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A Vodafone network glitch in the party playground of Coromandel left scores of worried parents unable to contact their teenage offspring, who were in the area to welcome the new year. One man said this was a particular concern, given about 200 people, many teenagers, were arrested in Whangamata early yesterday.

Vodafone spokeswoman Sarah Williams said yesterday that the glitch, which stopped calls connecting, had hit parts of Whangamata, Pauanui, Hahei, and Whitianga, in the Coromandel, and Opotiki and Ohope, in the Bay of Plenty. "We noticed it first in the middle of yesterday, so we've had teams working on it since then. They worked through the night," Ms Williams said. "It's a highly unusual problem … so therefore it's taking us longer to resolve." --NZPA

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