

## IMPORTANT DATES TERM 2

### Friday 23rd June

Last Day of Term 2  
2:15pm finish time

### Term 3

Whole school swimming  
program will commence  
early August

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

How exciting to have some additional shade areas for outdoor learning opportunities and for our students to utilise during breaks as well as. We will work with students and staff to plan the seating options under this new space. We have waited nearly 4 years for this project to be completed, it was worth the wait! I am looking forward to seeing this space set up to allow a range of different activities.

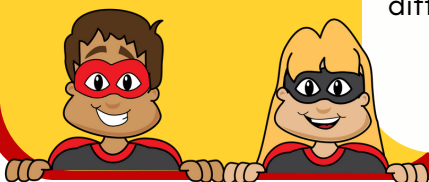


Last Friday our staff team worked extremely hard with our external Literacy and Numeracy consultants to develop Term 3 planning. Term planning is a comprehensive process and the expectation for teams by the end of a planning day includes: Term Literacy Program, Term Numeracy Program, Term Inquiry Planner, Values, Respectful Relationships as well as Curriculum Newsletters for families and Curriculum Wall Documents, which are displayed in the main building of our school. It was great to see the work being carried out within our year level teams and achieving the goals for the day.

Next week is our final week of Term. Families will receive Semester One reports via Seesaw, our communication platform. Congratulations to our students for their hard work in the classroom to work towards achieving their individual learning goals and for trying their best in all assessment tasks. Well done to the staff team for the work you have all completed to be able to prepare the student reports against the Victorian or EAL (English as an Additional Language) Curriculum. Please take the time to read these reports with your children and celebrate their achievements.

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 Soccer team, who participated in the interschool round yesterday and came home with the 'Runners Up Flag.' I am so proud of all of you. It was fantastic to receive the phone call updates from Mr Daxecker throughout the day. Great work by our PE teachers, who create these wonderful opportunities for many of our senior students in a range of difference sports competing against other schools in our network.

**Continued**



# CONTINUATION OF PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

During Term 3, our students have participated in extra-curricular programs which have included: ANZAC Day commemorations, Harmony Week, Book Fair, Winter Sports, Lightning Premiership, Foundation Excursion to the Zoo and a walk next week to the train station, 3/4 Camp, 5/6 Camp, School Photos, Fundraiser for Exford Primary School, Year 6 Fundraiser this Friday, Recess clubs such as Choir, Tech Club, Art Club, Crusaders Gardening Club plus a wonderful range of clubs run by our fabulous Education Support staff.

**Our last day of Term 2 is Friday 23rd June with a finish time of 2:15pm. Please pick your child up at 2:15 as the school will be closed by 2:30pm.**

The next newsletter will in Week 2 of Term 3.

We hope you all have a fabulous last week and holiday break. Be safe and take care.

Krista Barnes  
Principal



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# CELEBRATING OUR ATTENDANCE



## 2023 Stats at 16/6/23

Number of students with 100% attendance in term 2:  
**45**

COME TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY (AND ON TIME!) AND BE RECOGNISED FOR YOUR GREAT ACHIEVEMENT!

### TERM 2 CLASSROOM STATISTICS



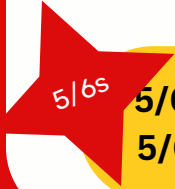
FA - Miss Gregson: 88%  
FB - Mr Randich: 95%  
FC - Miss Gabby: 91%  
FD - Mrs Sharma: 81%



1/2A - Miss Pierce: 89%  
1/2B - Miss Buttigieg: 92%  
1/2C - Miss Bencich: 93%  
1/2D - Mrs Kaur: 86%  
12/E - Ms Ris: 85%



3/4A - Mrs Jones/ Mrs Murden: 88%  
3/4B - Miss Bull: 90%  
3/4C - Mr White: 85%  
3/4D - Ms Kilkenny: 91%  
3/4E - Ms Kastanaras: 85%



5/6A - Mr Cassano: 84%  
5/6B: Ms Ninkovic: 87%



If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify the school as soon as possible on the day of absence by phone.

