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Dear Parents and Carers,

The school has been made aware of a possible live suicide being streamed on social media today. The clip is extremely graphic. We are doing everything we can to protect the students as they cannot access social media on their laptops. They can however use 4G on their phones or may access it from home tonight.

Below is the image that appears in the feed. Should you see this image SCROLL past. The report we have says that trolls are using videos of puppies and kittens to lure children into seeing the video. It is also being inserted into videos of kittens on Tik Tok.

I am writing to you to give you this information in case your child becomes distressed after inadvertently accessing the footage.

****Please DO NOT ask the kids if they have seen it; they will go looking for it.**

If your children come to you saying that they have viewed it, we have the following advice:

- Stay calm, don't overreact.
- Applaud them for having the courage to start this conversation with you and let them talk about what they have seen.

Some other questions you can ask them are:

- Sometimes people feel very down, sad, or hopeless. What can we do to let people know that they aren't alone and that we care?
- Who can you talk to if you feel sad or hopeless?
- What can you do if you see something online that makes you feel uncomfortable?

If you feel as though your child needs support please email Sue O'Connor (Director of Student Wellbeing K-12) sueoconnor@bdc.nsw.edu.au



Yours sincerely,



Nick Johnstone
Principal

