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# Brantwood Camp



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# A Letter From The Executive Director



Amy Boyd, Executive Director

## Dear Friends

This newsletter has me caught between the past and the future. We will start with the past – the summer of 2024 at Brantwood was fantastic! That was due to a great leadership team, Robbie Welcome, Krystal Keriazes, Emma Luster, Tim Sullivan and Dajour Nesbeth. Each person was focused on the goals of the program and making sure that the campers had fun and were challenged at the same time. The counselors, front line staff make the magic of camp for the campers. We were blessed with a great group of counselors, many of whom are coming back next summer as well as our whole leadership team. We are looking forward to an even greater 2025 with more campers and staff. It's not late to apply to be a camp counselor and feel that Brantwood love again. See Robbie's article about how to apply.

At the end of the summer we had a fantastic time at our first official fundraiser on Saturday evening of Alumni weekend. We raised \$30,000 and are very pleased with that success. Alumni Day was delightful as well with lots of folks sharing Brantwood stories. It was hard to let that weekend end.

And now we are embarking on a \$1M campaign, "A Century of Service, A Future of Promise" to fix some critical infrastructure needs around camp. For our campers to have the most enjoyable time at camp, systems need to work properly. We will be finishing the girls pool and fixing the boys pool so that it meets today's health and safety standards. The structure of the pool is intact, but the plumbing around the pool needs to be replaced. This will mean tearing up the apron to fix the plumbing. This will allow us to put in a new deck that is up to standards as well as a new fence. While we are on water, the girls water system needs to be evaluated for capacity and effec-

tiveness. This will be another upgrade this year, so the girls don't run out of water when the showers are running, the cook is filling pots and the pool is being filled all at the same time.

As with any aging facility, roofs are always a challenge. The roof on the Winslow, the boys basketball court is leaking and needs to be replaced, not patched. All of the girls' roofs were put in at the same time, so we are working to replace a few each year, as they are 40 yrs old. The other area of concern is the culvert that runs under the main



road. It was not sized or put in properly so when the Beaver Dam broke a couple of summers ago, it was a major event with water running over top of the road and washing it out. We are trying to prevent that from happening again with a "right sized" culvert installed.

The last but not least the Margaret Gurney Directors Cabin is a project of the heart. As you may know Margaret Gurney was a beloved member of our Brantwood Community and the wife of trustee Bill Gurney. Margaret helped get the girls camp started and served on the board a long time as well.

Some of our former staff members would like to come back to work at camp, but they have families now and there is not suitable housing for families with children. So this will be an important new addition to camp so we can continue to attract the most qualified people for these leadership positions.

Together for Brantwood,

## THE PROJECTS

### SPLASH FUND

#### Price Tag

#### Boys Swimming Pool

\$100,000

*Repair:* 70-year-old boys' pool that must be upgraded to meet state standards

#### Girls Swimming Pool

\$90,000

*Resurface:* Due to sharp chunks of plaster on the bottom of the girl's pool it had to be hydro-blasted and replastered

#### Girls Water System

\$50,000

The water system in the girls' camp is inadequate for the volume of water needed daily for the kitchen, bathrooms and pool

#### Total for Splash Fund

\$240,000

### REPAIR AND RENOVATE

#### The Winslow and Cabin Roofs

\$40,000

The Winslow is the boys' indoor gym and there are several leaks in the roof.

We wish to phase in the cabin roof replacement in the girls' camp which was built in the 1980s

#### The Main Road Culvert

\$30,000

A larger culvert needs to be installed under the main camp road. The new culvert will prevent another road wash-out and accommodate runoff from the Beaver Dam during heavy rainstorms.

#### Boys HQ Restroom

\$50,000

The bathroom in the boys' camp staff housing is long overdue for a renovation.

