



Homebush West Public School Excellence in Public Education

Equipping students to be active, informed and successful
in a changing world

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Special Points of Interest

- Leadership Speeches
- Twilight Concert
- Safety Around School
- Online Payment Error
- SRC Can Drive
- P&C Meeting

Right: Our prospective 2016 school leaders make their speech.
Below Right: Current school leaders thank you Morning Tea

Term 4 Week 7

Wednesday

Leadership Speeches
Twilight Concert

Thursday

Leadership Speeches
NO Assembly
Scripture
Enrichment Groups
Chess 3pm

Friday

Leadership Speeches
French Classes

Next Week

Monday

Surf Awareness
Leadership Speeches
Dance

Wednesday

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From The Principal



Last Thursday I had the honour to host morning tea with our current school leaders. It was wonderful to be able to say thank you to our 2015 leaders for their excellent leaderships and to hear them all speak about their highlights of being a leader. We were joined at our morning tea by Sravya who was representing the honourable Jodie McKay. This year HWPS has been very fortunate to have incredible and diligent leaders who have showcased the school. They have all been outstanding role models for their peers. This week is the start of the leadership speeches. Each morning eight Year 5 students present a speech outlining why they will be an excellent leader in 2016. Thank you to all the students for participating and demonstrating their leadership skills and to the Stage 3 teachers for assisting them all with their speeches.

Twilight Concert

Our talented students and their tutors have been practising hard for the Twilight Concert on Wednesday night. The concert will be held in the school hall commencing at 6:30pm. It promises to be an incredible night of talent and entertainment. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Safety around the school

Unfortunately last week we had a serious accident at school that required an ambulance. Fortunately our student is back home and recovering. It is a timely reminder to everyone the importance of road safety and playing safely in the playground. We always need to be on the lookout in order to prevent accidents. Please talk to your child at home the importance of being safe.





Coming Up

Twilight Concert – Wednesday 18 November ** change of date
Surf Awareness – Monday 23 November
P&C Meeting - Thursday 26th November 2015 @ 9am Media Room
Salvation Army Visit – Monday 30 November@Morning Assembly
Scripture Teacher & Volunteer Morning Tea – Thursday 3 December
Award Night – Tuesday 8 December
School Picnic – Wednesday 9 December
Year 6 Farewell – Thursday 10 December ** change of date
HWPS Star Factor – Friday 11 December
SRC Mufti Day – Wednesday 16 December
Year 6 Farewell Arch – Wednesday 16 December 2.50pm
Final Day for Students – Wednesday 16 December



Dee Stephenson
Rel. Principal



Online Payments Error

It has been reported from Homebush Public School that some of our parents are accidentally paying online payments to their website instead of Homebush West. Please make sure that you are on our website when making payments. www.homebushw-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

School Student Transport Scheme applications

From 2 November 2015, a new online SSTS application process is being introduced for schools within the Opal network, coinciding with the introduction of the School Opal card. Schools outside the Opal network should continue to process the existing blue SSTS application forms and send them to the appropriate transport operators.

Benefits for schools

Automatic renewal. Most parents, guardians and students won't need to apply for a School Opal card if they have already been given a school student travel pass for the current year. School Opal cards which are being automatically renewed will be sent to the student's school at the beginning of the new school year in 2016. School Opal cards applied for using the new online process will be sent to the student's nominated address ready for term one 2016.

Students should use the new form if they:

- are just starting school and have not had a pass for travel before are in moving from year 2 to 3 or year 6 to 7
- are changing schools or campus, including going between primary and secondary school or, if their personal details have changed (e.g. address)

Online application form. Schools no longer need to stock the SSTS application form.

Online SSTS eligibility assessment. The new online application portal will automatically assess SSTS eligibility based on distance rules.

Less paperwork. Schools only need to endorse a single application form for each student's eligible home address (and one for each eligible address in shared custody arrangements) and send it to Transport for NSW

More efficient distribution. All new applications for 2016 travel will be sent directly to the student's nominated address.

