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## Newsletter 10

### From the Principal's Desk

Hello Everyone,

What an extraordinary couple of weeks! First, we all had to scramble for the COVID lockdown and many of us probably had family/ friends or even you yourself dealing with metropolitan Melbourne lockdown/restrictions. Then that incredible Antarctic blast and storm. I haven't seen anything quite like that in this district for a very long time! Our thoughts go out to any families still affected by fallen trees and structural damage. The majority of our staff live locally and some of them have also copped a wallop from the storm.

Fortunately, last year having had the arborists out to assess the school ground trees, those that could have been an issue are already in the mulch pile behind the shed. This time around we lost trees in the carpark and forest area mostly falling over in soggy ground rather than breaking. We will endeavour to get them sorted as soon as we can. Macedon Ranges Shire have come past the school and removed fallen trees from the footpath. They even took a few of our branches as a courtesy for parking their trucks with us overnight. Tom the gardener will do the rest.

Other damage included the little sports shed which crumpled and broke and the bore tank cover, which is a heavy mini tank, blew into the sandpit! Water leaks in the main building occurred and a DET assessor has visited the school. However, we were lucky, there are so many people in a far worse position than we currently are.

The septic system, phones and the main play areas are working / safe, and the forest area will remain out of bounds (with winter fully upon us this is a usual occurrence). There are photos of the storm damage in the newsletter.

I would like to update you on the wellbeing of Mrs Hiland. Sue has informed me that for health reasons she will not be returning to Newham Primary and 3/4 B this year. Mrs Hammond will continue in the teaching role with 3/4 B for the remainder of 2021. Mrs Hiland has indicated that should her health improve she hopes to return to teaching at Newham Primary in 2022. We continue to wish Sue all the best during her time away from us.

The new fence/front gate has been installed by DET as a proactive measure on their behalf to limit damage to school property in event of a fire. We expect this portion to eventually be painted to match the existing fence. I would like to also take this opportunity to remind students and parents that **entry and exit to and from the school is to be via a gate. Jumping the fence is not an acceptable means.**

#### Early Departures/Pickups & Late Arrivals

Smooth early pickups for your child/ren can be assisted by parents informing the school prior to pick up that their child/ren will be needed and giving an estimated time of arrival.

## Friday 18th June 2021

#### 2021 Term Dates

Term 2: 19 April-25 June

Term 3: 12 July-17 September

Term 4: 4 October-17 December

### Diary Dates

#### PLEASE NOTE NEWLY ADDED EVENTS ARE BOLD

25th June	End of Term 2, 2:30pm
<b>12th July</b>	<b>Start of Term 3</b>
<b>13th-21st July</b>	<b>Somers Camp</b>
<b>15th July</b>	<b>Permission &amp; payment due for 3/4 Camp</b>
<b>20th July, 9:30am</b>	<b>School Tour</b>
<b>21st &amp; 22nd July</b>	<b>Grade 3/4 Camp</b>
<b>26th-30th July</b>	<b>Swimming Program</b>
<b>5th August, 9:30am</b>	<b>School Tour</b>
<b>16th August</b>	<b>Curriculum Day</b>
<b>1st September, 9:30am</b>	<b>School Tour</b>

Often students are in the middle of an activity (ie. Art) and may need to clean off or come down from the back of the school, all of which can take time. For safety and security, students must leave the school via the office and be signed out. For this reason, parents must come to the office and meet their child/ren there (COVID may adjust this) and students need to come to the office to be directed by staff where to go or where to wait. With handover in the office the school is aware of individuals on-site and the movement of students in our care.

Late arrivals also need to enter school via the office to be checked in by staff. Right on the morning bell, with the permission of staff on duty some students may be able to make the dash to class in time for the roll to be taken, however the majority of students arriving after this moment and throughout the day, must go to the office and see a staff member. Unless parents have a specific message, which hasn't been detailed via uEducateUs, students are capable of picking up their late pass and being signed in by staff, themselves. Parents, please remember that uEducateUs can be used to register the reason for a late arrival at any time.

#### Walking to and from School

Newham Primary School has a duty of care to release students to an authorised parent/carer at the end of the school day or to authorise on behalf of the parent (where consent is in place) for their child to **walk home**. The original intention of parking at the hall/park was due to the limited space available in the school car park.

## From the Principal's Desk

Thank you to parents/carers who are walking down to the school to wait for their children at pick up time. This has meant less confusion for students who are unsure whether they are meant to be walking or waiting. Students walking to and from school are to stick to the footpath and not take a short cut down the creek side or through the carpark.

