

NEWSLETTER

5th May 2022

Principal's Report

Welcome back to all members of our school community for what looks to be a busy and productive term of learning, together with many other activities. On behalf of our community I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new students and their families who have commenced their schooling at PLPS this term. We are looking forward to planning and participating in many activities we have missed in recent times.

Last Thursday our whole school assembly was the first one for some time. The assembly provided the opportunity to introduce our year 6 student leaders to our whole student cohort, together with some reports and celebrations of achievements in term 1. It was also an important time to commemorate Anzac Day, one of the most important dates on our national calendar. Participating in their first assembly, our school captains, Keira Nguyen and Will Tuck spoke incredibly well and led our school community in a ceremony to commemorate the actions of many thousands of men and women who have served our nation in various conflicts over many years. We finished our assembly outlining the many events we are looking forward to throughout term 2.

As we begin term 2, it is timely to reflect on the crucial importance of school attendance and punctuality. One of the major influences on whether your child is likely to achieve their potential at school and then later in life, is their attendance patterns at school. Research indicates strongly that those students who are frequently absent or late to school are less likely to achieve the maximum potential with their learning. They are also at risk of becoming disconnected from their peers and this has the potential to impact upon their social development within our school community. Students who arrive late on a regular basis are missing out on important discussion time that often helps to link learning sequences together, as well as missing out on important conversations about the day's learning program and instruction.

Can we please remind parents and students, that all students who arrive late to school need to enter via the school office to obtain a late pass and ensure they are entered as present on Compass.

Road safety is also a consideration for any students arriving late, as the school crossings are supervised only until 9:05am. Please ensure any students arriving after this time are accompanied by an adult or dropped off on the correct side of the road outside the school office.

This week we held our Mother's Day stall on Wednesday that allowed students to purchase gifts for mums or other

significant carers in their lives. A special thank you to the many parent helpers who assisted with the setup and running of the stall yesterday. Your support is greatly appreciated.

It is with much pleasure we are able to welcome back school performances at PLPS. In past years, our musical performances have been a highlight. Our first production for 2022 is "That's not my Name!" Currently students in Prep and Year 1 are working very hard with our Performing Arts teachers Mrs Reddan and Ms Dahmen, and their home group teachers on rehearsing and preparing for this event. Our students are very excited and enthusiastic about presenting this performance to audiences over two evenings at the Cardinia Cultural Centre. These performances will take place next week on Tuesday May 10th and Wednesday May 11th. Thank you to parents for supporting our students and our Performing Arts program.

Next week our students in years 3 and 5 will sit the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). 2022 will see the introduction of the assessments being conducted online for PLPS, except for a paper test for year 3 Writing. Our students will participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy on the following dates:

Tuesday, May 10th - Writing

Wednesday, May 11th - Reading

Thursday, May 12th - Language conventions

Tuesday, May 17th - Numeracy

The tests in various disciplines provides parents with an understanding of how individual students are performing in these areas at the time of testing. Pamphlets detailing further information for parents were distributed to our year 3 and year 5 students last week. NAPLAN testing is just one aspect of our school's assessment and reporting program and this NAPLAN data complements assessment that is conducted on an ongoing basis by our teaching staff in the learning spaces. Individual student reports will be returned to the school later in 2022 which are then distributed to parents and students.

Our year 2 students began their swimming program on Monday. The program includes a series of 8 lessons at Cardinia Life and will conclude next Friday, May 13th.

A reminder that Wednesday, May 18th is a student free day. Our OSHClub will be operating a full day's program to support our parents and families on this day. If you require this service please contact OSHClub on 0438 559 017 to book your child's place.

