Wednesday 1st May, 2013

**Yard Supervision:**
8:50am-9:00am
3:15pm-3:30pm
**Yard Opens 8:30am, Closes 3:30pm**

**Upcoming Events For Term 2, 2013**

**Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd May**
School Photographs

**Monday 6th May**
Year 1 Traffic School excursion

**Tuesday 7th May**
Numeracy Parent Information Session
9:00-9:30am & 6:00-6:30pm

**Wednesday 8th May**
Mothers Day Stall Prep Year 2

**Thursday 9th May**
Mothers Day Stall Year 3-6

**Friday 10th May**
YDSSV Cross Country

**Tuesday 14th May**
NAPLAN

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**Jim Kinniburgh-Literacy Consultant**

Jim Kinniburgh, our beloved voluntary Literacy Consultant has been at school this week. His consultancy focus has been on Language Conventions-Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation across the school. Several engaging lessons have been conducted within each team and teachers have taken away many ideas and curriculum packs to inform a consistent, quality assured approach, to teaching and learning across each and every classroom. Jim also supported teachers in collating and adding to their Reader’s Theatre packs to enrich student’s involvement in, enjoyment of and engagement in Literacy and Literature. Again we acknowledge and thank Jim for his valuable contribution to Literacy instruction at Wembley Primary School for the past 7 years and beyond.

**Numeracy Parent Information Sessions**

We appreciate the valuable partnership that families have within our school community and acknowledge the importance of parent involvement in their child/ren’s learning. We encourage parents to attend our information sessions which correlate with school approaches to teaching and learning and support strategies for families at home. Next Tuesday 7 May, we are hosting two Parent Numeracy Information sessions from 9:00-10:30 and 6:00-7:30. These sessions will be hosted by our exemplary Numeracy team who hosted our curriculum day. Could parents that are interested in attending please fill in and return the attached return slip, so that we can confirm numbers. They are sure to be an interesting and engaging sessions for all who attend!!!

**Curriculum Day**

A Curriculum Day focussing on the learning and teaching of Numeracy, Differentiation and ICT was held at school on Tuesday, 30 April.

Our aim has been to accommodate families by attempting to hold our curriculum days on a Monday or a Friday and we understand that a Tuesday is not ideal, particularly with a public holiday in Anzac Day last week. We thank families for their understanding and support. This day was chosen as all of our coaches and our numeracy consultant are at school on a Tuesday, as well as all staff members-including our classroom teachers, specialist teachers, Education Support staff and part-time staff. This ensures consistency and coherence across the school in the quality of teaching and learning programs. This was our final Curriculum Day for the year. Several strategies have been applied immediately and will continue to influence and improve student learning outcomes throughout the course of the year and beyond. We wish to acknowledge the efforts of Ang Petridis, Kay Willmott, Bruce Williams and in particular, Kevin Chigwidden who coordinated the entire curriculum day from the important focus areas, the coaches/consultants involved and the delicious catering-which took an immense amount of planning and preparation. This was arranged in line with our school improvement goals and staff professional learning goals.

The teachers worked in groups and participated in several workshops throughout the course of the day as outlined below. The three workshops focused on:

**Differentiation:** facilitated by Kevin Chigwidden (Numeracy Coach) supported by learning theories of Carol Ann Tomlinson.

Teachers much implement best practices regarding curriculum, assessment, instruction and learning environment.

- Begins with a growth mindset, moves to student-teacher connections and evolves to community
- Is rooted in meaningful curriculum
- Is guided by ongoing assessment
- Addresses student readiness, interests and learning profile.

