

Respect..... Resilience.....Kindness..... Effort

Lal Lal Primary School acknowledges that the land on which our beautiful school sits is the country of the Wadawurrung people.

We pay respect to their Elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge the memories of their ancestors and celebrate their continuing culture.

Newsletter No: 13

4th September, 2025



CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER	
Mon 1 st	MARC
Fri 5 th	Drama 9 – 9:45am
Fri 5 th	Gym Session 1:30 – 2:30pm
Fri 5 th	Young Authors Workshop – Selected students
Sun 7 th	Father's Day
Mon 8 th	Special Blokes Breakfast – 7:45am
Tue 9 th	Concert Dress rehearsals
Thu 11 th	School Concert – 6:30pm at the Lal Lal hall
Fri 12 th	Drama 9-9:45am
Fri 12 th	Gym Session 1:30 – 2:30pm
Mon 15 th	MARC
Mon 15 th	School Council Meeting – 6pm
Wed 17 th	Dance Incursion – 1:30 – 2:30pm
Thu 18 th	Footy Day – Special pizza and hot chips lunch
Fri 19 th	Gym Session 9:30 – 10:30am
Fri 19 th	Last day of Term 3 – 2:30pm finish
OCTOBER	
Mon 6 th	Term 4 begins
Mon 6 th – Fri 10 th	Year 5/6 Canberra Camp

REMINDERS/NOTICES:

Electronic Excursions Permission.

Please ensure that you have given electronic permission for your child/ren to attend the following excursion/s :

Breakfast Club – Will be held on Mondays & Fridays from 8:25am.

Hot Lunches – Are available Wednesdays & Fridays. Students can bring along food that can be heated in the pie warmer. All food must be wrapped in foil with your child's name on it.

Zooper Doopers: Zooper Doopers

Will be available for sale each Friday and any days over 30 degrees for \$1.00 each.

Concert tickets are now available for \$10 per family. Please call the school to reserve your tickets or drop into the office to purchase your family ticket.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Spring and the longer days it brings with it. It's nice to be going home in the daylight for a change.

Concert

Concert craziness has hit the school. Rehearsals are in full swing, and the excitement is starting to rise. Thank you for sending along your children's costume already, and if haven't yet, you could please do so in the next few days. We will be having a full-dress rehearsal next To cover the cost of concert, Family tickets are now on sale from the office at the low price of \$10. Everyone is so pumped!

Father's Day

We would like to wish all fathers and grandfathers in our community a very Happy Father's Day for Sunday. Fathers play such a special role in their children's lives, and we feel very privileged to have so many fathers and grandfathers actively involved in our school. I would like to acknowledge the very important role of dads in our community. We hope that you can all celebrate with your families on Sunday. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning for our special breakfast.

Thank you for your kind donations and this assists towards the breakfast.

School Attendance

Consistent school attendance is one of the most important factors in a student's success. Every day at school is a chance to learn, grow, and connect—not just academically, but socially and emotionally too. When students attend regularly, they build strong routines, stay on track with their learning, and feel more confident in the classroom. We encourage families to prioritise attendance and reach out if support is needed. Let's work together to make every school day count!

We understand if your child is unwell due to illness especially over the winter months. If your child is away for any reason, we please ask that you pop on to Compass and complete the form letting the school know the reason why your child is away. This assists with school data as the Department monitors parent choice school attendance, which is what we must put down if we don't hear anything. This also prevents us from checking in with you, which is a requirement.

Bunnings BBQ

Thank you to all who volunteered their valuable time last Sunday to man the Bunnings BBQ. We managed to raise over \$2000, which was an incredible effort. Some of the proceeds will be going towards the Grade 5/6 Canberra camp and the rest of the money raised will be going towards purchasing Nudel Karts. Again, thank you to all who gave up their time, as without your help, this could not be possible.

Have a great weekend.

Siobhan Gosney, Principal

BILBA CLASS – GRADES PREP – 1

Hi Bilba families,

Welcome to Week 7!

The term is flying by with only two weeks to go!

