

# Gerringong Public School Term 2 Week 8



# Fortnightly Newsletter Term 2 Week 8 2023

13th June

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

Welcome to Week 8! We hope families enjoyed a relaxing long weekend break. Over the last few weeks, our teaching staff have been busy writing student reports to share your child's learning journey in Semester 1. Student Reports will be sent home on Friday June 23. This year, reports will look a little different as the Department of Education has removed General Comments from reports. Instead, each Key learning Area will have a comment. The school will be collecting feedback on the changes in the reports. Along with reports, teachers will be providing an opportunity for interviews in Week 10. Information for booking interviews will be provided on Friday, June 16. We look forward to celebrating your child's learning with you.



### Staff News

It is with great sadness that I inform you that Gary Fletcher, a former teacher at Gerringong Public School and Mrs Miller's father passed away on Sunday June 11. Mr Fletcher will always be remembered as a teacher who made learning fun. When I asked my daughter what she remembered most about Mr Fletcher, she replied he was fun, fair and gave us crazy nicknames that made us laugh and feel special at the same time.

Gary's celebration of life service will be held on Wednesday June 21 at 11am at the Shoalhaven Memorial gardens and Lawn Cemetery.

### Athletics Carnival

A fantastic day was had by all and I'd like to thank staff, students and parents for making it such a wonderful day. We had a delayed start to the day due to bus issues but the amazing staff managed to ensure that all students participated in a reduced program of events. We will be completing field events at school over the coming weeks and then we will announce district representatives. Thank you for your patience as we complete the carnival.























### **Reconciliation Week**

Thank you to the Aboriginal Education Team for organising such a wonderful assembly to commemorate Reconciliation Week. It was great to hear from Aunty Gwenda and to watch Gadhungul Murring - our Aboriginal Cultural Program, share their cultural knowledge through dance with us. This Thursday, there will be a documentary called 'The First Inventors' on Channel 10 and NITV. I encourage you all to watch it as a family to learn more about our First Nations history and culture.













### Multicultural Public Speaking Week



A big CONGRATULATIONS to all of the students who took on the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition this year. Getting up in front of a large group of people to deliver a speech is no easy task and the teachers were so proud of the effort made by each entrant.

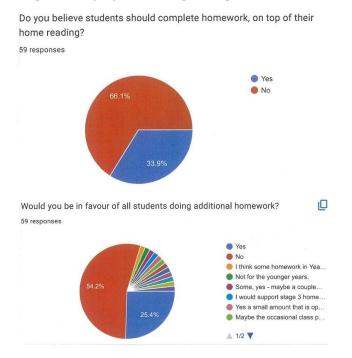
A special CONGRATULATIONS goes to Sunny and Sophie, from Stage 3, and Leo and Owen, from Stage 2, who were selected to represent Gerringong at the Zone Final, taking place at Jamberoo Public School tomorrow. We are all sending well wishes and positive thoughts in your direction.

### Gotcha4Life - Mental Health Awareness

We are hosting a FREE event provided by Gotch4Life where Stage 3 students and their parents can attend sessions that focus on healthy communication/language for better Mental health in our homes, families and the community. Please save the date - August 2 at 6:15pm. More information will be sent home soon. Thank you to Korin Koutsomihalis for her organisation of this event.

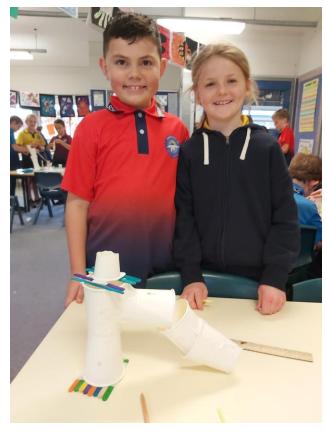
### Homework Policy Survey

Previously, Ms Goldthorp conducted a survey into Homework at GPS. Thank you to the 59 parents for completing the survey. Please see the results below. These results support our current Homework Policy which supports Home Reading K-6 and project learning in Stage 3.



