

February iPPIG Report, by Peter Beaumont

At the beginning of our meeting Colin showed a video about autistic children using iPads to create music. It was amazing to watch children with learning difficulties having fun enjoying making music. There was a boy who had never spoken prior to the music project singing on his own. The second video was a clear presentation about using the calendar app. A dedicated school teacher, it would appear, creating the video on Labour day!

Peter demonstrated the new iPhone X. The iPhone has a very high resolution screen making clear viewing which is particularly helpful when reading web pages. The phone does not have a home button and uses Face ID for recognition. Apple claims Face ID is much more secure than using your fingerprint. Peter showed locating your car, bounce on live photographs and animated messages.

Sandra spoke about flight price alerts with google.co.nz/flights and skyscanner.co.nz. Many members indicated they use web sites for comparing travel costs. She also showed how WhatsApp can be set up on your iPad (full instructions in the February newsletter), it does require linking from the WhatsApp account on your SmartPhone.

Sandra showed the new look SeniorNet Motueka website, and spoke about the incredible amount of work Bernard has put in to setting this up. The site has a new layout and drop down subject areas. Sandra asked members to think about contributing an article on an iPad topic to the News and Articles section.

Trish presented an app " Google Translate ". She talked about its practical use here in New Zealand with foreign speakers or for yourself in a foreign country. She showed two of the features, how to translate a bilingual conversation instantly and how to translate images of words such as notices or tickets. The app is free and she suggested downloading the help sessions from google. Everybody had positive stories about the benefits of using this app.

John showed us his power bank, a portable battery back up unit for tablets and phones. His powerbank could recharge a phone battery ten times.

John talked about his son being able to connect to his ipad remotely and assist him.

The meeting had a lot of interesting discussions thanks to the enthusiastic members contributions