Simplified replacement. To order a new School Opal card, students go direct to www.transportnsw.info/school-students or call 131 500



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Heartbeat



*Missiles spiral overhead,
Their now dull explosions integrating
With the patterned clicks of guns,
And the menacing crackle of hidden land mines
Enfolding in a column of death and smoke
Its petrified prize.
The symphony of sounds
Flawlessly morphing
Into a ridiculous melody:
One of mourning and agony,
Its harsh sounds
Fill the shredded landscape
With a nightmarish quality.
My tortured senses protest,
Their cries of fury lost
Amidst the clamour of soldiers
Rigid in place,
Their minds and bodies slowly give in
To the certainty of death.
All previous leftovers of glory,
Of loyalty gone,
Eliminated by the incessant screaming
Of the battlefield.
This is war.*



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By Gorima R, 6/51



SRC Salvation Army canned food collection

Thank you to everyone who has brought in canned or non-perishable food for the SRC Salvation Army canned food drive. So far we have received over 300 cans! The food will make lots of people happy. The last day to donate food is Friday November 27.



P&C Meeting - Thursday 26th November 2015 @ 9am.

The final P&C meeting of the year will be held in the Media Room after morning drop off on Thursday 26 November. Please join us - All welcome.

P&C Committee

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HWPS Star Factor is coming!!!

HWPS Star Factor: This is Audition Week -Week 7.

Kindergarten Auditions: Held on Thursday all lunchtime in hall.

Stage 1 Auditions: Held on Tuesday all lunchtime in hall.

Stage 2 Auditions: Held on Wednesday all lunchtime in hall.

Stage 3 Auditions: Held on Monday all lunchtime in hall.

Anyone who missed out can see me at lunchtime, on Friday for the final audition time.

K.Luschwitz

Starfactor co-ordinator



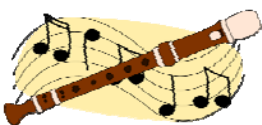
Second hand musical instruments sale

Strathfield North Public School Hall - (251 concord road, North Strathfield)

Friday, 20 November 2015 - From 4pm to 6pm

Instruments available include flutes, clarinets, saxophones (alto), trumpets, trombones, trombones (ergonomic), baritones, cellos, violas and violins.

Enquiries to eliza.amparo@gmail.com





Thank you

Thank you to our community for supporting Remembrance Day and sending in many flowers to commemorate this occasion. We appreciate your generosity



Happy Diwali

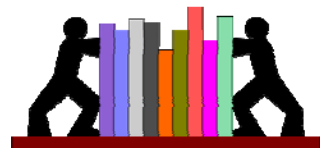
Diwali is also known as the "Festival of Lights". A Rangoli is when patterns are created on the floor in living rooms or courtyards using materials such as coloured rice, dry flour, coloured sand or flower petals and is usually made during Diwali. Thank you to our wonderful Rangoli artists for our very own HWPS Rangoli.



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Library News



This is the last week of borrowing for 2015.

Please make sure that all books are returned by the end of next week.

We hope everyone has enjoyed borrowing our many new books and resources this year.

Our borrowing rates have improved this year, keep up the good work.



The Lemon Tree

In a little field where the grass was green there lived a lemon tree. There were other trees and plants that gave homes to animals, everything was beautiful. There was no rubbish, it was pristine.

Sometimes people in the village nearby would come to the field to get food. They would bring buckets of water to put on the plants and trees. They loved the little field and thought it was beautiful and lovely. The people loved the prettiness, the smell of the flowers and fresh fruit.



One day there was a big machine. All the animals in the trees looked up from what they were doing. They had never seen a digger. They didn't know what it was and they were scared. The people who came with the digger, hammered pegs into the ground and marked-out the earth with spray paint. The digger started to dig up the grass and dirt then it dug up some of the plants.

The next day the digger came again. This time it dug up all of the trees and destroyed all the plants but there was one thing still standing, it was the lemon tree with a little bit of grass around its trunk.

The digger came the following day but this time it came with lots of people and two other diggers. The diggers started to dig up the grass around the lemon tree. The poor animals in the lemon tree were scared. The lemon tree didn't know what was going on. It was only used to birds singing and the rustling of leaves when it was windy.