#### Total for

#### Repair and Renovate

\$120,000

### MARGARET GURNEY FUND

#### Family Housing for Adult Seasonal Staff, Director's Cabin & Office for the Girls Camp

\$180,000

Providing housing for senior staff with families will assist with recruitment and retention of mature, experienced staff members

#### Total for Housing

\$180,000

# The Girls of White and Blue

BY NICK NOBLE,  
CAMP HISTORIAN

## The Story of Brantwood for Girls, Part II

The first phase of female campers at Brantwood had been a terrific success. A single term in 1982 and 1983 had established a program for girls that effectively combined both Brantwood tradition and progressive innovation, while forging the nucleus of an ongoing permanent staff. The very success of this initial adventure had led to increased interest in Brantwood for Girls: there were now many more girls desirous of a Brantwood experience beyond the one term of sixty provided for in



1983 at the boys' camp site. The Brantwood Board of Trustees saw the next step as moving the girls' camp to a separate location, allowing for more than one term of girls.

The Board soon focused its attention on the facilities of Camp Holiday in nearby Milford, New Hampshire. Like Brantwood, Holiday had its roots in the Episcopal Church, founded in 1896 by the Girls Friendly Society (GFS), under the auspices of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts. By the late 1970s, however, Holiday's buildings had become more difficult to maintain and in January of 1984 the Brantwood Board voted to rent the Holiday facility for two terms in the upcoming summer.

Brantwood for Girls thrived at the Holiday location, despite the challenges of an ageing facility. Keri-Ann Strain was the first Director of an independent Brantwood for Girls, with Brantwood veterans Noelle Leonard and Lisa Anastasio as her Senior Staff. They were joined by St. Markers Cindy Chance and Patty Phaneuf and former campers Laurie Daigneault, Kelly Gildea, Dana McCurry, Tiffany Jordan, and Erin Henderson, among others.

Margaret Cook, Girls' Program Director in 1982 and 1983, would be on hand for the first term as Advisor to the program. The previous year she had been elected an Associate Trustee of Brantwood Camp, the first woman to hold any official position on the Brantwood Board in sixty years. For the second girls' term in 1984, Brantwood trustee Brinley Hall served as the program's Advisor. Donna Seager, wife of Brantwood veteran Bob Seager, was the camp chef that first year, assisted by three year-old John Elliot who would become a camper and later a PC at the Boys' Camp.

Seventy-eight girls enjoyed their Brantwood experiences in 1984, living in platform tent "shacks" with new Brantwood-given names echoing local features and regional Native American tradition: Merrimack, Nubanusit, Piscataquog, and Sunapee. Director Strain was proud of how far Brantwood for Girls had come. "These women and girls," she noted in her end-of-the-year report,

*both counselors and campers, are an integral part of a tradition that goes back more than eighty years, but they are also part of a new and self-reliant venture that is building a new tradition.*

Holiday was home for Brantwood women and girls from 1986 through 1988. Ms. Strain would remain at the helm through 1987, before turning the directorship over to Ms. Leonard. With Ms. Daigneault as her Assistant Director, Ms. Leonard would oversee even more changes for girls' camping at Brantwood.

The Holiday facility had deteriorated significantly and the development of new housing in the area increased the traffic on the town road that ran through the camp. One morning,



ABOVE: Cheryl Anderson, Kelly Brough, Valerie Bizier, Lauren Farrell at Quinapoxet

RIGHT: Holiday House

BELOW: Camp Quinapoxet Waterfront



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as she was about to ring rising bells, the COD (Counselor of the Day) discovered a note from a neighbor taped to the bell with a request:



ABOVE: Campers performing at skit night at Holiday House

BELOW: Ms. Strain leading Aerobics in Holiday House

“Please do not ring the bell so loudly at such an early hour.” A new location for the girls’ camp had to be found, and quickly. Trustee Jim Jenkins identified Camp Quinapoxet, a Boy Scout Camp in Rindge, New Hampshire that was available

for rent in the month of August. So in 1989, Brantwood for Girls had a new home.

The six years of Brantwood for Girls at Quinapoxet were dynamic, creative, and positive. There were challenges, of course. Ms. Leonard and her staff found the sheer vastness of the facility to be daunting at first. Lacking a camp bell, the daily schedule was regulated by a recording of a bell over the PA system with the schedule amended to include a “passing” time between periods. However, the camp came with an secluded waterfront, a fleet of canoes and rowboats, a full-scale ropes course, and archery course. Erin Doherty was a fifth year camper that summer and noted,

*there was a lot to get used to – the ‘shacks’ were a circle of two-person pup tents, we had outhouses instead of flush toilets and gang showers – but I remember the first night coming around the corner over the hill on the way to dinner and seeing the lake. It was if we had our own Silver Lake!*