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# CELEBRATING OUR ATTENDANCE



# Rocky

Each Friday, the class with the best attendance gets Rocky to look after for the entire following week!



There are **10** attendance badges to collect featuring our very own Vicki and Vinny!

For each month that you are at school every day, you will receive one badge.

**COLLECT ALL 10!**

## TERMLY PRIZES!

With excellent attendance, you can go into the draw to win epic prizes each term!

## GOLD PRIZES



## SILVER PRIZES



## BRONZE PRIZES



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# REMINDER



## LATE ARRIVALS

They are only missing just...	that equals...	which is...	over 13 years of schooling, that's...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	1.5 weeks per year	half a year of school.
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes per week	2.5 weeks	a whole year of school
30 minutes a day	half a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	1.5 years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	a term	Over 2.5 years

The best learning time is the start of the school day and every minute counts.



## DOJO POINT CASH IN

### Ibrahim, 3/4C

Hi, I am Ibrahim. I was born in Sera Leon and lived in a small country in West Africa called Guinee. I am 10 years old and speak French and have only been speaking English for 10 months.

I love soccer and I play for a local Soccer Club. I can not wait to play for Rockbank Primary School. I will say thank you to the teachers at Rockbank Primary School for helping me to speak English.

I want to be a soccer player and help people when I am older.

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# CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESS

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

A class member from each class is recognised weekly with our Student of the Week Award. This award recognises students who consistently display our school values.

Class/Teacher	Week Ending: 16th June
FA (Miss Gregson)	Rowan P
FB (Mr Randich)	Okan A
FC (Miss Gabby)	Japneet K
FD (Mrs Sharma)	Rishaan N
1/2A (Miss Pierce)	Marchelle A
1/2B (Miss Buttigieg)	Jaden L
1/2C (Miss Bencich)	Adam M
1/2D (Mrs Kaur)	Ardham G
1/2E (Ms Ris)	Sahil S
3/4A (Mrs Jones/Mrs Murden)	Danial E
3/4B (Miss Bull)	Rudransh K
3/4C (Mr White)	Cooper M
3/4D (Ms Kilkenny)	Wareesha M
3/4E (Ms Kastanaras)	Myansh B
5/6A (Mr Cassano)	Lilah G
5/6B (Ms Ninkovic)	Lucian I
The Arts (Mrs Georgievski)	FB
Auslan (Mr Still)	12C
Physical Education (Mrs Lehane)	34C
S.T.E.M (Mr Rasmanis)	12B



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# CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESS

## HOUSE POINTS

Students receive house point tokens for demonstrating our school values while out in the yard.