Kerrie Kingston-Gains
Principal

Admin News

DIARY DATES

Friday 29th April - Friday 10th June: Winter Interschool Sports
(excluding Friday 6th May)

Monday 2nd May - Friday 13th May: Year 2 Swimming Program
(Wednesdays – no swimming)

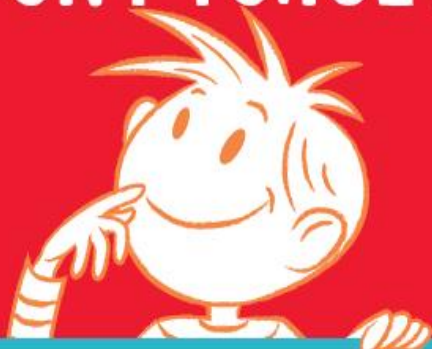
Friday 6th May: Pakenham District Cross Country (Postponed)

Tuesday 10th - Wednesday 11th May : "That's Not My Name!" Junior Concert

Wednesday 18th May: Staff Professional Practice Day - Student free day

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th May - Education Week

DON'T FORGET!



SCHOLASTIC
Book Club

orders are due:

May 13th



2023 Prep Enrolments

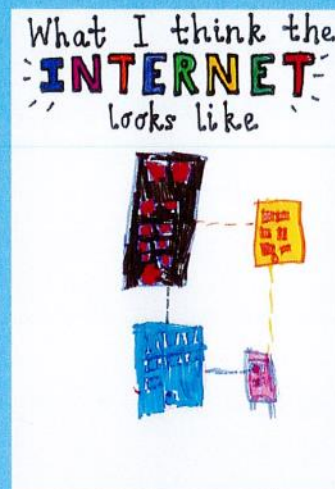
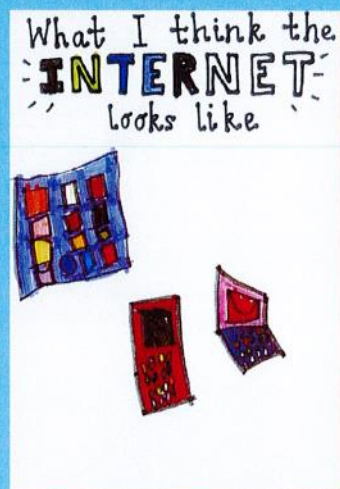
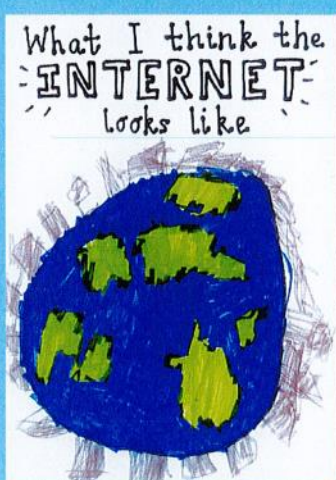
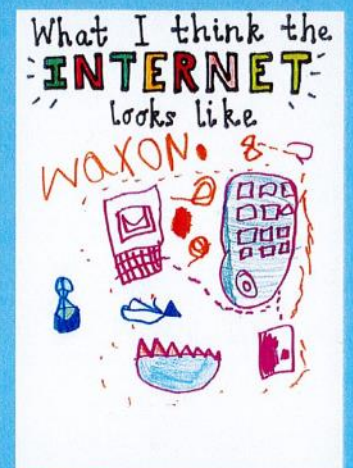
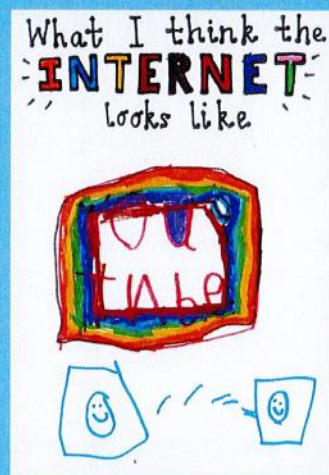
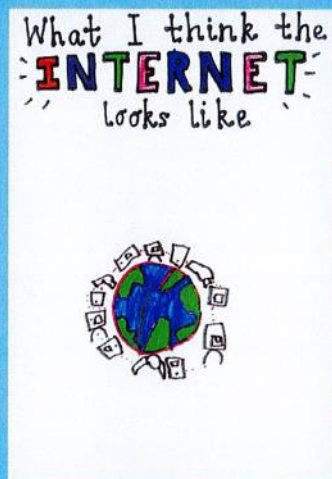
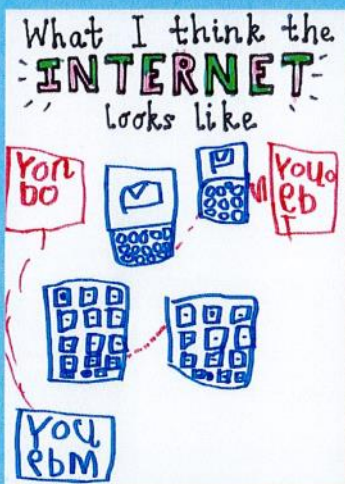
Enrolments for Prep 2023 are now open.