The new site necessitate some new jobs – in addition to directing the daily program, Ms. Gil-



dea was also Ropes Course Instructor and the staff’s official Quinapoxet expert, having spent time there in July getting familiar with the site during the Boy Scout

operation. In addition to her work as Maintenance Director, Ms. Willey was also the certified Canoeing Instructor and Ms. Valerie Bizier headed both Nature and Archery. The staff was supported by veteran Boy Scout counselors, Kevin Mitrano and Tim O’Connor, both of whom were eventually hired on as PC’s in light of their terrific rapport with campers and growing admiration of the Brantwood program.

In 1992, at the 10th anniversary celebration of Brantwood for Girls, Margaret Cook Gurney was the keynote speaker. “Brantwood started as a seed, now we are blooming ten years later.” “Brantwood,” she concluded, “is our greenhouse.” Brantwood for Girls was flourishing as it began its second decade.

Meanwhile, the Board of Trustees was examining options for a permanent girls’ camp location. There was much debate, but ultimately it was decided that a site at the north end of the Brantwood Road, just to the east of the entrance gate, was the ideal solution. It was property already owned by the Camp and was close enough to the boys’ camp to share resources but far enough apart to make it a separate entity with its own identity. Trustee Stephen DiCicco led the charge chairing the Building Committee.

The summer of 1995 saw Brantwood for Girls come home. The permanent campus at the base of the Brantwood hill was a beautiful new facility. Its main meeting hall was called “Holiday House” remembering Brantwood’s GFS connection. The dining hall was “Coolidge Commons” in honor of longtime trustee Linzee Coolidge, who had done so much as Board Treasurer and chief fundraiser to make the new site possible.

At the dedication ceremony, Ms. Leonard effectively captured the essence of the BFG journey back to where it all started.

*In 1982 Brantwood for Boys gave us a gift: the experience of the Brantwood program. We embraced this gift then set out into the World to make it our own. Our time away allowed us to grow and mature; to mold the best of what is Brantwood into our own unique camping experience for young women. We come back home today with a greater sense of ourselves as members of the Brantwood family. This land, which gave us life, will continue to nurture us for years to come.*

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# St. Mark's 3rd Formers Come to Brantwood Once Again

St. Markers graced the main lawn, dining hall and cabins in the Boys Camp this past spring. It is always so good to see that bus roll in and wide eyed teenagers embark from the bus. Their visit is a mixture of bonding time for the students and project time for Brantwood. Each year we work to create a meaningful

Over my two years at Brantwood, I had the incredible opportunity to work with the junior girls every day during my two-week sessions. During that time, I built strong connections and became a sister figure to many of them, forming bonds that made those two years truly unforgettable. I'll always cherish the many



adventures we shared, from challenging but rewarding hikes up Mount Monadnock to memorable nights at Silver Lake. These experiences, though sometimes difficult,

taught me valuable skills in leadership and confidence that I've carried with me into my life at school, along with countless lasting memories. I was also fortunate to work alongside an amazing team of counselors who brought unique traits, creativity, and energy to everything we did. Their support and dedication made every day at Brantwood a joy, and I'm incredibly grateful to have been part of such a positive, impactful community.

– Grace Piper

project that will last a long time at camp and be enjoyed by many.

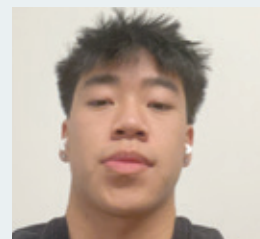
This year students and staff rebuilt what used to be the “wilderness area” of the boys camp. It was in great disrepair and we wanted to create more permanence so that it could be used for a variety of programs. They re-lashed the perimeter boundaries, built a beautiful and safe fire pit and made a cover area to store wood. Another project was to build more benches that would be used in the fire pit area. They also made some compost bins out of pallets and screens.

The staff was able to have a meaningful staff closing campfire to end staff training in this newly renovated area and I know it got a lot of use this summer.

Our relationship with St. Mark's is very special and storied. We look forward to having the 3rd Form students back and appreciate the work that they do to help us make our facility better than they found it.