Lots of people started shouting and it was very noisy. The diggers hit very hard rock and they tried and tried to get it out. When the rain began the rocks became even more jammed and they couldn't get them out. The diggers kept slipping and the rocks just stayed stuck. One digger was working extra hard, suddenly it went bang and oil, smoke and bits of metal exploded. With so much rain and the rocks stuck in the ground the two other diggers left for the day. They also left behind the broken digger and lots of rubbish.

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The next day the people came again and talked about the rocks and how they should get them out. The people shouted loudly, it was an awful lot of noise for the poor birds and other animals. The people decided to stop all work and leave the broken digger in the field. They decided it would be too hard and too expensive to keep building. When they had gone there was rubbish everywhere, it looked terrible. The ground was not green and lovely anymore, it was all brown and muddy. The air was not lovely and fresh it was all smelly from the oily, dirty diggers. The beautiful field the lemon tree and other trees once lived in was ruined. It was all wrecked, not beautiful; it was very dull and ugly.

The very next day some other people come into the field. These people were the ones who had watered the trees and plants and had sometimes picked fruit to eat and share with their family. When the people came into the field they were horrified, they were sad and did not know what had happened. The people talked amongst themselves and came up with a plan. The villagers picked up rubbish that the people had dropped and took it home to recycle or reuse. Each person planned to bring two types of plants that had once been in the little field.



The next time the villagers came they did not only carry buckets, they also carried plants and trees they had bought to plant in the field. They dug holes and took the plants from the pots and put them inside the holes that they had dug up. Then they watered them and did that from then on.

The plants grew and grew taller until the field was like what it used to be. The plants covered the dull and damaged ground. The plants grew all around the broken digger covering it with vines and flowers that bloomed in spring. Underneath those vines a family of numbats lived raising their babies year after year. The field with all its plants hid the damage that the destructive diggers had made.

The villagers picked the fruit which grew on the trees. The lemon tree produced the loveliest lemons the people had ever eaten as thanks for the villagers' hard work. The people who had used the diggers and dug up the plants and trees never came back again.

THE END!
By Maisy W 430



Merit Award Recipients Week 5 & 6

Congratulations to the following students:



KL –	Aanav P	Aakriti C	Ewan D	Aki H
KJ –	Joanne	Pavan	Tahlia	PJ
KD -	Shristi P	Maaz A	Eric X	Aryan K
KH –	Kajen E	Angela G	Derek L	Aanya S
KP-	Vishnu M	Arjan S	Sofia S	Jenny X
21K –	Nithin K	Kaina K	Miray A	Archaya R
21B –	Giselle M	Selina H	Nihaar T	Sarah N
21A –	Devashri S	Elijah S	Meghana D	Joyce L
21E –	Belinda A	Amani T	Harson J	Vivan S
21R -	Irwindeep S	Tracy N		
21C –	Priyanshu S	Indiana G	Anna S	Tina Z
21S -	Nathan C	Ryan P	Rosin S	Karthiheyam E
43O –	Ghianna B	Duy T	Melvin C	Angelina C
43M –	Youngsun Y	Hissham A	Aditya S	Rohith P
43K –	Feng W	Rupert P	Hasini U	Malka K
43B -	Manav P	April T	Sambodh P	Ibrahim M
456F -	Vidush P	Aarav S	Yousef C	Billy L
65C -	Vincent L	Ameera T	Ayami L	Siddarth Y
65L -	Shiraj E	Elissa A,	Emre G	Emily L
65I -	Deric W	Tarique k	Gorima R	Lara B

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Kindergarten 2016

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2016 are now being accepted. Children born between 1st August 2010 and 31st July 2011 are eligible to enrol.

Parents / carers who would like to enrol a child for Kindergarten next year, need to visit the school office.

Please bring the following;

- Child's birth certificate for proof of age
- Passports and visas for families born overseas
- Proof of residence (e.g. Council rate notice, gas, electricity account or bank account).



If you would like to complete an enrolment form prior to visiting the office, a copy of the enrolment form can be found on the school website: <http://www.homebushw-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/downloads/School%20Information/application%20to%20enrol%20in%20a%20NSW%20govt%20school.pdf>

There will be orientation days advertised in this newsletter. As soon as you enrol you will be placed on a mailing list to receive notification and information on these informative sessions.



