

## Papatoetoe West School

Together We Strive For Growth Through Learning

School wide newsletter

Term 3

19 September 2025

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### Week 1

Mon 6 October First day of Term 4

Thurs 9 October Niue Language Week Fono 3 pm

Fri 10 October Whakatau 12:30 pm

### Week 2

Wed 15 October 3pm Hindi Family Meeting 3 pm in the Staffroom
Thurs 16 October - E Pro8 competition
Fri 17 October - Hindi Speech Language
Competition (at Papatoetoe North School)

### Week 3

Mon 20 October 5pm- Board Meeting
Mon 20 - Fri 24 October Niue Language Week
Mon 20 - Fri 24 October Recycling Week
Wed 22 October Year 4-6 Athletics at Mt Smart

### Week 4

Mon 27 Labour Day observed (School Closed)



FAKALOFA LAHI ATU! PLEASE COME ALONG TO SHARE AND DISCUSS HOW WE CAN BEST SUPPORT THE LEARNING AND CULTURE OF OUR NIUEAN STUDENTS. WE WILL ALSO BE TALKING ABOUT AND PLANNING FOR THE UPCOMING LANGUAGE WEEK

OCTOBER 9



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debbiek@pap-west.school.nz

GATE 2, STAFF ROOM

### From our Principal

Kia ora e te whānau.

As Term 3 ends, I want to thank our teaching and support staff for their incredible mahi, and our parents and whānau for the many ways you support our kura. As I often say, it is through working together that we lift, support, and grow our tamariki. We are so proud of their achievements this term and the great progress they are making towards their goals.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our outgoing Board members for their amazing service to our kura, and warm congratulations to our newly elected representatives. We look forward to working together in partnership for the benefit of our tamariki and community.

A particular highlight as we finished the term was our Kapa Haka evening last week, alongside the senior roopu performance at the Festival. Both were powerful reminders of the value we place on Te ao Māori and the pride our tamariki take in representing our kura. Their mana and confidence shone through.

The holidays are a chance for everyone to rest and recharge. Over the break, we encourage our tamariki to keep reading and talking about what they are reading, and to practise some basic facts along the way. I hope you all enjoy a well-earned break.

Looking ahead, Term 4 brings more opportunities for learning, celebration, and connection. We can't wait to welcome everyone back, ready for the final part of the year together.

Ngā mihi,

Mrs Sandy Tritt Tumuaki / Principal

### TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI

Celebrations at our kura (school) started with a Whole School Assembly where our Junior & Middle Roopu performed. The enthusiasm shown by our performers was amazing!

We also had a daily focus of speaking Te Reo (the Māori language) across the school alongside other self-selected activities by each team. Tamariki also had the opportunity to participate in first break activities in our awesome Wonderhub.

Last week our Senior Kapa Haka Roopu performed at our Papatoetoe Cluster Kapa Haka Festival. Although one of the smaller groups, they performed with heart and pride. Here are some photos from their performance.













**GATE 2. STAFFROOM** 





Last Tuesday our PWS basketball teams played in a fun and grueling tournament against the other Papatoetoe Schools with coach Mr Jan Magtibay.

Congratulations to our Girls Team who finished 6th in the competition.

And the Boys Team who finished on the podium, coming 3rd! 🕇 🥉



### Room 27



In our Technology Inquiry, Room 27 designed a sensory playground project for students with special needs. We noticed that during break times, some of our friends didn't have fun activities. As Angel **says**, "They don't have much to do at break time. They just run here and there and feel bored."

We researched different playground ideas from other schools and learned how to make spaces more fun and inclusive. Our idea is to design a fun, safe, and welcoming area for our special friends. We also chose to use recycled materials to help build the playground, showing care for both our friends and the environment.

# 1-3 Playgrouna We want a new playground because our playgrounds are too loud and boring. We want a playground just for the little kids learn science like the periodic table We would like small swings little kids and a tyre swing playground has a pool with a slide a camp fire so we can roast marshmallows and a tent to sleep overnight at school.