I've been working as a staff at Brantwood for the past two years, my first time being a volunteer. Last summer, I worked as an MC for the first term and staff training. It was a little different from my experience in my first year since I participated in the staff training program. I was able to make many new friends at staff training, including many international staff members from England, Germany, and Turkey. They were very friendly and we worked very well together. One of my favorite memories at the camp was hiking up Mt. Monagnock and playing the Bruins' goal horn at the top to encourage the campers that were near the top.



– Peter YU

## The Girls of Blue and White continued

And those years came joyously. Amy Willey succeeded Ms. Leonard as BFG Director. The new girls' campus may have lacked the view of Mt. Monadnock but their facilities were newer. Two new names were added to the original lineup of four shacks: Minnewaska and Saskatchewan were now part of the Brantwood experience on the new site. Assistant Director Alicia Skovera noted that after the expansive Quinapoxet property, there was something comforting about the manageable size of the

new Brantwood for Girls. Soon to be added would be the “DiCicco Bridge” and the “Jenkins Nature Center.”

Ms. Willey would serve as BFG Director for five summers, before being elevated to the position of Executive Director. Noelle Leonard, Director of BFG for eight years, would eventually join the Brantwood Board and ultimately become its President.

The glorious experiment called Brantwood for Girls has now been part of the Brantwood family for 42 summers. The girls of white and blue continue on.

# A Letter From The President



Noelle Leonard

This past August, we celebrated an extraordinary milestone in the history of Brantwood – our **120th anniversary!**

On Saturday night we gathered for a magical evening adorned with a beautiful sunset over the view where we raised a glass *and* critical funds to support Brantwood. We held a live auction and online raffle with amazing donations from alum and other friends of Brantwood. Trustee and DJ Bilal Wilson provided the music and many alum came ‘back to the shack’ to stay overnight at camp. Many thanks to all who contributed to our first major fundraising event – it was a huge success!

On Sunday, we continued the celebration with a wonderful Alumni Day, which brought together campers from across generations to reconnect, reminisce, and share their stories of how camp has impacted their lives. The Reverend Jeff Mello, a former PC and Assistant Director of the Boys’ Camp who is now the Episcopal Bishop of Connecticut, delivered a chapel talk that captured our shared values. It was inspiring to see so many familiar faces and hear stories of the enduring bonds formed here



Bishop Jeff Mello



Erin Doherty and Julie Merritt

at Camp. Alumni from the past eight decades were in attendance, with some returning for the first time since the 1940s or 1950s! Many spoke movingly of how Camp shaped them as children and adults, reminding us why Brantwood holds such a special place in our hearts.

The energy and enthusiasm of the many trustees and alums who

volunteered countless hours planning the weekend events fueled our success. Special thanks to trustees Julie Merritt, Bilal Wilson, Ed Puliafico, and Maura Navin, the camp staff, and a shout-out to Erin Doherty who was on double duty Saturday night – bartender and auctioneer! I’m proud to say we exceeded our fundraising goal for the weekend, and invite you to mark your calendar to join us **Saturday evening, Au-**



Linzee Coolidge and Bob Sellers



Josh Mclellan, Justin Laramie, Chris Nicastro, Charlie Gurney

**gust 23 for the 2025 fundraiser and Sunday, August 24th for Alumni Day.**

You, our wonderful alumni, families, and friends, have been instrumental in ensuring that Brantwood will again welcome campers this summer to these glorious hills and woods. Our shared responsibility is to strengthen Brantwood’s foundation for campers for the next century and continue to fulfill the promise of the best camp in the land. Thank you for continuing to walk the long, long trail with us by contributing to our major gift campaign to raise one million dollars! Contact us to discuss the form of your donation including bequests in your estate planning, multi-year pledges, or stock transfers. I look forward to working with you on this exciting path for the future of Brantwood!

