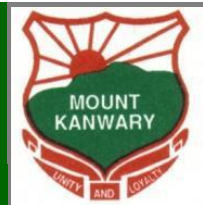


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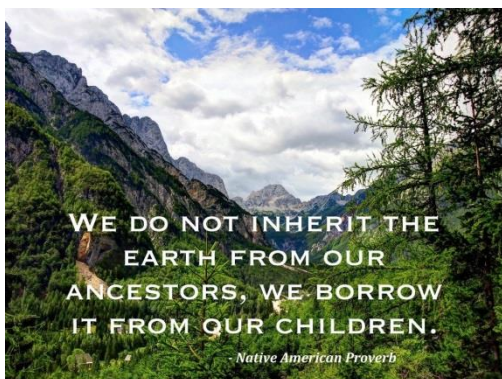
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## Principal's Message



Well Mother Nature has turned down the temperature ever so slightly! With our mornings being much cooler, it's timely to remind parents to pop a spare jumper and/or shorts in your child's bag. By lunchtime it becomes quite warm and children want to replace their trackpants with shorts.

PRETTY PLEASE!!!! Check to see if your child's clothing has their name on it. We have a large collection of unclaimed clothing located near the green seat. Maybe take a look the next time you are dropping off or picking up.

We have our representatives geared up and ready to give the upcoming Zone Cross Country their best effort. If you are still to return the permission note – please do so by Monday at the latest. We wish our runners the very best of luck!



### Are You Switching Off?

Today we participated in Earth Hour by switching off all lights and power. We had some healthy discussions around conserving our natural resources. Some of the ideas the children shared are being forwarded to our local council with the hope they may consider them worthwhile to implement.



Find us on:  
**facebook®**

Our Facebook page is now up and running and we have been able to share with the broader community some of the activities we do on a daily basis that makes our school so unique.

I encourage you to get on and give us a like.



A big thank you to Charlie, Sally, Caitlin and Tamara for all the preparation for Donut day on Monday. If you have accidentally forgotten to place an order – I have purchased some additional packs.

This coming week our Year 3 and 5 students will be having a practice run of the Online Naplan assessment platform. This is simply an opportunity for students to become familiar with the system and its operations as well as allowing us to check that all computers are fully functioning.

The formal NAPLAN assessment will take place across weeks 3 and 4 of Term 2.

The Children's University Passports were sent home with students this past week. Remember students can take them along to their after school activities and have them stamped by the providers for every hour of additional learning they undertake. This might include, dancing, soccer, netball, bible study, music lessons, tutoring, league, AFL, karate or gymnastics to name a few. If you aren't sure about what might constitute a

learning experience speak to your child's teacher or myself.

We will be sending home a comprehensive list of free holiday activities for families to access in the coming holidays. Participation in these can also earn logged hours.

Thank you to those parents who contacted me regarding clarification of the recent student invoice and account sent home this past week. I apologise that there was not more clarification around the fee breakdown.

As with many schools, we have streamlined our processes relating to how we invoice families for the school contribution amount and costings for other supplies such as text books etc.

In 2018 the school contribution fee was \$47 and the student math text book invoice \$23.

In 2019, we have simply relabelled this as student fees to avoid any further disagreements with our wonderful new SAP system!!! Whilst we have done away with purchasing an actual text book – we have still been required to purchase school licences for the Soundwave and IMath programs. The individual student licences for these is \$13 per student and the remaining balance covers approximately 50% of the cost of the purchase of various Literacy and Numeracy apps as well as contributing towards upgrading our technology and computers. At the time of sending out the invoice we did think we would have to pay for the Minecraft Education licence – however this has since been donated to us by the Department.

So, in actual fact – the invoiced amount from 2018 has not changed in 2019 but sits under a new heading to satisfy our new SAP system and aligns with our 2018-2020 school plan.

As with any financial request from the school – if you are experiencing financial hardship we have a number of ways in which we can support you. I would strongly encourage you to contact Lyn or myself to discuss what can be done to assist you.

