



Inspiring Independence, Transforming Lives

Newsletter





Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Friends and Students of St Edmund's,

All Souls & Saints Day

Monday was All Saints Day and Tuesday was All Souls Day. These are very special days in our Church as we celebrate those who have modelled an authentic Christian life and are in heaven, then moving to All Souls Day which commemorates all those who

have died. We take time to pray and remember our dearly departed.

On the feast of All Saints, we remember the countless multitude of men, women and children who are now in heaven. We continue to be inspired by the qualities they revealed in their lives: humility, a concern for justice, gentleness, purity of heart, mercy and courage. In other words: they loved and served the Mystery we call God and their fellow pilgrims as they served and loved themselves.

Return to College

The school yard was a buzz of excitement with the return of all students last Monday. Students were pleased to be back in the company of staff and friends and they have quickly returned to our regular routines which has been pleasing. All students should be very proud of their efforts over the period of lockdown and for the positive way they returned last week. I take this opportunity to thank the staff for their extraordinary response during the period of lockdown, with the support of parents, for ensuring the continued growth of students academically, socially and spiritually. Once again, I congratulate all students for the positive approach they have maintained during this period of lockdown and for the enthusiasm they bring to all situations.

Staffing Update

This term we welcome Mr. Michael Farrell, the incoming Principal and Mrs. Vanessa Dillon, the incoming Head of Wellbeing who will both be visiting St Edmund's College on Tuesday 23rd November. Mr. Farrell and Mrs. Dillon will have an opportunity to meet the staff and students on this day as well as commence the handover process as well as joining the College Executive for our weekly meeting. We look forward to Mr. Farrell and Mrs. Dillon joining us on this day and I know that they will be warmly welcomed by all. A social story will be sent home prior to this date to support students with this change.

EREA Regional Principal Meeting

This week I attended the EREA Regional Principals' meeting which was held at St Edmund's College, Canberra. It has been such a long time since we have had the opportunity to meet in person and it was wonderful to reconnect with my colleagues prior to the end of the year. We were provided with updates from the Executive Director – Dr. Craig Wattam and the Interim Board Chair of EREA, Mr. Paul Linossier as well as other EREA Executive staff who outlined programs and initiatives which will be delivered in 2022. I was also grateful for the opportunity to thank my colleagues in NSW and, in particular, Mr. Peter Leuenberger – Regional Director, for their counsel and the ongoing support they have provided to me during my time as Principal.

EREA Charter Leadership Awards

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that both Mrs Marilyn Noonan and Mrs Karen Houlcroft have been nominated for an EREA Charter Leadership Award for 2021. This is the highest award that a staff member can be awarded in EREA and the winners will be announced this week with nominations being received from over 50 schools across the nation.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Jon Franzin

PRINCIPAL



Deputy Principal's Message

Last week our staff had the opportunity to have a tour of our new building works. Many thanks to our Property Manager, Brenden Jones, for organising and leading the tours with a very detailed explanation for us as we walked around what will, very soon, become our new Administrative offices, classrooms and break out areas. It was wonderful to see the progress and we can't wait to move in!





Term 4 Mufti Day

Thank you to all students who participated in our Mufti Day last week. Altogether \$222.00 was raised which will go towards the very important cause, **Best Foot Forward** enabling all women and girls to have equal access to education. A wonderful effort and one that will be matched - for every \$1 we raised, EREA will have donors to give \$3.

Presentation Day

Once again this year, due to COVID restrictions, Presentation Day will take place on Tuesday 30th November here at the College. The Presentation Day Awards ceremony will be recorded and shared with parents and friends. Students will be preparing for this occasion as it celebrates the wonderful success of each student in their learning journeys.

A reminder that for our Presentation Day ceremony we ask all students to wear their **summer College uniform with their blazer, tie and have their shoes polished**. This emphasizes to our students that this is an important ceremony and there are occasions where formalities are celebrated. Please email Wendy Scott on **scott@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au** if there is any part of the College uniform that your child needs for this event.

