



NEWSLETTER

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CLASS FOCUS 5/6C

What I like about school is the staff, recycling, sport and Gala days. I like learning sometimes too.

Logan C

In school I enjoy doing sport. I also think that we have an awesome education. We have many fun things coming up as in camp and the Year 6 Farewell.

Cameron S

I like that school allows you to have a good education. I like that we have sport on Fridays and we go to camp and the Year 6 Farewell.

Matilda H

I like school and writing. I love having Music lessons. The teachers are really nice. I enjoy sport and all the challenges that you face.

Matthew M

I love school because the teachers work hard. And we do lots of fun activities like camp and the Year 6 Farewell.

Lilly H

I like the teachers and we get to do things other schools don't get to do. All the activities are great and going on excursions like camp.

Emily G

I love school because our teachers are lovely and kind. School is amazing because friends are always there for you and you get to do lots of different subjects.

Anabelle R

Every morning Monday to Friday I enjoy learning. There are really good subjects like maths, writing, history and art. I especially like to do Gala days when we get to do them.

Zac G

The thing I like about school are seeing the nice teachers and the kind, tall principal. I also like to see my friends and all the fun activities we get to do, especially in Years 5 and 6.

Claire P



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

IMPORTANT DATES

- 25 to 27 November - Stage 3 Camp
- 30 November – Year 6 Basketball Gala Day (limited students only)
- 7 December – Stage 2&3 Movie Mania Day
- 7 December – P&C Meeting 6:30pm
- 9 December - Presentation Day
- 11 December – Kindy & Stage 1 Movie Mania Day
- 14 December – Year 6 Farewell
- 16 December – Last day for students

End of Year Events & Presentation Day

We are currently finalising our end of year events, ensuring they meet the revised COVID guidelines. The new guidelines allow for parents to be involved only when the physical space allows 4m² per individual. This includes students, staff and visitors. This limits our capacity to have people at different functions. It also means that there are very tight restrictions on the Year 6 Farewell. Parents will not be able to stay or stand around when students are dropped off at the Year 6 Farewell. At this time, parents will be able to accompany their child into the school for a brief time for a photo opportunity under the fig tree.

To be COVID safe and compliant, we need to plan all arrangements on the total number of students and staff likely to attend before we can invite visitors. This requirement means there will be changes to the end of year presentations, so we can have some parental involvement. We will be having 4 different Presentation Day assemblies based on stages to ensure we meet these restrictions. Only students who are receiving awards will be able to attend the assembly in the hall, with each of these students receiving a ticket so that **one parent** can attend. Student cohorts from each stage group will watch online from their classrooms. Siblings at our school, pre-schoolers and high schoolers will not be able to attend the assembly. We are lucky we have a small Year 6 cohort this year and so **one parent** of each Year 6 student will be able to attend the Stage 3 Assembly. We are currently looking at how we stream these events effectively so that all parents and relatives can view the events effectively.

At this point the timing for the Presentation Day Assemblies will be as follows:

9:45am - 10:30am - Kindergarten

10:40am - 11:30am - Years 1 & 2

12:00pm - 1:00pm - Years 3 & 4

2:00pm - 3:00pm - Years 5 & 6, including Year 6 leaving ceremony

All attendees will need to sign in to be COVID Safe. More details regarding this event will be communicated to families in the coming weeks and parents of students receiving an award will receive a letter soon. Parents who attend an earlier assembly, and do not have a ticket to the next assembly, will not be able to stay onsite even if they are awaiting an assembly scheduled later in the day.

Please be assured that we are following the most current advice and looking for COVID safe ways to celebrate with our students and community. We too are disappointed that some of the fantastic end of year events that staff, students and families look forward to will not be the same this year.

Final Whole School Assemblies for the Year

With the changes in restrictions, we are able to hold whole school assemblies again, however, parents will still not be able to attend. Tomorrow we will have our Leaders' Speech Assembly for 2021. We have an outstanding number of candidates this year, and we look forward to hearing why students should vote for them. There will be no assembly next week due to Stage 3 Camp and the final whole school assembly for the year will be Friday Week 8, 4th December. These assemblies will still be streamed but there will be some minor modifications to meet restrictions. If your child is ready for an award, please ensure the awards are sent to the office **before Tuesday 1st December**. Term 4 Citizenship awards will be distributed on Monday 23rd November.