### **Class News**

3S had a fabulous Science lesson on Friday and created water irrigation systems. Groups worked together to design and create their systems, then we tested them together. They had some wonderful reflections afterwards about how they could improve their designs. We have some budding engineers in 3S.















Kind Regards

Lisa Morris

**Relieving Principal** 

### **Term Dates**

Term 2 Ends Friday 30th June.

Term 3 starts Tuesday 18th July and ends Friday 22nd Sep

Term 4 starts Monday 9th October and ends Friday 15th December (Staff Development Day Mon 18th and Tues 19th Dec)

### **SAVE THE DATE:**

Next P&C Meeting 19 June 2023- Everyone welcome!

There has also been a clash of community events and a new date for our big Trivia Night Fundraiser will be rescheduled soon. Watch this space!



### AGENDA

Gerringong P&C Meeting Date | time 19/06/2023 | 7.00pm | Meeting called by P&C

Time	Item	Owner
7.00	Acknowledgement of Country	Suzy Astin
7.10	Apologies	Alex Morris
7.15	Approval of minutes from last meeting	Alex Morris
7:20	Correspondence	Alex Morris
7.20	Principal's Report	Lisa Morris
7.35	Reports: Uniform. Fundralsing. Treasurer Canteen Gardening Grubs	Committee Members
7.45	General Business	
8.00	Adjournment	

	P&C Meeting 15th May 2023	1
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Parents & Citizens Association		
GERRINGONG NSW 2534		
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Email: <u>gerringongpando@gmail.com</u>	MLL ACT	

#### MINUTES OF MEETING

Present:	Anita Grey,Stu Brunsden, Simone Brown, Kristie Goldthorpe, Mel Pearce, Alex Morris,Linda Close,Belinda Laird,
Zoom:	Mel Pearce, Erik , Dan Rodic,
Apologies	Ross Lander
REGULAR MEETING:	Opened at 7:05 pm
Motion:	To accept minutes of previous meeting 20th March 2023
Moved:	Simone Brown
Seconded:	Mel Pearce
Correspondence:	

Emails: • Endeavor Energy Grants available-Deadline for 21st May. (Linda Close-to put together Grant Application- (thank you Linda) . •

#### Principals Report: (Kristie Goldthorp):

- Thank you to the mums and grandmothers who helped with the Mother's Day Stall- it appeared very successful. I hope everyone had a
- Mother's Day Stain. It appeared very successful: hope everyone had a great Stunday. Feedback on Anti-Bullying Policy and Behaviour Management Plan. The Behaviour flowchart puts the new policy into practice. We will hold information session for parents: CAMP notes have been sent out for Stage 2 and stage 3- Students assistance required for 2 students- one in stage 2 (\$150) and one in stage 3 (\$155).

- One student assistance for photos \$50.00
   Year 6 Farewell and Fundraising Committee EOIs are going out this
   week.
   Technical upgrades to AV etc in school hall-request from school quote
- Reports and Parent Teacher night will be Tuesday week 10.
   Homework survey results- still a majority of families not in favour. Please
- see the handout.

LC Motion:Requesting support for school camp for students and assistance with school photos. Second Suzie Astin

KG: Proposal to P and C for Hall upgrades for (Quote totalling \$21,000 for technology upgrades) given to P and C for consideration.
Second Quote required for comparison.
KG: Parent Survey on Homework- results explained. Will be published in the

Newsletter.

KG:

- Attendance statistics are below 90% typically on a Friday and a Monday.
- Activation of the statistical are beneficial of the statistical and a more statistical are beneficial of the statistical are on these days?
   It is possible to have Speech therapists and Occupational Therapists come to school for appointments to avoid taking time out of school.

