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Our first meeting for the year is on next Tuesday February 4 at 6.30pm In the Fletcher room of the Merriwa RSL Club. All parents welcome and we would love to see some new faces so please come along!

Just a reminder that primary canteen day has returned to a Monday.

We look forward to working with you all to continue to support our school this year.

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Merriwa Central School

Principal's Report

Welcome back students, staff and parents to the 2020 school year. It has been a difficult time for many families across Australia over this holiday period with bushfires impacted on many communities. I have attached some information prepared by the Department to assist parents following the recent events.

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

I had the pleasure to attend the Upper Hunter Shire (Merriwa) Australia Day Awards at the RSL. It was a great opportunity to recognise the achievement and contribution of many members of our community.

I was especially pleased to see many of our students nominated for awards for their contribution to our school, and broader community groups - Tamika Drury, Nicholas Thorburn, Jackson Keane, Victoria McNaught, and Chelsea Borraddalle.

It was fabulous to see Jackson Keane awarded Young Citizen of the Year for not only Merriwa, but also the whole Upper Hunter Shire. It once again goes to prove that with hard work and determination Merriwa Central students can achieve great things when competing with students from much larger schools and communities.



NEW STAFF

We have a number of staff changes to start the new school year. In Primary we welcome Mrs Jenna North from Muswellbrook South Public who will be relieving as assistant principal (Year 3-6), we welcome back Mrs Talia Morgan from maternity leave who will be relieving assistant principal (Kinder-Year 2). Miss Emma Garbellini will be relieving Instructional Leader whilst Mrs Megan Sevil is on maternity leave. Miss Emma Simmonds joins us from Rutherford Public School and will be teaching Year 1.

In Secondary Matt Dean has been appointed Head Teacher Vocational Education and Training (VET) and joins us from Moree Secondary College. Miss Kelly Millevoi has been appointed Head Teacher Teaching and Learning and joins us from Walgett Community College. Mr Lachlan Vaughan has been appointed to replace Mr Grant as our new PDHPE teacher.



In the last week of school Mr Patrick Lomax gained an appointment to Killarney Heights High School in Sydney, and Miss Hopkins was appointed to Scone High School. These two positions are yet to be filled. Increasingly schools in rural areas are finding it difficult to attract teaching staff away from the coast to fill teaching vacancies.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE

Our school prides itself on the support we provide to students and parents throughout the year. We have support staff working in classrooms (Learning Support Officers), with small groups (Quicksmart maths tutors), free subscriptions for secondary students in maths (Maths-online), and senior study subjects (Edrolo), Year Advisers, Girls Supervisor, School Counsellor (Wednesday and Thursdays), Deputy Principal Student Wellbeing. In addition to school staff students are supported by youth workers and external counsellors on a weekly basis.

In secondary the staff in the student wellbeing room provide assistance to students who may have forgotten their lunch, or missed breakfast. They may need help with uniform, or perhaps washing clothes. The student wellbeing room is a one-stop-shop for a wide range of support for students.

We also provide financial assistance to parents who may be struggling with back to schools needs such as uniforms, or who at times may struggle to pay for excursions. Applications for student assistance are available from the Office, or can be downloaded from the school website, or in person with the Principal (all request are treated in confidence).

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our annual swimming carnival (Year 3-12) will be held next Friday. Information will be sent home in regards to the carnival, and the swimming requirements for students to participate and compete at Zone level.

CENTRAL SCHOOL - PRIMARY AND SECONDARY

As a central school split across two sites, primary and secondary students and staff move between sites on a regular basis. Parents are advised I am available on the primary campus on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and the secondary campus on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. Please feel free to contact the office to make an appointment.

Darren Noonan
Principal

BUSHFIRE - INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The recent fires across a large part of NSW have affected our students and schools in different ways. It is important to recognise that almost all distress or behavioural change following such an event is normal. There is no such thing as a typical reaction.