*For Brantwood we stand!*

*Save the Date!*  
**Brantwood Alumni Weekend**  
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SATURDAY EVENING  
AUGUST 24 • ALUMNI DAY  
ON SUNDAY

# Summer 2024 Awards and Cup Winners

## TERM 1

### *Stay Over Boys*

Eric Li

### *Stay Over Girls*

Fiona Jewell

Brianna Ackerson

Jocelynn Bembry

Teagan Hooley

Caira Bodden

Aviah Mendes

Chrisette Campbell

Eliza Rund

Caraleigh McNeill

Brittany Cedillo

Jamiya Carrasquillo

Peggy Raulerson

## TERM 2

### *Stay Over Boys*

Gavin Sullivan

Antone Racette

Fabian Williams

### *Stay Over Girls*

Miyuki Vilayvanh

Cecilia Walsh

Kylie Bryant

Madigan McCulley

Julianne Dow

Sydney (Oscar) Leavitt

Emelia Leavitt

Angela Pava

Emerson Krauthoff

Ceilidh MacKechnie

Maci Carmichael

Emily Jean-Pierre

Kalea Krauthoff

## TERM 3

### *Stay Over Boys*

Calvin Kiarie

Gabriel Niejadlik

Isaac Elizade

Martin Elizalde

### *Stay Over Girls*

Emma Fleming

Ameerah Abdullah

Victoria Niejadlik

Zariah Snelling

Takara Feugill

## Farewell to Ashley Denning

Ashley has been a part of the Brantwood family officially since 2019, but has been involved long before that. Her mother



Pat Donoghue was the Chef at the boys camp for over 20 years. Ashley was frequently at camp helping her mother in the kitchen before coming an employee

As the Relationship Manager, Ashley worked very closely with our camper families and donors. She has great institutional knowledge that she has shared with our staff over the years. She will be missed at camp and in the office.

Ashley, we wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors and send you off with a heartfelt thank you for your time and talent.



Girls B Jersey winners



## BOYS Cup Winners

The Cook-Hall-Peirce Cup

The Clark-Marshall-Topka Sportsman Athlete Cup

The Brantwood Cup Jr.

The Brantwood Cup Sr.

The Kean-Monroe Cup

The Delia-Leroy Improvement Cup

The Barton-Clabough-Door Cup

Antone Racette

Gavin Sullivan

Fabian Williams

Gavin Sullivan

Micah Litovich

Fabian Patterson

Oliver Wiley

## GIRLS Cup Winners

The Cook-Hall-Peirce Cup

The Clark-Marshall-Topka Sportsman Athlete Cup

The Brantwood Cup Jr.

The Brantwood Cup Sr.

The Kean-Monroe Cup

The John Elliot Seager Cup

The DiCicco Improvement Cup

Brianna Ackerson

Varya Nikitina

Miyuki Vilayvanh

Emily Jean-Pierre

Peggy Raulerson

Keira Doklan

Brittany Cedillo



ABOVE LEFT: *Front Row L-R:* Antone Racette (The Cook-Hall-Peirce Cup), Fabian Patterson (The Delia-Leroy Improvement Cup); *Back Row L-R:* Da'Jour Nesbeth (Assistant Camp Director), Oliver Crane-Wiley (The Barton-Clabough-Door Cup), Gavin Sullivan (The Brantwood Cup Sr.), Micah Litovich (The Kean-Monroe Cup), and Tim Sullivan (Boys Camp Director)

ABOVE TOP: *L-R:* Tim Sullivan (Boys Camp Director), Gavin Sullivan (Camper), Dylan Sullivan (Volunteer). All three brothers have won the Brantwood Cup. (That'd be a fun detail to include in the Newsletter)

ABOVE: Lewis Marshall (PC) and Micah Litovich (LIT)



## Girls Pool Resurfaced

During the summer of 2023 we discovered that the bottom of the girls pool was starting to come up in big chunks. We mitigated the problem the best we could to get through the summer, but knew it had to be fixed in 2024.

The entire pool was hydro-blasted to remove any loose plaster, then the rest was chiseled out before the new plaster was put down. It was quite an event to watch. Once the plaster was complete water had to be put into the pool immediately so that the plaster would cure in the water. We had 11 tanker truckers deliver water to camp to fill the pool. The pool also got a new pump which is much easier to run. And the highlight for the girls are new colored programmable lights for fun and exciting night swims in 2025.

## Boys Camp Repairs in 2024

The Boys Camp had some much needed repairs in 2024.

A new ramp to Pentucket was constructed.

On the Winslow, the sill which is the support that holds the building up and is resting on concrete supports had deteriorated and had to be replaced. This involved lifting a section of the front to remove and replace the sill. All is well now.