Reports

Our reports will be sent home with students in Week 9. I would like to acknowledge the professionalism of our staff in completing these, which requires a great deal of time and effort. The report describes student achievement in each of the subjects taught in all NSW schools. To prepare the reports, Kindergarten teachers are using a three-point scale to describe the achievement of each student in each subject area over the past two terms. Teachers of students in Years 1-6 will use a combination of an overall mark, using a five-point scale system, and a three-point system to indicate how students have achieved against outcomes and markers taught this semester. The grades are not a pass/fail scale and do not rank your child in their class – there is no pre-determined number of students who will achieve any of the achievement levels. It is very important to remember that these grades are only part of the picture of what your child can do. Your child's report will also include information about how hard your child has tried and the teacher's comments about progress in each subject will also add to your understanding. This variety of information will help you discuss with your child and your child's teacher how to provide encouragement and improve progress.

Please note:

Absences are recorded as of the end of Term 4 Week 7 due to printing deadlines.

Assessment data is collated in an ongoing manner across the Semester.

2020 Review and Future School Plan

In order to improve our practice, we need to continually receive and reflect upon feedback. Over the past few weeks, we have sought feedback on our school vision and future learning model with parents, students and staff. Many valuable insights have been gained on where we are doing well and where we can improve. I really appreciate the effort of parents who made themselves available for the P&C meeting and to those who gave us your feedback by completing the survey. I look forward to outlining our plan early next year.

NAPLAN Readiness Test

With the scheduled transition to NAPLAN online in 2021, next week we will be trialling the school's computer system and Wi-Fi for the NAPLAN Assessment. Students in Year 2 and some classes in Stage 2 will participate in a school readiness test. There is no identifiable information as first names are only used, and neither the school nor parents receive results. The only purpose of this readiness test is to identify any issues with the school system. Next year, Years 3 & 5 students will have the opportunity to complete a practice.

NAIDOC Week 2020

Last week we celebrated NAIDOC Week. The theme this year is Always Was, Always Will Be. NAIDOC Week 2020 acknowledges and celebrates that the first footprints on this continent were those belonging to First Nation Peoples and they occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years. NAIDOC Week is a time to reflect and to celebrate the rich histories, cultures and achievements of Australia's First Nation Peoples – recognising Aboriginal and Torres Straits Islander peoples as the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waters and celebrating their ongoing contribution to our country and society.

All classes participated in these celebrations by decorating the administration building with Indigenous artwork and engaging in lessons focused on exploring Indigenous culture. Thanks to Mrs Farrell and Mrs Ezzy for all their hard work organising these activities.



Remembrance Day - 11 November

Unfortunately, due to COVID, students were not able to attend our usual ceremony this year. We did, however, pay our respects with a minute's silence and a ZOOM assembly to ensure students understand the importance of Remembrance Day.

Lest we forget.



Thank you to:

- Mrs Farrell & Mrs Ezzy for organising NAIDOC.
- Mr Hughes for taking the Rugby League this week.
- Ms Maunder for coordinating INGENIUM, and to all the teachers who helped out and to Mrs Quealey the Smoothie Queen.
- To all the teachers for their support.

Graham Wilkins

Principal

NEWS, NOTES AND HAPPENINGS

NOTES Home	NOTES Due
Book Club (Online)	Monday 23 November
Basketball Gala Day (Year 6 only)	Friday 20 November
Sushi Lunch Order (Flexischools)	Friday 27 November
Stage 2 & 3 Movie Mania "Dragon Rider"	Wednesday 2 December
Kindy & Stage 1 Movie Mania "The Croods – A New Age"	Friday 4 December



Hire – A – Hero

Get yourself ready for the end of the year – hire a Year 6 super hero student to do all your work!!!

