

Week 6, Term 1

Friday 3 March 2023

Curious, Collaborative and Compassionate Students

Warami (Hello),

This year we introduced our new school values – Curious, Collaborative and Compassionate. Teachers and students have been busy investigating what each of our values mean and what they look like in our school



and community. At our K-6 assembly this week, I asked our students if anyone could remember our three school values, almost instantly, nearly every student in the school raised their hand! I was blown away, after only a few weeks of exploring the new language of Curious, Collaborative and Compassionate the entire school was confident answering my question. So, rather than ask three students to give me one value each, as a whole school we responded – it was like poetry!!

Even more impressive, is the work I have witnessed in our classrooms focusing on our three values. Everyone from Kindergarten to Year 6 have demonstrated their understanding by articulating our values through drawing, writing and artworks. Students

have also had opportunities to engage in story, drama and

photography linking back to our values. I think some of our Year 1 and 2 students have mastered the 'curious' face!

It has also been pleasing to hear feedback from our community on how conversations about our values are making their way into discussion over the dinner table and on car trips. If your child brings home one of our red Teacher Awards, I encourage you to have a conversation with them about what they did that was 'Curious, Collaborative or Compassionate'.



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Meet the Teacher Information Nights

Thank you to all of our families who were able to attend our Meet the Teacher Information Nights this week. It was wonderful to hold this event in person after 3 years of COVID-19 restrictions. We hope that you found the information presented helpful and we look forward to working with you throughout 2023 to support your child's learning.



I would also like to acknowledge our teachers for giving up their evening to host the Meet the Teacher Night and for all of their preparation to make the night a success.

Bike and Scooter Safety

It is wonderful to see so many students riding their bikes or scooters to school. It is even better to see so many students riding safely with their helmets on. Unfortunately, we do have a number of students riding their bike or scooter without a helmet, or riding with their helmet attached to their school bag. Teachers are reminding students regularly about helmet safety and we strongly encourage parents and caregivers to read the attached information from Transport NSW about bike safety.



Picking Students up Late

In the event that you are running late to pick your child/ren up from school at 3pm, please phone the school to let us know that you are running late. Students who are not collected at 3pm will be brought into the office. For safety reasons parents will need to come to the office to collect their children if they are being picked up late.

We have an onsite OOSH for those families who are unable to pick their child/ren up at 3pm.

P&C Meeting

Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Wednesday 15 March at 9am. The meeting will be held on site at school in the office. As this is the first meeting for the new year, all parents wishing to become financial members of the P&C must pay their \$2 joining fee before the meeting. Becoming a financial member of the P&C gives you the right to vote, pass and second motions raised at the meeting. Non-financial parents are also welcome to attend the meetings, however, will be unable to vote.

The P&C are still looking to fill the Secretary and Treasurer committee positions. We will be calling for nominations for these positions at the March meeting.

School Photo Day

This year we are working with a new school photographer – MSP Photography. We have been working with MSP Photography for the past 8 to 10 months developing our school brand re-fresh. MSP have worked with us to create our new awards, award booklets, letterheads, newsletter templates and more. Please take a look at MSP Photography's website for more information about their services.

https://www.msp.com.au/

Our school photos are usually taken towards the end of Term 1 each year, however with the date change of NAPLAN from Term 2 to Term 1, we have had to push back the date of our photos to Friday 28 April (Week 1, Term 2). More information will come home in the coming weeks with information about photo packages, prices and payments.

Celebrating Birthdays and Lessons Involving Food

We love to celebrate the birthdays of our students. To ensure the safety of our students and to comply with the Department of Education's Foods in Schools Procedures, last year we introduced some new measures to reduce the risk of allergic reactions.

Birthdays – please send pre-packaged items that are in individual servings, some ideas include: multipacks of Freddos, Lollies, Chips etc or small stationary items like fancy pencils. Please do not send home made cakes, biscuits etc.









Cooking In Class – all lessons involving food will now have a permission note with the details of the food being used.

We thank you for your support in this very important matter.

