

IMPORTANT DATES TERM 2

Friday 9th June

Curriculum Day

(No school for students)

Monday 12th June

King's Birthday Public
Holiday

No School

Tuesday 13th June

FD trip to MSS

Wednesday 14th June

5/6 Soccer

Friday 16th June

Foundation Pyjama Day
and

Whole School Casual
Clothes Day

(Grade 6 Fundraiser - gold
coin donation)

Wednesday 14th June

Last Day of Term 2



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



It has been an exciting couple of weeks at school with many of our students attending school camps. The 3/4 team stayed at the Lyrebird Camp in Yellingbo while the 5/6 campers travelled to Coastal Forest Lodge in Anglesea. Congratulations to our students who experienced many activities for the first time as well as sleeping away from their homes in cabin accommodation. To be able to provide these experiences without any cost to families by using one of the Department of Education's initiatives and responses to 'recovery from the covid period' are greatly appreciated by us and by our community.

Thank you to the fabulous staff team who planned these fabulous camps and activities for the students to experience as well as the duty of care you provided to each and every student. I am also very grateful that our staff are willing to leave their own families and children to provide these experiences for your children. I would also like to thank our parent helpers, who make up our staff to student ratios and who provide a great deal of support to students and staff on camps. We hope you enjoyed this experience as much as the students and staff.

Our students and staff are working together to complete final assessments in preparation for school reports at the end of this term. We have a range of assessments that can be administered as whole class, small group or in one on one (student and teacher) sessions. To enable teachers to make an accurate judgement of where your child is levelled against the Victorian Curriculum or English as an Additional Language (EAL) Curriculum, they will triangulate data from a number of completed assessment tasks, classroom work samples and teacher observations/anecdotal records. Data analysis of all individual student assessments takes considerable time for teachers after school hours. To provide additional support to teachers, our school works together in after-school meetings to complete 'moderation' processes of student work with the support of each other to assist teachers in determining student levels of achievement.

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CONTINUATION OF PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Last week we celebrated our wonderful Education Support (ES) staff team. Our ES team are highly valued by all of us at Rockbank PS. They fill all the gaps for us across the school and are a fabulous support to students learning in the classroom as well as classroom teachers. Our ES team also run lunch time clubs for our students to enjoy during both breaks. My aim for 2023, was to have an ES staff member work in every classroom. Whilst some ES work all day in classrooms to support students, other ES will rotate and give support to other students and staff. We shared a lovely morning tea, although, sometimes, that doesn't feel enough to express our thanks. I would also like to thank our ES staff for coming to camp, you provide such care and support to many students during these events. Thank you.

Yesterday was photo day which is always exciting. Whilst families love school photos, we also value them. Each year our supplier creates a hard cover book that captures every class photo, staff photos, school council photos and student leader photos for the year. These photo books are held in my office for our school visitors to enjoy.

Also, over the last two weeks, we have had an increase in unwell students and staff. If your child is unwell, please keep them home, as we are finding the cold and flu like systems spreading quickly in our classrooms. There have also been a number of Covid cases, it is strongly recommended by the Health and Education Departments, that if you test positive with Covid, a period of five days isolation should follow, by doing this, we hopefully slow down the spread of Covid in our school.

Next Friday, 9th June is a school curriculum day, no students attend school. Staff will be working onsite with both our Literacy and Numeracy consultants to complete planning for Term Three. Monday the 12th of June is also the King's Birthday public holiday, so again no students or staff will be at school.

The next newsletter due in Week 8, will be the last for Term Two.

We hope you all have a fabulous fortnight.

Krista Barnes
Principal



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CELEBRATING OUR ATTENDANCE



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

2023 Stats at 2/6/23

Number of students with 100% attendance in term 2:
54

TERM 2 CLASSROOM STATISTICS



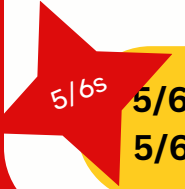
FA - Miss Gregson: 86%
FB - Mr Randich: 95%
FC - Miss Gabby: 88%
FD - Mrs Sharma: 78%



1/2A - Miss Pierce: 85%
1/2B - Miss Buttigieg: 91%
1/2C - Miss Bencich: 94%
1/2D - Mrs Kaur: 90%
12/E - Ms Ris: 89%



3/4A - Mrs Jones/ Mrs Murden: 84%
3/4B - Miss Bull: 88%
3/4C - Mr White: 84%
3/4D - Ms Kilkenny: 92%
3/4E - Ms Kastanaras: 89%



5/6A - Mr Cassano: 84%
5/6B: Ms Ninkovic: 85%



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

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CELEBRATING OUR ATTENDANCE



Rocky

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



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

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

COLLECT ALL 10!