Tickets are 50c each.

On sale from Monday 23rd November. The draw will be on Thursday 3rd December.

Hire-A-Hero day is on Friday 4th December.

Not Returning to Wilberforce PS?

We are currently in the process of looking at our class structures for 2021. If you anticipate that you and your family will not be with us next year, please fill in the slip and return it to Mrs Turner in the office as soon as possible or ring us on 4575 1424 or email wilberforc-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

This information is vital to us, so we can ensure we form the correct classes and support structures for our students.



Organisation 2021

Family Name: _____



My child/children will not be returning to Wilberforce Public School in 2021.

Parent Name: _____ Signed: _____ Parent/ Caregiver

Weekly Focuses:

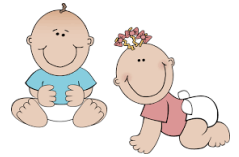
	Cooperative: I work with others to improve our learning.
	Creative: I inquire.

Sound Waves

Week 7 Term 4 	Graphemes:	Graphemes: Extra	Focus Concepts:
	Schwa er ar or a e i o u	colour, litre, picture, certain	Alphabetical order Suffixes: er, or, ant, ent, Greek and Latin roots: capio caput, caput capitus, decem, natalis
Week 8 Term 4 	Graphemes:	Graphemes: Extra	Focus Concepts:
	Revision	Revision	Revision

Reminder: Year 6 Students

Please bring in your baby photos for the 2020 Year 6 Book. We ask that if they are original photos that the photo be placed in an envelope with the child's name clearly marked. You are also welcome to email them to wilberforc-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au with the subject of the email as the child's name.



Book Club

Book Club was sent home last week. Orders need to be placed online through the Book Club Loop by Monday 23rd November. **If your order is a surprise Christmas gift, make sure you mark as "gift" when ordering on LOOP.** Mrs Reinhardt will then call you when the order has arrived at the school for pick up in the front office. **Cash orders cannot be accepted.**



NAIDOC Week

Warami, Everyone!

Last week, along with many other schools, Wilberforce Public celebrated NAIDOC week. The week of acknowledgment usually takes place in July; however, this year was postponed until Term 4. The theme for this year was 'Always Was, Always Will Be'. Students K-6 got creative with an Aboriginal artwork that was used to create a collaborative display across the entire length of the external office wall – great work, everyone! Students also completed a poetry lesson based on the book, 'Cooee Mittigar', which uses a combination of both English and Darug language. All the teachers were blown away by the poetry writing skills demonstrated across the entire school, as well as students ease in picking up some Darug words to include in their everyday vocabulary.

Finally, on Friday 13th, Wilberforce had a Mufti Day to raise money for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation – our donation totalled \$358! Congratulations everyone, on making this a truly successful NAIDOC celebration!

Mrs Ezzy & Mrs Farrell



Kindergarten Orientation

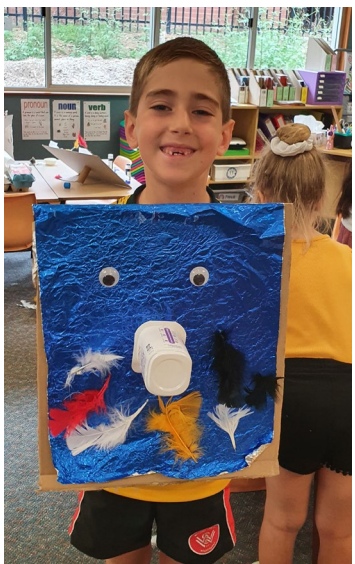
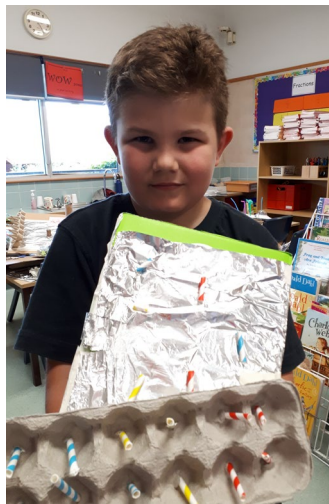
We have loved having our new superheroes join us over the past four weeks. What a great start to school you have had and will continue to experience when Best Start commences on Friday 29th January. Have a wonderful Christmas and holiday break.