To register for a school tour and/or to receive an enrolment pack please call 5940 9532 or visit www.plps.vic.edu.au or the school office.

DigiTech News!

Our Prep students are beginning a brand new unit aimed to help them understand what the internet is, ways we use the internet and why it is important to stay safe while using websites and applications that are accessed through the 'World Wide Web'.

This unit started with a whole class discussion, visualisation and an opportunity to draw what the internet looks like to them. Here are some examples of what the Prep students thought of, when thinking about the internet.



29th April, 2022



JUNIOR CONCERT – ‘That’s Not My Name’

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Concert preparations have been going well and all students have been working hard over the past few weeks. Below are the details with important times and dates.

Performance Dates: Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th of May.
All Prep and Year 1 students will perform on both nights.

Venue: Cardinia Cultural Centre, 40 Lakeside Blvd, Pakenham

Drop off time: **6:15pm** in the rear foyer. **Car park entrance**. Concert starts at **7pm**.

Pick up time: **8:30pm** from the Theatre foyer. Home group signage will be posted around the foyer. Your child must be signed out by their classroom teacher before being dismissed. To avoid overcrowding we ask that only one adult per child is there for pick up.
[Please ensure your child is collected on time.](#)

Clothes: Students arrive in casual dress (please name these clothes) and they will change into their costume at the theatre. Costumes will stay at the theatre and can be taken home after the final performance on Wednesday 11th May.

Due to OH&S guidelines, under no circumstances are parents or guardians allowed backstage or in the change rooms. Teachers will be available to assist students with their costumes.

On the morning of Tuesday 10th May, students will be travelling by bus to the Cardinia Cultural Centre during school hours, to take part in a dress rehearsal. On this day we ask that **students bring their lunch in a plastic bag and not in their usual lunch box**. **PLEASE NOTE – DO NOT PLACE A LUNCH ORDER ON THIS DAY**. As this is a local excursion, parent consent has already been provided in the enrolment process. Students will be back at school before the end of the school day.

Costumes have been coming in steadily and are looking fantastic. I’m sure your children appreciate the efforts you have made. **If you haven’t already sent your child’s costume to school please do so as soon as possible. There are also tickets still available for both concert nights and can be purchased from the school office.**

We look forward to seeing you at the concert and your children are extremely excited to show you what they have been working on.

Tamara Dahmen and Lyndel Reddan
Performing Arts Team
5940 9532

That's not my Name!

Second Round Tickets are now available for purchase and there is now no ticket limit!

If you would like to order tickets, please either send the form back or call/visit the school office.

Please purchase your tickets ASAP to avoid disappointment.

**The concert performances are on
Tuesday 10th May & Wednesday 11th May @7pm**

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Dear Parents and Students,

Pakenham Lakeside Primary School proudly participates in the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge initiative. It runs in yearly cycles and is a fantastic opportunity to get your children enjoying reading.