TERMLY PRIZES!

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

GOLD PRIZES



BRONZE PRIZES



SILVER PRIZES



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ATTENDANCE



LATE ARRIVALS

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

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



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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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

Class/Teacher	Week Ending: 26th May	Week Ending: 2nd June
FA (Miss Gregson)	Mahathi M	Mansahib C
FB (Mr Randich)	Ash K	Tajveer N
FC (Miss Gabby)	Malakai K	Chanu D
FD (Mrs Sharma)	Syon Man S	Shashank M
1/2A (Miss Pierce)	Yuvraj S	Miles C
1/2B (Miss Buttigieg)	Julian L	Lina B
1/2C (Miss Bencich)	Sinana A	Stephanie A
1/2D (Mrs Kaur)	Jeslyn R	Isabella Y
1/2E (Ms Ris)	Arsema F	Aaronveer S
3/4A (Mrs Jones/Mrs Murden)		Phoenix S
3/4B (Miss Bull)		Isam A
3/4C (Mr White)		Isabella C
3/4D (Ms Kilkenny)		Isata J
3/4E (Ms Kastanaras)		Jay M
5/6A (Mr Cassano)	Sienna S	Mahad S
5/6B (Ms Ninkovic)	Moksha P	Hamreet B
The Arts (Mrs Georgievski)	12D	
Auslan (Mr Still)	34E	Christiaan M
Physical Education (Mrs Lehane)		
S.T.E.M (Mr Rasmanis)		



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CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESS

HOUSE POINTS

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



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CELEBRATING OUR LEARNING

FC with Miss Gabby

In Phonics this week, the students in Foundation have been learning all about the vowels. We have been learning to place the correct vowel in our CVC words to make sure it makes sense. In Math we are learning about adding 2 numbers together using different manipulatives as well as learning about measurement and how heavy or lights different objects are. For Writing we continue to learn how to write a recount about something that we have experienced. We have also been looking at information reports and how to write a fact about something.