### Financials: (Mel Pearce): Accounts

- - P and C Account- \$69,519.38
     Canteen Account- \$5,433.56
     Uniform Account- \$ 12,234.86
  - Canteen Purchase Account- \$1714.48

#### P&C Meeting 15th May 2023

- Cronins Footie Club has limited availability for the remainder of
- the term.
  15th/ 16th September proposed as a new date.
  Simone to lock in the date and publicise.

#### Kids Disco- .

Investigate dates for school disco possibly towards the end of this term?

#### School gardening Grubs

• No update this month.

#### Agenda Items:

Agence terms:
General Business:

Suzy Astin: Suggestions of Class parents- a parent who sets up a way of communicating with other parents, helps manage any small issues.
Will help to bring together parents who may be new to the area or feel isolated.
How would this work on a practical basis- nominate one parent for each class?
Maybe this could happen for new kids/ kindy.
How do we make sure that everyone is included?
Start communication at Kindy Orientation (e.g. picnic in term 4 to meet new parents).
Any new parents joining the school to be brought into communication groups

Eric Lau- issues with School Bytes. Trying to resolve issues with the office.

Next Meeting: Monday 19th June

Meeting closed at: 8.12pm

Canteen so far this year has made a loss of \$4,629.91 – due to the paid annual leave taken over the Dec/Jan and Easter school holidays as well as an increase

In costs. Uniform so far has made a loss of \$942.63 – there has been a couple of big stock orders recently contributing to this. Superannuation will increase to 11% from 1 July further increasing the costs.

MP The best quote for a new slushy machine is \$1,499.99- Do we want to approve this purchase?

Suzie Astin- Moved motion to get Slushie machine from P and C funds
 Anita Grey seconded.

Discussion: Should we ask Catherine & Jackie to review the price list of the canteen/uniform shop or are we happy to keep running these at a loss (subsidised by the P&C) and review again at the end of the financial year?

No other Uniform/Canteen updates from Jackie & Catherine

### Canteen; Nothing Specific.

#### Uniforms: (Mel Pearce)

- Canteen and uniform shops previously ran at a profit but this year have begun to make a loss.
- Is it time for the canteen to review the price of items?- MP to chat to canteen staff regarding the price of products.
- Uniform shop to check that the price of items is covering cost.

#### Fundraising (Stu Brunsden):

- Easter Egg Raffle- Very Successful (including the Easter bunny). Huge amount of eggs donated (thank you) 13 prizes made up in total. Overall profit \$3421.05

### Mothers Day • Stall went well ~ \$1200

- Some children still yet to pay- perhaps send Dojo message.
  Main Event: parents only Trivia night
  Clash on original date so first date has been cancelled.



Dear parents, guardians and carers

Re: Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act* 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the *NCCD guidelines* (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes year of schooling

- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.
- This information assists schools to:
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The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing proces. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the <u>Australian Government's Privacy Policy</u>. tected by (https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the NCCD Portal (https://www.nccd.edu.au). If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

Kind regards

Lisa Morris

**Relieving Principal** 

Gerringong Public School





### Library News

### **Grandparent Day**

An invite to our Grandparents Day is included in our newsletter today, so please let all grandparents know about this great event. The school hopes you will be able to help with the morning tea for our grandparents. Please respond to the School Bytes request that was sent out today.

Each year grandparents hope to gain a valued certificate. This year new categories are:

The Most Famous Grandparent - have you been on TV or in the newspaper for a celebratory reason? Written a book? Got a Tik Tok following?

The Most Adventurous Grandparent - have you climbed Everest, kayaked across Bass Strait, tried black pudding or haggis?

The Most Entertaining Grandparent - can you sing, dance, recite a poem, play a musical instrument (even the comb and paper?) If any grandparent would like to enter for any of these - please can you give me advance notice!

We look forward to a fun day celebrating our seniors.





Grandparents Day is always a wonderful celebration at Gerringong Public School. Students and teachers welcome all our Grandmas, Grandads, Pops, Nanas, Babkas, Gumpas, Grootmoeders, Farfars, Pappous, Ojiisans, Grams and Gramps to a very special day.