Yanu (Goodbye)

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Mrs Belinda Clarke Principal

2023 Sports Captains and Vice Captains



Kookaburras

Captains: Devrim and Ella

Vice Captains: Joel and Miley



Wallabies

Captains:
Oscar and Amelia

Vice Captains: Ashton and Mackenzie



Dolphins

Captains: Lachlan and Kensi

Vice Captains: Cyrus and Charlotte

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all who competed at the Twilight Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 21st February at Penrith Ripples.

The Carnival was a roaring success for our competitors despite swimming in pouring rain!

Every swimmer displayed outstanding sportsmanship throughout the carnival and had some epic results in the pool.

Thank you to all staff who assisted in running the night, we could not have done it without you!

Miss Catto









Congratulations to our Merit Award Winners from...

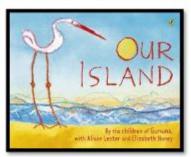
	KW	K/1LS	K-2F
Week 5	Charlotte Matilda	Taylan Knox	Elizabeth
1 T	1/2W	2F	2-5B
Liam Scarlett	Jaxon Zoe	Genevieve Howard	Raadiyah
3R	3/4D	4/5C	4/5G
Dylan	John	Valerie	Chelsea
Logan	Mila-Jade	Connor	James
4-6G	5P	5/6T	6G
Liam	Riley Zara	Lexi	Jorja Alleira

	KW	K/1LS	K-2F
Week 6	Kairon Isabella	Ashton Marley	Noah
1 T	1/2W	2F	2-5B
Indie Erfan	Charlotte Lily	Sofia Amity	Daniel
3R	3/4D	4/5C	4/5G
Maycee Noah	Cooper Michael	Kaiden	Harrison Sadie
4-6G	5P	5/6T	6G
Raadiyah	Nate Nathaniel	Amelia Chelsea	Tairell Sienna

Stage 1 - Term 1

All the students in Stage 1 have been very busy this term and have been completing some amazing work!

We have been examining some quality literature and making connections between what we read and our own experiences. We have read the book "Our Island" which is about Mornington Island.



We looked at how the children of Gununa created the illustrations for the book and tried this technique with some illustrations of our own.

1T created their own wonderful turtle artworks inspired by the turtle artwork in "Our Island". They used oil pastels and then a water colour wash to create a "wax resist" technique, using similar methods to the



2F and 1/2W have thought about the context our school and some of the things we do here every day.

We discovered that Werrington County is very different to Mornington Island!

Our artworks used the same wax resist method that was used in "Our Island".







Congratulations to our Library Award Winners from...

	K - 2	3 - 6
Week 4	2F	5/6T
Week 5	K/1LS	6G
Week 6	KW	5P

Mrs Baxter Teacher Librarian



This year our school has once again decided to register for the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge. The challenge is a special initiative to foster a love of literature and to encourage children to read widely for leisure and pleasure.

The challenge for students in **K–2** is to experience 30 books from the K-2 Premier's Reading Challenge booklists by mid-August 2023. <u>You can read these books to your child or the student can read them independently.</u> 20 of the books **must** come from the PRC list. The remaining 10 are free choice.

All students who successfully complete the challenge will receive a signed certificate from the NSW Premier. Our school library has many of the books on the booklists already in the library for the students to borrow. You may also read PRC books that you have at home or that you borrow from the local library.

For students in K-2 who participate at home, I will also be issuing my own incentive certificates once a student has read 10, 20, & 30 books.

All students in Years 3-6 will be completing the PRC as part of their wide reading in class and keep their reading record in the library.

<u>Please note:</u> Students no longer need a permission note to participate in the PRC however if for any reason you do not wish your child to participate, please advise the school. <u>The permission note below is for students K-2 who are completing the Reading Challenge at home.</u>

For further information please visit the website. https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html
I invite all students to take up the challenge as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

A handwritten permission no	ote is also acceptable. 😊	
Mrs Baxter Teacher Librarian	Mrs Clarke Principal	
To Mrs Baxter		
The following students (K-2) w	ish to undertake the Premier's Reading Cha	ıllenge <u>at home</u> :
	(name)	(class)
	(name)	(class)
I understand that it is a condit receive an official PRC Certific	ion of entry that students who enter and so ate.	uccessfully complete the Challenge wil
Signed	(Parent/Guardian)	

PRC FAQ's



Can I include books from home and/or the ones that I may borrow from the local library?

