



FAMILY CHARTER

In our family, we...

X Cross out ones that don't apply

Respect each other, even while playing *Monopoly*.

Ask before we take the last piece of food.

Are willing to talk about anything.

Are honest with each other, all the time.

Don't snitch to the 'po-po' if we are planning an international art heist.

Greet each other at the beginning of each day.

Respect our kaumātua.

Celebrate our culture.

Don't swear at each other.

Listen well.

Quote *Napoleon Dynamite* (the movie) years after it was popular.

Tell whoever made the meatloaf that the meatloaf is the best meatloaf ever.

Stand up when visitors leave.

Believe that online connection can never replace real life connection.

Claim that vegemite/marmite is better.

Refer to older people by using Mr or Mrs.

Comfort and support each other when things go badly.

Eat at the table.

*Unless it's a picnic because the table's too high to reach when sitting on a blanket.

Honour 'shot gun' calls.

Embrace Te Reo Māori.

Offer to help with the dishes even if we don't want to help with the dishes.

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Walk visitors to the gate when they leave.

Forgive each other.

Stick up for each other.

Attempt to give more than one-word answers when describing how our day was.

Talk to each other face-to-face, not through technology, when we're in the same room.

Tag each other in funny memes.

Settle arguments without physical or verbal attacks.

Celebrate birthdays and special occasions regularly (or more specifically, annually).

Cheer each other on, especially at public sports events.

Attempt to share everything, except contagious illnesses.

Fist bump babies and high-five dogs.

Care the right amount for animals and our environment.

Stand up when visitors arrive.

Let Mum or Dad know when we're leaving the house or going to bed (either-or, not both).

Empty the dishwasher if we said we would empty the dishwasher.

Apologise for how we contributed to things.

Say we don't like Australians, but we know it's just a joke and some of them are okay.

Surrender our charger to the person with the lowest battery.

Do/don't leave the dishes to drip dry.

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Know that being the oldest doesn't always make you right - it just makes you taller.

Use our skills to help each other and other people.

Sometimes pretend Mum isn't home when she actually is, because she's too tired for visitors.

Sing the Māori part of the national anthem at the same volume as the English part.

Make sure that our home is a place of warmth, where others feel welcome.

Make eye contact with the person who is being telephoned to gauge whether they want to take the call or not.

Sing - loud, in public.

Refer to vacuuming as 'hoovering'.

Take our shoes off at the door, even if someone says it doesn't matter.

Say hi to our neighbours, apart from

_____.

(That guy is creepy.)

Also wear clean socks everyday due to the last thing.*

*See above to make it really clear.

Don't share toothbrushes.

Claim that Kevin Costner is the best actor ever because we know it makes Dad happy.

Have each other's backs.

Pray before meals but not necessarily breakfast, unless it's a special breakfast.

Will never kick our sister/brother out of the family group chat.

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