9.00 – 9.45 a. Grandparents arrive and enjoy a morning tea

10.00 am <u>Grandparents Day Celebratory Assembly</u> Enjoy our assembly with songs, dance and of course the coveted certificates.

10.45 am Classroom visits and library visit Children love showing grandparents and parents their achievements, so please take the time to visit their classrooms. Please come along and visit the library too. We encourage grandparents to donate a book in their grandchild's name for 55. This is the library's yearly fundraiser, and we can purchase new resources from your kind donations.

11.30 Lunch Grandparents and parents please enjoy a picnic lunch with your grandchild/children. You can bring your own lunch or support our canteen and purchase alunch. Canteen lunches need to be pre ordered through FLEX SCHOOLS and orders must be received by Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Please see the menu below. During lunch you may like to explore our playgrounds and play games with yourchildren. Also, the library will be open. Classrooms will be closed at 11.30 am.

**12.30.** <u>Children return to class.</u> We encourage children to stay at school.

We are very excited about this very special day. If rain is forecast, we will still go ahead and the event will take place in the hall. Cross fingers please for a sunny day!

#### Share lunch with your grandchild/ren

Our canteen is offering a set lunch menu which can be ordered through FLEXI-SCHOOLS. Orders can also be handed in, prior to the day, at the canteen. Please use a paper bag with your choice of lunch clearly labelled and include your child's name and class.

\* NO ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THE DAY \*

ORDERS MUST BE PLACED NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY 28TH JUNE

Menu		Drinks:	
Sausage Sandwich	3.50	Water	1.00
Ham & Cheese Toastie	4.00	Chocolate Milk	2.50
Cheese Toastie	3.00	Strawberry Milk	2.50
Egg, Lettuce & Mayo Sandwich	5.00	Apple Juice	2.00
Ham, Cheese & Relish Sandwich	5.00	Orange Juice	2.00
Chicken Pasta Soup	5.00		

#### Parents we need your help!

- We would like to welcome our grandparents with a delicious morning tea. Please can you provide a cake/slice/biscuits?
- Can you help at 8.30 am in the morning to set out the morning tea?
- A request for provision of morning tea and help has been sent out on School Bites. If you can provide a cake/slice/biscuits or help from 8.30 am onwards, please respond online to the event.

### Premier's Reading Challenge

Lots of our children are reading eagerly for this challenge. Please call in and see me if you need help to log on or record readings for your child. Congratulations to everyone who finished the challenge this week.

Margaret Herbert

# Calendar Term 2 2023

-	ALL ACHIEL		g Public School		
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	24/04 Staff Development Day	25/04 Anzac Day	26/04 Students First Day of Term 2 Scripture	27/04	28/04 South Coast Rugby League Triats
2	01/05 Band	02/05	03/05 Scripture	04/05 Selective High School Placement test	05/05
3	08/05 Bond	09/05 Book Fair	10/05 Scripture Book Fair	11/05 Book Fair	12/05 South Coast Netball Trials
4	15/05 Band P & C Meeting Book Fair South Coast AFL trials	14/05 Book Fair South Coast AFL trials	17/05 Scripture Book Fair	18/05	19/05 National Walk safely to School Day NSW PSSA South Coas Netball Gala Day
5	22/05 Band Gits Soccer PSSA School Knockout Gala Day	23/05	24/05 Scripture	25/05	26/05 Boys Soccer PSSA School Knockout Gale Day Sorry Day
6	<b>29/05</b> Band	30/05	31/05 Scripture	01/06	02/06 Reconciliation Week Assembly
	05/06 Band	06/06 GPS Athletics Camival	07/06 Scripture	08/05 The Southern Illawarra Classic Shield Tongarra Cross Country Willandra	09/06 Touch PSSA School Knackout Gala Day
8	12/06 King's Birthday	13/06	14/06 Scripture Multicultural Public Speaking Zone Final at Jamberoa PS	15/06 Stage 2 Camp- Berry	16/06 Stage 2 Camp- Berry
9	19/06 Stage 3 Camp- Canberra	20/06 Stage 3 Camp- Canberra Opens SCSSA Rugby League	21/06 Scripture Stage 3 Camp- Canberra Opens SCSSA Rugby	22/06 Opens SCSSA Rugby Leogue	23/06