Children react in different ways depending on age and personality. Some may show much distress or they may ask many questions and appear preoccupied with the event. Some of these reactions may appear immediately but others may not show themselves for weeks or even months later.

Some reactions may include sleep disturbances, regressive behaviour (thumb sucking), nightmares, fear of the dark, clinging to parents/carers, loss or increase in appetite, physical complaints that have no medical basis, aggressive behaviour, competition with sibling for parental attention, withdrawal and/or loss of interest in regular activities.

Children look to the significant adults in their lives for guidance on how to manage their reactions. Parents and teachers can help children cope by remaining calm and reassuring them that they will be all right.

Importantly most children are resilient and return to their previous level of functioning over time.

How you can support your child

- Monitor how much your child is being exposed to television/social media stories regarding the fires; children can be distressed by watching repeated images. Explain to them that news reports will repeat images and stories and it may not be a good idea to keep watching
- Find out what your child's understanding of the event is and correct misunderstandings or confusion
- Include your child in making plans for the future
- Support your child to stay connected to friends
- Keep to your regular routines and activities as much as possible.

Source: Department of Education

PRIMARY CANTEEN

Primary School canteen until further notice, will be organised at Secondary Campus and delivered to Primary. Orders will still be taken for recess and lunch in the library.

RECESS ORDER

Garlic bread - 50c
 Pizza Scrolls - 50c
 Mini Chicken Wrap - \$1.00
 Cup Cake - 50c

LUNCH ORDERS

Chicken Tender Wrap - \$4.50
 Party Pies - \$3.00
 Chicken Fingers - \$3.50
 Salad Roll - \$4.00

All drinks as per years menu.

Jill Carroll

Coming Events

FEBRUARY

Friday 7	Swimming Carnival - Years 3 to 12
Tuesday 18	Primary Zone Swimming Carnival - Scone
Monday 24	Peer Support Camp - Year 7 and 11 Year 12 Work Experience
Tuesday 25	Peer Support Camp - Year 7 and 11 Year 12 Work Experience
Wednesday 26	Peer Support Camp - Year 7 and 11 Year 12 Work Experience
Thursday 27	Year 12 Work Experience
Friday 28	Year 12 Work Experience

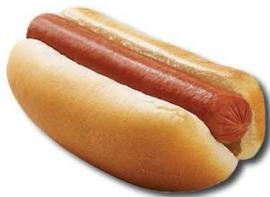
Primary and Secondary Swimming Carnival

CANTEEN AVAILABLE

Merriwa Central School will be holding a canteen at the swimming carnival held February 7. This is an "order on the day" canteen and NO orders will be accepted prior to the day.

CANTEEN OPTIONS

LUNCH AND MORNING TEA



Party Pies - 3 for \$2.00
 Hotdog - \$3.00
 Sausage Sandwich - \$3.00
 Salad Rolls - \$3.00



DRINKS AVAILABLE

Water - \$1.00
 Poppers - \$2.00



A variety of snacks will also be available for purchase on the day.



St Joseph's Primary School

WELCOME BACK TO AN EXCITING YEAR AT ST JOSEPH'S

We are very happy to welcome some new members to our school community. Miss Naomi Rodwell - Stage 2 teacher, Miss Sammie Love - Stage 1 teacher and Miss Georgia Brazier - Early Stage 1 teacher with Mrs Sally Hagley. We look forward to working with these enthusiastic and talented teachers who bring many special gifts to our community.