### Room 30

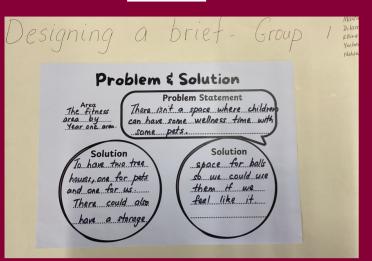
Room 30 decided that they want a space just for the juniors to play. Each group designed a playground for a different area of the school. Most groups wanted to design a playground for the large grassy field next to the Year 1 block. Their minds went crazy with designing and then researching different playgrounds.

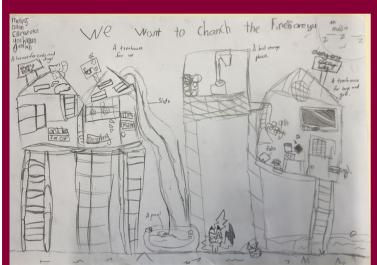
We then decided that as a stakeholder, Mrs Tritt and the Board probably wouldn't agree to spending so much money so each child decided on their best idea.

One idea was to build a science club to learn about the periodic table while other kids wanted a zip line to get from one place to another and to get strong.



### Room 35



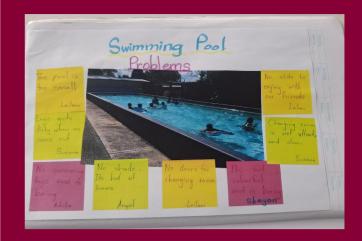


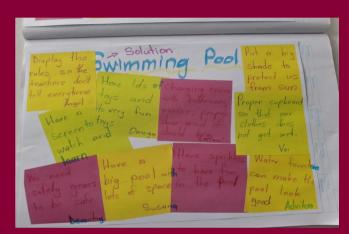


We would love to have a space where children can have some wellness time with some pets. Pets help us to calm down and relax and we could have have fun playing with them too.

By our group - Maisie, Dilan, Ellina, Yochanan and Nehemiah

### Room 36



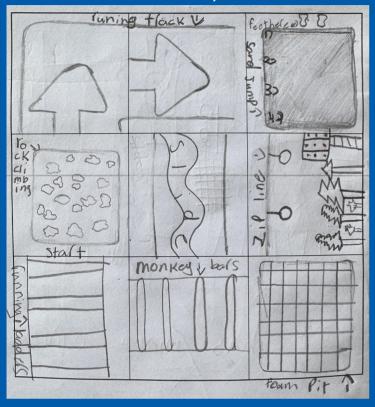






### **Room 18**

### S.I Fitness Obstacle Course (Shevonne & Isaac Fitness Obstacle Course)



#### Dear Mrs Tritt

I think my playground is the best because it has amazing features such as rock climbing, running tracks, long jump, monkey bars, and a zipline. The playground is shaped like a square, so at every corner you must turn to get to the next stage. This is for every student at our kura from years 0-6. Our playground is going to replace the old playground by the year 1 classes because it is spacious and natural.

The rock climbing wall is important because if something happens, like a flood, we can climb to high ground and reach safety. There are harnesses at the rock climbing wall to prevent students from falling. The ground is grass so it is cost effective since it is already there. The running tracks are also useful. If a volcano erupted, we could run fast and escape the lava. The long jump is for practising to leap over dangers, like lava or wide gaps, so we can survive and help others. After that, there is a foam block pit for people who don't have swimming togs but still want to play safely, like in a pool.

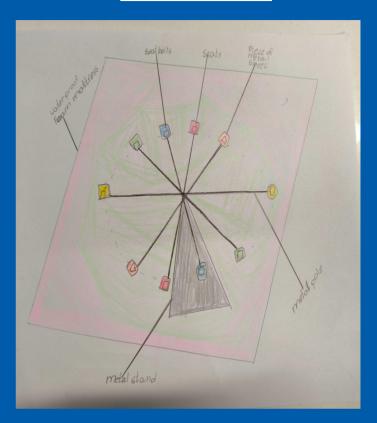
The monkey bars are another important skill because they help us climb and build strength, which could also save lives. They land on a rubber bouncy mat, similar to a crash pad, which helps prevent injuries. Finally, the zipline helps people get used to heights. If there were only one tall tree to climb to safety, the zipline practice would help us be brave. There is a harness, similar to the one we have for the rock climbing wall, to help keep us safe. All the materials for our playground are made using sustainable materials that are safe for our environment, like sand, rubber, metal, wood, and plastic, as well as using what is already on the field, like the grass, as these are affordable and easy to source.