26/06	27/06 Southern Stars Dance Rehearsal	28/06 Scripture	29/06	30/06 Last Day of Term 2 Grandparents Day
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### **OFFICE NEWS**

### **School Bytes**

If you have not already, please be sure to register for the School Bytes Parent portal.

Please note absence reasons can be added through the parent portal after 9.30 am on the day of absence.

If you have any questions please contact the school office.

### SMS Absence Notification

When students are representing the school, you may receive an SMS Absence notification and this is for the school office to check that your child has presented at the event. We would appreciate a reply that states the event that they are representing. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

### Back to School Vouchers

Just a reminder these vouchers will expire on 30/06/2023.

### School News



On Monday of Week 6, the Girls Soccer Team competed at the PSSA Knockout, held at Albion Park. It was a fantastic day with our team working together well and demonstrating great skill. Well done girls!

### **Debating News**

An amazing day of debating took place last Wednesday, when Gerringong went head-to-head with Jamberoo Public School in two debates, on home soil. This was the first round of the Premier's Debating Challenge and the debating debut for majority of both of our excellent teams.

Our Year 6 team were able to use teamwork and methodical thinking to successfully convince the adjudicator that "Stage 3 students should do a day of homeschooling every week". Our Year 5 team also fought hard to convince the adjudicator that "All students should NOT get a second chance at all tests and assignments", but unfortunately didn't quite do so on this occasion.

Mrs Goldsmith and Mrs Binks were blown away by the courage and commitment of both of our teams and are looking forward to seeing the GPS superstars in action again next week as they take on Minnamurra Public School.













Enrol for Kindergarten 2024

	Congratula	tion	s to:
KG	Mia H - for using great adjectives in her writing. Fred C - being a clever mathematician when combining numbers. Sol O - for working hard to hear all the sounds in words when writing. Chloe H - For amazing mathematical thinking and great friends of 10	16	
KS	Mika B - for a wonderful speech at the Reconciliation Assembly. Ryder C - for trying his best to form his letters correctly with consistent size. Taj C - for blending two-letter words in the Engine Room. Verona S - for a descriptive sentence about Chip the gull.		Milla D - for being 'on fire' with her reading. Stanley B - for his beautiful work presentation in all areas. Zara U - for always being a kind and considerate class member. Lewie P - for his great mathematical thinking.
K/1	Indie R - for working hard to write a sentence independently. Georgia B - for being a kind friend and always helping her peers. Auralyha D - for her amazing writing and use of conjunctions to join her ideas. Elle O - for her super work and enthusiasm displayed in The Hub!	2JB	Ethan R - for modelling his thinking when showing equivalence in maths. Well done! Sammy D - for demonstrating a can do attitude in all areas of learning and school life. Wow! Tai - for playing cooperatively with a partner during 'Zoo Escape'. Well done! Coco D - for fabulous effort with her home reading! Keep it up!
1K	Vivian H - for being a cheerful, helpful and delightful class member. Archie D- for demonstrating a determined focus during learning experiences all week. Rosie L- for being a helpful and caring class member; an absolute delight to teach. Beau D - for showing improved focus in class and a steely determination to complete his writing tasks.		