Professional reading-jigsaw before next week

**2. ICT and Numeracy:** facilitated by Ang Petridis (ICT Coach) and Kay Willmott (Numeracy Coach)

- Focusing on embedding ICT into Numeracy and across all curriculum areas exploring with different IPAD Apps. (See a list of educational IPAD APPS (below) downloaded onto Wembley iPads, for reinforcement at home with children if parents wish)
- Focusing on Mathletics. All children across the school have Mathletics passwords and access to tasks and courses set up individually for students and classes. Teachers experimented with all functions of the
Upcoming Events For Term 2, 2013

Wednesday 15th May
NAPLAN

Thursday 16th May
NAPLAN

Monday 20th-24th May
Education Week

Tuesday 22nd May
Open morning for parents
Year 6 - ACMI excursion

Thursday 23rd May
Division Cross Country at Brimbank

Tuesday 28th May
WPS Athletics @ Newport Park

Thursday 6th June
WMR Cross Country

Monday 10th June
Queen’s Birthday

Friday 14th June
Winter Sport Gala Day

Friday 28th June
Last Day Term 2
1:30pm dismissal

Mathletics program as an assessment and learning tool.
3. Differentiation with Numeracy resources, tools and planning: facilitated by Bruce Williams (Numeracy Consultant)
   - focusing on utilising and planning for stimulating numeracy warm ups and activities based on student point of need and differentiation.

NAPLAN
The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from Tuesday 14 May to Thursday 16 May for all students in Years 3 and 5. We aim to support students in the preparation for NAPLAN as we believe the very best preparation is quality teaching and learning. If any parents have any questions please contact Vassie D’Arcangelo (Assistant Principal-Curriculum).

The testing timetable is:
Tuesday 14 May: Language
   Conventions and Writing
Wednesday 15 May: Reading
Thursday 16 May: Numeracy

Education week 20-24 May 2013
Education Week will be celebrated from Monday 20 May to Friday 24 May 2013. On Thursday 23 May, Wembley PS will have an open morning for parents and visitors on from 9.00 to 11.00. We invite you to visit your child’s classrooms and our Specialist classes, and see Wembley PS in action. On Friday 24 May, a grandparent’s tour will be held from 9.15 to 10.15am. We look forward to seeing you during Education Week.

ICAS
For the last 30 years ICAS has taken place each year in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, the Pacific region and South Africa. Children in years 2-6 are invited to participate in 2013. ICAS international tests are optional and parent choice.
ICAS provides an opportunity for all Years 2 - 12 students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in the areas of Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing. There is a cost involved for each individual test.
Wembley will provide the opportunity for students to sit the English, Spelling and Mathematics ICAS tests this year.

Uniform
A reminder to children and families that Wembley Primary School uniform is compulsory and must be worn at all times; this does not include sporting attire linked to Wembley through teams competing outside of school hours.

Prep enrolments
The school has received a number of enquiries from perspective Prep parents and Terry Lawless is conducting tours on a daily basis. Enrolments are being confirmed on receipt of enrolment documents.
If you have a child to commence school in 2014, could you please collect an enrolment from the office and complete and return to Mandy Pilkington by the end of May. This will greatly assist with our planning for 2014 school year.

Mother’s Day
As May rapidly approaches so does the wonderful day in the year when we acknowledge and thank our mothers for everything they do for us. There will be a Mother’s Day Stall held at school on Wednesday 8 May and Thursday 9 May between 2.15-3.15pm. Volunteers are being sought to help man the stall and if you are available please let Annmaree Jones know by Wednesday 8 May.

Australian Education Union Update
All AEU bans have been lifted while the agreements go to members for ratification. At this stage planning for reports, camps and excursions will proceed unless something unforeseen occurs.

Entertainment Books
The 2013-14 Entertainment Book was sent home last Monday to each family to preview. Our apologies if families received more than one book but there was a mix up with the class lists and the eldest in each family. All books or payments for books were due back to school last Friday-if you have not yet returned your Entertainment Book to school, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you for taking the time to look through the book and see whether it would be worthwhile for your family to purchase for the year. All profits from sales go to our fundraising efforts which provide well needed resources for the students at school.

Fundraising Meeting
A fundraising meeting will be held in the Staff room on Friday May 10th at 9am
Everyone is very welcome to join us. We will be discussing feedback from the Wembley Family Fun Day 2013, Mothers Day, the possibility of an adult social event and the possibility of a children’s disco night.
Hope to see many new faces on Friday 10th!

