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CHATTERBOX WEEK 9

Enhancing a Sense of Belonging

Promoting student voice and choice is paramount for fostering a positive and empowering learning environment that caters to the diverse needs and interests of students. By allowing students to express their opinions, preferences, and ideas, we can cultivate a sense of ownership, autonomy, and intrinsic motivation among learners.

- **Enhanced Engagement and Motivation**

When students have a say in their learning experiences, they are more likely to feel invested and engaged in the educational process. By providing opportunities for students to choose topics of study, projects or learning activities can lead to higher levels of enthusiasm and commitment to learning.

- **Personalised Learning**

Every student is unique, with individual interests, learning styles, and strengths. By incorporating student voice and choice, learning experiences can be tailored to diverse needs of students. This approach ensures that students receive instruction that is relevant, meaningful, and conducive to their academic growth and success.

- **Development of Critical Thinking and Decision-Making Skills**

Given the opportunity to analyse options, weigh consequences, and make choices, students become more adept at evaluating information, solving problems, and taking ownership of their learning journey. These skills are essential for success in academic, professional, and personal endeavours.

- **Empowerment and Self-Efficacy**

Empowering students to voice their opinions and make choices fosters a sense of agency and self-efficacy. When students see that their voices are valued and their choices respected, they develop confidence in their abilities and become active participants in their educational experience. This empowerment extends beyond the classroom, empowering students to advocate for themselves and effect positive change in their communities.

- **Promotion of Social and Emotional Learning**

Providing opportunities for student voice and choice supports the development of social and emotional skills. Through collaborative decision-making, students learn to communicate effectively, negotiate differences, and work cooperatively with peers. This fosters a sense of belonging and connectedness within the school community and promotes empathy, tolerance, and respect for diverse perspectives.

- **Preparation for Citizenship and Leadership**

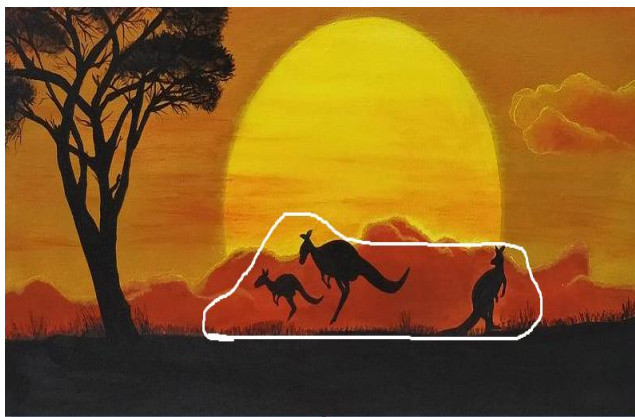
In a democratic society, the ability to express oneself, participate in decision-making processes, and advocate for change is essential. By promoting student voice and choice, schools prepare students to become active, informed, and responsible citizens who contribute positively to society. Additionally, students develop leadership skills as they take on roles of influence and responsibility within their school communities.

This term, all students have been encouraged to express their voice via participating in the ‘Principal for the Day’ competition. Students were advised that a mural is being planned for C Block, on the wall facing Picnic Point Road. Criteria included:

- Inviting and welcoming
- Bright and attractive
- Reflective of our community
- Colours and design that complements existing ANZAC mural on A Block.

Winning submission was entered by Emma Harris in Year 6.

Drafting processes included inspiration boards and revisions based on student-teacher collaborations. Some adjustments were made including the addition of text. Panania is an Aboriginal word that means “Sun rising in the east and shining on the hills”. Congratulations to Emma and all students who actively took part.



A celebration of our school community



Principal Harris

On Thursday, 21 March Panania Public School celebrated Harmony Day.

Harmony Day is a day where we celebrate our cultural diversity and come together to accept each other's differences. It also coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of racial discrimination. At PPS students dressed in orange accessories and completed inclusive activities. In the afternoon we sang, "We Are The World", in honour of the day. Happy Harmony Day Everyone!





We Are The World.
We Are The Children.