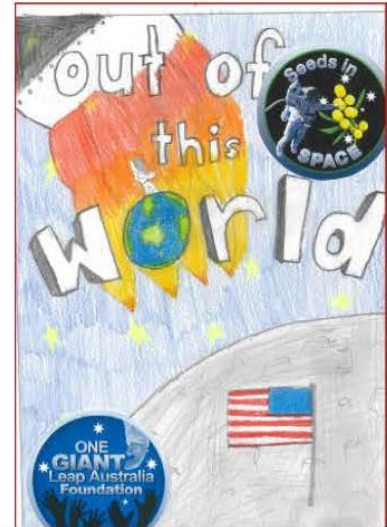
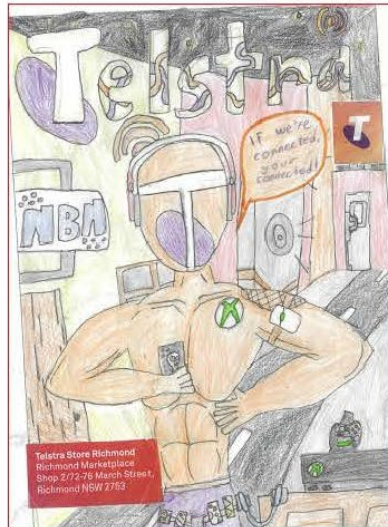
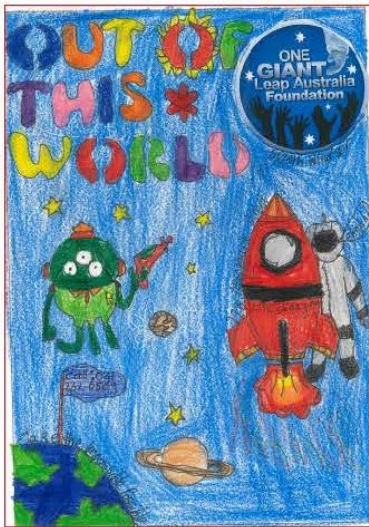
STAGE NEWS

Stage 1

Last week, the students enjoyed putting into practice some of the information they had studied and discussed in our Science unit. Making dino shields was messy, engaging and lots of fun! We made the shields to represent some of the external features that dinosaurs used for protection. Some of the features that helped prehistoric animals survive were tails for whipping, spines that are sharp, as well as spikes, plates to scare animals, sharp teeth and claws, sharp horns and thick skin and armour. Can you see these features on our shields?