### Supervision at the Park after School

**It has come to the attention of staff that there have been situations between unsupervised students at the park, with ramifications for classroom relationships at school the next day.** Please ensure that you are at the park to meet your children and that they understand what they have to do to get to you safely. Students walking up to the park to wait for a parent/carer, who is not there should be waiting at school under teacher supervision until parent/carers arrive at school to collect them.

### Walking through the Car Park

A huge thank you to parents/carers who in the morning and afternoon accompany their children across the carpark to and from the school gate. Student safety is paramount, and they will be asked to wait for you to make your way to them. Encourage your children to make good choices and please role model walking safely through the carpark, using footpath areas where available.

### Other Parents Picking up your Children? Please Notify the School

Unfortunately, the school is not often informed by parents of arrangements made between parents to supervise children at the park on their behalf or of last-minute changes to pick up, (their child knows but sometimes becomes confused and can't explain the situation). Parents, please inform the school of these decisions.

**COVID Reminders - Two new school operations guides have arrived since our last newsletter, and** regional schools have a few more changes.

**QR code use is mandatory for entering the school buildings** (for all parents, contractors, external DET staff and maintenance staff etc.) even though we do have uEducateUs for our own check-in.

While on-site, when your attendance is required at school for an extended time and an essential reason, PLEASE sign in at the office as well as using the QR code. If you do not have your phone on you, our kiosk/sign-in tablet at the office will enable you to use the QR code.

### Parents/Carers may:

- enter the school grounds at bell times to collect/drop off a child (**no QR code required**) **Parents cannot enter a classroom** without a face mask or without having used a QR code prior to entering. Staff will ask if you have used the QR code
- visit the school office, (please check for space before entering - **QR code and face mask required**)
- attend inside a school building at staff request for an extended time (this request will be made for an essential reason - **face mask, QR code & sign-in required**)

**Parents needing to speak to a classroom teacher should use uEducateUs to send their message or to organise a return call from the teacher at a later date.**

### Face Masks and Hygiene

- Practise good hygiene and ensure physical distancing. Carry a mask at all times and wear it while indoors. Please wear a mask outside if you cannot remain socially distant.

### OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC)

**OSHC will be required to use a QR code** for their service. **Please note:** 'School's Out' OSHC will have a different code to Newham Primary school.

### COVID Rule Changes

#### MOST RECENT

- **Excursions and incursions** are permitted (incursion staff are subject to density limits, QR codes and record keeping).
- **School tours** can be conducted once again (and are subject to density limits, QR codes and record keeping).
- **Interscholar sports** events can take place and are subject to capacity limits on team numbers and venues

#### NEW

- **Parent teacher interviews** for school reports will be conducted via pre booked phone calls
- **School lunches** will still be available on Wednesdays & Fridays
- **Kitchen garden cooking at the hall can continue without parent helpers**

#### KNOWN

- **Density limits are now at 1 person per 4sqm.**
- **School assemblies** permitted only for students and staff.
- **School Council meetings** will be conducted via WebEx.
- **School bus services** across the state will continue to operate as normal.
- **MOST IMPORTANTLY... Please do not send unwell children to school.** Unwell students must remain at home and get tested, even with the mildest of symptoms. Unwell students exhibiting Covid like symptoms will need to go home. If staff are unsure if a student is unwell, parents will be contacted, and the student will need to go home as a precaution. Younger children (especially Prep – 2) may have prolonged post-viral symptoms such as a runny nose or cough and may return to school following a negative Covid test even if they are not completely free of symptoms however, they WILL need a medical certificate from a GP to confirm they are otherwise well or have recovered from their acute illness. Students with a negative test whose symptoms have completely resolved do NOT need a medical certificate to return to school.

In the last newsletter I mentioned the need to find out the implications for some of our programs for term 3 under the current Covid rules.

Excursions and incursions have required continuous COVID adjustments to their delivery. We are in the process of negotiating their inclusion for term 3 and beyond via processes which will meet COVID expectations at any given time allowing us to avoid cancellations.

**Swimming may go ahead in Term 3 as long as there is only one school at the pool at a time.** We are in the process of negotiating these required changes to our swimming program and will inform families of the outcome next week via uEducateUs (swimming is due to take place early in term 3).

**Camps may go ahead as long as the school is the only school on the campsite.** With our 3/4 camp due in the second week of Term 3 we were able to rebook a camp that complied with these requirements. 3/4 families will have received information on the camp already.

## From the Principal's Desk

Please can families return the requested documentation and payments to school as soon as possible.