During the holidays on January 24 over half

the school population joined us at school for our annual 'Belonging Day'. This is a day which has been held over many years which give the students and teachers a chance to work together to set up the classroom, re connect with classmates and



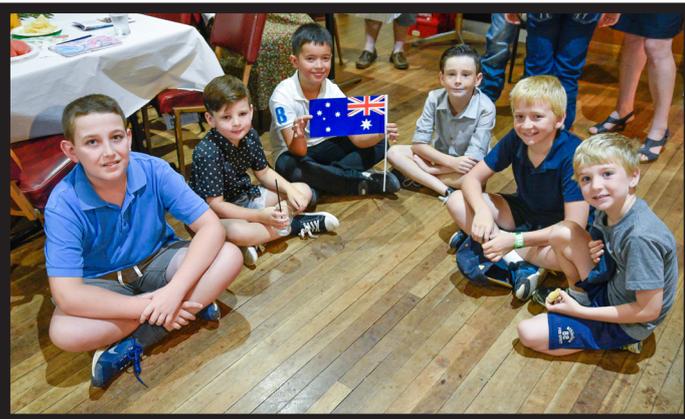
1. Encourage positive relationships with teachers and school staff
2. Create a positive peer culture of belonging
3. Value learning
4. Take proactive steps towards mental health
5. Don't neglect parents.



To read more see the link below

<https://www.monash.edu/education/teachspace/articles/5-ways-to-boost-students-sense-of-school-belonging>

Thank you to the students who joined Mrs Hagley and Mrs Peebles last Sunday to celebrate Australia Day and lead the community with the National Anthem. Special mention to Grace, Beth, Peter, William L, Lula, Kirra, Jeremy, Chad, Thomas and Tommy. Grace also had the privilege



of reading the Welcome to Country. Graham Ross was the Australia Day ambassador and spoke about our wonderful Merriwa community and our rich history. Often, we take for granted the great place where we live, so it was nice to be given the gentle reminder of just how lucky we are.

Special congratulations to our school friend Tash Taaffe who received the Citizen of the Year Award. We are very lucky to have Tash in our community and thank her for all that she does for our school.

UPCOMING DATES

Opening School Mass - Monday February 10, 2020 - 9.15am Year 6 students will be commissioned into their leadership roles and receive their badges, Kindergarten and any new member to our school community will plant a tree. We would like to invite all parents to attend this special Mass.

Anne Maree Peebles
Principal

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Sunday Eucharist** at Holy Trinity 9.00am
- **Friday Eucharist** at Holy Trinity 10.00am
- **Friday Extended Communion at MPS and Gummun Place alternately** - 11.00am.

Rev'd Pat Kirkby

REFLECTION EPIPHANY 4 MATTHEW 5:1-12

In today's Gospel we hear Matthew's version of the Beatitudes. Translations often lose the punch of the original Greek, which has sense of "Congratulations! Good on you!" Which raises the question why should the poor, the bereaved, the hungry be congratulated? This doesn't make sense. This is the whole point of Jesus' sermon. In the world's way of looking at things, his words do not make sense. In this world the poor are not fortunate, the gentle do not inherit much at all, and peacemakers are likely to be ridiculed and called simplistic.

But Jesus is not speaking from the values of this world. He is offering his listeners a change of perspective. He is offering us a vision of what the world would be like if God's reign were operative. In this world of God's desires the hungry would be fed, the merciful would receive mercy, and mourners would find comfort. It is this world, the reign of God, that you and I are meant to be citizens of. Jesus' Sermon on the Mount is our Constitutions setting out the values and way of life for Christians. If we truly live as citizens of God's kin-dom, it is unlikely that we will know 'successes' in our current society. Values of generosity, compassion, hospitality do not sit well alongside values of economic prosperity, border control and globalization. But if we take this Gospel to heart we can draw strength from Jesus words – "Good on you, if people abuse you and persecute you, and speak against you. Yours is the Kin-dom" (From "Sundays Under the Southern Cross" by Mary Coloe PBVM)

Love and blessings, Rev Pat

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

We will have Fr John Marsh with us for the next three months as our locum priest. Fr. John and his wife, Faith, have been with us before and we love them. We will have a Eucharist at Holy Trinity each Friday at 10am and each Sunday at

9.00am, and I will let you know when St Columba are having Eucharist.

May 2020 be a wonderful year for all of you, and may we have rain!