Basketball Players Required
Seeking expressions of interest for any children born in 2004 interested in playing basketball for the Wembley Waterats team. My contact number is 0408 599 641. Thanks, Branka Glisic
Below is a list of educational iPad APPs that are downloaded onto Wembley PS iPads, for children to use. The purpose of sharing this is to communicate a list of advocated educational apps to be accessed and reinforced at home with children, if parents so wish.

ABC iview
Animal Idioms and Metaphors
Animal Similes
Animals Counting
Awesome Eats
Bluster!
Body Organs for Kids
Bookmaker
Brainbox
BrainPOP
Chess+
Chicken Coop Fractions
Count to 20
Counting Board
Counting Games
Crayola Colour Studio
Creative Book Building
DET Out and About
Dinosaur Chess
Doceri
Dragon Dictation
Drawing Box
Eductreations
Everyday Mathematics
Excel Naplan – Literacy & Numeracy
Exploriments
Fairy Tales
First Words Animals
Fractions!!!
Friends of Ten
Green Eggs and Ham
iDiary
iMovie
iReading
iStop Motion
iTouchiLearn Number
iWriteWords
Jumping Grassoppers
Jungle Fractions
Keynote
Little Bird Tales
Little Red Riding Hood
Macquarie dictionary
Math 3-5
Mathletics
Maths for Kids
Maths Trainer Pro
Measuring Time
Mobile Mouse
Money Count Australia
Motion Maths
Multiply Wiz
My Story Book
National Geographic World Atlas
Number Lines
Number Rack
Numbers
Oh Say Can You See
One Fish Two Fish
Pages
Pizza Fractions
Place Value MAD
PopMaths
Preschool Counting
Preschool EduKit
Puppet Pals
QR Reader
Reading Eggs
Rekenrek
Rhyme Zone
Rover
School Writing
Screen Chomp
Scribble Press
Sell Lemonade
Shapes+
Show Me
Skill Builder Numeracy
Skitch
Sock Puppets
Splash Maths
Splashtop Reading
Splashtop Whiteboard
Stone soup
Story Starters
Tally Pad
TED
Telling Time – Digital
Telling Time Free
The Cat in the Hat
The Gingerbread Man
The Lorax
The Magic Porridge Pot
The three Little Pigs
The Ugly Duckling
Time Money and Fractions
Time?
Voice Thread
Voice2Text
Wake Up The Rooster
Wishball
Secondary School Transition – Information Evening

Parents of Year 5 & 6 students are invited to attend an information evening regarding the application and transition process to Secondary school:

Thursday 9th May
6.30pm – 8pm
Wembley Primary School (Staff Room)

The information evening will explain the process and timeline of Secondary school applications as well as answer any queries or concerns you may have. This invitation has been extended to Year 5 parents who may be in the early stages of considering their options for transition in 2015.

The session will be followed by a short presentation by Mount Alexander Secondary College Principal Alan Davis regarding its general and newly established accelerated learning programs.

Please confirm your attendance by returning the slip (below) to your child’s classroom teacher.

Kind regards
Juliet Taylor
Transition Coordinator

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Secondary School Transition – Information Evening
(Thursday 9th May, 6.30-8pm)

I will be attending the information evening.

Number of people attending: ________

My Child ________________________ is in GRADE:..........Room No..........

Phone:.........................................................
Dear Parents,

You are invited to attend a Numeracy Information Session on **Tuesday 7 May** from **9.00- 10.30am** or alternatively that evening from **6.00-7.30pm**. The sessions will be conducted in the Staffroom.

Bruce Williams (Numeracy Consultant), Kay Willmott (Numeracy Coach) and Kevin Chigwidden (Numeracy Coach) will be presenting the following aspects of how Numeracy is taught at Wembley Primary School:

- Lesson Structure
- VELS and AusVELS Numeracy components
- Examples of how Numeracy is taught at Wembley
- ICT embedded into Numeracy
- Additional Support Programs

We are presenting the Numeracy Information in two sessions, to enable as many parents as possible to attend.