HARMONY DAY

Students and staff acknowledged Harmony Day on Thursday, 21 March by wearing orange accessories. Harmony Day is a celebration that recognises our diversity and brings Australians from all different backgrounds together. It creates a sense of belonging, builds identity, and most importantly promotes inclusiveness and respect. Thank you to all our community members who came and attended our Harmony Day assembly, it truly was a wonderful celebration.



SCHOOL HOUSE CAPTAINS: WORDS OF WISDOM

Amelia: Believe in yourself and never give up!

Kye- Work as a team and chase your dreams!

Chase- Never judge a person by their appearance!

Thomas- Be calm and understanding, you never know what another person may be going through!



MARS

Sophie- Keep doing what you love!

Kayra- Be honest and fair in all that you do!

Jake- Success comes from hard work!

Arourah- Be creative in every way possible!



SATURN

Callan- Never back down, never give up!

William- Be confident and keep your head held high!

Pranabi- Trust your instincts and make good choices!

Oliver- Working hard leads to success!



JUPITER

Elise- Be kind and stand up for your friends!

Oliver- Challenge yourself, climb that mountain!

Johnathan- Keep working at the things that you love!

Allegra- Do not change who you are to be someone else!



VENUS

Communication

As a parent or carer, you are an important part of our school community. We know that you play a crucial role in helping your child become a motivated learner. Communication between our school and our community is critical for us to partner together.

To give our teachers the opportunity to recharge, spend time with their families and bring their best creative selves to work, we are setting clear expectations for when and how they respond to communication outside school operating hours. This means teachers may not reply to non-emergency messages or emails outside of school operating hours. Our staff will respond to your queries within 2 school days under normal circumstances.

For longer discussions or complex matters, we ask parents and carers to make an appointment to speak to teachers directly, at a time that works best for everyone.

Our staff will always stay in touch because open communication is what's best for your child and their education. We don't want you to stop communicating with teachers – we still want to hear from you if you have any questions or need to discuss a matter about your child. We know it is often easier to send emails or messages after work. We will make sure we read and respond in school operating hours.

Our dedicated teachers want to help our students achieve their best – we are on the same team.

Thank you for treating our staff with kindness and respect.

Mrs Siwak.

AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

We are excited to announce that our school will be hosting Autism Awareness Day on **Tuesday, 2 April**, as part of our commitment to fostering an inclusive and supportive learning environment for all students.

Autism Awareness Day is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together and celebrate the diversity of all minds. We believe in embracing and appreciating the unique qualities that make each individual special. Our school takes pride in being an inclusive space that values and honours every student, recognising the richness that diversity brings to our community.

Here's what students can expect to see and participate in on Autism Awareness Day:

Wear Mufti:

On this special day, we encourage all students to wear mufti to show solidarity, promote understanding, and advocate for inclusivity and support for people within our community.

Classroom Learning on Diversity and Inclusion:

In each classroom, our dedicated teachers will engage students in age-appropriate discussions and activities that highlight the importance of diversity and inclusion. These activities will help students appreciate the different ways people experience the world, fostering empathy, kindness, and acceptance.

Celebrating Unique Individuals:

A school display located near the front office will celebrate the achievements and contributions of unique individuals who have made meaningful impacts on society. Our students will have the opportunity to learn about these remarkable individuals and gain a deeper understanding of the strengths and talents that can be found in every person, regardless of their neurodiversity.

Kindness tickets:

When a teacher has spotted a student spreading kindness and embracing inclusivity, they have been awarded a special 'Ticket of Kindness'. The tickets will be collected and placed into a raffle. On **Tuesday, 2 April** the raffle will be drawn, and a lucky student will receive an amazing prize! In addition, the class with the most kindness tickets will receive a class prize. It's a fantastic way to recognise and reward the extraordinary efforts our students make to create a warm and inclusive environment for everyone.

By participating in Autism Awareness Day our students will develop a greater understanding of neurodiversity and the value of embracing differences. This celebration is a step towards creating a more inclusive community where every individual feels accepted and supported.

We encourage you to engage in conversations at home about the significance of this day, reinforcing the importance of acceptance and understanding. Together, we can build a community that values and celebrates the uniqueness of each student.

Karlina Panagiotaros,
School Psychologist.