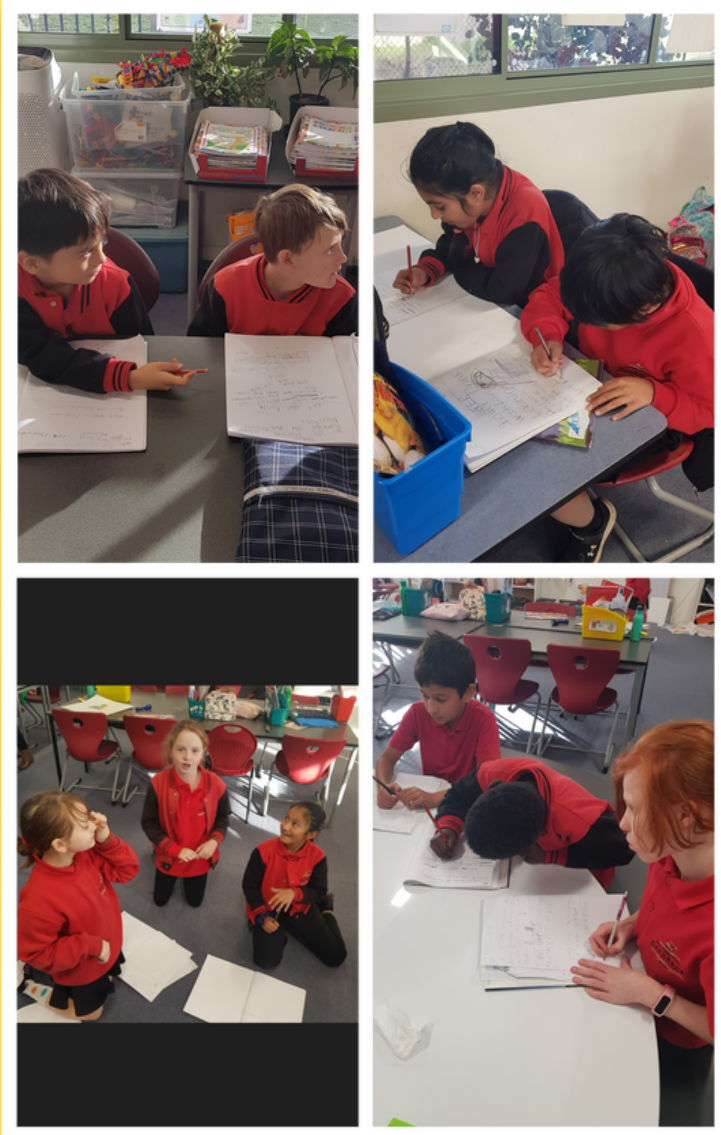


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CELEBRATING OUR LEARNING

3/4C with Mr White



In our inquiry unit this term 3/4C have been learning about renewable and non-renewable resources. In this lesson we were discussing how we use water and what we can do to make our water use sustainable.

There were many ideas on how to conserve water and new understanding of why it is so important to be careful how much water we use.

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MEET OUR TEAM: GRADE 5/6

JULIAN CASSANO 5/6A

Hola Rockbank community!
My name is Julian and I work as a Classroom Teacher, currently in my 7th year at Rockbank PS. I'm loving working as a 5/6 Teacher after working in P.E and STEM previously.

But I'm sure you want to more! I love soccer (go the Gunners!) as well as the Carlton FC (go the Blue Baggers!)

I lived in Spain for a year and travelled during this time. I have 3 sisters and yes, they annoyed me a lot, although we have a lot of fun playing board games, mainly Catan!

In my own time I love listening to music and podcasts. I have my own podcast with my two best friends and have been doing it for over 3 years now!



JANELLE FRY EDUCATION SUPPORT

Hello Rockbank community!
My name is Janelle and I work as Education Support, currently in my second year at Rockbank PS and my 11th year in the role. I love my job and seeing the kids succeed and those light bulb moments are priceless.

A bit more about me is I have three dogs that keep me very busy, 2 Border Collies and a very cheeky Whippet who helps me get my steps up every day, chasing him from stealing things such as toilet paper, socks etc.

I barrack for the Hawthorn Hawks in the AFL, Melbourne storm in the NRL and the Chicago Bulls in the NBA.

I enjoy spending time with my family and friends. My favourite holidays are cruising, I love the peacefulness of staring out at the water. A few other things I enjoy is listening to music, watching sport and telling the odd joke here and there.



LAZARELA NINKOVIC 5/6B

Hello everyone!
My name is Lazarela Ninkovic and I am the teacher in 5/6B.

If you would like to know a little more about me, read along and try and guess whether the following statements are TRUE or FALSE.

1. **I played soccer in Brazil when I was 15 representing Australia in U18s Women's Futsal Team**
2. I have a cat name Bobby
3. **This year I got engaged to a wonderful man named Nicholas!**
4. I have a 4-year-old daughter.
5. **I have a Bachelor of Psychology**
6. I have the biggest sweet tooth!
7. **I have been teaching for 10 years**
8. I regularly play golf
9. **I speak Serbian and Spanish**
10. I have travelled to India and I visited the Taj Mahaj and the Golden Temple.

Come and find me on yard duty and I'll let you know if you were correct!
Ms. Ninkovic 😊



SHILO DAMIAN EDUCATION SUPPORT

Hi Rockbank P.S community!
My name is Shilo and I am an education support staff member for the wonderful grade 5/6 team.
This is now my third year at Rockbank P.S and I thoroughly enjoy being a part of such a wonderful community.

In my spare time you will find me chasing after my 3 very spoilt dogs - I have 2 Golden Retrievers and a Pomeranian. I love spending time outdoors where I enjoy doing yoga & meditation. I love to drink coffee & discover new cafe's where I enjoy catching up with friends and family & of course my dogs love to come too!
I am also a very keen AFL fan & I support the mighty Bombers!

I look forward to seeing your happy & smiling faces in the school yard!

A WORD FROM WELLBEING

Breakfast

Breakfast gives children the energy they need to start their busy days. Children who eat a healthy breakfast can concentrate on playing, learning, remembering and solving problems, because they aren't distracted by feeling hungry.



Mrs Nevada West

This means that a healthy breakfast can help children perform better at school.

Children who eat breakfast also tend to:

- have better school attendance than those who regularly skip breakfast
- be more emotionally healthy than non-breakfast eaters
- stay at a healthy weight, because they're less likely to snack on unhealthy foods.

(Source: Raising Children [website](#))

At Rockbank, we offer 'Morning Munchies' as the children come in to school. This varies from day to day but includes fresh fruit such as apples and pears, carrots, milk, Messy Monkey snacks and fruit cups. Students are able to grab something while they are waiting for the bell to go or grab something to eat later.