Rebecca Kirwan **Deputy Principal**

Important Dates

Please check below for changes to our previously advertised dates:

Term 4

Tue 9th Nov Orientation Day

Wed 10th Nov - Fri 12th Nov Years 9 & 10 Camp cancelled

Fri 19th Nov Abbotsleigh Concert cancelled

Tue 23rd Nov Term 4 Parent Group Meeting **online**Wed 24th Nov Year 7 Immunisation **on site**

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Tue 30th Nov Presentation Ceremony on site and to be filmed

Thu 2nd Dec Men's Group dinner and meeting see this

Newsletter for details

Fri 3rd Dec Last day of Term 4

Wed 8th Dec Year 12 Graduation Formal to be advised





Mission and Identity

All Saints and All Souls

The past week has been full of various activities, with Halloween, All Saints, All Souls and even the Melbourne Cup!

Halloween has grown in popularity but its roots are lost on most people. It is observed on 31st October, the "een" or "eve" of All Hallows Day (All Saints Day) on 1st November. "Hallow" is a word in the Lord's Prayer – "hallowed be thy name" (may God's name be held holy) so to celebrate Halloween without connecting it to All Saints Day would be like celebrating Christmas Eve without a Christmas Day. If you take away the Saints from Halloween, along with our Christian beliefs about

the dignity and destiny of human beings, then all you have left is a pre-Christian superstition about the dead!

Halloween is an opportunity to deepen our understanding of another aspect of our faith. Halloween leads us into the back-to-back feast days of All Saints and All Souls (1st November and 2nd November.) These two days celebrate what we affirm in the Apostles Creed, "I believe in the Communion of Saints," which means the union that exists between the blessed in Heaven (the Saints), the souls expiating their sins in purgatory and we who are still on our earthly pilgrimage to eternal life with God. This is an abundant exchange where the holiness of the Saints (the hallowed ones) benefits others well beyond any harm the sin of anyone could cause others.

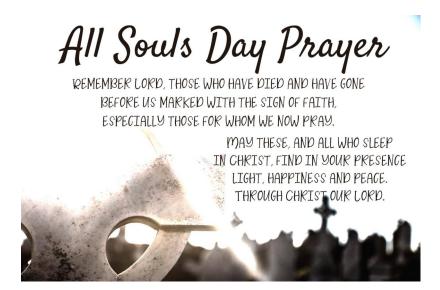
The origin of "trick" or "treat" is connected with forgiveness and reconciliation for those who had died in the previous year. To wipe the slate clean for the coming year, young people would come masked and boldly bargain for "treats" so that the spirits of the dead would not do you any mischief with their "tricks." Costumes and decorations that glorify witches and devils are hardly appropriate because witches and devils symbolise the evil that Jesus Christ has overcome by his death and resurrection. The use of skeletons and skulls can be healthy reminders that we all have to die one day and we offer the charity of the Mass and our prayers as we lovingly remember our dead on All Souls Day.

Senior Retreat

Due to our extended period of lockdown we did have to postpone many of our wonderful experiences at St Edmund's. One of those is the Senior overnight retreat. I am planning a day for our seniors in Week 9 to gather together, reflect on their leadership and time at St Edmund's, celebrating the growth, friendships and connections to our faith. More information will be sent home once the date is confirmed in the coming week.

The Dish

We had our last service to The Dish last Tuesday providing meals to the most needy in our local Hornsby community. This ministry is a valuable and practical engagement with social action to care for the marginalised in our community. A big thank you to all families who support the Dish and provide much needed food, meals and blankets throughout the year. We look forward to 2022 and our ongoing ministry to The Dish.



Jason Scanlon Assistant Principal, Religious Identity & Mission



Our final Men's Group get-together for the year for a few drinks and dinner with other dads from St Edmund's College and St Lucy's School will have the theme "The Everything Celebration". We have a great deal to celebrate and so much to talk about - so many stories. Let's celebrate Christmas, end of year and freedom! One of the great benefits of these evenings is the advice that we share on topics such as NDIS, relationships, medical issues etc - an endless list! Please see the details below and we look forward to seeing as many dads as possible on the night.

Date: Thursday 2nd December

Venue: West Pymble Bowling Club, 163 Ryde Road, West Pymble

Time: 6.30 p.m.