LEADER'S CONFERENCE

On Monday, 4 March our School Leaders attended the Young Leader's Conference in Darling Harbour. Successful leaders in a range of fields, shared their journey into leadership positions often speaking about failures, and how their persistence, positive mindset and determination saw them overcome adversity and became successful leaders in their chosen field.

Guest speakers this year-

Anastasia Woolmer (Australian Memory Champion)

Matt Cosgrove (Australian author, best known for "Macca the Alpaca" book series)

Stephen O'Keefe (recently retired Australian cricketer)

Bryson Klein (Australian Ninja Warrior Champion)

The leaders found these speakers inspiring and were very grateful for the opportunity. Their behaviour was exemplary, and they were a credit to our school.

Mrs Morris,
Leadership Coordinator.



EASTER HAT PARADE

On Thursday, 28 March we held our Easter Hat Parade. Parents, Carers and students went above and beyond in creating their beautiful hats, that made the parade quite a show! It was fabulous to see so many parents attending the event and sharing in the festivities of the day. Thank you to Mrs Morris and her leadership team for organising such a wonderful morning, and to our school community who so generously donated prizes and bought raffle tickets. Congratulations to Archer from Stage 2 who won 1st prize, a family pass to the Royal Easter Show, generously donated by Alliance Real Estate Panania.

The P&C would like to also thank John the Coffee Guy for his generous donation, along with supplying parents with coffee for the morning, and The Snack Shack for supplying a fantastic spread of Easter themed delights!

Thank you also to Bentley Yam and family for donation of the large Toblerone.



GOLD AWARDS

At morning assembly on Monday, 25 March, the following students were presented with Gold Awards for displaying excellent school citizenship:

Connor Maher 3/4H
Robert Maxwell 3/4M
Alexandra Hatton 5/6M
Leika Gow 5/6S
James Karavelas 5/6W

Carter Taipari 3/4M
Zoe Tsakiridis 3/4P
Oliver Madarac 5/6S
Sophia Tourni 5/6W

WARAMI GARDEN NEWS

We would especially like to thank Mr Waskiw who, over many years, has helped tend our garden. It's time now for our parent community to continue this vital work, and already we can thank Mr Blake (Makayla, KT) and Mr Ponting (Aliyah, KH), for 'whipper snipping' recently. The garden looks wonderful, and once again students have been enjoying lessons and lunchtime Garden Club.

We have enjoyed welcoming our new Kindergarten students in to help with planting, watering, raking and many other fun activities, and I'd especially like to thank older 'buddies' who have assisted them.

We celebrated Harmony Week with activities including potting orange plants, and leaf and flower pressing into orange playdough. Students had a great time working together.

Our garden continues to be a really valuable teaching resource in our school.

Please consider offering a little time, either in the afternoon or on a weekend for an hour or less, especially if you can whipper snipper!

Many thanks,

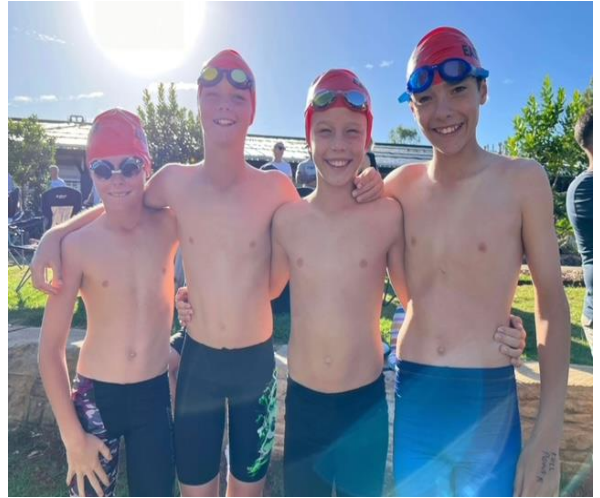
Mrs Waskiw,
Garden Co-Ordinator.



REGIONAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to the following students who represented East Hills PSSA at the Regional Swimming Carnival at The Gordon Fetterplace Aquatic Centre, Bradbury on Tuesday, 12 March:

Eden Smoother
Cooper Gibson
Charlotte Ni
Nate Howell
Zion Biggar
Asher Flight
Jarvis Barton
Kye Fenwick
Jonathan King



Congratulations to Eden Smoother who will compete in the 50 m freestyle at the NSW PSSA State Swimming Championships, to be held at Sydney Olympic Pool on 11 and 12 April 2024.

We are very proud of the achievements of all swimmers in 2024.

Miss Parkes, Miss Howell and Mrs Walker,
Swimming Coordinators.



DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Whilst we all love our pets, unfortunately, parents/carers are not permitted to bring dogs of any size or description on to the school grounds, regardless of whether they are on a lead (service dogs are excluded).

If parents/carers wish to walk their dog to school to collect children in the afternoon, we request that you wait outside the school fence, away from the school gates, as not to intimidate those who are not fond of dogs.

Whilst your dog may be friendly and playful with your children, it is not always the case with other children, when the dogs may accidentally get a fright or are intimidated by large number of boisterous children leaving the school grounds in the afternoon.

We thank you for your understanding in this matter.

ISLA BROWN HENS VISITED 5/6M

Stage 3 are learning about Living Worlds in Science this term. One of the underlying topics within our unit is sustainability. We have investigated creating natural fibres and foods from the land.

Earlier this week, Paige and her mother Kylie brought their Isla Brown chickens in to visit us. We were able to pat them and watch how they grazed and moved about, while Paige shared some interesting facts about these beautiful birds. Some fascinating facts we learned through this shared experience was that this breed is known for laying eggs. They lay up to two eggs per day but don't lay when they're regrowing their feathers after moulting. This is due to their body using all its energy on regrowing feathers.

They consume weeds, grass, fruit and vegetables, grains, corn, rice, toast or any food scraps the family may have. Isa Browns will consume small rocks and pebbles to help break up the seeds they have ingested.

Mrs Morris,
Classroom Teacher.



SCHOOL DISCO – FRI 5 APRIL



We are super excited to be holding a disco on Friday, 5 April in D Block Hall. The disco will be supervised by volunteers whilst students dance the night away to a huge selection of popular music.

WHEN : Friday, 5 April – see Disco session times above

WHERE : School Hall – D Block (entry via Lambeth Street)

COST : \$8 this includes entry to the disco, a drink and a small packet of chips or popcorn on departure.

WHAT TO BRING : Please wear sensible clothing and footwear. Students MUST bring a labelled water bottle for use during the disco session. Students will get hot and bubblers won't be accessible.

RSVP not required - just come along.

The P&C will be running a BBQ and selling drinks and ice creams, so why not bring the family along for an easy meal?

EFTPOS will be available to purchase disco entry and food

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- No parking is permitted within the school.
- Only current PPS students are invited to attend the disco, non-school age siblings will not be permitted to enter the hall.

DISCO VOLUNTEERS



There has been a slight change to the way we are running this year's disco.

Why are we doing this?

To help relieve our hard-working teachers, the P&C committee has offered to supervise the disco.

This means that there will be **NO TEACHING STAFF** in attendance.

What does this mean?

We will be needing more volunteers than previous years. The Disco will be entirely P&C run, and will need to be supervised by volunteers with WWCC.

Can I still volunteer without a WWCC?

Yes!

We still need help setting up and helping on the BBQ, selling ice creams and packing up.

How can I help?

If you can help on the night of the disco - Friday, 5 April 2024, please let us know by filling out the form: <https://shorturl.at/pxERU>



School Hats

School hats can now be ordered for \$17.00 on Munch Monitor.

You will find them listed in the Canteen tab under 'Hats'.
There are 3 sizes available.

The hats will then be sent to your child's classroom,
or can be collected from the Canteen.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mothers' Day Stall

- Thursday, 9 May

P&C Meeting via Zoom at 7pm

- Monday, 13 May

Fathers' Day Stall

- Thursday, 23 August

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

2024 Term 1 Open Dates

Friday, 5 April

Email orders to:

pananiapublicuniformshop@gmail.com

Donations accepted of good quality uniforms.
Simply drop them into the office.

Want to volunteer?

