

Learn to Live

Term 1, Week 3 (9th Feb)

Important Dates:

Please mark these dates on your calendar

FEBRUARY 2017

Tue 21	Scripture begins
Mon 13	African Drumming Starts
Wed 15	Parent Information Evening
Thur 23	School Photo Day

MARCH 2017

Thur 30	Maths Road Show
Fri 31	Maths Road Show

APRIL 2017

Mon 24	Pupil Free Day
Tue 25	Anzac Day

MAY 2017

Thur 11	Book Fair Arrives
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WELCOME
BACK TO
SCHOOL

Relieving Principal: Mr P Earl

Assistant Principal Stage 1: Mrs K Jansons

Assistant Principal Stage 2: Mrs N Bridges

Relieving Assistant Principal Stage 3: Mr P Thomson

Notes Home



- ◆ Stage 3 Camp - Milson Island
- ◆ SAKG - 5/6T, 5/6ZD, 4/5T
- ◆ Photo Envelopes for class & individuals have been sent home (family photo envelopes available at the office)

Assembly Dates

Fridays commencing at 11.35am

Feb 17:	3-6 Assembly
Feb 24:	K-6 Assembly
Mar 3:	K-2 Assembly
Mar 10:	3-6 Assembly

School Activities Update

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Classes - Term 1

Monday - 5/6T, 5/6ZD, 4/5T



Sport Days - Fridays

K-2 (9.55 - 10.55)
3-4 (12.25 - 1.25)
5-6 (1.55 - 2.55)



PE Days (sports uniform)

Tuesday - T.B.A
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Wednesday - T.B.A

Library Days

Monday: KW, 1/2K, 1/2L, 1/2S
Tuesday: 3/4P, 1/2H, 3/4BC
Thursday: 4/5T, 5/6ZD, 5/6T, KW, 3/4M
Friday: K/1B, KC

Music

Monday: KCL, KW, K/1B, 1/2H, 1/2S
Tuesday: 4/5T, 5/6ZD, 5/6T
Wednesday: 1/2K, 3/4BC, 3/4P, 3/4M, 1/2L



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Access student portal: <http://portal.det.nsw.edu.au>



Relieving Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the 2017 school year at Faulconbridge Public School.

The beginning of any new year is a wonderful chance for all of us to have a fresh start, to pursue some of the many opportunities available and to set some goals for the year ahead. Goals help us to focus, to look forward with optimism and to plan for the future.

It has been delightful to welcome all our Faulconbridge families back for the start of the 2017 school year. I would particularly like to extend a very warm welcome to our new families and students who are starting at our great school this year. I hope that our students and parents alike are starting to feel at home in our community and I do hope that your time at Faulconbridge will be very enjoyable, rewarding and enriching.

Our new 51 Kindergarten students have completed the Best Start assessments and are settling into our school routine splendidly. I'd personally like to thank parents very much for their support, training, preparedness and patience throughout our transition program. Your support is amazing and greatly appreciated.

As we start the new school year it is also a great pleasure to welcome Mrs Harrison, Miss Paull and Mr Herron to Faulco family. We look forward to their fresh insights and special talents, which will further enrich the excellent educational programs and offerings that are such an important and integral part of Faulconbridge. I have already had the opportunity to introduce our new staff to the students and I trust that parents will also have the opportunity to meet and welcome them in the near future.

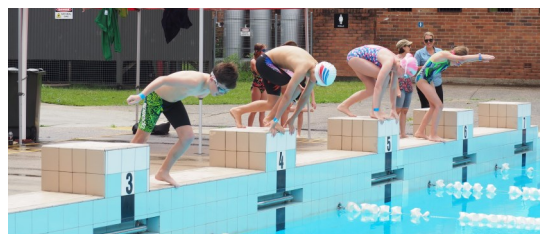
Meet the Teacher / BBQ Evening

On Wednesday, 15th February, staff at Faulconbridge Public School would like to invite parents and caregivers to our annual Information Evening. This is an opportunity for you to meet your children's teachers, find out what's happening throughout year and ask any relevant questions before joining us for a sausage sandwich and some light refreshments.