Of course! Simply use the search box on the PRC website to locate the ID number and record them on your child's PRC card.



I have some books at home that might be on the PRC list. How do I find out?

The official PRC booklists can be found at: https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html or you can use the search box that can be found on the top right-hand side of the PRC Homepage. Just type in the book title and click search.

The ID number appears before the title.



Which booklist does my child need to read from?

There are 3 booklists that apply to children at Primary School. They are K-2, 3-4 & 5-6. We encourage students to read within the booklist appropriate for their grade. Students may read books from a higher grade level, but it is strongly suggested students read from only the next level up. It is only in special circumstances that students are permitted to read books on the booklist below their grade level.

How many books does my child need to read?

Challenge level Total number of books to be read		Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of Personal Choice books
K-2	30	20	10
3-4	20	10	10
5-6	20	10	10

My child is in Years3-6 and does not bring their PRC card home. What do they do to record books read at home and/or the library?

Simply note the title and the ID number on a piece of paper so that your child can record it on their card at school. Alternatively, they may log it directly onto their reading log on the PRC website. Most students know how to do this. I will be showing students how to do this early Term 2.

Can my child read more than 1 book from a series?

For an approved PRC series, students can read **any five titles** which will count as official PRC books in their reading records. **Other titles** read from the same series will show as Personal choice books. The limit on series books encourages students to read a variety of genres and authors.

The official PRC Rules can be found at: https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/rules.html

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to come and ask. I am more than happy to help.

Mrs Baxter Teacher Librarian PRC Coordinator

NAPLAN

National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy Information for parents and carers

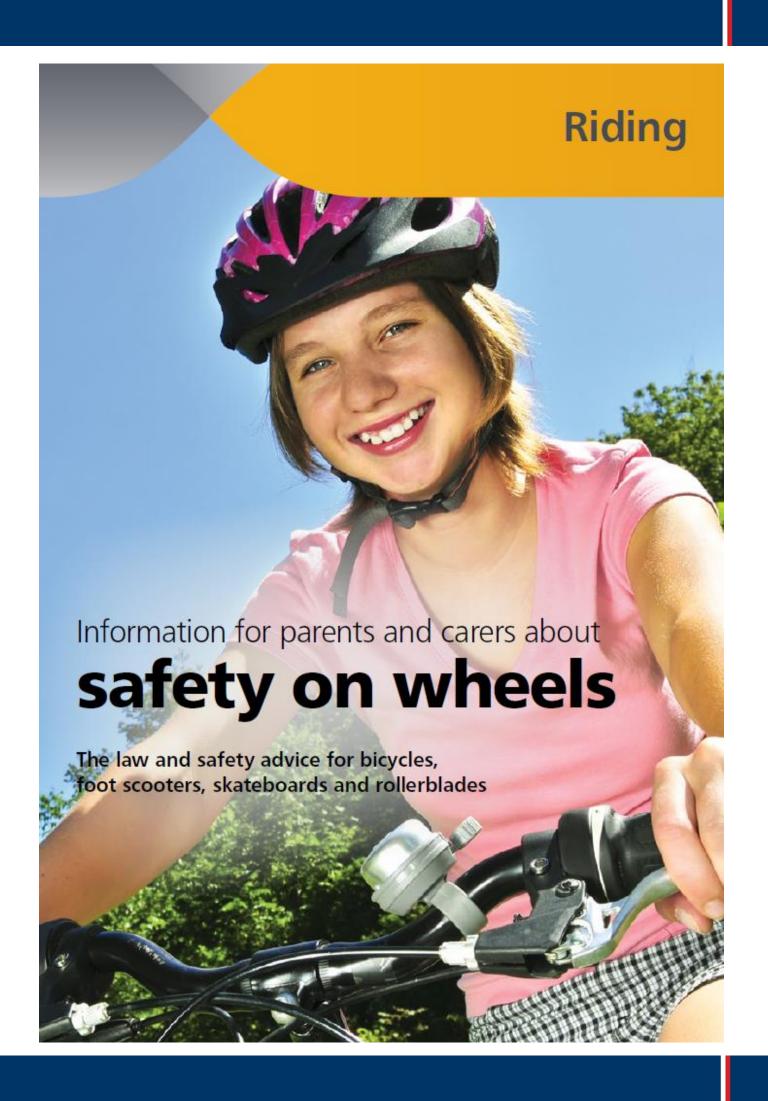
- All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in Australia do NAPLAN tests in March each year.
- NAPLAN tests students' skills in reading, writing and maths.
- The test questions are presented in Standard Australian English dialect.
- Students read some of the questions and listen to others with headphones.
- The tests will get easier or harder, depending on how students are going in the test.
- Students do four different tests. The names of the four tests are:



- Students in Year 3 will do the Writing test using pencil and paper. Year 3 students will answer the other test questions on the computer.
- Students in Years 5, 7 and 9 will answer all their test questions on computers.
- Teachers will help students get ready for NAPLAN tests.
- Schools will get their students' results. The school will then give parents/carers a report showing their own child's results.
- Parents/carers can talk to the teacher about these results.
- NAPLAN shows how students are going all over Australia. People who work in the Australian Government, state and territory education authorities and schools use NAPLAN results. The results let them see which schools are doing well and which schools might need help.

Talk to your teacher if you have any questions about your child doing the tests.

For more information on NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au.



For more information about cycling laws, visit: roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au Bicycle riders, just as other road users, must comply with all NSW road rules.

Helmets

All riders and passengers on bicycles must wear an Australian and New Zealand Standards (AS/NZS 2063) approved helmet that is securely fitted and fastened on the rider's head.

Riding on the footpath or shared path

Unless there are signs that specifically prohibit them, bicycles may be ridden on the footpath by:

- Children under the age of 16
- Adults supervising a child under the age of 16
- Children 16 years and older with an adult accompanying another child under the age of 16.

All bicycle riders may ride on a shared path.

When riding on a footpath or shared path, riders must keep left, overtake on the right and give way to pedestrians.

Riding on the road

When riding on the road, bicycle riders should keep to the left, as traffic does, and use a marked bicycle lane wherever possible.

bicycle must display a white light on the front and a red light and red reflector on the rear Bicycles must be fitted with a working brake and a bell or horn, and if used at night the

Bicycles can be fitted with power assistance up to 200W. A vehicle with more power than that has to comply with appropriate registration requirements. Foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades may be ridden on footpaths unless there are signs that specifically prohibit them. However, riders must keep to the left and give way to other pedestrians.

Powered foot scooters cannot be registered and therefore can only be used on private land.

FOOT SCOOTERS,

On separated bicycle and pedestrian paths, foot scooter, skateboard and rollerblade riders must use the section designated for bicycles, but must keep out of the path of any bicycle.

on a road, foot scooter, skateboard and rollerblade riders must keep as far left as practicable. greater than 50km/h, or a one-way road with more than one marked lane. When travelling Foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades can be used on the road only during daylight hours. They cannot be used on roads with a dividing line or median strip, a speed limit

Safety advice

has been involved in a crash, dropped on a hard surface, regularly for damage. It is best to replace a helmet that Make sure the helmet fits correctly. Check the helmet has cracked foam, or frayed or worn straps.

Parents and carers may need to actively guide and supervise children to ensure that they do not endanger other people. They may need to slow down or dismount in busy areas. Riders must make sure to take care around pedestrians.

Young children may need to be actively supervised up until they are 10 years old. Children aged under 10 should ride driveways. Children aged under 16 years old should avoid riding on busy roads. A bright helmet and bright clothing in a safe place off the road and away from vehicles and young riders safe by making them more visible to other and equipment such as a flag and reflectors help keep road users

skateboards and rollerblades are best ridden in recreational In the interests of safety and enjoyment, foot scooters, areas designated for their use.

