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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**OWLS: teaching children to be wise about online privacy**

A new resource to help teachers teach internet privacy issues to primary and intermediate school students will be launched in Wellington on 11 February to coincide with Safer Internet Day ([www.saferinternetday.org](http://www.saferinternetday.org)).

The OWLS project has been developed by the Office of the Privacy Commissioner and NetSafe, in partnership with the NZ National Commission for UNESCO.

OWLS is a series of 24 modules (<http://netsafe.org.nz/owls/>) on different aspects of managing personal information online. Each module has a lesson plan which teachers can use or adapt to suit their cyber-education classroom needs.

The modules have four themes:

* **O**wnyour information
* **W**ait before you upload
* **L**ock your information
* **S**afety first

Media are invited to the launch of the OWLS resource. The guest speaker is the Hon Nikki Kaye, the Associate Minister of Education and Minister of Youth Affairs. There will also be a classroom demonstration of how OWLS can be used with students.

9.30 - 10.30am, Tuesday, 11 February 2014

Tawa Primary School, Oxford Street, Tawa, Wellington

To attend or receive more information, contact Charles Mabbett 021 509 735.