I sincerely believe you should pick my playground design because it is the best in the world and is a great way to work out.

Yours sincerely, Shevonne and Isaac

### Room 15

### **Rainbow Seesaw**



### Rainbow Seesaw

Dear Mrs. Tritt,

Our group has made a Rainbow Seesaw playground design in year 1's playground and in our opinion, our playground should be chosen because it's safe. It has safety belts so children won't fall off and it also has foam mattresses at the bottom so if someone accidentally falls, they won't get hurt. These foam mattresses are designed so they won't get damaged in the sun and will absorb water, preventing pools of water and keeping the area dry.

Secondly, the materials needed for the Rainbow Seesaw are steel poles which will be painted in red, yellow, orange, blue and purple. The foam mattresses and strong seats made from steel. These materials will last in rain and wind so we will not have to buy things again and again.

Thirdly, it's fun. It will go up and down, which makes it exciting to play on. For example, the movement will make students feel happy. It also includes all our neurodiverse kids, making sure everyone can join in.

In addition to this, the seesaw allows many students, as well as teachers, parents and office staff to play together as a team, at least 10 people can get on and play at once. More to it, the seesaw has rainbow coloured painted seats, which will attract children to play with. It will also need less repair because it uses strong materials such as steel and it won't cost much money after the first time spending money.

Furthermore, this design also shows the culture of our school. The rainbow colours show how we all come from different places but together we play and enjoy. The seesaw will include small symbols or pictures from different countries to show our student's culture.

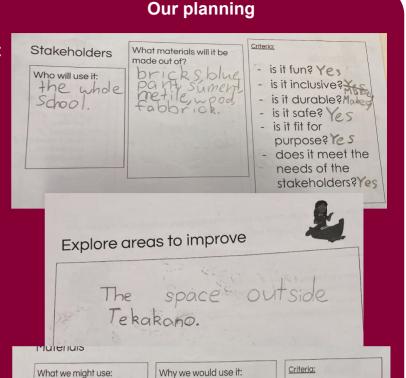
So, Mrs. Tritt, please pick our playground design.

By our group- Johan, Anaya, Aries, Sana, Pavit, Peter

Hayley, Sana, Joelle, Gavin, Hayden and Ella - Lia - Rūma 22

We created this because they want a quiet place to go during break time, as some students don't like loud noises.



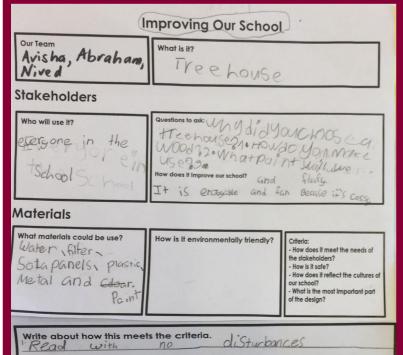


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Arisha, Abraham and Nived - Rūma 20
Our Tree House





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bean bag,



is it fun? \

is it safe? ✓

is it fit for purpose?

is it inclusive?

is it durable?

does it meet the needs of the stakeholders?

### TE PUTIPUTI

Over the last few weeks, our class has been working hard on Inquiry 2. The problem we started with was that our classroom can sometimes feel untidy and disorganised. Books, stationery, and personal belongings like water bottles and bags are not always stored properly. This can make it harder to find things quickly, can distract us during lessons, and sometimes wastes valuable learning time.

Our challenge was to design a solution to improve this problem. Each team had to write a design brief and plan a way to present it. This was one of our options.

Design Brief - table stationery holder

Problem: Students often walk around looking for stationery, messing up stationery and wasting time.

Objective: Create a stationery holder for each table that

- · Keeps stationery organised
- · Stops kids from being distracted
- · Is easy for students to access
- · Saves classroom space and reduces clutter
- Encourages responsibility and tidiness
- · Prevents students walking around the room constantly

#### Target Users:

Te Putiputi

#### **Design Considerations:**

Durability: Must withstand daily use - initial pro-type

material, cardboard.