1090

960



2060

1510



LEARNERS



RESPECTFUL



TOGETHERNESS



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# CELEBRATING OUR LEARNING

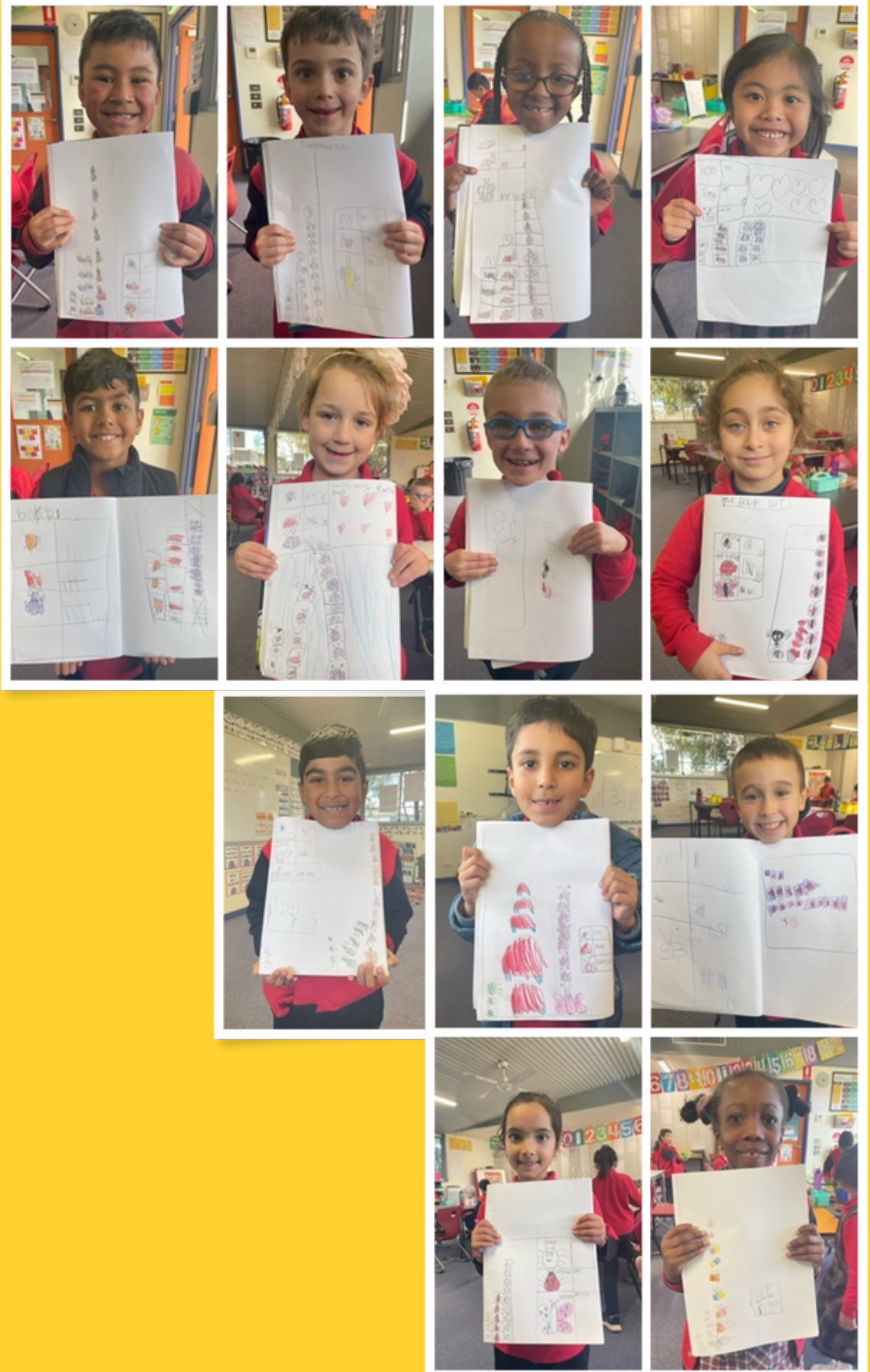
## 1/2C with Miss Bencich

In 12C during Numeracy, we have been learning to collect data, then use our data to create pictographs.

This week we collected data of our favourite bugs, we had to make sure people only voted once to make sure our data was accurate.

When we got all our data we were able to create our pictograph.

Check out the amazing work the students in 1/2C have created!



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# CELEBRATING OUR LEARNING

## S.T.E.M with Mr Rasmanis



This term in STEM, we have been investigating the planets in our solar system.

Students from 34C, printed out pictures of each of the planets in our solar system and using a scale and a meter ruler, placed them on some tissue paper to represent their distance from the Sun.

Students loved this hands-on activity and were surprised about the distances involved and how close that Mercury, Venus and the Earth really are to the Sun.



Students also discussed the “Goldilocks” or “habitable” zone and how it allows life to flourish on some planets. Like the storybook says, “Not too hot, not too cold, but just right!”.

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# MEET OUR TEAM: SPECIALISTS

## DIANA GEORGIEVSKI THE ARTS

Hi Rockbank Community,

My name is Diana Georgievski and I am The Arts teacher.