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/H8JkM6BJkAJ7sE91P8LIO5>

STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE P&C

WhatsApp Announcement group:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EHjyxf7EpF2BIG6nwTMiM>

Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/pananiapublicschoolpandc>

P&C POLICY For financial aid

The P&C can financially support the students who have been selected to represent PPS at a National level in regards to competitions and events.

To request this financial aid, parents must contact the P&C via email and state the details of the student, where this event will be held and when it scheduled to commence.

Any student who makes it to National events and they need to travel less than 100km will be given \$150. Whereas, students that need to travel more than 100km will receive \$250. This is 100km from school and this is per child, per event.

If your child is representing Panania Public at a National level please email the P&C
pananiapublicschool.pandc@gmail.com

The SNACK SHACK

Our canteen relies on the help of volunteers.

Whether it's for 1 hour a week, 1 day a term, or our twice weekly sushi pick up – **you can make a difference.**

Join the WhatsApp group or reach out to Miss Larah 0409 106 573.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Fq2ahcPLDSy7G3cglDWoxK>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

YOU SAY BIRTHDAY... WE SAY BUCKET!!!

BIRTHDAYS ARE SOMETHING SPECIAL AND CAN BE MADE SIMPLE AT PPS!

BIRTHDAY BUCKETS ARE FILLED WITH TREATS FOR THE ENTIRE CLASS TO ENJOY. THEY ALSO INCLUDE A BALLOON AND A CANTEEN VOUCHER TO ENJOY THROUGHOUT THE TERM.

CONTACT MISS LARAH ON 0409106573 TO ORGANISE A BIRTHDAY BUCKET FOR YOUR CHILD TODAY!