A huge thank you to Ryder's dad for bringing in his super cool red racing Jaguar before taking it to Winton! Our class absolutely loved hearing the roaring V12 engine, climbing up on the trailer for a closer look, and of course, striking a pose for photos with this amazing car. The kids were buzzing with excitement it was definitely a thrill-packed, turbo-charged classroom moment!



Next week is full of excitement with Monday's Father's Day Breakfast starting from 7:45am, and Thursday evenings celebration of our biennial LLPS Concert.

Reminders:

- Breakfast donations: We still need eggs, bacon, juice, or bread rolls. Any contributions are greatly appreciated!
- Father's Day stall: Send your child with \$5 to pick out a gift from the office.
- Bilba students: Bring BLUE tops and bottoms for the whole-school dress rehearsal by Monday please. Thank you for your support and involvement all we can't wait for next week!

With kindness and gratitude,
Mrs Whitney Stephenson

BILBA class star



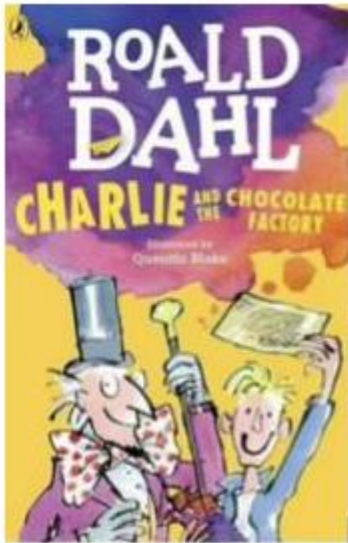
Declan Duggan - For showing resilience during times of disappointment and for continually developing his communication skills. This enables him to confidently and more efficiently share his feelings with teachers. Great work Declan!

BILBA learning

Literacy

Our class has journeyed all the way to Chapter 22 of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, our second Roald Dahl adventure this year. After enjoying Fantastic Mr Fox last term, the students have once again thrown themselves into the story with great enthusiasm. Charlie Bucket quickly became a class favourite, and the short, snappy chapters keep everyone eager for what's coming next. We've already seen Augustus Gloop and Violet Beauregarde meet their outcomes, as the other 3 children and their companions continue exploring the strange, magical and wonderful rooms of the chocolate factory. Along the way, students have been busy predicting outcomes, discussing big ideas, and illustrating scenes to bring key moments to life. We've also been reflecting on Charlie's qualities and comparing his experiences to our own, noticing just how kind, humble, and grateful he is.

In Writing, students have been tackling their tricky words and finding ways to use them in sentences. They are also learning how powerful it is to reread and edit their work. It's wonderful to see their confidence growing across reading and writing, and I'm looking forward to watching their skills continue to flourish throughout the term.



Numeracy

Students have been busy exploring place value and data collection in Maths this term. Through hands-on games and activities, they have been building, breaking apart, and rearranging numbers to deepen their understanding of tens and ones (with grade 1s also looking at 3-digit numbers). Students are beginning to see how numbers can be represented in different ways, and how this helps them solve problems with greater confidence.

Alongside this, we have begun to work on collecting information and displaying it clearly. Gathering data from classmates about favourite colours, sports, and foods is lots of fun. This builds on their number skills and shows them how maths connects to everyday life.

It has been exciting to see the level of enthusiasm and teamwork as students share their ideas, compare results, and challenge themselves to think like little mathematicians.



Mrs Stephenson

LELON CLASS – GRADES 2 – 3

Can you believe it's nearly the end of term already? The last two weeks have been full of excitement, learning, and plenty of memorable moments in Lelon Class.

Our Grade 3 students had an amazing time away at camp! They certainly kept Mrs Gosney entertained with their endless chatting, puppet shows, and plenty of laughter. Camp highlights included water ecology activities, crate stacking, and the giant swings, all challenging but so much fun! When they returned to school, the students reflected thoughtfully on their experiences and shared what they had learned about themselves and their classmates.

Attached, you'll find some of their fantastic recounts, capturing the best parts of camp in their own words.

Meanwhile, the Grade 2 students had just as much fun here at school! They spent time with the Preps and Ones, joined in a special Book Week webinar with author Laura Bunting, and even baked some delicious (and very sugar-filled!) cupcakes.