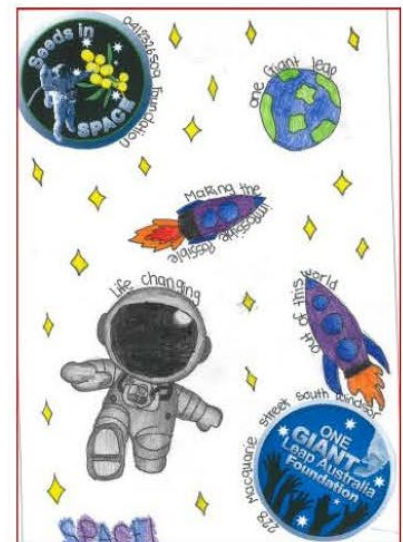
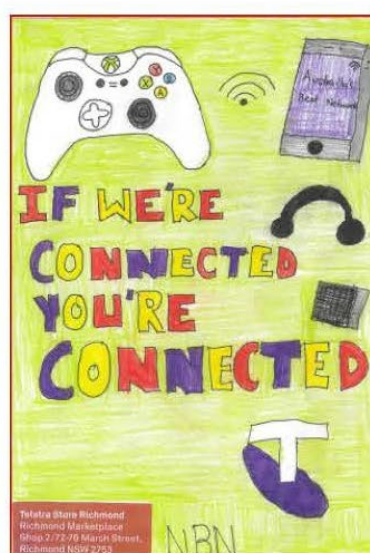
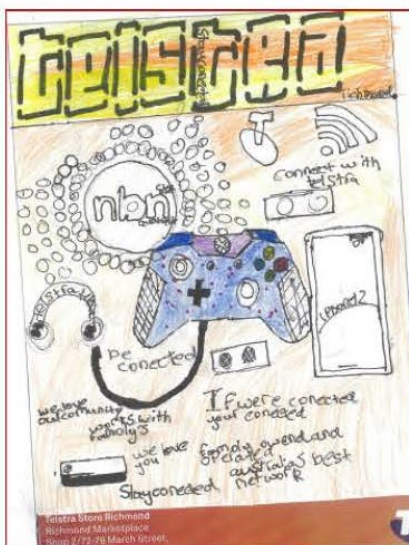
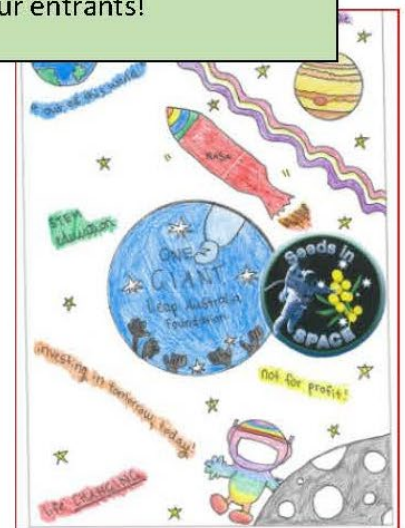


Stage 3



Stage 3 have entered an advertising design competition for the Hawkesbury Gazette. Here are some of entries.

Good luck to all our entrants!



WEEKLY AWARDS

Bronze

Jake M 3/4M, Alexia S 3/4R, Evie G 1/2W, Harry H KG, Summah H 3/4B, Madison M 5/6R, Abigail W KG, Alice C KP, Selene C 3/4M, Sienna P 3/4M, Caitlyn M 3/4M, Ahlia M 1D, Ryan A 5/6R, Aiden C KP, Hannah W 1D, Liam H 3/4M, Zahra V 2G x 3, Lewis P 1D, Jamie M 3/4M, Brooklyn M 1/2W, Zane P 2G x 3, Taylah F 3/4H, Michael R 3/4B, Jason B 5/6R, Lily M 3/4M, Gabriel M 5/6C, Lincoln M 1/2W x 2, Chevy D 1/2W, Zali D 1D, Indigo K 3/4M, Lacie B 2C, Ella S 2G, Alison W 3/4M, Sonny H 3/4R x 2, Jack H KB, Jamie M 3/4M, Liam R 2G, Jackson T 5/6R x 2, Abbie T 3/4M x 5

Silver

Zoe W 2C, Caitlyn M 3/4M, Isabella W 1/2W, Hannah W 1D, Zahra V 2G, Xavier P 2G, Chevy D 1/2W, Indigo K 3/4M, Lacie B 2C, Thomas F 5/6D, Sonny H 3/4R, Brooklyn M 1/2W, Madison M 5/6R, Jamie M 3/4M, Sienna P 3/4M, Jackson T 5/6R x 2, Abbie T 3/4M x 2

Gold

Caitlyn M 3/4M, Sierra M 3/4R, Indigo K 3/4M, Jackson T 5/6R, Abbie T 3/4M



CANTEEN

Monday	Wednesday	Friday
23 November	25 November	27 November
Emily Read Rebecca Stephen	Lorelle Turner Lisa Turner	Rebecca Zerk Stephanie Morris
Monday	Wednesday	
30 November	2 December	4 December
Linda Fenech Leagh Follington	★Sushi Lunch Order Day★ (Closed for normal lunch orders)	Rachael Van Drie Kirsten Watkins Tanya Alofia

SUSHI SPECIAL LUNCH ORDER DAY

Wednesday 2ND DECEMBER

Orders must be placed by Friday the 27th of November.