## GERRINGONG **PUBLIC SCHOOL**

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### CANTEEN

### SANDWICHES

Vegemite, Honey, Jam \$2.50 Cheese \$2.50 Cheese & Tomato Baked Beans \$3.00 \$3.00 Spaghetti \$3.00 Lean Ham \$3.00 Lean Ham & Cheese \$3.50 Lean Ham, Cheese & Tomato \$4.00 Lean Ham & Salad \$4.50 Egg, lettuce & mayo \$4.00 Salad \$4.00

Toasted Wrap Gluten Free Bread

### SALADS

Seasonal salad \$3.50 \$4.50 Seasonal salad & egg Seasonal salad & chicken strip \$5.00 Seasonal salad & lean ham \$4.50

#### HOT FOOD

Crumbed chicken strip \$2.00 \$4.00 Hot chicken wrap Flame grilled chicken burger \$4.50 \$4.50 Mac 'n' Cheese Beef lasagne \$4.50 Penne bolognese \$4 50 \$4.50 GF Penne bolognese \$4.00 \$4.00 Spinach & ricotta roll (Mon/Fri only) Sausage roll (Mon/Fri only) Traveller pie (Mon/Fri only) \$4.50 Albion park pie (Mon/Fri only) \$4.50 \$4.00 Chicken nuggets (Tues only)

### THURSDAY SPECIAL

4th May Munch & Crunch Box 11th May English muffin pizza pocket 18th May Crunchy noodle salad 25th May Noodles Spring roll 1st June Pulled pork roll 8th June Turkish toasties 15th June Sushi 22nd June Mini quiches & salad 29th June Chicken pasta soup

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	SNACKS
	Seasonal fruit

Veggie sticks	\$1.00
Pikelet	\$0.50
Banana bread	\$0.50
Crackers, cheese & veggie sticks	\$2.00
Popcorn	\$1.00
Sea salt red rock deli chips	\$2.00
Mixed cereal bag	\$0.50

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#### **FROZEN SNACKS**

Half quelch stick	\$0.50
Quelch stick	\$1.00
Frozen fruit & yoghurt	\$1.00
Frozen milk	\$0.50
Frozen juice	\$0.50
Frozen Bevco black current juice	\$1.00
Twisted frozen yoghurt	\$3.00

#### DRINKS

\$5.00

\$4.50

\$5.00

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	Plain milk	\$1.50
	Strawberry milk	\$2.50
	Chocolate milk	\$2.50
	Orange juice	\$2.00
	Apple juice	\$2.00
	Hot Chocolate	\$2.50

# Gerringong Public School Uniform Shop



Don't forget to use your vouchers Expiry June 30 2023

Redeemable at the shop or via email

Shop hours : Monday 2:45pm - 3:15pm Email: gpsuniform2534@gmail.com

Disclaimer: Gerringong Public School advertises in this column as a service to parents. Gerringong Public School does not endorse or accept responsibility for the management or organisation of the advertised events or services. Please note: The community deadline is 12 noon on Friday. Items received after this time will not be published until the following week.



We have lots of fun activities happening at Kiama and Gerringong Libraries this July school holidays.

Come along to Kiama and Gerringong Libraries for Sphero light painting, weaving and knitting workshops, pompom beanie-making, LEGO challenges, and more!

More information and book online https://library.kiama.nsw.gov.au/Winter-holidays-2023





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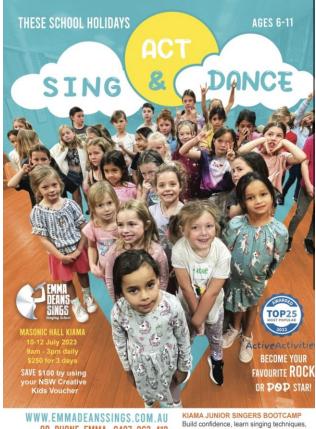
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### WEEK 2

Centrelink financial information Legal Planning Ahead Advanced Care Planning Grief and Ioss Relaxation Stress management Carer health and wellbeing Seniors Rights Service National Disability Insurance Scheme WEEK 3 Advocacy Review and evaluation Morning tea and lunch provided





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