Book Week was a wonderful celebration of reading. Everyone dressed up as their favourite characters and showed off some creative costumes. After reading the shortlisted book Wobbly Bike, we also designed and created our own imaginative bikes, the results were both clever and very colourful!

In Numeracy, the whole class has been diving into measurement. Students have been busy exploring and comparing lengths, heights, and capacities by measuring all sorts of different objects around the classroom and beyond.

It has been a busy but wonderful fortnight, and we are so proud of the effort and enthusiasm the students have shown.



Lawrence Wright

Congratulations to Lawrence Wright. You have shown great leadership and always give everything a go. We are proud of your effort and positive attitude!



Rachel,
Lelon 2/3 Teacher

Star Award -Our Star award goes to Havana White

Havana has shown fantastic **effort** by taking on extra spelling activities, demonstrated **kindness** by looking out for others in the yard, and shown great **consideration** by supporting younger students. Congratulations on being such a positive role model!



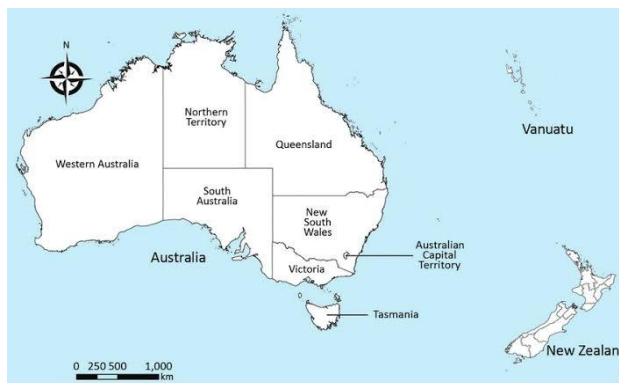
VANUATU

On the 27th of August Alfredton Rotary Club came to Lal Lal Primary to collect some furniture, books and whiteboards we were donating to overseas students in Vanuatu.

We learned about how the kids in Vanuatu aren't as fortunate as us and currently do all their school work on the floor as they do not have tables and chairs. We are lucky that we can't imagine what that must be like.

So we should be much more grateful and respectful of our school property. Thank you to Alfredton Rotary Club for coming to our school and collecting the donations.

By Evie, David, Liam and Addi



Book Week 2025

Our school was filled with excitement and creativity as students and staff celebrated Book Week with a wonderful dress-up day! From much-loved storybook characters to new favourites, the costumes brought stories to life and sparked plenty of imagination. A big thank you to families for supporting your child to enjoy this special day—it was a fantastic celebration of reading and community spirit.

AFL FOOTY CLINIC

Our students had a fantastic opportunity to take part in an AFL clinic run by the Western Bulldogs. The coach led fun and engaging activities where students developed their skills, built teamwork, and enjoyed being active. It was a wonderful experience that left everyone smiling and inspired.



Joe McCracken MP

We were fortunate to welcome MP Joe McCracken to our school to speak with students about the life of a politician. He shared valuable insights into his role, the responsibilities of representing the community, and what it's like to work in Parliament. This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to learn more about government and civic life, and it provided great background knowledge ahead of our upcoming Canberra trip.



Farewell Miss Timmers!

This week we said goodbye with a little morning tea to our pre-service teacher, Miss Timmers, after four wonderful weeks with us. She has been a valued part of our school community, building positive relationships with students and sharing her enthusiasm for teaching and learning. Congratulations to Miss Timmers on a very successful placement!



Mushrooms in Schools

This term our students took part in the *Mushrooms in Schools* program, supported by the Australian Mushroom Growers Association. The project connected to procedural writing, science, maths, and food studies as students grew and cared for their own mushrooms. Each day we checked their progress and were amazed to see them double in size over one weekend! Although many children reported that they weren't fans of mushrooms, everyone joined in the harvest, and we created delicious mushroom pizza



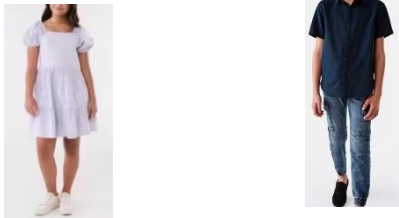
toast to taste. It was a fantastic hands-on learning experience that combined science with fun (and food!) and the majority of students reported that they enjoyed their mushrooms this way!