Have a restful week everyone and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our upcoming craft afternoon☺

Michelle Crowfoot

### Dates to remember

- Small Schools athletics carnival is to be held at the Vi Barnett Sporting fields in Raymond Terrace on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April. Permission note to be returned as soon as possible.
- Shared Easter Craft Afternoon – 3<sup>rd</sup> April from 2.30 – 3.30p.m
- PAWS to Read 11<sup>th</sup> April 9.30 – 10 a.m. special guest appearance by Miss Molly (if she hasn't found the mud again!)
- Easter Hat Parade Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 9.45 a.m



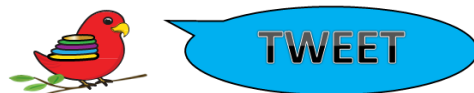
### DON'T FORGET!

Parents and Carers and their respective children are invited to spend an afternoon creating their own unique Easter Hat for the Easter Hat parade to be held on Friday (12/4/19)

The afternoon will be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April from 2.30p.m. – 3.30p.m.

Thank you to those families who have donated supplies for our shared craft afternoon. If you are still wishing to donate some resources please deliver them to the office.

### TWEET AWARDS



Congratulations to Isabelle, Chloe, Dakota, Lachlan, Nicholas Ben, Ezekiel and Ryan for achieving their 'Yellow feather'.

Well done!

### Captains Report

We have Donut day coming up on Monday 1 April (this is for real no pranks ha ha ha). It is \$1 for 3 donuts. Today we had earth hour, it is where you turn off the power for 1 hour. In the Super Six store we have ice blocks, chips like Jumpies and popcorn. We have jelly and fruit cups. Craft day is Wednesday 3 April. The Easter hat parade is coming up on Friday 12 April so don't forget to bring in your Easter raffle tickets.

Have a good weekend.

Caitlin and Charlie



### Sport Report

In the school cross country Charlie and Dakota were fastest 12 year olds and the fastest from 10 years is Shelby, Halle and Chloe for the 9 year olds and Vinnie and Jacob for the 8 year olds. They will be representing our school at the Zone Cross Country trials at Tocal on Tuesday.

We are practicing our sport skills at sport time.

Ryan and Sam

# Eat It To Beat It



SunSmart Snippet

## The simplest way

... to reduce your child's skin cancer risk

2 in 3 people who grow up in Australia will be diagnosed with skin cancer in their lifetime.



**Protect their skin in these FIVE ways:**

- **Slip** on sun-protective clothing
- **Slop** on SPF 30 sunscreen or higher
- **Slap** on a broad-brimmed, bucket or legionnaire hat
- **Seek** shade
- **Slide** on some wrap-around sunglasses.

When you protect your child's skin, you reduce their risk of skin cancer.

To help keep your kids safe in the sun, check your schools SunSmart status by heading to [www.sunsmartnsw.com.au](http://www.sunsmartnsw.com.au)



# FIFA 19



You don't need to be the biggest football fan in the world to have heard of FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) - the governing body for football. And, the video game series bearing the organisation's name is one of the most successful ever. The lure of this football series is that official licensing gives your child the opportunity to play games in the role of their favourite players. They can either work through a story mode version of the game or play online in competitions against other players. The game, released annually by Electronic Arts under the EA Sports label, is available for a range of consoles, and there are also mobile versions available for smartphones and tablets. The most recent version is FIFA 18, but FIFA 19 is due for release later in the year.

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## What parents need to know about FIFA

### CONSTANT SERIES REFRESHES

The big selling point for the FIFA range of games is that it includes current players: a feature which no other football video game offers. However, this means that a new version of the game is released every year, with updated teams, players and stadia, plus new gameplay features and tweaks. And, with every annual update of the game, there is an expectation that it will be far better than the previous one, so the pressure to upgrade and buy the new version is likely to be immense!