## High Gear for Staff in 2025

BY ROBERT M. WELCOME

This past summer we had an amazing and dynamic staff of young people join us to serve our campers. Their hard work, dedication, and fortitude led us to success this summer, and will allow us to continue to build Brantwood back to its fullest potential. We had several former campers join the ranks as JC/MCs as well as former campers returning for the first time to serve as PCs. Additionally, we had an invaluable core group of



Prize Night!



Breakfast by the pool

veteran staff members return as PCs who acted as leaders and role-models to their peers on camp. Finally, we welcomed 11 new PCs, representing Turkey, Germany, and the United Kingdom whose cultural diversity elevated our program and opened our cultural perspectives.

Our goal for Summer 2025 is to nearly double our camper enrollment, which means we need to expand our staff size as well. I encourage any young people, former campers, or new prospective camp counselors to consider applying at Brantwood Camp. Our staff experiences are as unique and special as our programming. Working at Brantwood will help develop and hone essential leadership skills; expand your cultural horizons; and connect you with a vast network of professionals who are alumni and members of our Brantwood Family.



Monadnock hike



Nantucket Auction Winners

If you or someone you know is interested in employment opportunities, please schedule an initial interview using this link: <https://calendly.com/rwelcome/30min>. I also encourage any prospective staff members to reach out to me directly at [rwelcome@brantwood.org](mailto:rwelcome@brantwood.org), with any questions or to inquire about further details.



# Krystle Cann Keriazes and Brantwood Camp

BY KRYSTLE KERIAZES

I was a shy twelve year old girl the first time I drove up the Brantwood Camp Road in 1999 – so completely unaware of the life changing decision I had made by coming to camp that summer. I grew up in a single parent household and I would have never had been able to afford a trip to camp if it wasn't for Brantwood, and Brantwood gave me so much more than a camping experience. It opened doors and gave me a whole new way of seeing the world! I had thought I was headed to camp to meet my long lost twin sister (like the movie *The Parent Trap*), and instead I met an entire “family” that raised, mentored, and guided me into the person I am today.

As a camper, I gained a little confidence and stepped out of my comfort zone a little more each summer. I was an observer, never a stayover or cup winner, but I thrived in the traditions, the stability, and the connections I made. I did things I never thought I would do and conquered so many fears because of the opportunities and support the staff provided me with. When it came time to join staff as a Junior Counselor, I could not have been more thrilled- to spend an ENTIRE summer at Brantwood. Like the rest of my “crew” we were especially excited to be just like the staff we had grown up looking up to! Those early years on staff were so very hard, but gosh the hard it was made it so great. I learned patience, the value of hard work, how to build meaningful relationships with campers, and of course how to scrub those dishes! The memories I made those first few summers with my “Fab 5” crew are some of my very best!

Over the next ten years I gradually made my way up the “Brantwood” ladder as the Junior Program Director, Assistant Director, and then eventually became director for the Summer of 2012 and 2013 . Each summer challenged me in ways I never thought possible and each year I learned to be more confident in abilities. By then, I had learned some other valuable lessons (some more memorable than others)- like how to direct an entire division of campers away from a mama bear and her cubs, respond to various medical emergencies, fires, effective behavior management skills, and most impor-

tantly how to be an effective leader through the ups and downs of camp life. I went from saying very little as a young camper, to not thinking twice about leading an entire camp. In fact, my experiences at camp had more than adequately prepared me for my career in education and shaped the person I am today.



ABOVE: Emma Luster and Krystle Keriazes  
BELOW: Krystle Kids, Kennedy and Blake

However, I don't think it was until this past summer, my first summer out of retirement since 2013, that I truly realized the magnitude of the impact my connection to Brantwood has had on my life. As I walked around (or more often ran around) each day, a long list of memories and people I had met along the way were always with me. I remembered the words, the lessons, the values instilled in me by my directors when I was just a young camper.

And as I passed on my Brantwood knowledge to a new generation of staff, I was reminded that this is perhaps one of the ways that makes Brantwood so special. We share, we teach, we mentor, we guide one generation of campers to the next. Our connections span cultures, socioeconomic groups, and even the test of time. I'm so grateful I got to experience the magic of it all and honored to be able to be given the opportunity to do the same for others.



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**Term 3** August 2 – 16

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