Lisa Reeve

Costume List for School Concert

The items listed are suggestions for the concert, please don't feel you need to go and buy new items. Please see Mrs Reeve asap if you are unable to source your own outfit as we can try to support you.

HOSTS Holiday / Hawaiian style shirts Baseball cap Plain dark colour pants	
MINERS Jeans Work boots / black runners Check or flannel shirts Helmets (optional)	
JOCKEYS Bike Helmet Bright t-shirt Black tracksuit pants Dark shoes or runners	
HORSE One colour outfit (top and pants) in any of the following colours Brown Black Grey	
WATERCHILDREN Blue top Blue pants / skirt Can have flowers, butterflies or plants as accessories in their hair or on their tops	
RACETRACK ATTENDEES Party clothes	

Hosts	Miners		Jockeys	Horses	Race Track Attendees		Waterchildren	
Taj David Evie Paige	Blythe Indy Lachie James Chevy Logan	Addi Liam Tex Miley Dahlia Havana	Olly Bridie Harper Ivy Xavier Malakai	Jesse Spencer	Tilly Ernie Levi Hugo	Fletcher Kayden William Lawrence	Hunter Declan George Landon Ryder Edward	Alice Charlie Connor Oscar Noah

Lal Lal Primary School Presents:



Get Around!

The Local History Show

Family Ticket \$10

6:30 PM

LAL LAL HALL

Thursday 11th September 2025



Door Prize

**Please bring a
plate of supper
to share**



**Drop in or phone the
school office
to secure your tickets**

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MILKSHAKES!

Every Friday this term we will be selling milkshakes for \$2. This money will go towards the fundraising for the Grade 5 & 6 Canberra Camp.

Please bring your own reusable cup with you if you have one.

There are 3 flavours: Strawberry, Chocolate and Caramel.



Thank you
By David and Evie

WELLBEING

What to do when your child feels anxious!

Anxiety is the feeling of worry or fear that something bad is going to happen. Often this feeling is accompanied by an uneasy feeling in our stomachs, often referred to as “butterflies”. Anxiety is a natural emotion, however if not managed well, it can easily become something that impacts our ability to function with every-day stressors.

Children feel anxiety too! Majority of the time, these feelings pass pretty quickly and do not last long. For school aged children, anxiety can often be focused around supernatural things (eg. Ghosts), social situations, criticism, tests and physical harm or threat. Older children (8 and up) may have anxiety more specifically focused towards topics such as sports performance, war, pandemics, the environment and family relationships.

When a child feels anxious, you can support them in many ways. These include:

- Acknowledging the child's fear or worry and normalise it!
- Talk with the child about their worries.
- Gently encourage and support the child to face situations they are anxious about, being sure to focus on the situations that cause the least anxiety first.
- Wait until the child is anxious, before you offer help.
- Praise the child for doing something that they felt anxious about.
- Avoid criticising your child.
- Avoid labelling your child as anxious or shy
- Ensure healthy eating, exercise and sleep is occurring, as all these improve mental health and can decrease anxiety.

So next time you notice a child becoming worried, try these methods of offering support!



Sinead O'Riley,
Wellbeing Officer

GRADE 3 / 4 CAMP RECOUNTS

At camp I had a blast! It was a good experience!

We went to low ropes and it was fun.

I woke up and we had breakfast, it was soooo good. Then we did activities and it was sooo fun. I love the food. Then we went to bed and my sleep was good. Then I woke up and we had breakfast and it was sooooo good, later we had dinner which was even better. Then we had more activities and they were soooo fun.

The End.

By Xavier

Weeee!! This bus is like a roller coaster! We are on our way to camp. At camp I did crate stacking and it was so scary I did eight crates, almost nine. We also did low ropes and it was so hard. I balanced on medium wires with no hands. We went into our cabin and everyone kept knocking on doors it was so annoying. The other cabin next to us made a secret code. My cabin knew the code because the other cabin told us. The people next door were Lachy, Logan and Chevy. We also did the giant swing which was soooooo scary I wasn't going to do it at first but then I was not that nervous after I saw a kid do it. I did the giant swing almost to the top it was soooooooooo fun. Then we went to archery and I kept losing arrows and missing the target but we found all the arrows. The rock climbing wall was very fun, I made it to the top then helped a kid named Reuben. The camp was very fun but then we went back to school. It felt so good to be back at home because I could see my family.