We look forward to seeing you and working towards achieving a common understanding of Numeracy at Wembley Primary School.

To facilitate planning for the Numeracy sessions, please complete and return the attendance slip below, to the office, by Monday 6 May.

*Please note that we are unfortunately, unable to provide child minding facilities during these sessions.*

Kevin Chigwidden – Numeracy Coach  
Email: chigwidden.kevin.k@edumail.vic.gov.au

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**Numeracy Parent Information Session.**
**Please return slip to the office by Monday 6 May, 2013.**

Name of adult/s attending__________________________________________

Childs name _____________________________________________________

Grade that your child is in ________________

Please tick the session you wish to attend:

**Tuesday 7 May 2013**  9.00- 10.30am  
**Tuesday 7 May 2013**  6.00- 7.30pm
### Student of the Week
#### 26th April 2013

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<th>Sophie Smith</th>
<th>for working towards her personal goal of problem solving when faced with a challenge.</th>
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<td>PB</td>
<td>Tom Attard</td>
<td>for noticing the patterns when putting a hundreds chart back together.</td>
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<td>PC</td>
<td>Tobie Chapman</td>
<td>for having a go and trying her very best in all areas of learning. Keep it up!</td>
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<td>Ella Royston</td>
<td>for achieving her writing goal of writing initial letter sounds of words!</td>
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<td>Kodar Elbelli</td>
<td>for being enthusiastic about reading and making great progress this year!</td>
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<td>Zaynab Mourad</td>
<td>for working hard to become a great speller by practicing every day.</td>
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<td>1C</td>
<td>Jenny Nguyen</td>
<td>for always trying her best in all areas. Keep up the great work.</td>
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<td>Nicola Schultz</td>
<td>for being an attentive listener during discussions. Great role model!</td>
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<td>1E</td>
<td>Emily Walsh</td>
<td>for listening and applying her new learning.</td>
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<td>AJ Yu</td>
<td>for being co-operative and respectful of her peers.</td>
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<td>Cameron Truong</td>
<td>for being a responsible and respectful member of our grade, who shows a lot of initiative. Well done!</td>
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<td>Mia Westmore-Conely</td>
<td>for great fighting off germs as a blood cell in our drama incursion.</td>
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<td>2D</td>
<td>Milou O’Brien</td>
<td>for being a responsible class member, who welcomes opportunities to support her peers!</td>
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<td>Jed Cassar</td>
<td>for concentrating on his work and being our shape expert!</td>
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<td>3B</td>
<td>Kayla Ciavarella</td>
<td>for always willing to help the teacher or peers in the classroom! Great work!</td>
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<td>3C</td>
<td>Flynn Edwards</td>
<td>for making a fabulous powerpoint for his concept presentation.</td>
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<td>Kate Umseher</td>
<td>for using persuasive techniques in her writing to make her argument stronger.</td>
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<td>4A</td>
<td>Jack McMahon</td>
<td>for writing his ANZAC poem using striking language.</td>
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<td>Bipin Oraniuk</td>
<td>for writing a heartfelt poem about ANZAC Day. Great use of words.</td>
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<td>4C</td>
<td>Brooklyn Bellin</td>
<td>for using striking language to create an amazing poem celebrating ANZAC Day.</td>
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<td>5A</td>
<td>James Callaway</td>
<td>for having a positive attitude towards your learning.</td>
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<td>5B</td>
<td>Josh Caruana</td>
<td>for a fantastic effort in the classroom.</td>
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<td>Michael Clutterbuck</td>
<td>for writing some very persuasive leads when experimenting with his writing.</td>
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<td>6A</td>
<td>Andrew Luong</td>
<td>for a magnificent effort on his Suffix homework.</td>
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<td>Jess Shine</td>
<td>for using voice in her draft ‘Rough Guide to growing up’.</td>
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<td>Hayden Marshall</td>
<td>for his synthesising and leadership during book club discussions. Awesome work!</td>
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<td>For information please visit our website: <a href="http://www.wembleybasketball.com.au">www.wembleybasketball.com.au</a></td>
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<td>World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2013. Our students from Italy, Belgium, Finland, France, Switzerland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Brazil and Chile are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.</td>
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<td><strong>Find Out more!</strong></td>
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<td>Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.</td>
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<td><strong>Sylvia Kelly</strong></td>
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<td>Manager - Inbound Exchange Programs</td>
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<td>Free quotes and Good rates for any carpentry or maintenance jobs at home or in the office. Fully insured, police checked and current working with children check. Please call Tim on 0419535132 or <a href="mailto:timmurphysmaintenance@gmail.com">timmurphysmaintenance@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td><strong>7Saturdays:</strong></td>
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<td>11May to 20th July (missing school holidays and Queens Birthday weekend)</td>
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<td>Specifically designed for those seeking work or already employed in schools as Integration Aides. Course provides individual assistance with job application and interview. Also of benefit for parents or carers of children with special needs.</td>
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<td><em>Enrol online via the RMIT short courses website</em></td>
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<td>Join us for a Talk &amp; Tour of the College on Monday 6th May at 9:30am</td>
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<td>For further information or to register for the tour please contact Jodie McLeod on 9329 0411.</td>
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<td>31 Curran Street, North Melbourne</td>
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<th>TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER</th>
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<td>Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2013 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, and Spain will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at <a href="http://www.scce.com.au">www.scce.com.au</a>, email <a href="mailto:scceaustralia@scce.com.au">scceaustralia@scce.com.au</a> or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!</td>
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To end Education week, a grandparents tour will be held on the Friday of that week, 24 May, from 9.15 am to 10.15 am.
Inclusive Technology Workshop