Instructions on how to order through the Flexischools App:

Once you get to the screen shown below, please swipe to the right to see the Sushi section.



CANTEEN NEWS

END OF YEAR

As the end of the year is fast approaching, we will not be restocking the freezers in the canteen. This means that your child may not get what they ordered due to stock levels.

ROSTER

The new Roster for Term 1 2021 will be put up early next week, if you are able to volunteer for a day, we would love to see some new faces, it is a great day meeting new people and your child loves when they see you in canteen.

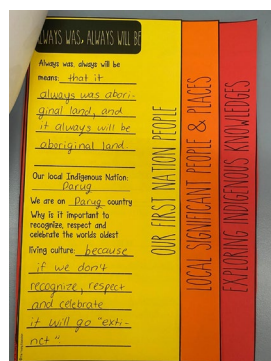
If you are interested in putting your name down, please send through an email to cvincent@bargroup.com.au or contact Carly on 0401 955 107.

Thanks so much to all the support throughout this year, and especially to all our amazing Volunteers we could not open without you.

Carly Vincent



NAIDOC Week 2020



Term 4 Wilberforce Public School 2020					
Term 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 4	2 Nov P&C Meeting 7pm	3 Nov	4 Nov Kindergarten 2021 Orientation Visit 2 (Students only 10am - 12:15pm)	5 Nov Newsletter Interrelate (Stage 3)	6 Nov
Week 5	9 Nov	10 Nov	11 Nov Kindergarten 2021 Orientation Visit 3 (Students only 2:30pm - 3:30pm) Remembrance Day Ceremony (students only)	12 Nov	13 Nov NAIDOC Mufti Day
Week 6	16 Nov	17 Nov	18 Nov Kindergarten 2021 Orientation Visit 4 (Students only 2:30pm - 3:30pm) Hawkesbury Rugby League Cup (selected students only)	19 Nov Newsletter	20 Nov
Week 7	23 Nov	24 Nov	25 Nov Year 5 & 6 Camp	26 Nov Year 5 & 6 Camp	27 Nov Year 5 & 6 Camp
Week 8	30 Nov Year 6 Basketball Gala Day	1 Dec	2 Dec	3 Dec Newsletter	4 Dec
Week 9 Reports go home this week	7 Dec P&C Meeting 6:30pm (ZOOM) Stage 2&3 Movie Mania	8 Dec	9 Dec <i>Presentation Day</i>	10 Dec Newsletter	11 Dec Kindy & Stage 1 Movie Mania
Week 10	14 Dec <i>Year 6 Farewell</i>	15 Dec The Wilbo Have a Go Show!	16 Dec The Wilbo Have a Go Show! Last day for students	17 Dec SDD	18 Dec SDD

*This is a working document, events may change.

NOTE: Students Year 1 to 6 Return Term 1 Friday 29th January 2021

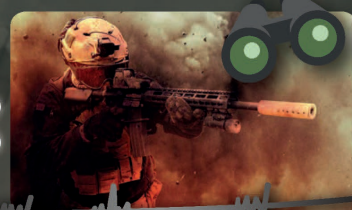
Kindergarten 2021 Begin Term 1 Tuesday 2nd February 2021



Call of Duty is undeniably one of the most recognisable video games on the planet. The first game was released for the PC way back in 2003, and the franchise has spawned a whopping 16 titles to date, and featured on almost 20 gaming consoles and devices. Despite being one of the most popular games on the market, CoD has never been a stranger to controversy; themes of war, terrorism and other adult subjects parents and guardians might feel uncomfortable exposing their children to, have always been a part of the series. The latest iteration, Call of Duty: Modern Warfare, is no different, even doubling down on some of these mature themes. So with that in mind, here's a helpful guide to aid you in navigating the world of Call of Duty.