By William

Day 1: Today started off with an activity called Whale Watching where you had to balance on a board. It was really fun!

Then: We went on the low ropes course, it was very hard.

Next: We had lunch after low ropes.

Finally: We had free time.

By Jesse

GRADE 3 / 4 CAMP RECOUNTS

Day 1

On Wednesday, we rode into the woods on a bus. When we got there we were welcomed. Another school was packing up from camp, so we had to wait a bit to go in our cabins. Then we split into different groups and first we did crate stacking where basically two people would be in harnesses and would climb up crates placed by people on the ground. After we were done we could knock em' over. Next, we did low ropes course, so we had one person on the rope and two people on each side helping them balance as spotters. After low ropes we had dinner which was penne pasta and sauce. Then we went to sleep. The next morning I had a shower and got dressed.

Day 2

For breakfast we had toast cereal and spreads. Then we got into groups to go into activities for the day. My first activity was archery. We separated into three lines and all took turns shooting a bow and arrow at a target

Now "Teacher Led" is a scavenger hunt with compasses and you'd find your coloured letters and do what it says. For example, turn 290 degrees and walk 19 metres. It was pretty fun. And now the Giant swing! So basically one person would be in a harness and everyone else would pull you up. After that they would let go and we would swing high up in the air. I wish all my friends would see how much people in my group screamed. It was so funny.

Ahhh.. River ecology was where we went to a river and had pieces of paper to identify different species. We had trays of dirt that we scooped from the river and searched through for animals with spoons.

Dinner

For dinner, we had Mexican food but this is the end of the story because I got picked up from camp. Camp was fun but not always.

By Hugo

GRADE 3 / 4 CAMP RECOUNTS

At school we rushed to get on the bus. When we got to camp we got our bags and put them in the meeting room. Then we did activities and it was fun. When we were finished then we had dinner then we went for a night walk. Then we went to bed. The next morning we had breakfast, when we were done we did the crate stack and we got to thirteen crates high! When we were finished that, we did the climbing wall and I got to the top. Then we did Archery and I got red black and white targets. Then we did it two more times. When we were finished we had a play. Then we had dinner then bed.

In the morning, my group went to the giant swing and that was fun! When we were finished, we went to our cabins to pack up and put our bags in the bus. Then we got on the bus. When we got back to school we got our bags and went home. It was the best camp ever!

By Oliver

When we got to camp the first thing we did was have a meeting. After that, we had a snack. Then, we did the activities. My first activity was low ropes and it was fun. The second activity I did was orienteering, then we got to put the bags in the cabins. On the second day I did crate stacking and it was really fun. I got to seven crates but then they fell. The second activity was archery, I hit the target a heap of times but I missed a shot.

It was the best camp ever!

By Spencer

LAL LAL P.S PARENTS FACEBOOK GROUP

Stay Connected with the Lal Lal Primary School

Parents Facebook Group

The parents club have created a private Facebook group for Lal Lal Primary School families to help share reminders, ask questions, and keep in touch about what's happening at school.

It's a relaxed space to stay informed — no extra work or expectations!

Join us here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/lallalschoolparents/>

Group name: Lal Lal Primary School Parents

If you have trouble with the link, please reach out to Ellie or Nardia at school pick up / drop off. A teacher can point them out to you if you don't know who they are.



To those who celebrate their Birthday
over the next fortnight.



Spencer Paten 8/9

Class Stars

Bilba Class

Congratulations to:

Declan Duggan for showing resilience during times of disappointment and for continually developing his communication skills. This enables him to confidently and more efficiently share his feelings with teachers. Great work Declan!

Lelon Class

Congratulation to:

Lawrence Wright.
Congratulations Lawrence. You have shown great leadership and always give everything a go. We are proud of your effort and positive attitude!