Our Prep, Year 1 and 2 students will be completing the challenge at school with their class. If you are in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 and would like to participate in the challenge please fill out the expression of interest form in this newsletter and send it back to school and I will send you out more information.

Year 3 – Year 6 are required to read fifteen books. Ten or more must be from the challenge booklists. Booklists are available in the LRC and the majority of the library book collection are challenge books. You must finish reading your fifteen challenge books by the end of August.

On completion of the challenge all successful participants will receive a certificate of congratulations from the Victorian Premier.

Please visit education.vic.gov.au/prc for more information.

Have fun reading!
Narelle McMillan
Library Technician



If you are in Yr 3-6 and would like to participate in this year's VPRC please fill out this expression of interest and return it to the school office and Miss McMillan will send you more information.

Student Name(s) and Grade

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Round 4 of the *Get Active Kids Voucher Program* is NOW OPEN!

Do your children love sport and getting active? You may be eligible for up to \$200 to put towards the cost associated with your child's sport and active recreation activities.

To be eligible children must be Victorian residents, aged 18 and under and named on a valid Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, as well as Medicare card.

Additionally, special consideration also applies for children residing in care services as well as temporary or provisional visa holders, undocumented migrants or international students. Please refer to the Program Guidelines for more information.

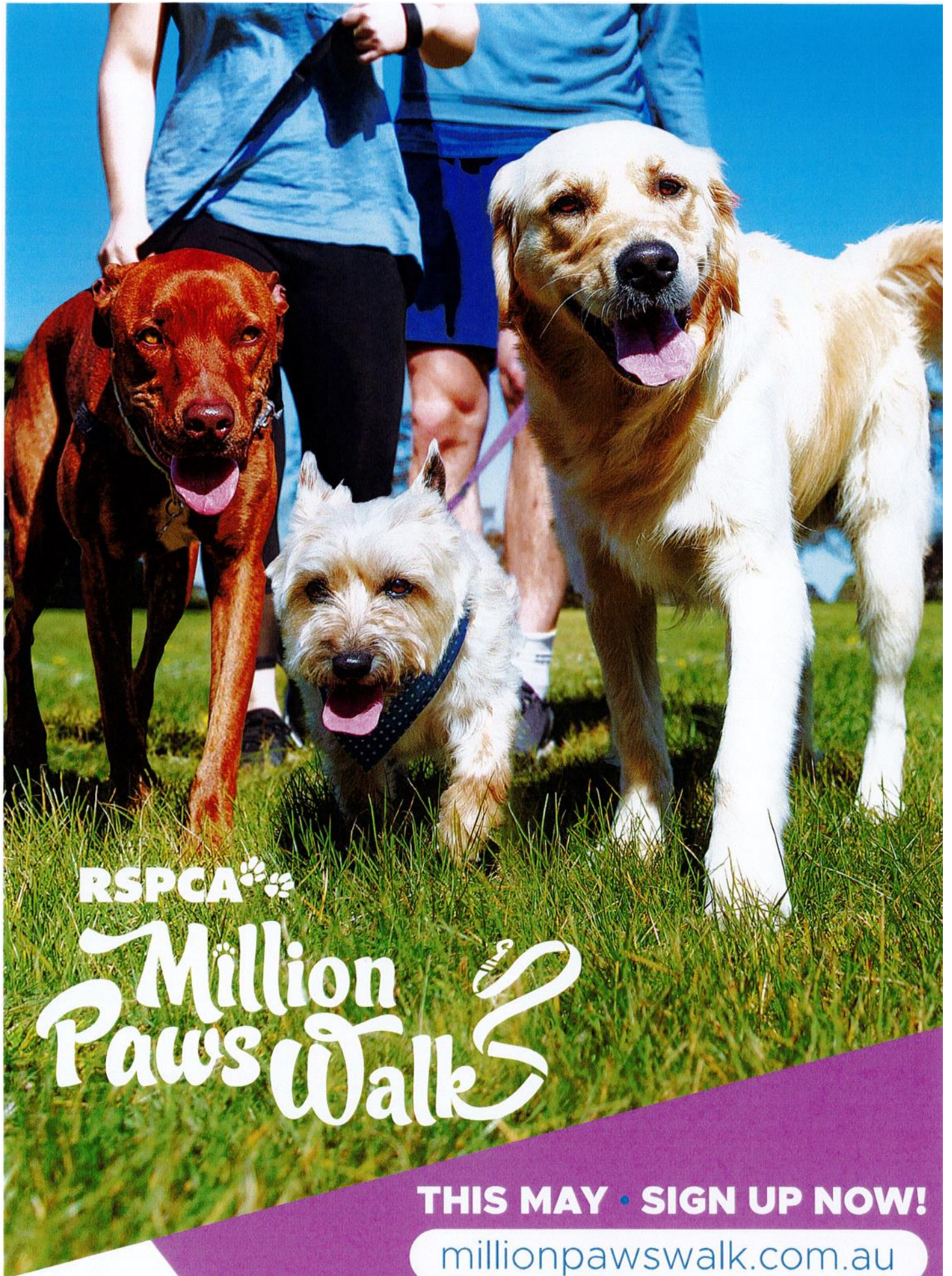
The Get Active Kids Voucher Program helps eligible families get their kids involved in organised sport and active recreation activities by providing financial support for the cost of membership and registration fees. Eligible children may be able to receive up to \$200 each.