Rev Pat Kirkby

Merriwa Rotary

ROTARY AND AUSTRALIA DAY

Our club was delighted to assist with our community celebration of our National Day. Rotary manned the lunch barbecue at the RSL gathering as well at the later barbecue at the Merriwa pool.

Great crowds gather across the nation to celebrate our day while others question the appropriateness of the choice of day. .

I feel we should also spare a thought for the people who arrived in stunningly beautiful Port Jackson, the majority of them dispatched to the far end of their earth, from a society with extraordinarily harsh penalties, never to see their homelands again.

As it has turned out, we, who followed them, have, in my opinion, much for which to be grateful.



ROTARY LONG TERM EXCHANGE

Outbound students from across our Rotary district, will gather in Merriwa this coming weekend for an intense preparation for their 12 month Exchanges. They will spend an entire school year away, usually hosted by three or four Rotary families...just as Manon, our German student is being hosted in Merriwa currently.

ANGUS PEEBLES SCHOLARSHIP

The Rotary Angus Peebles Award for 2020 has been given to Tori McNught, congratulations.

Mark Smith
Rotary Club of Merriwa

Community Notice Board

Merriwa Tourist Welcoming Centre

A hearty congratulations to our newest Citizen of the Year – Tash Taaffe and all the recipients of the Australia Day Awards, Merriwa. It was great to see so many nominations – well done everyone!

We are very happy with our nomination and win of the Community Group Award for 2020 – it has been a very long road to travel battling against sceptics and nay-sayers who predicted that the venture would fail and fail miserably.

Those of us who believed that the idea of having a Centre where local artisans could display and sell their craft had a great deal of merit are now vindicated. We also wanted an attractive venue for travellers on the Golden Highway to stop and linger a while, use our facilities, look and buy our interesting products and then have morning tea or lunch at the town's excellent "watering holes".

The end product of this dream was that the Centre would eventually be financially in a position to help the town and its different organisations. It took a number of years to reach this idyllic state but we reached it 6 years ago and are now in a strong position to fulfill this dream.

To date the Centre has donated more than \$75,000 to community projects in one way or another, especially in these current hard times where drought has effected so many in our community.

I would like to thank our traders who display and sell their products, and our small committee – past and present - for their tireless (unpaid) work to make this dream come true, It would be remiss of me to miss out on mentioning our main founding member Laurie Purnell who was so adamant that this would work!



All I can say is "Mission accomplished".

Edith Shipway

Merriwa Red Cross

THANK YOU

On January 11, 2020, Red Cross members received donations totalling \$940.00 for the Red Cross Disaster Relief and Recovery Fund- bushfire appeal and we would like to thank the Merriwa Community once again for their generosity to those in need.

A 100 Club operated and the winners were:

- First** H Kraefft
- Second** H Kraefft
- Third** S Morgan

Thank you again for your kindness and support.

Philomena Constable

Merriwa Non Emergency Medical Transport

We are now back from Christmas Break, for transport. Please ring 6548 2653.

Results of our 100 club run by the Merriwa Pharmacy are as follows:

- First** Greg Sheehan
- Second** Jan Shean
- Third** Ena Whitby

Thank you to Robert Smith and Eva Towler.

Helen, Joy and Lorna

MERRIWA P.A.H.&I. SHOW SOCIETY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
 Tuesday, February 25th | 7 PM | MERRIWA RSL CLUB

Australia Day Awards

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MERRIWA DISTRICT AWARDS

- CITIZEN OF THE YEAR** - Tash Taaffe
- YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR** - Jackson Keane
- ACHIEVER OF THE YEAR** - Julia Wilton
- YOUNG ACHIEVER OF THE YEAR** - Nicole Martin
- COMMUNITY GROUP OF THE YEAR** - Merriwa Tourist Welcoming Centre and Men's Shed
- SUSTAINABILITY IN BUSINESS AWARD** - Ben Frampton



- ENVIRONMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT** - Denis Nutt
- SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** - Victoria McNaught (Merriwa Central School)
- CREATIVE ARTS EXCELLENCE AWARD** - Chelsea Borradaile (Merriwa Central School)



Winners of the School Achievement and Creative Arts Excellence Awards each receive a \$1,000.00 cheque from Council to go towards tertiary study in their chosen category.