There have been varied restrictions placed on camps which haven't made allowances for the timeframe required to turnaround the organisation and implementation of a camp from one set of restrictions to the next. Therefore this 3/4 camp following this set of restrictions will meet COVID expectations at any given time allowing us to avoid cancellation. The 5/6 camp due in September will be subjected to our same expectations.

### Somers Camp – Years 5 & 6

There are 5 students from Newham Primary school heading off to Somers Camp on Western Port Bay in the first week of term 3. It is hoped that COVID doesn't foil these plans and we look forward to hearing about their experiences on their return.

### Student Anxiety and School Refusal

After our COVID lockdown/Antarctic storm period and with a term break just around the corner, it is timely to revisit information on school refusal and anxiety. Following is a reprinted excerpt on the issue.

School refusal commonly arises after a period of school absence –such as COVID, a long illness or holidays – or due to a big change such as starting a new school or moving from primary to high school, as well as from forms of anxiety such as separation anxiety.

At school, children often present to teachers or first aid with a myriad of physical complaints such as headaches and stomach aches. If you're concerned, a GP can check for physical causes. In the absence of a physical illness, these complaints can be anxiety related. GP interventions often encourage relaxation, challenge anxious thoughts and aim to provide skills to cope with distress or discomfort. Please contact school or your child's teacher as soon as possible for support. The sooner intervention and support are established the better the outcome can be.

Below also, are a number of useful support sites for families.

<https://headspace.org.au/friends-and-family/understanding-school-refusal/>

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/school-learning/school-refusal/school-refusal>

<https://beyou.edu.au/fact-sheets/development/school-refusal>

<https://theconversation.com/so-your-child-refuses-to-go-to-school-heres-how-to-respond-98935>

### 'SCHOOL'S OUT' OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC)

'School's Out' OSHC have informed Newham Primary School that due to the limited use by our families, from term 3 they will only be offering a bus connection between Newham and Heskett Primary School for OSHC. **There will no longer be OSHC on-site at Newham.**

The bus will run as follows. Tuesday & Thursday **mornings**/ Monday, Tuesday and Thursday **nights**.

This means that extra services such as beginning of year- start of term 1 or curriculum day care are often not available to our school due to unviable student numbers requiring care. It is important that parents requiring care during any of these times call 'School's Out' to check for the availability of care.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage any families thinking about OSHC to contact School's Out directly. OSHC services are often an incentive for families moving to the area to enrol in our school. However due to the small numbers requesting care we are at serious risk of losing this service completely.

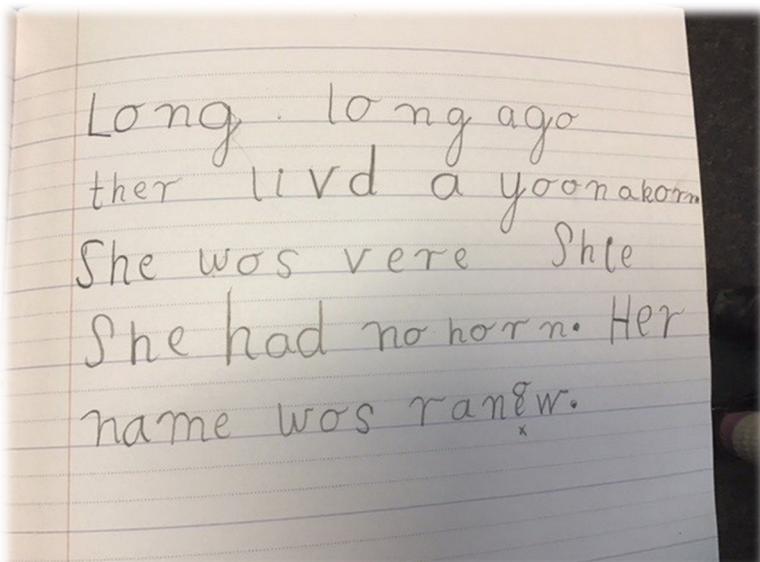




## PREP/1 ART

We have continued our tales from around the world heading now to Ghana Africa. We learned how Anansi the spider got very long skinny legs. We were inspired by some African prints, bead and wooden necklaces in our art this week.

WEEK 7



We were inspired by all the folktales together with the Tinga Tinga Tales we have been watching as we eat lunch. This is the start of Lily's own folktale about a unicorn. Perfect use of capital letters and full stops, care with handwriting and using the phonics sounds she knows for unfamiliar words such as unicorn. Awesome work everyone.