Sporting pursuits, swimming lessons and outdoor active recreation programs are examples of eligible activities under the Program.

The Program encourages kids to re-engage or to participate for the first time in new activities by reducing the cost of participation which can be a significant barrier to participation.

You can claim one voucher per eligible child in round 4.

To find out if you are eligible, how to apply, what costs are covered and more, visit www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers



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FARIMA'S FAMILY DAYCARE

Hello, I am Farima and am registered under Shining Stars FDC Services. Family day care is a massive part of my life and just as important to me as other things in my life. I take pride and joy in my work and my care for others and this job means the world to me! I started this business from 2014, which makes it 8 years now! And I have enjoyed every moment of it.

I am blessed to have a big house with a great outdoor area which my kids really enjoy! It is a engaging area, for outdoor gardening activities, painting and crafts!

The open area in my home allows for group activities to take place, fun dancing and singing for the kids to be creative and let out their inner them! Each child will always be supported, encouraged and motivated to do what they like, to live for themselves and those who they love. Peace and belonging are massive factors to motivate yourself with.

My goal is forever to ensure children feel secure, happy and safe in every situation.

We all learn and shine together, with a hint of motivation and inspiration every day!

VACANCIES | AVAILABILITY

Monday – Saturday from 6am to 8pm

Newborn – 3 years old

Kindergarten – 5 years old

- Pick-ups, drops off, care before and after school and general long care Monday – Saturday.





Cardinia

Cardinia Life Proposed Redevelopment

Cardinia Life, Council's premier Aquatic and Leisure Facility has reached its capacity. We are proposing a redevelopment to ensure its facilities, programs and services meet the needs of our current and future community.

What would you like to see in the future?

How do you currently use Cardinia Life?

What do you love about the centre?

Why don't you use Cardinia Life?

Tell us your ideas

We want your feedback to help inform the redevelopment planning for Cardinia Life. Tell us about your ideas for the future of Cardinia Life.

Your feedback will help to inform the draft design for the proposed redevelopment of Cardinia Life and help Council seek funding for this significant community asset.

To find out more about the proposed redevelopment of Cardinia Life, visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay or call **1300 787 624**.

Feedback closes Sunday 15 May 2022



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Translation information

If you need an interpreter, call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) on 131 450 to speak to an interpreter. Ask them to phone Cardinia Shire Council on 1300 787 624

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