Online enrolments for the Walking Bus

- A big thank you to Mr Fung for all his work on the Walking Bus website. You can check out the website here <http://wsbhmps.weebly.com>
- If you would like to enrol your child to join the Walking Bus please do so online <http://wsbhmps.weebly.com/enrol-my-childchildren.html> if you would like help most Walking Bus volunteers can show or help you enrol using their mobile phone.
- If you have questions or would like more information please contact Suzanne Ellis 0410 507 669 suzanne@suzanne-ellis.com or see Ms Kanakakis

Year 6 Fundraiser

Every **Tuesday** for the rest of the year, Year 6 students will be selling Ice blocks and Popcorn from the school canteen. Popcorn and ice blocks will be sold during the first half of lunch. All money raised will be used to create the Year 6 gift to the school.



Popcorn \$1.00
Ice block \$1.00



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LOST PROPERTY

There are quite a few items currently in lost property. Please come to the office foyer and check for items. A reminder that at the end of the year all unclaimed lost property items are donated to charity



Friday Hot Dog Orders – Last orders by 3pm Thursdays

Hot Dog Order Form

First Name: _____

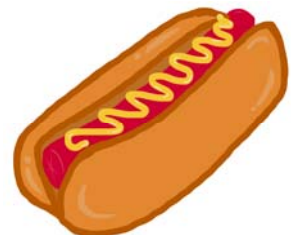
Last Name: _____

Class: _____

Plain Hot Dogs at \$2.50 each _____

Halal Chicken Hot Dogs at \$2.50 each _____

I wish to order for the whole term, I have enclosed \$ _____





HWPS School Musical 2015

"Tales from Africa"



Thursday 12th November 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

This year we're proud to announce that we'll be trialling a digital distribution of the "Tales from Africa" musical video production and in order to ensure the video is accessible by the entire school community, we're giving you the opportunity to **pay what you want** for the production.

Why go digital?

Digital distribution allows us to produce a higher quality (HD) video than standard definition DVD technology. It also allows us to reduce costs and channel more money directly back to our students.

Why 'pay what you want'?

The HWPS school musical is an extraordinary event and an amazing educational opportunity for the children involved and we believe that all families within the community should have equal access to the memories and entertainment the musical video production provides. In 2014 we have charged a nominal \$10 fee for the DVD. This covered media and production costs, and provided much needed funds to buy resources for HWPS students. For some families, an additional \$10 is not a problem, but this isn't the case for everyone. 'Pay what you want' allows you, our school community, to contribute whatever amount you think is fair and can afford.

How will the video be distributed?

The video will be made available for download or for those with internet difficulties, will be copied to a BYO USB drive. **Video download instructions will be provided once order forms are returned.**

Musical Video Order Form – Return to Office

Yes, I would like a copy of the **Tales from Africa Musical Video Production**.

I would like to:

- Download** the video. (Please download if possible to save teacher's time copying files.)
- Supply my own USB drive with *8gb free space* for the high quality file. (*4gb for low quality*)

I have included:

- \$5 \$10 \$15 \$20 _____

I have contributed _____ via the online payment system. Receipt number: _____

Parent/Community Member's First Name _____ Last Name _____

Student/s Name: _____ Class: _____

Mr Andrew Irwin
Musical Video Producer

Miss Deanne Stephenson
Relieving Principal

SCHOOL ZONE

PARKING Understanding the rules



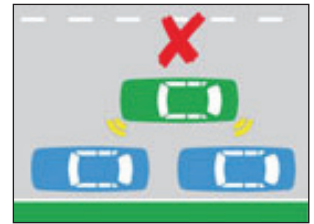
No Stopping

- Stopping is not permitted at any time
- Dropping off or picking up passengers is not permitted

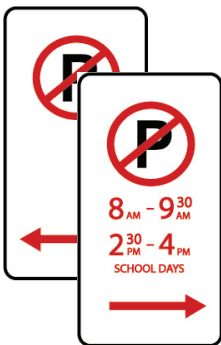
Minimum penalty \$311 and 2 demerit points