RSVP: Warren Hopley: hopleywarren@hotmail.com

Brendan Wingrave: brendan.wingrave@gmail.com Jono Carey: Jonathonc@stlucys.nsw.edu.au

Awards

Eddie's Best:

7F	Sam	7V	Gemma
8T	Will	8 P	Adam
9C	Christian	9E	Elliot
10M	Teena	100	Daena
11J	Ben M	11S	Piper
12G	Emilia	12L	Tague

Students of the Week:

7F	Alexander and Leela	7V	Sienna and Daniel
8T	Toby and James	8P	Ella
9C	James	9E	Hugh and Kavya
10M	Rafe and Victoria	100	Dominic and Anna
11J	Sarah and Claire	118	Lorelle and Indira
12G	Mitch and Ryan	12L	Zac and Grace





Welcome back everyone to school. Hopefully everyone is starting to settle back after such a long extended period of time. We are thankful for our teachers who have made transition easier for our students and for the support that was given throughout lockdown.

We celebrated our teachers, learning support staff and administration staff last Friday on World Teachers' Day. Thank you to those who sent in messages and completed the acknowledgement sheets. They were hung in the staff room and read by staff as they enjoyed their

morning tea. Thank you Candice for setting this up on behalf of the parents.

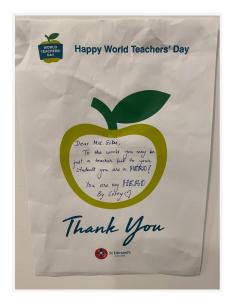
Thank you also to those who submitted recipes for our Eddie's Cookbook. We received a great assortment of recipes and we have started to arrange the book. We are looking forward to having this completed by the end of term.

Please keep free **Tuesday 23rd November** for our final Parent Group meeting for the year to be held via Zoom. This will be an opportunity to hear Jon update us on staff, building works, strategic plan and what to expect for 2022. I would also welcome your suggestions for topics for the Parent Group meetings next year. The Parent Group is a group for us, the parents, so your suggestions are valued and welcome.



Janine Eastham Tom's Mum Parent Group Leader







On behalf of all the St Edmund's staff, a BIG thank you to everyone who contributed to the beautiful morning tea we were presented with in our staff room for World Teachers' Day. The thank you notes from our students were wonderful to read and will continue to adorn our walls!





#ITSINTHE Bag

ESSENTIAL ITEMS FOR YOUR ADULT BAG

Shampoo & Conditioner | Toothbrush & Toothpaste Soap | Roll on Deodorant | Sealed Period Products

Year 12 students are working for the **ItsInTheBag** annual event where everyday Australians are encouraged to put together bags filled with essential items to donate to someone in need for Christmas.

These are the essential items that we need and listed below are some suggested items you could add to your shopping trolley!

- ♦ A bag in good condition
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- ♦ Soap or body wash
- ♦ Roll-on deodorant
- Sealed period products

Each bag will have a little extra treat. Examples of something extra you could send in are: face wipes, face mask, hair brush, hair ties, lip balm, make-up, a book.

Please send in these items to the College office **no later than Friday 12th November** so that the students can pack the bags and get them ready for delivery.

We thank you for your support of this very worthwhile charity event.

From the Year 12 students

Essentials for Adult bags

- Sanitary and period products
 (pads, tampons, incontinence pads, reusable pads, period-proof underwear and menstrual cups). We collect this variety of period products, so everyone in need receives their preferred period product.
- · Shampoo (full size preferred)
- · Conditioner (full size preferred)
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant (roll-on or tins like No Pong only, no aerosols)
- · Soap or body wash



Extra special additions for your bags

- Books
- · Drink bottle
- · Face wipes/baby wipes
- · Face mask/hand sanitiser
- · Gift vouchers
- · Hair ties/clips/scrunchies
- Headphones
- Jewellery
- · Make up
- Movie tickets
- · Nail polish
- Socks
- · Stationery (paper, pens)
- Tissues
- Towel
- · Underwear (one size fits all)



FOR YOUNG ADULTS

HEADHIGH SKILLS HUB

A NEW AND EXCITING WAY TO DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS AND FIND YOUR PATHWAY.

PARTICIPANTS CAN USE PLAN OR SELF MANAGED FUNDING.

WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO JOIN US. IN PERSON OR VIRTUALLY.

