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We started the meeting with the usual humorous video - this time testing an iPad. In this video it meant testing an iPad and pencil to destruction with much shock amongst the group watching the tester use his stanley knife on the iPad. And yes, iPads can break in half if you bend them hard enough!

Helen Gower from SN Nelson followed with talks on Instagram and Twitter. The group were keen on understanding Instagram to share stories and photos with other family spread around the world. Helen took us through taking, editing and sharing photos, videos and messages on Instagram. Also following friends and trends with 1 billion people around the world. Helen spoke about Twitter which she got involved with when Spark were looking for Gigatown in New Zealand. Twitter is an online news and social networking on which users post and interact with messages known as “tweets” Helen eventually accumulated 72,000 tweets including conversations with Kim Dotcom and Prince Phillip. She said it is easy to search to find current news and was fun.

Trish told us about Libby for downloading books from the library. You need to download Overdrive and Libby from the app store then set up with your Tasman library card. A pin number is required and that is usually the last four digits of your card number. Libby is easy to use and the app is laid out logically with general headings and a magnifying glass for searching directly for books or authors.

Sandra spoke about an app called Pocket. This can store articles from any web based alert or news service that you want to read later. This helps with the problem of managing (i.e. Not losing) the many article of interest you want to read when you have time. The articles can also be converted to audio format!

To finish the meeting on a high note Clive talked about holding two fingers on the iPad keyboard to move the cursor easily. This can also be done by holding down the space bar and moving the cursor horizontally with one finger.

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