

Harm being done to Australian children through access to pornography on the Internet

Be Careful Little Eyes what you see.

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Dear Senator Secretary,

The issues of porn, bullying and gossip have been around always. In the recent past children were taught strategies through song.

In connection with the rising alarm on the increased incidence of porn, bullying and gossip. The question arises "Do adults still teach children the song ' Be careful little eyes what you see and hear! Be careful little lips what you say!

The worrying, sad, alarming health and crime figures which show increases in areas of need with regards to an increase in porn viewing, bullying and the related problems of suicide, Domestic Violence, Schoolyard, Cyber and Workplace Bullying would suggest that the words of this song are either not taught or are not heeded.

The song is usually known by its first line.

Verse 1

" Oh, Be careful little eyes, what you see X2

For the Father up above is looking down in love.

So be careful little eyes what your see."

It struck me that learning this "easy to learn" song teaches a few valuable life skills in the areas we are talking about here for this submission.

In Verses 1, what we view with our eyes cover a warning about porn

Verses 2 and 3 teach and warn about being careful what we listen to and say - that would include gossip, hate speech and bullying.

Just BE CAREFUL. Which is a warning.

The essence of this song is that the warning is delivered in a loving way. When taught by parents, teachers or significant others the children can feel safe. Because without going into any graphic

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detail adults know and kids know there are areas to be careful about. We know and we care.

Simply teaching this song in family or community gives an acknowledgement to potential dangers and issues thus providing a level of protection. The transparency of a strategy ie Singing a song out loud gives an extra level of protection and safety (quite profound and powerful)

The question is why “be careful”? Well the increase in data figures for particular related health and crime issues are telling the story.

Ironically Verses 1& 2 of this song addresses and encapsulates the solution for current issues such as #pornharmskids (Keep your mind away from hurtful addictive images and don't listen to those who want to tell you about such images). Children and many adults don't realize that what they see and hear will influence how they think and therefore how they act.

Singing such a song is one easy, effective key strategy for a solution to the current #pornharmskids issue and other related issues.

Ironically V3 BCLLWYSis the Original Anti-bullying program. The SayNO2Bullying Program. Teasing and gossip as the first signs of addictive bullying behaviour. Behaviour Management Programs etc.

A comprehensive Behaviour Management program is contained in these 3 verses. (Less is best curriculum) - short and sweet.

This song covers Influences on our mind (through senses)

Mind, thinking, thought processes will guide how we ultimately act. (totally Scriptural). See Dr Caroline Leaf Et al.

Hence Christian Schools were started.

I wonder how many children know this song now?

Would be great if a Video Graphics StartUp (or similar group) could use their God-given talents and technology of today to produce an up to date, version for this generation to learn. Could be a short Advertisement style video.

Check if there are any copyright issues with the use of the song. Be wonderful if the song went “viral” and many, many, many children learnt the strategies for better, kinder behaviour from this

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song. I.e. Godly righteous behaviour.

I pray that God would be lifted up, up, up and glorified. "Your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven" (the Lord's Prayer).

It would be great to use every public media forum/opportunity to present Truth. - God's truth. Life giving, identity giving truth for a better society and glorifying God.

"Your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven" (The Lords Prayer)

"SEE NO EVIL,
HEAR NO EVIL and
SPEAK NO EVIL."

This above summary is being overridden daily by the media by exposing children and adults to more and more explicit images and stories.

"SEE NO EVIL, HEAR NO EVIL and SPEAK NO EVIL." is foundational in deciding how to protect hearts and minds whilst parenting our children. The checks and balances are being overridden by the mainline media . Some stricter suitable filtering on websites needs to be done by ISP and Home filtering needs to be clearer and easier.. Our kids are not being supported by community structures aligning with safe eyes seeing and ears hearing, about harmful material.

FACT Media shows are not supported by Government censoring materials at a high enough standard.

FACT News content - media standards are so low on wholesome content criteria for children and adults.

FACT News and current affairs programs actually thrive on showing and telling every evil event daily. More educational content needs to be added into programming. Eg Drive license changes, Road rule changes.

FACT Schools are neglecting to teach clear, simple strategies to protect our hearts and minds. They are getting sidetracked on other ideologies.

FACT The little young minds are being opened up to all sorts of evil. Evil is "as old as the hills."
This little song has already proved its worth for earlier generations.

FACT Outdoor advertising. - ditto. Children and adults are seeing too much explicit advertising.

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The Community is sick and tired of the blatant assaults on our children (and adults) from every direction. The abuse of our children's minds is in epidemic proportions. Both overt and subtle strategies are being deployed with the intention of filling minds with unedifying material. Porn is evil. Hate speech is evil and Gossip is evil. All media outlets should be "On Notice"

Yes, granted evil is with us. But the door is being "left ajar", in fact wide open. The cat is 'out of the bag" and Pandora's box has been opened. etc.

Solution:

Surprisingly this little song could/would/should go a long way to holding back evil.

At the opening of Parliament The Lord's Prayer is said.

It is the same Father who is in heaven (in the prayer) who is looking down in LOVE in the song. That Father wishes the best for our children and the best for our culture.

Bring on prayer.

Bend our knees as a nation and pray.

See Canberra Declaration. Et.al.

Prayer pushes back evil we can't continue to just look at the figures, the growing sad statistics saying "Oh dear" Repeat the figures at conference after conference and summit, then just look the other way. Something needs to be done so lets remember our past and take a little gem from the past and give it a "makeover"

Evil has to be pushed back and stamped out as in the words of the Lord's Prayer. "Deliver us from evil"

Firstly 'Lead us not into temptation"

Above all 'Forgive us our trespasses AS we forgive those who trespass against us"

Prayer and Praise -This one song can be so effective for families and even more effective if supported by Government.

Recommendation:

To broadcast this song and the Lord's Prayer – throughout all Australian schools and on mainline

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media as an advertisement slot.

In school assembly halls in the national school grid (Government built school halls) and in All Independent and Private schools.

Prepare a set of matching videos to supplement the main thrust of "Being Careful" at the same time teaching children to be responsible for their own behaviour rather than a victim. Be responsible by being very careful to NOT go where you are being tempted to go!!! That sort of be careful. Be strong and say NO.

Use the series of linked video stories on Being careful with eyes ears and lips at key times of remembrance e.g. Christmas Easter, Remembrance Day, Anzac Day, Australia Day, Report Presentations and Formals. Thus teaching the children specifically about caring about themselves and how they stay away from addictions and unhealthy behaviours.

To have an audio- visual video broadcast for learning the song. There is a generation who has missed out on learning this song. Partner with a music group to produce the video.

Yours sincerely,

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Appendix.

This song is not just a Sunday School Kids song.

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This is also a reminder for adults if they teach it to their family and friends,

V1 BE CAREFUL LITTLE EYES , WHAT YOU SEE X2.....

For the Father up above is looking down in LOVE

V2 BE CAREFUL LITTLE EARS, WHAT YOU HEAR

For the Father up above is looking down in LOVE

V3 BE CAREFUL LITTLE LIPS, WHAT YOU SAY.

For the Father up above is looking down in LOVE.....