Ngarramqa Class

Congratulations to:

Havana White for showing fantastic **effort** by taking on extra spelling activities, demonstrated **kindness** by looking out for others in the yard, and showing great **consideration** by supporting younger students. Congratulations on being such a positive role model!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Buninyong Little Athletics is starting its season again in Term 4, registrations will be open soon. The first week of LA will be Friday, October 10th (Week 1 of Term 4)


BUNINYONG
LITTLE ATHLETICS

SEASON 2025-26

WE ARE PASSIONATE

5 REASONS why you should register for Little Athletics!

Meet new people and spend time with your family and friends.

Participate in a variety of different events at your weekly meets.

Improve your physical fitness and mental wellbeing.

Have the opportunity to participate in local club meets and competitions.

Achieve your personal best and continue to improve your skills.

REGISTER TODAY at lavic.com.au

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PopCON

2025

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11 AM - 4 PM
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FREE ENTRY!

FREE GAMES + ACTIVITIES

COSPLAY COMPETITION

MARKET STALLS + ARTISTS

CHILL SPACE

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COMMUNITY TENNIS OPEN DAY!

SUNDAY 14TH SEPT 11AM - 2PM

LOTS OF FUN ACTIVITIES!

MEET OUR COACHES
FREE SOFT DRINKS & BBQ

Looking for a sport for your kids which develops team skills, hand-eye coordination and Team skills? If so come along and join us!

11AM - 12PM At Navigators Tennis Club
NAVIGATORS TENNIS CLUB
GERALD MULLANE RESERVE, 344 NAVIGATORS RD, NAVIGATORS

POWER FM FREE FOOTY FESTIVAL

THANKS TO **fernwood** FITNESS - BALLARAT -

WED 24 SEPT

GAMES + PRIZES + FOOD + DRINKS
FOOTY INFLATABLES
HANDBALL TARGETS + MINI-GAMES AND MORE!

SESSION 1: SENSORY: 9AM-10AM
SESSION 2: 10.30AM-12:30PM
SESSION 3: 1.15PM-3:15PM

VICTORIA PARK, OVAL NUMBER 4
ENTRY OFF MILITARY DRIVE

POWER FM BROADCASTING LIVE

CHILDREN AGED 4 - 12
MUST REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE
SCAN TO REGISTER

**ALL SPECIAL BLOKES
ARE INVITED TO A
BLOKES BREAKFAST**



**ON MONDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER, 2025
LAL LAL P.S AT 7:45AM**

Please RSVP by Thursday 4th September, 2025



RSVP

**SPECIAL BLOKES BREAKFAST
Monday 8th September, 2025**



Name:.....

Number of People attending:.....

TERM 3 Calendar

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 JULY	21 st Term 3 begins	22 nd	23 rd	24 th	25 th
2	28 th MARC	29 th Dance Gr 3-6 2:30-3:15pm	30 th	31 st	1 st Drama 9-9:45am Footy Clinic 11am-1pm
3 AUGUST	4 th MARC	5 th Dance Gr 3-6 2:30-3:15pm	6 th	7 th	8 th 100 Days celebration Gr P-1 Drama 9-9:45am
4	11 th School Council Meeting 6pm	12 th Dance Gr 3-6 2:30-3:15pm 3 Way Conferences 1-5pm	13 th	14 th	15 th Science Expo Drama 9-9:45am
5	18 th MARC Veteran's Day	19 th	20 th Grades 3 / 4 Camp	21 st Grades 3 / 4 Camp	22 nd Grades 3 / 4 Camp Drama 9-9:45am
6 Bunnings BBQ Sun 24th	25 th Book Week Dress up day	26 th	27 th Respectful Relationships Forum – Selected Students	28 th	29 th Drama 9-9:45am Gym 1:30 – 2:30pm
7 SEPTEMBER	1 st MARC	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th Drama 9 - 9:45am Gym 1:30 – 2:30pm Young Authors Workshop
8 Father's Day Sun 7th	8 th Father's Day / Special Blokes Breakfast 7:45am	9 th	10 th	11 th School Concert	12 th Drama 9 - 9:45am Gym 1:30 – 2:30pm
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TERM 4 1	6 th Term 4 begins Grade 5 /6 camp	7 th Grade 5 /6 camp	8 th Grade 5 /6 camp	9 th Grade 5 /6 camp	10 th Grade 5 /6 camp
2	13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th	17 th