OUR VISION

AT **HEADHIGH,** OUR VISION IS FOR ADULTS WITH DISABILITY TO HOLD THEIR HEAD HIGH, REACH THEIR GOALS, LEAD, BELIEVE AND BE SEEN.

OUR MISSION

OUR MISSION IS TO MAKE INCLUSION AND CONFIDENCE HAPPEN FOR ADULTS WITH DISABILITY, EMPLOYERS AND SERVICES THROUGH EDUCATION AND TRAINING.

FACE TO FACE LEARNING

LED BY A SPECIALIST ADULT EDUCATION AND DISABILITY PROFESSIONAL.

HEADHIGH SKILLS HUB OFFERS

- O GOAL AND OUTCOME MEASURED SKILL BASED WORKSHOPS IN TOPICS SUCH AS SELF ADVOCACY, COMMUNICATION AND RELATIONSHIPS.
- O NETWORKING AND ENGAGEMENT WITH LOCAL EMPLOYERS.
- CLIENT LED EVENTS AND FORUMS.
- SETTING UP OF ENTERPRISES WITH INPUT FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES

TAKES PLACE EVERY FRIDAY STARTING ON NOVEMBER 5TH IN MOSMAN IN THE BEAUTIFUL ART GALLERY(50 METRES FROM B1 BUS STOP).



VIRTUAL LEARNING

HEADHIGH ALSO OFFERS CAPACITY BUILDING VIRTUAL PROGRAMS. DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS IN A FUN AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT ON ZOOM.

COMING SOON NEW 12 WEEK SKILL BUILDING VIRTUAL PROGRAMS:

- MY LIFE , MY CHOICES
- FRIENDSHIPS :DATES AND MATES
- LEAD
- SELL YOUR STRENGTHS







GET EXCITED! 2021-2022 Summer Season Commences SOON!

James Park, Hornsby Week 1 – Saturday 30th October 1:15-3:30pm

James Henty Reserve, Dural Week 1 – Friday 5th November 6:00-7:30pm

NDCC All Inclusive Centre (5-12 year olds) James Park, Hornsby Week 1 – Tuesday 9th November 4:00-5:00pm

BlowFly Cricket Registrations are now OPEN for the 2021-2022 Summer season!

Registration cost is \$75 for the season.

(These links are for James Park, Hornsby & James Henty Reserve, Dural centres)

For **JUNIOR** Registration (5-18 years) select this link and follow the steps:

https://playreg.cricket.com.au/pages/reg/welcome.aspx?id=41925&entityid=16764&type=8&prodid=88622&misc=7uHsNtVPHFbzr9FbD5TEhY080kj6DVb07Wt%2fV8pbUq8%3d&redirect=1

For **SENIOR** registration (19 years and older) select this link and follow the steps:

https://playreg.cricket.com.au/pages/reg/welcome.aspx?id=52244&entityid=16764&type=8&prodid=88623&misc=7uHsNtVPHFZeuPLJM80mlJrjLZmKgMYF7Wt%2fV8pbUq8%3d&redirect=1

Active Kids Vouchers are welcome! Just apply your code at the payment stage of registration (Please note, no change can be given)

Bunnings BBQ Sunday 24th October 2021

Volunteers needed for the Bunnings BBQ this Sunday 24th October at Thornleigh Bunnings.

Over 16's need to be double vaccinated to attend, please show Mark your certificate so he can record the details as required.

8:30am - 4:30pm - however, more volunteers are required in the middle of the day to assist with the lunch rush.

Please message or email Mark if you can help out on the day.

Thank you







Registrations are now open for the NDCC/ Blowfly Cricket Inclusion Centre in season 2021/22! This is our second season after a very successful program last Summer and we can't wait to see it grow bigger and better this season. A key feature of our program is our incredible coaches who are also living with intellectual and/or physical disabilities and play for Blowfly Cricket and NDCC Special Olympics.

The program is open to kids who are living with a disability aged 5-12 and registration is only \$45! Sessions will begin on Tuesday the 12th of October and run from 4-5pm every week throughout the season.

You can register at

https://play.cricket.com.au/club/northern-districtcricket-club/19d83cbe-87d8-eb11-a7ad-2818780da0cc or email daniel.anderson@cricketnsw.com.au for more information



We want YOU to join our team! Volunteer Position Available

Do you have creative flair?

