Bag Tag for all our St Peter Chanel School students to attach to their bag. At no cost to the school community, Jo personally presented the tags to me, following which the tags were introduced to students and the concept explained during both a whole school assembly and via our school newsletter. Our students enthusiastically attached the tags to their bags, knowing that they have fast and easy access to safety tips and phone numbers appropriate to their well-being, if needed.

Jo and her wonderful band of helpers not only developed the initiative and raised the necessary funds to create the tags, but further spent time assembling the components. In addition, I understand that there is a new collaboration between Neighbourhood Watch The Gap & Rotary Club of Ashgrove/The Gap which will result in reaching the target of 11 more schools. It is great to know the bag tags will be attached to even more bags into 2020/2021.

This is a great community initiative, with the best interests of our children at heart and for which Jo and The Gap Neighbourhood Watch groups are to be commended.

Yours Sincerely

Margo Carwardine
Principal