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### IN-GAME CHAT

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While the FIFA video game is suitable for children of all ages as it does not include any inappropriate content, there is the issue of in-game chat. Your child can play with other people online and chat with them using headsets. As this is largely unregulated, it could mean that your child is exposed to language or conversations that you deem unsuitable.

### FAKE EMAILS, SCAMS AND COPYCAT WEBSITES

Your child may receive an email or see a message on social media or in forums which appear to be a genuine FIFA promotion. While the link may seem like a FIFA login page, it's a phishing scam to capture a login name and password. Scammers may use names that sound legitimate, like 'EA Admin' or 'FIFA Developer'.

### BUYING ADD-ONS

In-game purchases are to be expected in any modern game and FIFA is no different. FIFA Ultimate Team (commonly called FUT) is a mode in FIFA that lets gamers build teams of players from any league, playing both offline and online to win coins. These can be used to buy better players or packs containing random players. While some purchases can be made using in-game currency, other purchases involve spending with real world money, which could become expensive. There have been reports of parents receiving large credit card bills resulting from in-game purchase made by their children.

### JUST ONE MORE GAME

Your child could be playing FIFA games on their computer or console for very long periods of time. That's not to say that computer-based matches are a full 90 minutes long, but a series of 20-minute matches can very quickly fill up a day! The World Health Organisation has classified 'gaming disorder' as a mental health problem - this is when children have trouble controlling their gaming behaviour and let it reign over their lives and daily routine.

### FIFA GAMEPLAY

The FIFA series has been criticised for the competitive nature of gameplay leading to aggression in some players. Add to this the chance to converse with other players via in-game chat, and the potential for anger levels is likely to rise... especially if you're losing heavily!



## National Online Safety

## Top Tips for Parents

### CONSTANT SERIES REFRESHES / WHAT TO DO?

As a parent, the implications of this really depends on the age of your child and your relationship with them. It may be that playing and sharing games is part of your family life and so this isn't a problem, but just be mindful that being involved with the FIFA franchise is unlikely to be a one-off event - it's the start of a gaming journey that could last for many, many years and involve numerous (potentially expensive) upgrades.

### IN GAME CHAT

It's unlikely that you'll be able to convince your child to play FIFA without making use of the chat facility - it's something that adds to the experience. However, you should ensure your child is aware of how to silence any abusive players and how to report anyone who becomes problematic.

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### FAKE EMAILS, SCAMS AND COPYCAT WEBSITES

You should teach your children to stay clear of scams. Explain to them that they must be wary of any link which asks them to either verify their username and password or provide other sensitive information; game developers will never send a message asking for login information. Console messages, emails and websites, or social media posts promoting contests for in-game content, such as packs, players, or coins requiring login information are fake.

### BUYING ADD-ONS

To spend real money in FIFA, a credit or debit card must be linked to a gaming account, so ensure that your card is not being used for this! There's also support for PayPal payment, so also check who has access to this type of account. Depending on the platform your child is using to play FIFA, there are different parental controls that can be put in place to restrict spending should you allow them to link a card to their account. There is also a payment option called Paysafecard, which allows you to make payments online without the use of a bank account or credit card. As you can top up balances, this makes it easy to control spending.

### JUST ONE MORE GAME

The parental controls on consoles can be used to restrict the amount of time spent playing. Physically monitoring how much time your child is spending in FIFA is recommended - just as you might monitor how much time they spend watching TV. Keep an eye out for warning signs, such as a lack of interest in other activities, tiredness or fatigue, neglect of personal hygiene, changes in character or anger issues when your child is told to stop playing a game.

### FIFA GAMEPLAY

Monitoring in-game chat may be difficult as you're likely to only be able to hear one side of a conversation. However, noticing how your child is reacting may be a reasonable indicator of the general mood. Dealing with both the frustrations of a game as well as troublesome people can serve as useful life lessons, but as a parent, you know your child better than anyone else. If you notice your child is getting too upset or angry, that's the time to intervene and try to encourage them to take a break from the game.

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