I teach Visual Arts in term one and two and Performing Arts in term 3 and 4. I love being a specialist teacher at Rockbank!

This is my 4th year teaching The Arts at Rockbank P.S.

Previously, I have been a classroom teacher where I have taught all year levels.

Some information about me:

- I live with my husband and children
- I have a daughter in Year 7 and a son in grade 2
- I love to spend time with family and friends
- I love baking and anything sweet
- I enjoy going to the gym
- I love to go shopping



## CARLY LEHANE PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Hi Rockbank Community,

My name is Carly Lehane and I am the P.E teacher. I have been teaching for more than 20 years. Actually, I have been teaching for so long that I have taught two of the parents of students at this school! I have taught many different year levels and subject areas. I started at Rockbank a few years ago as a Year 2/3 classroom teacher. I love coming to work each day seeing the excited faces of the students looking forward to their P.E session.

I love sports and staying fit (even though it gets harder as you get older). I played netball for many years and now play tennis as it is easier on my body. I have many other interests such as reading (I have a wall to wall library at home), crafting, jewellery making, playing board games, trivia, shopping and spending time with my family.

I am married and have two beautiful teenage children. Heath just turned 16 and Gemma is 13. They keep me busy as I am constantly chauffeuring them to their many sports and other extra curricula activities!



Something else you might not know about me is that I love maths. This year I am one of the school's Numeracy Leaders and I am currently completing a course on extending mathematical understanding.

## AARON RAS STEM

Hi Parents, Students and Carers.

My name is Mr Rasmanis (everyone calls me Mr R), and I am currently the S.T.E.M. teacher at Rockbank Primary School. I have been teaching for the last 7 years at schools in the Melton and surrounding area before joining Rockbank Primary School this year.

In my spare time I enjoy going fishing in Port Phillip Bay and love going swimming at the beach (when the weather permits).

Next semester, students will be investigating the areas of engineering and design, so look out for the many creations the kids will be bringing home.



## DARREN STILL AUSLAN

Hi Rockbank community.

My name is Darren Still and I teach Auslan and STEM here at Rockbank Primary School.

This is my 4th year teaching Auslan and 1st year teaching STEM.

Some information about me.

- I love sports especially football and basketball
- I started my teaching career as a PE teacher
- I enjoy singing and music
- My favourite food is pasta



# A WORD FROM WELLBEING

with Ms Nerida West



## Attendance Matters at Rockbank Primary School

As you would know, we have many incentives across the school to improve our attendance data. Our expectation and that of the Department of Education, is that if students are well, they are at school for 100% of the time.

Here is what we are doing at Rockbank to celebrate great attendance:

### Badges

These are presented to students with 100% attendance for a given month. 100% attendance means that you are at school for the whole day 9am – 3.15. If students are sick, they can still be in the running for a term prize and more

### Term prizes

Students with above 95% attendance will go in a raffle for a gold prize (eg. Bike, scooter, trampoline). Students with above 90% attendance go into a draw for a silver prize (eg. Bluetooth speaker, drone, gift card) and students with above 80% attendance go in the bronze draw for a prize (eg. Bop it, remote control spider). Two gold, four silver and six bronze prizes are drawn at assembly at the end of term.

### Class prizes

The class with the highest attendance for the week gets to have a toy of our attendance mascot 'Rocky' in class with them for the week. The class with the highest attendance for the term gets to have a class lunch provided.



As you can see, there are many opportunities to be awarded for great attendance. If students miss out on a badge in one month, they might still get one the next. If they miss out on a badge, they could still win a Gold Prize for the term.

Great attendance is celebrated at Rockbank Primary School. While we understand that some students may be upset if they miss out on one of these incentives, we try to focus on the positives and all the different ways that we celebrate attendance.