DIARY DATES

Thursday, 28 March

- Easter Hat Parade and Raffle

Friday, 31 March

- Good Friday Public Holiday

Monday, 1 April

- Easter Monday Public Holiday

Tuesday, 2 April

- Autism Awareness Day - Mufti Day

Friday, 5 April

- School Disco

Tuesday, 9 April

- Ninja Warriors Incurion

Friday, 12 April

- Last Day Term 1

TERM 2

Monday, 29 April

- Staff return for Term 2

Tuesday, 30 April

- **All Students** return for Term 2

Wednesday, 1 May

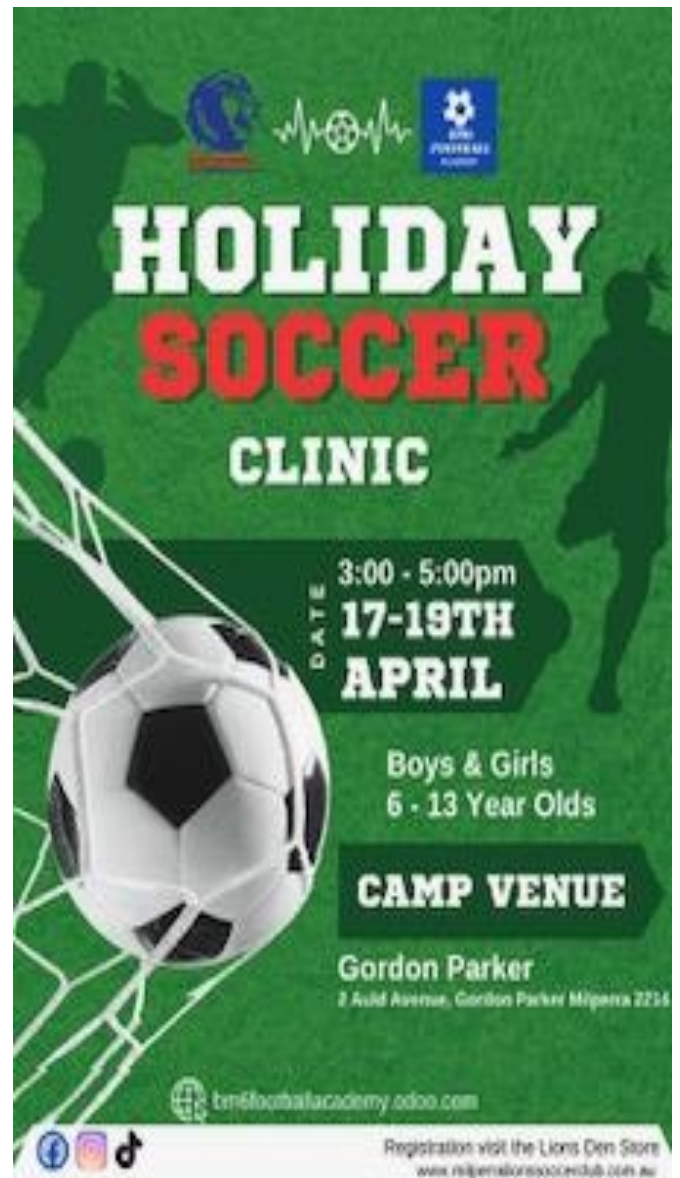
- School Cross Country

Thursday, 2 May

- ANZAC Service, 2pm

Monday, 13 May

- P&C Meeting @7pm via Zoom



HOLIDAY SOCCER CLINIC

DATE 3:00 - 5:00pm
17-19TH APRIL

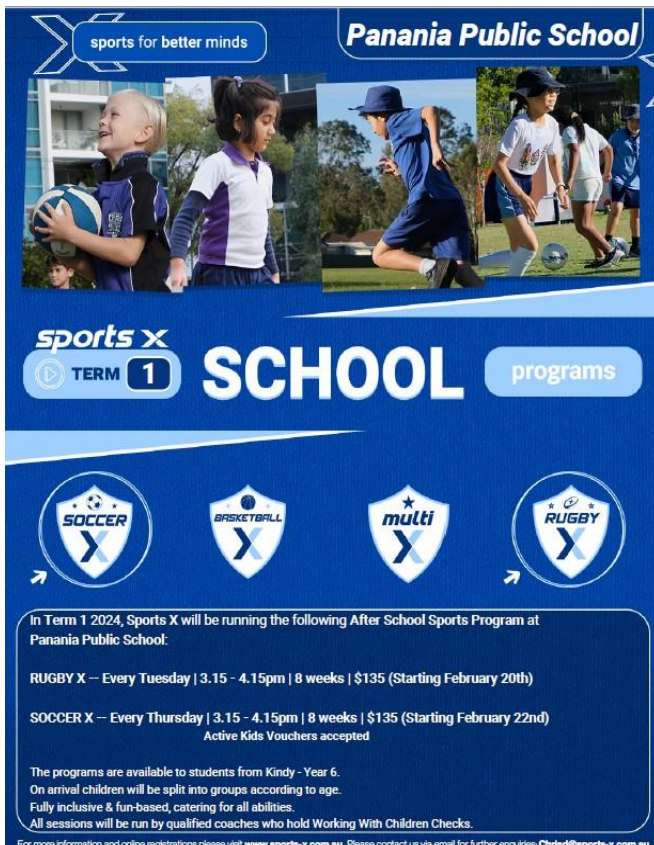
Boys & Girls
6 - 13 Year Olds

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sports X TERM 1 **SCHOOL** programs

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In Term 1 2024, Sports X will be running the following After School Sports Program at Panania Public School:

RUGBY X – Every Tuesday | 3.15 - 4.15pm | 8 weeks | \$135 (Starting February 20th)

SOCCER X – Every Thursday | 3.15 - 4.15pm | 8 weeks | \$135 (Starting February 22nd)
Active Kids Vouchers accepted

The programs are available to students from Kindy - Year 6.
On arrival children will be split into groups according to age.
Fully inclusive & fun-based, catering for all abilities.
All sessions will be run by qualified coaches who hold Working With Children Checks.

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The Rivergum Community Garden is a welcoming, colourful and growing space for all in our local community.


The garden provides a place for people to relax and connect with themselves, with others from our local community, and with nature, as we grow fresh produce together.

You are welcome at our garden working bees each Friday 9:30am-12pm.


Come for the morning, or just drop in for a few minutes. Come to garden or for a cup of tea and a chat.

Please feel free to drop in anytime with your children and enjoy the space and our Street Library.

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 219 The River Rd, Revesby



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