Double Parking

- Stopping next to legally parked vehicles is not permitted



Minimum penalty \$311 and 2 demerit points



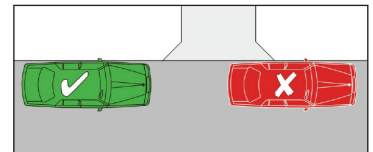
No Parking

- Drivers may stop to drop off or pick up passengers for a maximum of 2 minutes
- Driver must remain in or within 3 metres of vehicle
- Vehicle must not be left unattended

Minimum penalty \$173 and 2 demerit points

Driveways

- Do not park across, or on a driveway or any other vehicle access.



Minimum penalty \$173 and 2 demerit points



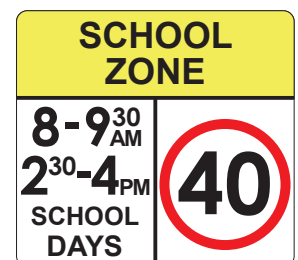
Bus Zone

- Stopping is not permitted in a bus zone during times of operation

Minimum penalty \$311 and 2 demerit points

School Zones

- School zones operate around all schools in Strathfield between 8 - 9.30am and 2.30 - 4pm on school days.
- The speed limit is 40km/h in school zones – please drive carefully.



Minimum penalty \$182 and 2 demerit points

Penalties correct as at 1 January 2015

**School zone rules are for your child's safety.
Please drive carefully around Strathfield. A safety message from:**



Term 4 Week 6

第四学期第六周

星期三

- 纪念日仪式 - 早上十点半

星期四

- 全校大会 A 组
- 宗教学习
- 兴趣小组
- 国际象棋班， 三点

星期五

- 夏季 PSSA 体育竞技
- 法语班

下周

星期一

- 参选学生领导演说

星期二

- 参选学生领导演说

星期三

- 参选学生领导演说
- 黄昏音乐会
- 球类联谊赛

星期四

- 参选学生领导演说
- 宗教学习
- 兴趣小组
- 国际象棋班， 三点

星期五

- 参选学生领导演说
- 夏季 PSSA 体育竞技
- 法语班

From the Principal

校长的信息

今天我们在学校举行了一个特别的纪念日活动。今天在世界历史上是非常重要的一天，是纪念1918年第一次世界大战结束。每年十一月十一号十一点，全澳洲的人民都会默哀一分钟以纪念在战争和冲突中牺牲的战士。澳洲参战的战士有一百五十万人以上，超过十万二千人牺牲了。今天我们就是纪念他们。谢谢老师同学以及家长参加我们的纪念会议。

Leaving Homebush West

要是你们的孩子（除六年级以外）明年不回到我们学校读书，请你们写一份书面通知交给办公室或班主任。要是你有孩子明年开始上学而你们还没报名，请尽快把入学申请表递上。

Coming Up

近期大事

纪念日仪式 - 十一月十一日早上十点半，星期三

球类活动联谊日 - 十一月十八日，星期三

黄昏音乐会 - 十一月十八日，星期三
海边安全意识 - 十一月二十三日，星期一
宗教老师及家长志愿者感谢早茶-十二月三日星期四
颁奖夜 - 十二月八日，星期二
全校野餐 - 十二月九日，星期三
六年级欢送会 - 十二月十日，星期四（日期更改了）
才艺大赛 - 十二月十一日星期五
学生委员会便服日 - 十二月十六日
六年级欢送礼 - 十二月十六日星期三两点五十分
第四学期最后一天 - 十二月十六日星期三

Dee Stephenson
代理校长

Twilight Concert – Change of Date

黄昏音乐会 - 改期
请注意，黄昏音乐会会推迟一周，在十一月十八日星期三举行

Group School Photos

请注意了，学生的团队小组照片从现在到下周五之间可以订了，每张\$17。过了这个时间要收额外的手续费。你们可以在网上订，也可以在校办公室订。办公室有图片示范。要是在网上订，请你们来办公室拿个密码。