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# 2024

Foundation (Prep)  
Enrolments  
are now



# OPEN

Please submit your  
enrolment application  
by **Friday July 28th 2023**



Rockbank PS  
Enrolment Form



Department of Education  
2024 Foundation Enrolment  
Information Pack

Please contact our  
office for more  
information on  
03 9747 1210

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# SCHOOL NEWS

# FOUNDATION AND GRADE 5/6 PYJAMA DAY

**NEW DATE**

MONDAY

19th June



Celebrating our very  
successful  
Foundation/Grade 5 & 6  
Buddy Program!

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# SCHOOL NEWS: FUNDRAISER

## Rockbank Primary School

We're having a Family Portrait Fundraiser Day with Aver & Line. Boutique style portrait session for only \$20, which is donated to us, along with a % of all sales made on the day.

For your **\$20** you'll receive:

- 20 minute portrait session
- 20 minute viewing / selection session
  - A free 8" x 12" print!
- Complimentary simple retouching (scratches, dribble or bumps)
- No obligation to purchase + the best value packages & digital files!

Thanks for your support, we look forward to seeing you there!



**WHEN:** SATURDAY 24th June

**WHERE:** Rockbank Primary School, 97/105 Westcott Parade, Rockbank VIC 3335

**TO BOOK, PLEASE CLICK:**

 **bookwhen**

**BOOK BY:** THURSDAY 22nd June

**CONTACT/QUESTIONS:** Sharon.Alton@education.vic.gov.au

### YOUR SESSION

Will be near your organisation. We capture a variety poses & combinations! You only need to book one session for your family, inc grandparents. Each person can only appear in one complimentary photo. A maximum of 6 people per session can attend.

### VIEWING

Photos are selected and ordered by you on the day only, straight after your portrait session, during a 20 minute 'viewing' - Choose exactly the images you love!

### PACKAGES PAYMENT

All additional purchases must be paid in full on the day of the event. Payments by cash or EFTPOS.

### YOUR ORDER

Your package will arrive back at your centre within 3 weeks. Digital images will be sent to your email via HIGHTAIL.

### WET WEATHER

In the event of bad weather, our studio will be set up at your organisation to capture boutique studio portraits.

We will notify you on the mobile number that you have provided on the day.

### CAN YOU HELP?

Anyone is welcome to book! Ask friends + family from outside your organisation to book a session too.



**AVER & LINE.**  
children's photography specialists

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# SCHOOL NEWS

## EXCITING NEWS

Teeth on Wheels will be visiting this term!



At Teeth On Wheels, we provide the highest quality dental treatment while making it fun, positive and memorable for children.

With the help of the government your child might be eligible for **FREE** dental care.

Our dental services include:

- ✓ Check-ups
- ✓ Scale, Clean and Fluoride Treatments
- ✓ Fissure Sealants
- ✓ X-rays
- ✓ Fillings
- ✓ Extractions



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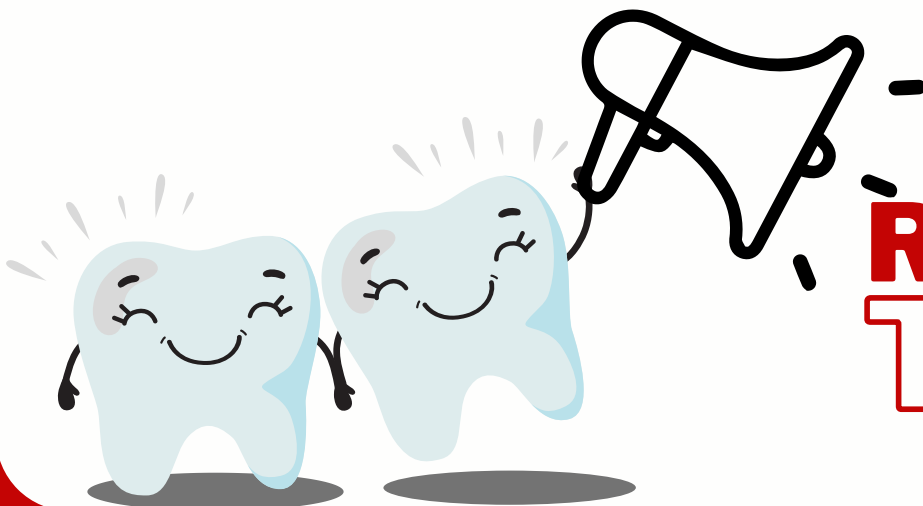
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# FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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## G Suite For Education

### INFORMATION PACK FOR PARENTS

The Department of Education and Training (Department) and your school are using online learning services to support learning and teaching. This pack provides information on one of the online services, G Suite for Education and advice in relation to its safe and responsible use.