Daele Healy





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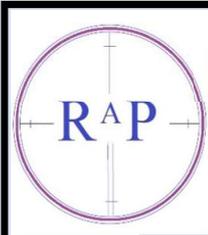
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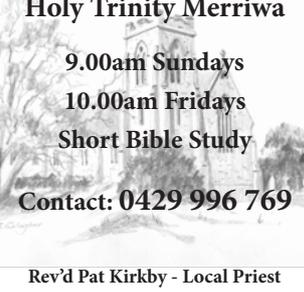


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Groups

Hunter Medical Practice
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 Monday – Friday 8.00am – 6.00pm
Merriwa
 Cnr Brisbane and MacKenzie Streets
Denman
 51 – 53 Ogilvie Street
 For appointments please phone 6532 5013

MERRIWA & DISTRICT
LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE
2018/19 starts Oct 15!
 Tots (3 & 4 yrs) to u/17 yrs
Mondays 5.30 to 7.00pm
 at Merriwa No. 2 Oval
 (season ends 25 February)
New Members Welcome
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MERRIWA SPORTS CLUB Ltd 6548 2028
Golf, Bowls, Squash, Putt Putt, Darts, Pool, ATM and Club Keno
Opening Times:
***Monday & Tuesday - 4pm *Wednesday - Sunday - 12pm**
 Thursday Night 7:00pm Bingo
 Friday 5:00pm - 7:00pm Happy Two Hours and Free raffles
 Saturday - **7.45pm** Monster raffles and members' badge draw
 Sunday: 5:00pm to 7:00pm meat voucher raffle and members' badge draw.
The Sporties Chinese/Australian Restaurant 6548 3228
 Dine in or Take Away. Banquets and Function catering available.
 Lunch Specials
 Lunch: Wednesday to Sunday.
 Dinner: Tuesday to Sunday

Rotary Club of Merriwa Inc
ROTARY SERVICE Above Self
Meets each Tuesday at the Merriwa Sports Club
7.00pm for 7.30pm
 4 x 4m Marquee for Hire
 0429 482 389

Merriwa Magpies

 Rugby League Football Club
Merriwa Rugby League Football Club
 President: Ben Robins
 Vice President: Marc Previati
 Secretary: Vacant
 Treasurer/Publicity Officer: Jessyca Morgan

MERRIWA TENNIS ASSOCIATION
 Find us on Facebook
President: Jason Bear
 Day - Night Competitions
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2019 Merriwa Springtime Show
 Established 1908
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PONY CLUB MERRIWA
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 Rally days every 2nd Sunday of month from February to October

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 Shooting weekends 2nd and 4th weekend of the month

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 President - Patrick Williams 0417 462 767
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 Secretary - Lee Cronin
 Treasurer - Matt Morgan 0417 791 628

Merriwa Swimming Club
For swimmers of all abilities
 Season begins in Term 4
 President: Melissa Collins
 Registrar: Bronwyn Redgate
 Secretary: Sandy Wallings
merriwa.swimming.org.au

BBQ area and Kids Play area
Friday Raffles and 3 Members Badge Draws
Sunday Raffles
 Members Badge Draw between 11.30am & 1.30pm
Club: 6548 2157
Bistro: 6548 2295
 For the information of members and their guests.