Hygiene: The cardboard can be covered if it gets dirty

Size: Fits a whole variety of stationery

Safety: No sharp edges; stable to prevent tipping.

Accessibility: Everyone can access stationery

### Proposed Solution:

- · A multi section stationery holder
- · Each slot holds different type of stationery
- Can sit on separate tables
- · Portable can be carried around if need be

Stakeholders: Students. Mrs Tritt

## **Prototype Concept** Material: cardboard · A multi section stationery holder · Each slot holds different type of stationery · Can sit on separate tables · Portable - can be carried around if need be Capacity: large enough to hold different type of stationery Extras: rubbish bin

### **Ruma Wha**

### Introducing **Mystery Lunch Box**



This lunchbox isn't just an ordinary lunchbox. it is one filled with fun and mystery. A lunch box where you can change compartments and magnets to fit your needs. Like magic, move, snap and transform your sections to fit your needs. Fill it with chips, candy, fruit, whatever you like -Yumm! Believe it or not, you can create your own world!!

Our stakeholders were saving:

- "I get so bored during lunch"
- "I wish my lunchbox could fit more of my things"
- "There's no lunch box out there that can mix and match my needs"



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**RECOMMENDED** 

By Zena Taufa

### Te Puāwaitanga B

### Technology Term 3 Inquiry 2 Brief design

Group Name: The Technologist

**Group Members:** Ayn, Leiona, Mohamad Najib We would like to improve the **Bike Lock Area** in our

school.





### Dear Mrs. Tritt.

Today we will be talking about the bike-lock areas in our school. The bike-lock area is one of the busiest spots in our school. Every morning and afternoon, it's filled with students coming and going. Most of the users are boys, but there are also quite a few girls who rely on this area to keep their bikes and scooters safe. However, even though it's popular, we've seen some problems, and luckily, we have some awesome ideas to fix them.

The first problem is the weather. Many students don't realize it's going to rain, and by the time they ride home, they're soaked. This isn't just uncomfortable; it can also make students sick. To solve this, we should put a shelter over the bike-lock area to protect both the riders and their bikes from rain and strong sun.

Another problem is the bike locks themselves. Not every student has one, and for some families, they can be too pricey. Sometimes students just forget to bring their lock. To fix this, the school could offer spare locks that students can borrow or buy at a low price. This way, no bike or scooter is left unprotected.

And of course, we can't forget the most important thing: safety. Right now, without any CCTV cameras, bikes and scooters are at risk of being stolen or damaged. Adding CCTV monitoring would give everyone peace of mind, knowing their belongings are safe while they're in class.

Another issue is new students. Often, they don't know exactly where the bike-lock area is, which can cause confusion. A simple solution is to put up clear signs showing where the bike-lock area is located. This would make things a lot easier, especially at the beginning of the year.

To take things even further, we can improve the area with technology. Imagine having smart bike-locking stations where students can secure their bikes or scooters with just a scan or a code. It would make the process quicker, safer, and more modern.

By making these upgrades, we're not just keeping our bikes safe, but we're also promoting healthy ways to get around. Riding a bike or scooter is awesome for staying fit, better for the planet, and helps save money on transportation. However, for students to keep picking this option, they need to feel that their bikes are stored in a safe and secure place, instead of being worried all day.

After our interviews with different stakeholders, some of the suggestions were that there should be bike tracks around the school. Another suggestion was that students should be allowed to ride bikes and scooters during break time. Some other suggestions were that the school should provide spare bikes and helmets from the organization. Another option would be that a staff member has to supervise the students for safety reasons.

So let's work together to improve our bike-lock area. Every student deserves a safe, secure, and friendly spot to park their bike. By putting money into these changes, we'll create not only a better area but also a healthier, safer, and more supportive school community.

### Te Puāwaitanga A

Technology Term 3 2025

Design Brief

Group Name: The Cool Cards

Group Members: Trisha, Serenity, Jacob, Adi





#### The area in our school that we would like to improve:

We would like to improve the entrance area to the Wonder Hub.