#### What information needs to be collected?

- Name, year level, home group and school.
- Student's Department username and password.
- Location information and preferred language.



#### Why is this information needed?

- To control access to the online services.
- To prevent unauthorised access to student's work.



#### When could this information be accessed by others?

- By support staff to fix issues.
- Where required by law.
- Never for advertising or marketing purposes.

G Suite for Education is an internet based service provided by Google for classroom activities. It provides students with access to online education services such as:

- Classroom
- Gmail
- Drive
- Calendar
- Vault
- Docs
- Sheets
- Forms
- Slides
- Sites
- Hangouts

This online service is a collaboration tool which necessitates students being able to find and connect with other students and staff, either at their own school or within the Victorian government education system. As part of their school work, students may be able to communicate via email with people outside of their school.

The online services offered by Google may be updated from time to time, but are only made available to students once they have been reviewed and approved by the Department.

For more details on G Suite for Education visit:

<https://edu.google.com/k-12-solutions/g->



#### What are the benefits of this service for students?

- Teaches students to be 'digital citizens' through the use of an online system.
- Provides access to digital tools for a range of classroom activities.
- Allows students to actively collaborate with their class on school work.
- Provides digital whiteboard capability in group discussions.
- Enables students to access their classwork from different channels (i.e. laptops, iPads and smartphones).
- Helps students to build working relationships with each other.
- Promotes knowledge sharing.

#### What information might students store in G Suite for Education?

- In addition to the information needed to provide access to G Suite for Education (student's username, password, name, year level, home group, school, location information and preferred language), student's schoolwork will also be stored in G Suite for Education.
- Students have the ability to store and share any school work related content on the platform, such as photographs, audio, video recordings. They can also add non-classroom related information.
- Student's data is stored in data centers located in the USA, Chile, Taiwan, Singapore, Ireland, Netherlands, Finland and Belgium.

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## How can you help protect your student's information?

Whilst your school provides your student's Department username and password to Google to enable them to only access their own information on G Suite for Education, there are some things that you can do to help keep their information safe.

**Remind them not to share passwords with anyone, as they cannot be sure how secure another person will be with their details.**

Teachers will remind students to only use G Suite for Education for activities related to schoolwork.

**Talk about appropriate uses of technology at school and at home. Remind them that anything uploaded to G Suite for Education can be viewed by teachers.**

In rare cases, Google's technical support team may have access to information stored in G Suite for Education.

**Please note that Google will never contact you or your child directly. If you or your child are contacted by anyone claiming to be Google support, contact your school immediately.**

### ✓ Example information students can safely put online

- Class presentation.
- Conversations about classwork/assignments.
- School related contact details.
- Class related media – i.e. videos, photos.
- Whiteboard notes.
- Emails between students on school work.

### ✗ Example information students should always be cautious of putting online

- Personal mobile or home phone number.
- Personal photographs and video clips unrelated to schoolwork.
- Other student's private information.
- Health information.
- Bank details.
- Home address.
- Information on racial or ethnic origin.
- Religious beliefs or other opinions.

**ONLY complete the section below if you DO NOT want your child to have access to this online service.**

## G Suite for Education - Opt-Out Form

If upon considering the above information you have questions or concerns please contact your school. **You do not need to do anything** for your child to have access to this service.

I **DO NOT** wish for my child to have access to G Suite for Education and understand that alternative arrangements for allocating work will be made.

Student Name:

Home room:

Date:

Parent / Guardian Signature:

Parent / Guardian Name:

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