Grades:	Time:	Location:
K-2	5 – 5.30pm	Classrooms
3-4	6 – 6.30pm	Library (then classrooms)
5-6	6 – 6.30pm	Classrooms
BBQ:	5 – 6.30pm	Big Top

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the boys and girls who participated so enthusiastically in yesterday's Swimming Carnival. The weather was atrocious but the carnival ran like clockwork thanks to the flexibility and professionalism shown by staff and the organising committee, Mr Thomson, Mrs Zoudoumis, Miss Theoharis and Mr Douglas. A special thank you to the parents who worked so very hard on the day. Each student's skills and fitness benefited greatly, and the manners and sportspersonship on display was absolutely wonderful.



Relieving Principal's Report Continued...

Executive Team

We have in place an executive staff structure that allows for the leadership and coordination of each stage team. If you have any issues, questions, concerns or support you should first contact your child's class teacher, if you wish to pursue the matter further the team leader is your next point of contact. The team leadership structure is as follows:

- Mrs Kristy Jansons – Assistant Principal, years K,1/2
- Mrs Nerina Bridges - Assistant principal (Mon, Tues & Fri), years 3/4
- Mr Paul Thomson – Assistant Principal (relieving), years 5/6

The staff this year will consist of:

Stage	Teacher	Class	Role/s:	Staff Member:
Early Stage One	Mrs Carter (M, T, W, F)	KCL	Learning and Support Coordinator, Beginning Teacher Mentor, Quality Teaching mentor	Mrs Jansons
	Mrs Lundqvist-Hayes (Th)	KCL		
	Miss Waddell	KW	School Counsellor	Mrs McArthur (T)
	Mr Brandjes	K/1B	Reading Recovery / Support Teacher, Learning Assistance	Mrs Cottam
Stage One	Mrs Harrison	1/2H	School Learning & Support Officers	Mrs Curzon
	Mrs Laws	1/2L		Mrs Reynolds (M-Th)
	Miss Kidd	1/2K		Mrs Henderson (F)
	Mr Smith	1/2S	School Administrative Manager	Ms Niemann
Stage Two	Mrs Bridges (M, T, F)	3/4BC	School Administrative Officers	Mrs Thorndike
	Mrs Capuyan (W, Th)	3/4BC		Mrs Scaramuzzi (Th, F)
	Mr McDonald	3/4M		Miss McDonald (T)
	Miss Paull	3/4P	Kitchen / Garden teachers	Mrs Langworthy (M) Mr Douglas (M)
Stage Three	Miss Theoharis	4/5P	General Assistant	Mr Purdy (T, W)
	Mr Thomson	5/6T	Cleaning Staff	Mrs Furness
	Mrs Zoudoumis (M, T, W)	5/6ZD		Mrs Hogan
	Mr Douglas (Th, F)	5/6ZD		Mrs Shaw

Some gentle reminders:

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING – Faulconbridge Public School is no different to any other school when it comes to the 'chaos factor' that often exists in surrounding streets both directly before and after school. Like all schools, we have a huge increase in pedestrians with parents and carers accompanying students to or from school. There is also a huge spike in vehicle traffic with many children being driven to or from school so cars are picking up or dropping off.

Thankfully, most drivers and pedestrians never compromise road safety rules, parking regulations etc. There are, however some people who for whatever reason, at times ignore road rules, pedestrian crossings, parking restriction signs etc. As adults, the example we set for others, including children, should be the right example. There is too much at stake and the last thing anyone needs is to be involved in and/or cause an accident.

Relieving Principal's Report Continued...

OPAL CARDS – One of the more significant changes created by the introduction of the Student Opal Card is the requirement for children to 'tap on' and 'tap off' when travelling to and from school. Opal data gathered by tap on and tap off is used to determine demand for bus services. If students do not tap on and off, lack of perceived patronage could lead to a review of the level of services provided to our school.

UNIFORM - The Faulconbridge school uniform is a highly visible sign of everybody's commitment to the school. For students it creates a common identity and sense of belonging and for our families it visibly demonstrates their support for the school. The Faulconbridge uniform is an immediate sign to the local community and beyond of the high standards of which we are proud. For these reasons we actively enforce the correct wearing of the Faulconbridge uniform and thank parents for supporting our standards. We are pleased with the large number of students who take great pride in wearing their uniform correctly. Please remember that school hats are part of the uniform and there is an expectation that they will be worn.