# Kitchen Garden Program

On Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup>, 5/6 did cooking. We cooked kefta meatballs, Moroccan carrot salad, spiced couscous and almond biscuits. Everything was delicious and we learnt heaps of cooking skills like using the oven and making stock from scratch. Thank you Jo and Madame Lee for leading and teaching this Kitchen Garden lesson! – Kasey and Shakira

We shared our opinions on the food in French too – check out the results.



Tu aimes ...?	 J'adore ...	 J'aime ...	 Bof!	 Je n'aime pas ...	 Je déteste ...
les boulettes de viande					
la salade					
le couscous					
les biscuits					

# Storm Poem

CRASH, BANG, BOOM, BONG

That's the sound of an evening storm

STORM  
BY Lillian

THUD, CRACK, CRASH, BASH

That's my hibiscus tree falling down

FUZZ, FIZZLE, CRACKLE, POP

Oh no the electricity has stopped

CLICK, FLICK, TICK, WICK

torches on with a click

EEK, TWEET, TWEET, CRAIN

out of there trees birds fly in the rain

BUT LOOK

a patch of sky, come on blue don't be shy

a beam of sun I can see radiate heat on me

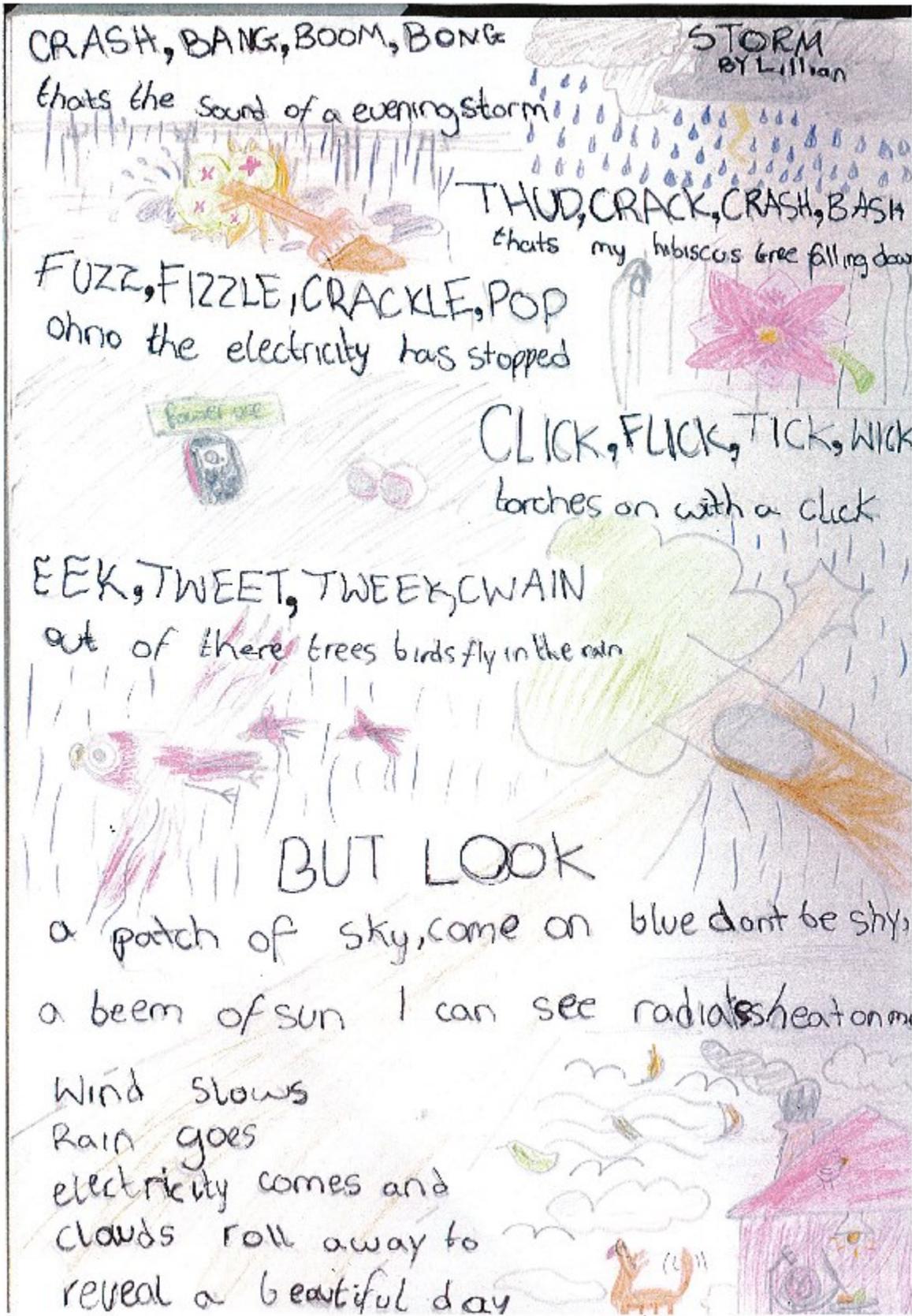
Wind slows

Rain goes

electricity comes and

clouds roll away to

reveal a beautiful day



# Community Notices



## ENROL NOW

There is so much to see and do at Newham Primary School

- Kitchen Garden Program
- Nature Play
- Instrumental Music Lessons
- French
- 5 Star Resource Smart School
- School Wide Positive Behaviour Program
- Before and After School Care

Enquiries or to book a school tour contact us

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Term 3 School Tours:

20th July 9:30am

5th August 9:30am

1st September 9:30am





SUNBURY AND COBAW COMMUNITY HEALTH PRESENTS

# PERK

## Parents Empowering Rainbow Kids

An informal quarterly network providing information, connection and support for parents and carers of LGBTIQ+ young people.

Find out more by contacting WayOut at Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health  
1300 026 229 | [healthpromotion@scchc.org.au](mailto:healthpromotion@scchc.org.au)

Meetings held on week nights, refreshments provided, RSVP required.