Do you have basic computer skills and know how to use PowerPoint?

Do you want to be part of BlowFly Cricket's amazing community?

We are looking for a motivated individual to take over the production of the BlowFly Bulletin Newsletter!

This voluntary position will require between 2-4 hours maximum each week during the Summer Cricket season, (possibly less if you're a whizz!) to put together the information provided for each newsletter and format it ready to send out weekly on a Friday.

If you are interested in assisting, please contact Kate for more information kate@wphplumbing.com.au





JUNIOR COACHING WORKSHOP WEBINARS



Cricket NSW are delivering a Webinar specifically for the Parent, new Coach, or relatively new Junior Cricket Club Coach. This one-hour Webinar will be delivered on multiple nights, so you will be able to find a night that suits you.

To register, scan the QR Code or click here https://forms.office.com/r/7DwcWCsQMg and complete your registration details. We look forward to seeing you on the night.

Here are the dates that you can register for;

Wednesday 20th October 2021 7pm – 8pm

Tuesday 26th October 2021 7pm – 8pm

Monday 1st November 2021 7pm – 8pm

Wednesday 10th November 2021 7pm – 8pm

Tuesday 16th November 2021 7pm – 8pm

Monday 22nd November 2021 7pm – 8pm



With thanks to Dettol, you have the chance to win tickets to the Vodafone Ashes Series!

Dettol are partnering with the ACF to help protect the sport we love by creating healthy hygiene habits on and off the pitch. This month at Woolworths, Dettol are offering you the opportunity to win Vodafone Ashes Tickets and other prizes, by purchasing \$5* worth of Dettol products at Woolworths.

<u>Click here</u> to enter the draw.

On top of that, Dettol & Woolworths have partnered to exclusively offer ACF members 15% off Dettol products using the following code:

CADETT15

Click here to begin shopping online or click here to download the barcode to use in store.



"We hear you"

Turramurra and Lindfield Community Bank has heard KYDS call for help Loud and Clear!

Together we aim to raise \$75,000 to cover a full-time counsellor for one year- that's 900 more counselling sessions for these vulnerable teens. With that, we could address the current waiting list and ensure at least 50 vulnerable young people are supported. This will have a huge impact on those at-risk in our community. Each dollar that is donated will be matched by Turramurra and Lindfield Community Bank until we reach the goal of \$75,000.

Donate Today - and we'll double your donation



It's that time again!



Support BlowFly Cricket and purchase a ticket or two in the Toyota Good For Cricket Raffle



https://toyotagoodforcricket.raffletix.com.au/blowflycc?q=buy





Toyota Summer of Cricket

Send us your best 'Summer of Cricket' pics

You could win 1 of 10 \$250 Visa Gift Cards and appear in the next Toyota Good for Cricket ad!

This season, Toyota is celebrating an epic Summer of Cricket and we want you to be a part of it. Send in your best Summer of Cricket pictures or videos and be in it to win!

We are looking for your best images of:

Backyard, street or beach cricket

Local club cricket - great team photos and local legends in action

•Your best fan picture - cheering on the Aussies or your fave Big Bash team

The pics have to be yours, and you have to have permission from the people in them.

Upload a pic or a video and if we think it's one of the best pic's or videos you could win 1 of 10 Visa gift cards valued at \$250, AND you could be featured in Toyota's Summer of Cricket campaign.

Visit toyotasummerofcricket.com.au to submit your images.



A WORLD OF FAMILY FUN AWAITS! DON'T MISS A MOMENT WITH A SIXERS MEMBERSHIP.

It's fair to say we are all in need of some quality fun. That's why we are excited to say that the Sixers family fun just got even better thanks to our partner, Merlin Entertainments.

Merlin Entertainments bring you magical and memorable experiences like **Madame Tussauds Sydney, SEA LIFE Sydney Aquarium, WILD LIFE Sydney Zoo & Sydney Tower Eye**.

Now, we want to bring some of that magic to you.

Buy a Sixers Membership, and kids can go free with a full paying adult*. And the fun starts now, with members able to access the offer at Madame Tussauds Sydney from this month!

So whether you're at the game or not, we're making sure that our Sixers members have access to the best family entertainment.