LOST PROPERTY - Don't forget to label your child's belongings. You can:

- use a permanent laundry marker to label clothes, hats and shoes, or sew or iron on personalised labels
- go through your child's bag with him/her each night
- check that labels haven't faded with washing
- look for lost items on the lost property wall on the verandah adjacent to the Uniform shop or your child's classroom

HEALTH CARE PLANS - Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops. Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the office or our Learning and Support Coordinator, Mrs Jansons. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing. Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts. We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter's health needs or as otherwise required by law.

CRUNCH 'N' SIP - All students are encouraged to bring a piece of fruit to school each day. At around 12.30pm each day, those students who have brought a piece of fruit to school will have a 5-10 minute break to sit with their classmates and eat their fruit. We ask parents to continue to support this initiative by sending a piece of fresh fruit to school with your child each day. It may be necessary to cut up the fruit for younger students so that the fruit can be eaten quickly and ensuring that no learning time is lost.

African Drumming

This is the announcement you have all been waiting for! John May's African Drumming classes start on Monday, 13th February at a cost of \$10.00 per lesson. Students in years 3-6 are invited to join John in the Music Room from 8am.

I am very much looking forward to sharing this school year with you all and offer my warm best wishes to each of you for a wonderfully fulfilling and rewarding 2017.

Kind regards,
Mr Earl

GARDEN CLUB



Gardening Club is an interest group open to all students K-6.

It is held on Fridays at lunchtime (10:55 - 11:25am).

It is separate to the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Scheme which is held during class time.

Bring along gardening gloves if you have them.

Any parents/carers who wish to join us in the garden are most welcome.

Thank you,

FPS Garden Gnomes



Reminder - Health Care Plans

It is the time of year for all Health Care Plans to be reviewed and updated. If you have previously given the school a health care plan (Eg Asthma, anaphylaxis, allergies) and the plan was written over 12 months ago, could you please make an appointment with your doctor and provide the school with an up-to-date plan. Your help with this is very much appreciated!

Kristy Jansons

Learning and Support Team Coordinator



"Say cheese"

School Photo Day is Thursday 23rd February 2017

Have your child's school memories captured forever

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes once received and remember these helpful points:

- All Children can be paid for in one envelope. Please **DO NOT** seal envelopes inside each other. Each child needs to have their **OWN** envelope on photo day. **RETURN ALL PHOTO ENVELOPES TO YOUR SCHOOL OFFICE BEFORE PHOTO DAY.**
- Family/Sibling photo envelopes are available at the school office upon *request*. Online ordering is available.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given.
- Cash & Money Orders are accepted for payment. MSP Photography **DOES NOT** accept cheques.
- Credit Card payments - Will only be accepted for online orders, or a \$5.00 administration charge is applicable for phone credit card payments.
- All late orders placed with the photographer will incur a minimum \$20-30 late fee (per order).
- Online Ordering - Logon to www.msp.com.au and click 'ORDER ONLINE'. Place your order using the online system. Record your Order Reference number on your child's envelope. Your child

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact us



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 SCHOLASTIC

 Book Clubs

Every Child Deserves a Good Book

Welcome back for another year of fantastic Book Club buying opportunities. This year we have changed the way we order.

This new system called "Loop" is user friendly where parents/caregivers can place all orders online at home using payment from a credit card. Attached below are easy step by step instructions on how to place an order. All orders will still be delivered to the school and passed on to the students if you order within the due date. Any orders placed after the closing date can still be made but will incur a delivery fee and will be posted directly to the home address.

The closing date for Issue 1 is **Wednesday 22nd February**.

If you have any enquiries regarding this new system, please don't hesitate to contact me.

All items purchased still earn bonus points which in turn are used to buy valuable books for our school.

Thank you

Annette Reynolds

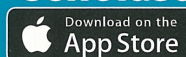
Book Club LOOP

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform.

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order using your credit card. If your school is not yet in the **LOOP**, speak with your school's Book Club Organiser.

Head to **[scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)**

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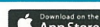


Follow these **easy** steps!

- 1 Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either **SIGN-IN** or **REGISTER** your account.
- 2 Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your **SCHOOL** and your **CHILD'S CLASS**.
Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.

Looking for **MORE** product information? Additional content such as videos and downloads are available for select titles. Select your issue and enter the item number to view information on titles and some great resources, such as videos and reviews.

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LOOKING FOR MORE PRODUCT INFORMATION?