#### The Problem:

We feel this area is not used much because it is painted all the same colour..

The tree is overgrown, and we can't sit on the seat because it takes up all the space. There is always rubbish left in the garden.

The roof is broken, so when the sun is shining, it shines in our eyes, and the seat gets too hot to sit on. Students climb through the window to get on the roof.

Sometimes students go on the field, and when they come to the Wonder Hub, they have lots of grass on their shoes.

Stakeholders: Papatoetoe West School students & staff, visitors to Papatoetoe West School

### Our proposed solution:

### We would like to :

-to brighten up the space by painting murals on the walls of book characters and book scenes. We will also include patterns and designs from our cultures.

- paint designs and patterns on the concrete as well
- -we would like the tree trimmed or removed.
- plant colourful flowers in the garden (especially bleeding heart flowers)
- buy some shoe racks for the students' shoes
- we could ask our parents & whānau to offer some ideas for the murals as well

### What we want to achieve for the stakeholders in this space:

We want the stakeholders and visitors to the Wonder Hub to feel welcome and be inspired to read more books.

We hope the murals and designs make everyone feel happy and relaxed and enjoy being in a colourful, fun space. This space can also serve as a quiet area for students to sit and chat with each other or read a book while visiting the Wonder Hub.

We also hope that these improvements will encourage students to visit the Wonder Hub more.

### We will need to:

-find out what the best materials are we should use to paint the murals

- -survey the students, staff & whanau to get their ideas for the murals (characters, books, scenes)
- --plant, grow and take care of the flowers in the garden
- -share our ideas with our principal, Mrs Tritt, the Board of Trustees, Mrs Riggs, our school librarian, and the caretaker, Mr Ferani
- -buy a shoe rack

### Feedback from a stakeholder:

### The stakeholder would like the following things to happen

- -trim or remove the tree that is in the garden
- -add a table for students to use to draw on
- -make less easy access to the roof and the window to the Wonder Hub to avoid students climbing there - the screen with the picture of the tree should be made transparent so the turf can be seen from the



## The West Way







Congratulations to the following children who were awarded a values award at this week's assembly:

### Year 0

Eknoor - Te Kākano Lexi- Ruma tekau mā tahi Navkaran- Rūma Rua Tekau mā rima

### Year 1

Cameron - Rūma Rua Tekau mā ono Vaani- Rūma Rua Tekau mā whitu Hayden - Rūma rua tekau mā waru Azadvir - Rūma Rua Tekau mā iwa Jaime- Rūma Toru Tekau



### Year 2

Sarbaj - Rūma toru tekau mā tahi Muhiyudeen - Rūma toru tekau mā rua Spondan - Rūma toru tekau mā toru Aubree - Rūma toru tekau mā wha Jahzara - Rūma toru tekau mā rima Susana - Rūma touu tekau mā ono

### Year 3

Ahaan - Rūma Tekau mā whā Nived- Rūma Rua Tekau Aadhya - Rūma Rua Tekau mā tahi Sana- Rūma Rua Tekau mā rua Saivi'i - Rūma Rua Tekau mā toru



#### Year 4

Bryan- Rūma Tekau mā rima Jhon- Rūma Tekau mā ono Evleen- Rūma Tekau mā whitu Shevonne - Rūma Tekau mā waru Luciana - Rūma Tekau mā iwa



### **Year 5/6**

Saanvi- Te Putiputi Yunus - Te Putiputi Prerak - Rūma rua Pranav - Rūma wha Thashwin- Rūma rima Jarome - Rūma ono Allen - Te Puāwaitanga Kayaan - Te Puāwaitanga







### Taking Pride in our uniform

Congratulations to our tamariki who have been consistently wearing their uniform with pride! We had so many wonderful entries, but only a few winners could be chosen. Ka pai to these children, and a big well done to all Papatoetoe West tamariki who continue to wear their uniform proudly every day.