This offer is valid through to December 2021, just click the button below and join the Sixers to receive more purchase info.

JOIN NOW

Chicken Fajitas

(Serves 6)





Ingredients:

3 chicken breasts

1 brown onion thinly sliced

2 capsicum, deseeded and thinly sliced

2 Tbsp olive oil

½ lime juiced

Seasoning:

½ Tbsp chilli powder

½ Tbsp ground cumin

1 tsp garlic powder

½ tsp paprika

½ tsp oregano

½ tsp salt

Pepper to taste

For serving:

Avocado

Natural yoghurt

Mild salsa

12 Tortillas

Method:

- Combine the seasoning ingredients in a small bowl, then rub over the chicken breast.
- Heat oil in a fry pan over medium heat and sear chicken breast for about
 7-8 mins each side.
- Remove chicken from pan once cooked and allow to rest. Add capsicum and onion to same pan over medium heat and sauté for 4-5 mins, stirring often.
- Slice the chicken into thin strips then add back into the pan, add the lime juice and stir to combine.
- Seve immediately with tortillas and toppings.

Australian Sports Foundation – 2022 Uncoachables Program Fundraiser



BlowFly Cricket actively develops our 'Uncoachables Coaching the Uncoachables' coaches, firstly through the completion of the Cricket Australia Accredited Community Course (formerly Level 1) and then ongoing mentorship and experiential learning at various BlowFly Cricket Coaching Clinics held at: Sony Foundation School Holiday Respite Camps, Wheelchair Sports NSW Childrens School Holidays Camps, various specialised and mainstream schools and also Inclusive Sports Days held at public schools supported by local councils and various bodies.

With more and more experience and exposure our coaches develop increased levels of self-esteem, self-confidence, self-belief, assertive skills and maturation. Not to overlook the monetary payments for their time and effort.

COVID-19 has had a significant impact on all parts of the community, especially regarding physical contact and interaction. This project is in light of the need for online aspects of coaching training and development, which also includes safe infection control and hygiene practices, and in response to our growing number of centres and increasing need for more incredible coaches.

Through the club's fundraising partnership with the Australian Sports Foundation, donations over \$2 are tax deductible. So please show your support by donating today!

You can donate through the link below, or by clicking on the Australian Sports Foundation link on the BlowFly Cricket website.

All donations \$2 and over are tax deductible, through the Australian Sports Foundation donation link below. With your support we can make sure Blowfly Cricket and these kids have a great future ahead.

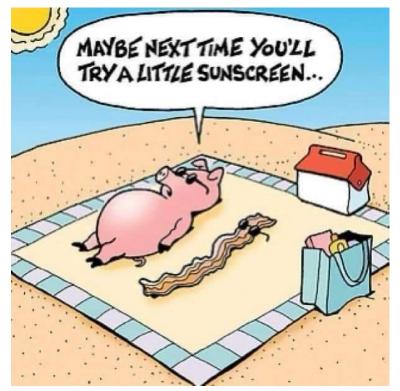
https://asf.org.au/donate/blowfly-cricket/the-uncoachables-coaching-the-uncoachables-2021-2022-season





Joke Corner I'm sorry Jack, there's not enough room









Every week our one and only Dougal Graham collects between 700-1200 cans and bottles for BlowFly Cricket's Return & Earn fundraising.

Thank you Dougal!

Thank you to Gordon Golf Club, Castlecove Golf Club, Club Turramurra and West Pymble Bicentennial Club for your ongoing support with this fundraising initiative for Blowfly Cricket.











If you would like to help with this fundraising initiative, please contact Marnie at blowflycricketfundraising@gmail.com









THORNLEIGH



















AUSTRALIAN SPORTS FOUNDATION

















NORTHERN BEACHES

ALL ABILITIES CRICKET PROGRAM

We're running a 4 week cricket program for boys and girls with disabilities from 6 – 16 years.

- Personalised coaching
- All Equipment provided
- Fun & safe environment
- Get a Woolworths Cricket
 Blast Pack that includes a
 ball, drink bottle and
 drawstring bag



Starts Saturday 29th Jan 2022 9am -10am @ Lionel Watts Register using the QR Code

Cost: \$30pp

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