A workshop for tweens, teens and young people with learning disabilities, including dyslexia, their parents/carers and educators and other professionals.

This special 3-hour workshop will look at a range of Inclusive Technologies that are being used in schools, universities and workplaces throughout the world that support people with learning disabilities such as dyslexia in reading, writing, spelling and organisational skills.

Date: Saturday, 4 May  
Time: 1-4pm 
Cost: Free 
Venue: Victoria University Sunshine Convention Centre 
Gate 1, 460 Ballarat Road, Sunshine

Young people at the National Asthma Conference

On 19, 20 March Asthma Australia’s conference, Tackling Asthma in Australia — the Next 5 Years, was held in Canberra.

Two ACT young people provided a ‘welcome to the future’ for the attendees.

Hayley, a secondary school student, told the audience about her asthma and how her school was involved in a project to help other students know how to help a friend in case of an asthma attack. Eddie, an active sportsperson, also told the conference about his asthma, how he managed to play top level sport, and about his involvement in a day of filming at the Australian Institute of Sport for Asthma Australia.

Eddie finished the welcome with, “I’m proud to be involved with Asthma Australia and the Asthma Foundation here in ACT, and helping to get important messages about asthma and self-management to teenagers and young adults around Australia. Asthma Australia has lots of plans to work more closely with people like me. This is really important and we thank you for giving us the chance to have our say.”

New TRIGGERS booklet

This booklet was launched at the conference and informs people with asthma and their caregivers about how to recognise their asthma triggers and what can be done to avoid them.

Asthma triggers could be something that people with asthma:

- Breathe in (smoke, cool air) 
- Catch (cold, flu) 
- Feel (emotions, stress) 
- Do (exercise) 
- Eat or drink (medications)

The booklet is available online at the Asthma Australia website via latest news. This may help you understand about your student’s asthma triggers, or to inform parents and careers.

Exercise: a trigger not to avoid

Students with asthma should participate in sports and other physical activity as a component of a healthy lifestyle.

When a student's asthma interferes with physical activity, they may need to review their use of preventive medication or seek their doctor’s advice about asthma medication they use prior to exercise.

The images here show Petrina Price, an Olympic high jump athlete, and Mackie, Issy and Eddie, active young people who manage their asthma and participate in a variety of sports, at the Australian Institute of Sport during filming for Asthma Australia. View the promo at:


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