Foot scooter, skateboard and rollerblade riders should wear a helmet and protective gear such as knee pads and elbow pads. While permissible by law, riding foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades on the road is not recommended for safety reasons.



Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate

All bicycle riders are required by law to wear an approved helmet that is securely fitted and fastened. Make sure the helmet fits correctly. Check the helmet regularly for damage. It is best to replace a helmet that has been involved in a crash, dropped on a hard surface, has cracked foam, or frayed or worn straps.



Can you place just two fingers between your eyebrows and your helmet?



Can you fit just two fingers between the helmet strap and your chin?



Do the straps join in a 'V' just below your ears?



Has an adult checked your helmet?

For more information on keeping your child safe on wheels visit the parents section on safetytown.com.au/parents

The information in this brochure is intended as a guide only and is subject to change at any time without notice. It does not replace the relevant legislation, nor should it be regarded as legal advice.

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Coming Soon at Werrington County PS... Term 1, 2023 Overview

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	23 Jan	24 Jan	25 Jan	26 Jan	27 Jan
1	HOLIDAYS	HOLIDAYS	HOLIDAYS	AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
2	30 Jan STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	31 Jan Students in Yrs 1-6 Return Special Education students move into 2023 classes	1 Feb Kindergarten Best Start Assessments	2 Feb Kindergarten Best Start Assessments	3 Feb Kindergarten Best Start Assessments Students move into 2023 classes Newsletter Day
3	6 Feb Kindergarten Students Commence	7 Feb	8 Feb	9 Feb	10 Feb
4	13 Feb Anniversary of the National Apology	14 Feb Swimming Carnival notes due back by today	15 Feb K-6 Assembly – 2pm P&C Meeting – 9am	16 Feb	17 Feb Newsletter Day Book Club orders close today
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Our School Values and Expectations





We are Curious, Collaborative Step 3

and Compassionate

Yellow Slip Step 2





Principal

Orange Slip **AP Reflection Time**

Drawing on school or

Reflection Time

Continually doing the wrong thing

Brought a weapon to

ndme

Name on Chart Time to have a

Throwing objects in the classroom

reminder

Back on track and Chill Zone

else is talking

Talking when someone

 Not following Instructions

Using equipment in the

wrong way

the wrong way Using the furniture in

Not sitting on the floor

You can turn this around

- Not completing your

Take 5 Completed

Not following instructions

after being asked multiple

someone

times

- Not keeping your hands and feet to yourself
- Hurting others on

Repeatedly not keeping your

hands to yourself

disrespectful or disruptive Repeatedly being

 Using rude or inappropriate language when speaking to someone

Bullying

 Wrong place at the wrong time multiple times, on

Racist language

Cyber bullying

Repeatedly using rude

student moves to If behaviour is repeated

orange step

Move on from the

Street/Bill Rogers Strategies

Implementation of Berry

Leaving rubbish on the

Distracting yourself or

student moves to yellow If behaviour is repeated behaviour around. to assist in turning breaths