What parents need to know about CALL OF DUTY: MODERN WARFARE



VIOLENCE AND GRAPHIC CONTENT

Call of Duty has been given an 18+ rating due to "violence against vulnerable and defenceless characters, motiveless killing of innocent characters, graphic violence and use of strong language." Despite the rating, the game is still extremely popular amongst under 18's who could be exposed to violent themes or foul language that parents and carers may not deem suitable or age appropriate for their children.



INCREDIBLY RAW CAMPAIGN

The single player campaign in Call of Duty: Modern Warfare focuses around a war in the fictitious Middle Eastern country of Urzikstan. It features special forces operations, large open battles, chemical weapons and torture. Infinity Ward (who developed the game) have gone on record saying this is the most realistic and grounded game they've ever made, so it stands to reason that the campaign has generated a huge amount of controversy, especially in today's heated political climate. While younger players might not fully grasp what's going on on screen, it's bound to raise some uncomfortable questions if they're left to play it unsupervised.



CHATTING TO STRANGERS

By far the biggest pull for players to Call of Duty is the expansive multiplayer. As well as offering up a wide variety of competitive game modes, Modern Warfare also includes some co-op gameplay modes. Ideally, this means players and children can join a group with their friends and play together online. However, players can play against or with anyone in the world and, with no filter, the language used may often be inappropriate for young children. Due to the competitive nature of gaming and the fact conversations are not moderated, your child could also be at risk of cyberbullying.



ADDICTIVE NATURE

Call of Duty: Modern Warfare has promised to be the best yet. The game features a number of new game modes and now includes crossplay for the first time, whereby players can now play each other across any device (i.e. Xbox, Playstation or PC). As always tends to be the case when a new game is released, players spend large amounts of time getting to grips with the new features and the repetitive nature of COD means children can find it difficult to stop playing and realise their limits.



LOOT BOXES SWAPPED FOR BATTLE PASSES

Previous versions of Call of Duty have included 'loot boxes', which have been widely discussed in the news and are considered by critics to essentially promote a form gambling. Players could unlock items as they progress but wouldn't know what they were purchasing beforehand. Modern Warfare however has swapped loot boxes for 'battle passes'. This means a greater level of transparency as players know exactly what they are buying, how they will be unlocked and when they will receive them in the game.



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Safety Tips For Parents

STICK TO THE PEGI RATING

It really can't be stressed enough how much this game is not for younger children. While you could argue that most of the horrific scenes are in the single player campaign, and you can just play multiplayer and co-op to avoid them, those modes are not without their shortcomings. For example, one of the killstreaks you can attain in multiplayer is white phosphorus - a chemical weapon that can do indescribable things to the human body. This really comes down to the personal judgement of the adult, and the emotional maturity of the child, but if there's still any doubt, stick to the PEGI rating - it's there for a reason.



BE WARY OF GORE AND VIOLENCE

There's no getting around the fact that this is an incredibly realistic game, from the themes down to the gameplay, and that includes the amount of gore in the game. While there is an option to disable dismemberment of bodies in the game (options > general > dismemberment off) it still includes a rather visceral amount of violence that is prevalent throughout.



STAY SAFE DURING IN-GAME CHAT

By default, Modern Warfare allows multiplayer in-game lobbies to have an open chat feature. This basically means that anybody in the lobby with a mic can hop in and say whatever they like. Naturally, this could lead to some profane language or undesirable viewpoints being expressed. Turning this off is as simple as going to the game options, clicking the audio tab, then setting voice chat to off. Be aware that this also disables the mic on your end too, so the safest and best option is always to make sure children are in a party with their friends before they start the game, then they can still chat to each other without outside interruption.



TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT THE THEMES

Modern Warfare at its heart, is a game about good vs bad and the grey areas in between. Morally complex characters and situations are more prevalent in today's modern age than they've ever been before, and it does carry some important political and social commentary. If you're okay letting children play the game, it's definitely worth sitting down with them to discuss the themes and why it's important to approach them critically. For example, Captain Price is clearly a good character, but he does questionable things in order to achieve his goals. Does this make him a bad character? If kids are old enough to see these situations, they're old enough to question why.



Meet our expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 5 years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.