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Item No.

FIND

- 3 Click on **ORDER** and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.
- 4 All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

That's it! There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.

School Banking

Welcome back for another great year at FPS. We are excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

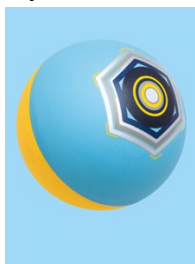
The rewards available during 2017 are:

- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones



Rewards for Term 1 rewards with a Future Savers theme are now available, while stocks last!

Cyber Handball



Colour Change Markers



For every deposit made at school students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their regular savings habits. There are two new items released each term so be sure to keep an eye out for them!

Please download and complete the reward redemption coupon which can be found:

<https://www.commbank.com.au/content/dam/commbank/personal/apply-online/download-printed-forms/school-banking-parent-pack-rewards-card-colour.pdf?ei=bl3-tl-download-reward-card-colour>

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives \$5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

- 1. Online:** Visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](https://www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.
- 2. In branch:** Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

See you under the Big Top on Friday.

The Banking Ladies



TERM 1

Week 2

Sherpa Kids has returned for 2017 and we have made some staffing changes.

We would like to introduce Jessica who has recently been appointed as the Coordinator at Sherpa Kids Falconbridge. Jessica brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our team, she has been working in out of school hours care for over 7 years, and spent a lot of time working in the lower mountains and Penrith regions.

Jessica has already been busy getting to know the children and families, and reviewing our policies and procedures.

Along with Jo and Genevieve, the Sherpa Kids Falconbridge team looks forward to 2017 with a lot of passion for programming and building solid relationships with children and families.

VACATION CARE

With the December/January holidays finished, and everybody back into the order and flow of term time, we've taken some time to reflect on our vacation care. The children had a blast enjoying a range of activities from aqua golf and rock climbing, to building LEGO robots and learning about dinosaurs, and also plenty of water fun, to cool off during the relentless summer heat.

With all that excitement over, we look to the upcoming holidays

as we are now in the planning stages of our upcoming program. During this process we value any input we can get from the children and families and we ask that if you have any ideas or suggestions, please get them in, we would love to incorporate ideas from the people who will ultimately be the ones participating. If you would like to contribute some ideas, please see our staff next time you're in, or send us an email.

POINTS AND REMINDERS

- Please don't forget to notify us for any time your child is absent, you can call text or email us at any time. This saves us time at the school as we do not the school until all children are accounted for.
- During vacation care we had a lot of children without hats, or correct footwear, we do need all children to be wearing closed in shoes, and to have a good hat, especially in the warmer months of the year when the UV rating can get quite high.
- Just FYI, we do walk Kindy children to and from their classroom in order to help them get used to our process.

Contact Details

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skfalconbridge@gmail.com



SPRINGWOOD COMMUNITY GARDEN

GRAND OPENING

2-4pm Saturday 18th February
168 Hawkesbury Rd: next to St Columbas gates

Special guest:
Costa from Play School & Gardening Australia!

face-painting, afternoon tea,
music, garden tours,
kids story and more!

Find us on Facebook or call 47 514956




Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to get bang for food budget buck.

Budgeting the week's food money according to the healthiest foods means getting the best value for money.

Spend most: wholegrain breads and cereals; fruit and vegetables.
Spend moderately: meats and alternatives; dairy.
Spend least: foods high in fat, salt and/or sugar.



Buy what's good for you...
Fruit and veg are good for you and good value for money, especially when in season. Buy canned or frozen when they're cheaper than fresher varieties.

And save...
Processed snacks are much more expensive per kilo, so go healthier and cheaper with some fresh fruit and veg!

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

The Eat It To Beat It program is supported by the Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District Live Life Well @ School Program.



Health
Nepean Blue Mountains
Local Health District



Healthy Harold's Family Fun Day

Sunday
19th February
10am - 3pm
10 Hewitt St Colyton
(Life Education NSW)

Celebrating
30 years
at Colyton

Special guests
Interactive sessions in
our vans and classrooms
Face Painting
Sports Clinics
Educational Activities
Food Stalls
Entertainment
Native Animal Show
Rides and Jumping Castle
Plant Giveaways

Come and say "Hi" to
Healthy Harold and some
of his friends



To find out more, get involved or support by sponsoring or volunteering please call Sara or Paula 02 9673 3222
lifeeducation.org.au



Have Fun. Make new friends. Get fit with Faulconbridge Netball Club!