MERRIWA JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB

President Andrew Constable
Secretary Fiona Morgan
Treasurer Kellie Porter
 All enquires to the secretary 0418417186
 fionamorgan6@bigpond.com

MERRIWA RACES
April 27, 2019
 Race Club President - Paul Frampton
 Contact - 0428 485 182
 Visit www.merriwaraceclub.com.au

MERRIWA OLD BOY'S CLUB
 President
Bruce Blackadder
 0428 219 340
 V/President/Publicity Officer- Trent Cooper
 Secretary/Treasurer - Matt Morgan

MERRIWA

FESTIVAL of the FLEECES

Merriwa Cricket Club
 President: Jon Osmond 0428 714 648
 Vice President: Mark Fieldsend
 Secretary: James Armstrong 0412 926 525
 Treasurer: Mick Curteis - 0475 980 254

MERRIWA DISTRICT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION
 Have your voice heard on matters that affect the whole local community
 Meets on 3rd Wednesdays at 6:00 PM Merriwa RSL
 merriwaprogress@gmail.com

Clubs Merriwa Sports Club

Mondays - Happy Two Hours - 4.00pm to 6.00pm

Tuesdays - Rotary meets - 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Wednesdays - 6.00pm Bingo - prizes of club and meat vouchers. Raffle and Super 39 special prize

Fridays - Happy Two Hours - 5.00pm to 7.00pm, free raffle.

Saturdays - Monster Raffle. Tickets on sale at 6.45pm drawn 7.30pm, winners jackpot, dinner draw and Saturday Badge Draw.

Sundays - Members badge draw plus three raffles choice of \$25.00 meat or fuel vouchers.

BINGO

Wednesday Night 6.30pm. Tickets on sale from 6.00pm. Lots of great prizes to be won. All welcome.

BOWLS

Casual bowls available. Twilight Bowls every Friday night. 5.30pm roll.

GOLF

Casual Golf available. Donations in honesty box.

CHINESE SMORGASBORD

February 23

Smorgasbord all you can eat Chinese entrée, mains and desserts.

RESTAURANT

Chinese/Australian Restaurant closed Mondays.

Open for dinner Tuesday to Sunday 5.00pm to 8.30pm. Open for lunch Wednesday to Sunday 12noon to 2.00pm.

For bookings and take away - **6548 3228**

WEEKEND RESULTS

Saturday Raffle - January 25

Saturday Members draw, No 344, was not won – next week \$200.00.

Dinner:	Loretta Cooper
Free Ticket:	Frank Previati
Bowls Raffle:	Eva Towler
Monthly prize:	Max Barwick

Members draw - Sunday January 26

Members draw, No 329 was not won – next week \$550.00.

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Australia Day Awards

OUR WAY OF SAYING 'THANKS'

Music, barbecues, citizenship oaths, inspiring stories from our Ambassadors, cricket and splashing around at the pools, marked Australia Day 2020 in the Upper Hunter Shire.

Australia Day Ambassadors Paralympic swimmer Taylor Corry, food and wine

expert Lyndey Milan and gardening presenter Graham Ross shared their inspiring stories.

Outstanding Upper Hunter citizens were recognised with Australia Day awards.

An additional Mayoral award went to the members and volunteers of the Rural Fire Service, accepted by Kim Brown of the RFS Parkville Brigade.

Upper Hunter Shire Citizen of the Year 2020 – Justine Cooper

Justine Cooper, with other volunteers, runs the "Doing it for our Farmers" group which coordinates donations and supplies water, groceries and other household products to those impacted by drought, through direct deliveries and the Pop Up Pantry located in Murrurundi.

Upper Hunter Shire Young Citizen of the Year 2020 – Jackson Keane

Jackson Keane is a leader in the Merriwa region. He has been involved in Merriwa Little Athletics



Club for eight years excelling in shotput, javelin and discus. In 2018 he commenced as a junior coach, providing encouragement and training athletes aged 5 to 16 years. He has built a rapport with young athletes who look up to him and he is admired by parents for his commitment and compassion. He has supported other sporting groups including Merriwa Park Run and the 10's Junior Rugby League team.

Jackson has been an inspiring leader of the Merriwa Central School ROAR program, represented his school at the Where There's a Will 2019 Youth Leadership summit in Adelaide, and was an enthusiastic participant in the Merriwa Rotary Club 'Ripen' initiative.

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