### Year 1

Niklaus - Rūma 30 Isabelle - Rūma 30 Helen - Rūma 30 Arkadius - Rūma 30

#### Year 3

Mehtab - Rūma 23 Zara - Rūma 23 Hayley - Rūma 22 Hayden - Rūma 22

### Year 2

Kiyaan - Rūma 31 Meharjot - Rūma 32 Roselyn - Rūma 33 Aubree - Ruma 34

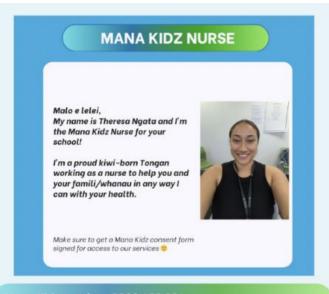
#### Year 4

Sana - Rūma 15 Avi - - Rūma 15 Tyrese - Rūma 17 Aavani - Ruma 17



Year 5/6 - Roshaye, Thaovy, MJ, Simarleen

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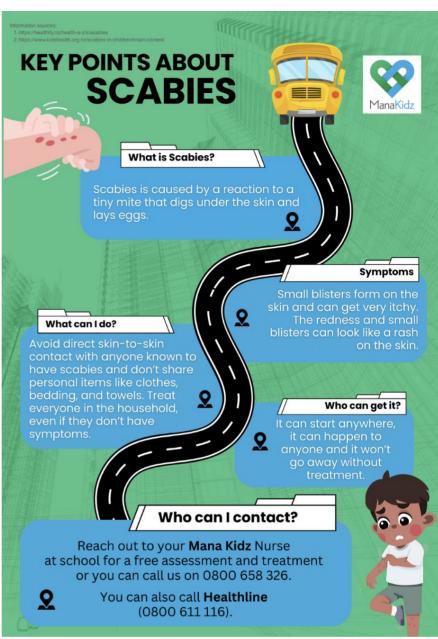
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rebeccab@pap-west.school.nz and we will put through a referral.



# INFLATABLES. CARNIVAL GAMES. A FUN DAY OUT FOR THE FAMILY.



### **AUCKLAND US OTAGO**

Saturday 4 October, 2:05pm

**AUCKLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL** 



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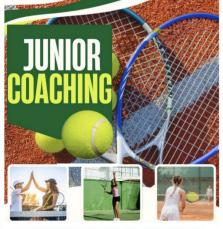


## 2026 dates

TERM 1	
Number of weeks	9
Term start & end dates	Term starts: Monday 2 February to Thursday 2 April (86 half days)
Public holidays	Waitangi Day - Friday 6 February
School holidays	Friday 3rd April - Sun 19th April (includes)  Good Friday - Friday 3 April Easter Monday 6 April
TERM 2	
Number of weeks	11
Term start & end dates	Term starts: Monday 20 April to Friday 3 July (106 half-days)
Public holidays/ School not open for instruction	ANZAC DAY - Monday 25 April King's Birthday- Monday 1 June
School holidays	Saturday 4 July- Sunday 19 July
TERM 3	
Number of weeks	10
Term start & end dates	Term starts: Monday 20th July to Friday 25th September (100 half-days)
Public holidays	None
School holidays	Saturday 26 September to Sunday 11 October
TERM 4	
Number of weeks	10
Term start & end dates	Monday 12th October to Wednesday 16th December (94 half days)
Public holidays	Labour Day - Monday 26 October

- 386 half days in 2026
- Ministry of Education to allow for 2 additional teacher only days (date TBC)





### **SATURDAY MORNING COACHING**

Sunnyside Tennis Club

York Rd, Papatoetoe Website: www.sunnysidetennisclub.com

Coach: Jason Kennedy Email: thekays@xtra.co.nz Junior Coordinator: Email: anetc@wiricentral.school.nz

### JUNIOR MEMBER

(Under 19 as at 30. 04.26) Sub includes coaching – without key

 JUNIOR MEMBER (JM) (includes coaching): \$130 \$180 JUN. ELITE (JE) (includes coaching & jun. inter): • JUNIOR STAR (JS) (includes coaching & sen. inter): \$200 • COURT KEY (CK) (access to courts only): \$25.

### DISCOUNTS:

For families (with <u>no adult</u> member) who have:
(a) **2 or 3 junior members** - \$10.00 off each 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>nd</sup> child.
(b) **4 junior members** – 10% discount off total fees.
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