SRC Salvation Army canned food collection

救世军需要大家捐出以下的罐头，金枪鱼，三文鱼，汤，意大利面，烤豆或水果罐头等等。另外他们也需要其他重要的生活物品，包括速溶咖啡，茶包，麦片，婴儿食物等，学生可以把罐头食物带到班上，学生会代表会把食物拿到办公室。截至日期是十一月二十七日星期五。

Year 7 Entry to Selective High Schools in 2017

精英学校的考试在 2016 年三月十日星期四举行。要是你的孩子要申请在 2017 年进入七年级的精英中学，你们必须现在就开始申请。有关申请的程序可以在网上查看 www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacment 或者查阅一些印刷小册子。精英考试申请在 2015 年十月十三日开始接受报名，截至日期是十一月十六日。过时不受理。这次精英考试申请只接受在线申请，要是你家里没有网络，你们可以在图书馆里的电脑上操作。一个学生递交一份申请。

Happy Day- Project Based Learning

欢乐日

在十一月六日，五六年级的学生举行了欢乐日筹款活动。他们的这天的活动是为 Westmead 儿童医院筹款的。学生把筹款活动和学习结合起来，制作一些简单的机械游戏，让其他年级的学生玩，那天共筹得\$ 1007。谢谢参加的所有同学。

Remembrance Day Assembly

纪念日仪式大会

每年十一月十一日早上十一点，我们会把手中的事情停下来，默哀一分钟以纪念在战争冲突中牺牲的战士。我们学校在当地十点半举办一个校会，学生会为牺牲的战士献花。请大家从自家花园带些鲜花来学校，我们用来做纪念会的花圈。

HWPS Star Factor is coming!!!

HWPS 2015 才艺大赛

现在是第六周，我们还有四个星期的准备时间。

你们的表演时间为三分钟，需要帮忙的话，请跟老师说。

从第七周起，我们就开始筛选学生了。排期如下：

幼稚园：星期四午饭时间，礼堂

一二年级：星期二午饭时间，礼堂

三四年级：星期三午饭时间，礼堂

五六年级：星期一午饭时间，礼堂

要是你们的表演需要音乐，请自备在光盘上。

欢迎家长来观看你们孩子的表演

Surf Awareness Course Stage 2 & Stage 3

Monday, 23rd November, 2015 at Bondi Beach

海边安全意识课程，三到六年级

- Bondi 海滩，十一月二十三日星期一
- 我们学校每年都会举办海边安全意识课程。到现在为止已经办了很多年了。学生参加这些活动，既玩得开心，也学到很多有关的知识。
- 在这课程中，学生会学会判断漩涡以及其他一些安全隐患，他们也会学习如何从漩涡里逃生以及一些冲浪滑水的技巧。

详情如下：

地点	Bondi 海滩
日期和时间	十一月二十三日星期一早上八点半到下午三点
交通工具	公交车
费用	\$40.00
带什么	早茶，午饭，饮料需要两到三瓶，毛衣（天气冷的话），内衣（放塑料袋里），防晒油，T 恤衫（在水里穿），毛巾，哮喘喷雾器（如需要的话）
穿什么	去海滩穿的衣服 - T 恤衫，短裤，游泳衣（在家先穿上），袜子，运动鞋，帽子和毛衣（要是冷的话）

活动的名额现在已经满了！

Second hand musical instruments sale

二手乐器出售

地点：Strathfield North 小学礼堂 - (地址 251 Concord road, North Strathfield)

时间：十一月二十日星期五下午四点到六点

出售的乐器包括：长笛，单簧管，萨克斯管，小号，长号，长号 男中音，大提琴，小提琴，中提琴等等。详情请电邮 eliza.amparo@gmail.com

Online enrolments for the Walking Bus

- 非常感谢 Fung 老师帮我们步行校车建立了一个网页，大家可以上去看看
<http://wsbhwps.weebly.com>
- 要是你们帮孩子报名参加步行校车，可以在网页上报。要是你不是很清楚怎么做，可以请教我们负责步行校车的家长，他们可以直接在手机上帮你们登记。
- 要是你们有什么问题，请联系 Suzanne Ellis
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