Take some deep

Think it through

student moves to red If behaviour is repeated

> student moves to purple If behaviour continues

Repeatedly in the wrong

place at the wrong time

Red Slip Step 4

- Being physically to harm others violent and attempting

Hitting, punching or kicking

another person's property

because you want to hurt

Updated Canteen Menu

Nic's Catering & Canteen Services

Food Coding

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			R - Red Only		Constitution of the Consti
0.1.10				Glute	n Free
Salad Bar	4	0.50	Hot Food		
Garden Salad (G & V)	\$		Meat Pie (A)		4.50
Caesar Salad (G)	0.00	4.50	Sausage Roll (A)	\$	4.00
Chicken Caesar Salad (G)	\$	5.00	Mini Pie (A)	10733	1.50
Salarita Constitution of the Constitution of t			Mini Sausage Roll (A)	107.00	1.50
Sandwiches			Chicken Nuggets x 4 (A)		3.50
(white/wholemeal)			Chicken Nuggets x 5 (A)	1100	4.00
Vegemite/Jam/Cheese	\$	2.00	Chicken Nuggets x 6 (A)	200	4.50
Tasty Cheese & Tomato (G)	\$	3.50	Chicken Burger (A)	\$	5.00
Roast Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo (G)	\$	4.50	Garlic Bread (A)	\$	2.00
Leam lite Ham, Tomato & Cheese (G)	\$	4.50	Nachos with Salsa & Cheese (A)	\$	4.50
			Oven Baked potato wedges (A)	\$	4.00
Wraps			Fish Fingers	\$	1.00
Chicken Wrap (A)	\$	4.00	Hot Dog	\$	4.00
Chicken Caesar Wrap (A)	\$	4.00	Hot Dog W/ Tomato Sauce	\$	4.00
Ham Wrap (A)	\$	4.00	Hot Dog W/BBQ Sauce	\$	4.00
Chicken Tandoori Wrap (A)	\$	4.00	Hash Brown	\$	1.00
Bread Rolls \$1.00 Extra			Hot Noodles Chicken/Beef	\$	3.50
Gluten Free bread also Available					
			Pasta		
Toasties			Penne Napolitana (G & V)	\$	4.00
Cheese (G)	\$	3.00	Spaghetti Bolognese (A)	\$	4.50
Cheese & Tomato (G)	\$		Macaroni & Cheese (A)	\$	4.00
Ham & Cheese (G)	\$		Fried Rice (A & V)		
Ham, Cheese & Tomato (G)	1000	4.00	Butter Chicken & Rice (A)	\$	
		0.000.000.0000	Cheese Pizza (A)	\$	3.50
			Ham & Cheese Pizza (A)		4.00
			(.,	4	
Focaccia			Meal Deals (Available Daily)		
Ham - Smoked Ham,			4 Nuggets &		
Tomato & Cheese (A)	\$	5.00	A Milk Popper or Bottle of Water	\$	5.50
Chicken - Chicken, Lettuce,			Chicken Burger &		
& Mayo (A)	\$	5.00	Bottle of Water	\$	6.50
Falafel - Falafel, Cheese, Tomato					
& Pesto (A)	\$	5.50	Penne Napolitana, Garlic Bread & Bottle of Water	\$	7.50
			Cheese & Tomato Sandwich &	\$	6.00
			Juice Popper	φ	0.00
			Hot Dog & Bottle of Water	\$	5.50

Treats		Beverages		
Low Fat Banana Bread (A)	\$ 2.50	Water Bottle 600ml (G)	\$	2.00
Assorted Mini Muffins	\$ 2.00	100% Juice Popper (G)	\$	2.50
Seasonal Fruit	\$ 1.00	Milkshake (A) Chocolate/Strawberry/Caramel		3.00
		Flavoured Milk (Chocolate or Strawberry) (A)	\$	2.50
		Up and Go Strawberry/Vanilla/Chocolate	\$	2.50
Snacks				
Assorted Chip Packets	\$ 1.50	Gluten Free Options		
Zooper Doopers	\$ 1.00	Add \$1.00 to List Price		- 1
Popcorn	\$ 1.50	Penne Napolitana		- 1
Jelly	\$ 1.00	Spaghetti Bolognese		- 1
Noodle Snacks Chicken/Beef	\$ 1.00	Sandwiches		
Frozen Jelly	\$ 1.00	Toasties		
Chocolate Cup Cake	\$ 2.00	Chicken Ceasar Salad		

A wide selection of food will be available for purchase over the counter for Breakfast and at both breaks but not necessarily all foods on the menu. Placing an order is the only way to ensure your choice is availableat any given time. Check the school newsletter & Displays out front of the canteen for new items & meal Deals.





Registrations Open

\$150 - Rego - Insurance

Kids ActiveVouchers accepted

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·MODIFIED JUNIOR RULES

STARTING MARCH

·SINGLE & TEAM REGISTRATIONS WELCOME

·NO GAMES DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

·AGES 7-16

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