# Youth Week

Free events for anyone aged 12 to 25  
Monday 28 June to Sunday 4 July

## Pop-up Youth Space

4pm–7pm, Monday 28 June  
Romsey Community Hub

## Jurassic Arcade

1pm–4pm, Wednesday 30 June  
Woodend Community Centre

including Atari, Sega, Super Nintendo, Nintendo 64, Playstation 1

1pm–3pm, Thursday 1 July  
Kyneton Library

## Future Creations Zine Launch and zine maker workshop

More information available at [facebook.com/MacedonCityCouncilYouth](https://www.facebook.com/MacedonCityCouncilYouth) and [info@scchc.org.au](mailto:info@scchc.org.au)



## Community Notices

Running from Riddells Creek Mechanics Hall!

# SCHOOL'S OUT! PROGRAM

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL! BOOK IN NOW!**

June 28 Tinker Station! Endless Art! Sport! Cooking!	June 29 <b>EXCURSION!</b> <b>MOVIE DAY!</b>	June 30 <b>SCHOOL'S OUT</b> <b>DANCE CLUB!</b> <b>COSTUME DAY!</b>	July 1 <b>EXCURSION!</b> <b>WE'RE GOING</b> <b>BOWLING!</b>	July 2 <b>Carnival DAY!</b> <b>MAGIC SHOW!</b> <b>COOKING!</b>
July 5 <b>UPCYCLE DAY!</b> REPURPOSE AND REDESIGN CLOTHING	July 6 <b>Wicked Science</b> <b>incursion!</b>	July 7 <b>EXCURSION!</b> <b>SURPRISE!</b> Where will we go?	July 8 <b>AMAZING RACE</b> <b>DAY!</b>	July 9 <b>AFL DAY!</b> <b>Footy Stars!</b> Tennis and boot camp!

## WINTER VACATION CARE

PHONE 0409 559 279 OR BOOK IN VIA KIDSOFT APP  
[WWW.SCHOOLSOUT.NET.AU](http://WWW.SCHOOLSOUT.NET.AU)

Running from the Gisborne Primary School!  
 Daily bus from Riddells Creek!

# SCHOOL'S OUT! PROGRAM

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June 28 <b>AMAZING RACE!</b> <b>ORIENTEERING!</b>	June 29 <b>BOWLING AND</b> <b>LASER TAG!!</b> Limited Numbers!	June 30 <b>ADVENTURE DAY!</b> <b>HIKING AND</b> <b>PICNIC!</b>	July 1 <b>MOVIE DAY!</b> <b>PIZZA LUNCH!!!!</b> Limited Numbers!	July 2 <b>SPORTS DAY!</b> <b>TENNIS! FOOTY!</b> <b>PICNIC LUNCH!</b>
July 5 <b>DIY DAY!</b>	July 6 <b>MYSTERY</b> <b>DAY!!</b> Limited Numbers!	July 7 <b>ROLLERBLADING!</b> Limited Numbers!	July 8 <b>Home Day!</b>	July 9 <b>SPORTS DAY!</b> <b>TENNIS! FOOTY!</b> <b>PICNIC LUNCH!</b>

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