Registration Day: Saturday 11th Feb 10am - 3pm.

Where: Faulconbridge Public School Hall
Grose Rd Faulconbridge

Fees:	Netta (10 yrs and under)	- \$160
	Junior (11 - 17 yrs)	- \$180
	Senior (18 and over)	- \$199

All BMNA, Netball NSW, admin fees and council levy's included.

Contacts:
James (President) 0413933351
Cassandra (Registrar) 0407288361
email: faulconetball@gmail.com



<http://faulconbridgenc.nsw.netball.com.au/>

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A vibrant and exciting global game



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VANESSA'S DRAWING CLASSES

New Kids Class Starting

For kids who love drawing
and want to learn
the skills they need to create
beautiful realistic artwork

We use pastel, pencil, charcoal,
and watercolour pencil

All art materials supplied

Classes held at Faulconbridge

Minimum age 8 yrs

*Vanessa is a fulltime artist who has been teaching
art to kids and adults for over 14 years.*

She teaches 9 classes per week

As well as workshops for adults

For more info call Vanessa

4758 8030 / 0409 516 615

See students artwork and course outline at:

www.vanessajoret.com.au

See Vanessa's artwork at


The Blue Mist Café Wentworth Falls



**Blue Mountains
Youth Choir**
'Inspiration through music'
Springwood & Katoomba

Harmony	Mondays &
Technique	Wednesdays
Workshops	After
Improvisation	School
Sight-Singing	Sessions
Performances	Ages 8-15

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For information on
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www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/rebates

or phone Service NSW
on 137 788

* eligibility criteria apply

YOU COULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR ONE OR MORE OF THESE REBATES/ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Family Energy Rebate* – \$150 or \$15 per year – If you are the electricity account holder in your household, have dependent children and receive a DHS payment called Family Tax Benefits (Part A or B), you could qualify for this electricity rebate. Information on application deadlines is available from our website.

NSW Gas Rebate* – \$90 per year – If you have natural gas or use LPG for cooking, heating or hot water, you could qualify for this gas rebate. To be eligible you will also need to be the gas account holder and have a DHS or DVA Pensioner Concession Card, DHS Health Care Card or a DVA Gold Card marked with WW, TPI or EDA.

Medical Energy Rebate* – \$235 per year – You could qualify for this rebate if you, or someone living with you, have an inability to self-regulate body temperature which is often associated with medical conditions such as Parkinson's disease and Multiple Sclerosis. The electricity account holder in your household must have a DHS or DVA Pensioner Concession Card, DHS Health Care Card or a DVA Gold Card.

Low Income Household Rebate* – \$235 per year – If you are the electricity account holder in your household and have a DHS or DVA Pensioner Concession Card, DHS Health Care Card or a DVA Gold Card marked with WW, TPI or EDA, you could qualify for this electricity rebate.

Life Support Rebate* – If you are required, or have someone living with you who is required, to use approved energy-intensive medical equipment at home, you could qualify for this electricity rebate. Information on approved equipment and rebate rates is available from our website.

EAPA* – Energy Accounts Payment Assistance Scheme – helps people experiencing a short term financial crisis or emergency to pay their electricity or natural gas bill. The scheme helps people stay connected to essential energy services during a financial crisis. EAPA is not means tested and you do not need to hold any DHS or DVA concessions cards to access this scheme.

HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION AND WHERE DO I APPLY?

The Department of Industry website has all the information you will need to determine if you are eligible for an energy rebates or emergency assistance. Go to www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/rebates for further information.

If you do not have access to the internet you can call Service NSW on 137 788 and talk to a customer service officer about your circumstances. Service NSW can also post you application forms.

If you have an electricity or natural gas account with an energy retailer you can call them to apply over the phone for the Low Income Household Rebate and NSW Gas Rebate. Your retailer can also provide you with application forms for other rebate programs.

REMEMBER

If you have a DHS (Centrelink) Health Care Card you could qualify for the Low Income Household Rebate and/or NSW Gas Rebate.

**Free 1 day workshop
for parents & carers of
school-aged students
on the autism
spectrum!**

**Katoomba
28 February 2017**

Register your place:

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