Each classroom also has a bowl of fruit for students to snack on throughout the day if they are hungry.

We are very thankful to 'Foodbank Victoria' who provide this food for our students, as well as Gethsi Venema who sets it up every morning and ensures that the supplies are kept fresh and stocked up.



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2024

Foundation (Prep)
Enrolments
are now



OPEN

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



Rockbank PS
Enrolment Form



Department of Education
2024 Foundation Enrolment
Information Pack

Information Sessions and Tours

Wednesday
14th June

9:00-10:00am
and
2:00-3:00pm

Please contact the front office on
9747 1210 to register

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SCHOOL NEWS: FUNDRAISER

Rockbank Primary School

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

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

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

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



WHEN: SATURDAY 24th June

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

TO BOOK, PLEASE CLICK:

 **bookwhen**

BOOK BY: THURSDAY 22nd June

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

YOUR SESSION

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

VIEWING

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

PACKAGES PAYMENT

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

YOUR ORDER

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

WET WEATHER

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

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

CAN YOU HELP?

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

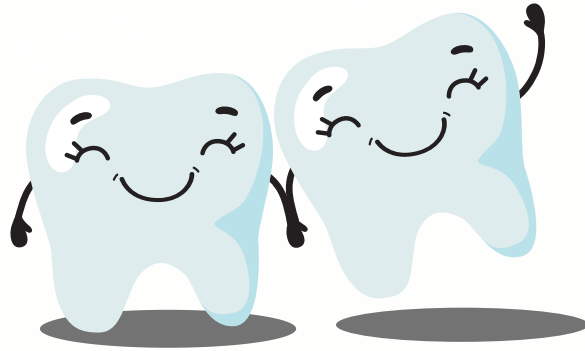


AVER & LINE.
children's photography specialists

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EXCITING NEWS

Teeth on Wheels will be visiting this term!



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

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

Our dental services include:

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



CLICK OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO COMPLETE YOUR FORM



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REMINDERS

Rockbank Primary School's Annual Scholastic

BOOK FAIR

WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

**THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL SCHOOL COMMUNITY
FOR SUPPORTING OUR BOOK FAIR.**

If you missed out on making a purchase at our fair, you are still able to purchase from Book Club - Issue 4 by clicking [here](#).

Please note that all orders must be made by
Monday 12th June.

For every purchase made, Rockbank PS receives a commission which brings more books into our school!



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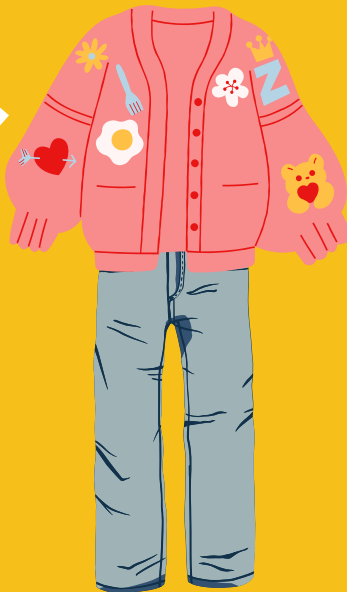
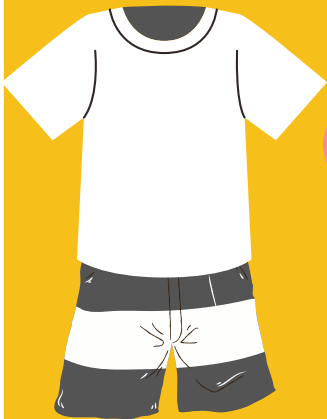
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CASUAL CLOTHES DAY

GRADE 6 FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY
16TH JUNE

GOLD COIN
DONATION



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FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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G Suite For Education

INFORMATION PACK FOR PARENTS

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



What information needs to be collected?

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



Why is this information needed?

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



When could this information be accessed by others?

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

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

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

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

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

For more details on G Suite for Education visit:

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



What are the benefits of this service for students?

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

What information might students store in G Suite for Education?

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

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How can you help protect your student's information?

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

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

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

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

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

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

✓ Example information students can safely put online

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

✗ Example information students should always be cautious of putting online

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

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

G Suite for Education - Opt-Out Form

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

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

Student Name:

Home room:

Date:

Parent / Guardian Signature:

Parent / Guardian Name:

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