



**Term 1 - Week 9**  
**Issue 4- 26th March 2024**

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SCHOOL WEBSITE**  
School Website: [www.dandenong-south-ps.vic.edu.au](http://www.dandenong-south-ps.vic.edu.au)  
(Use this website to access SENTRAL's Parent Portal)

Term 1 of 2024 has been a really successful term.

Our senior school camp to Camp Doxa will take place on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. The children are very excited and I am sure they will come back to school very tired but full of wonderful tales of the adventures that they have experienced.

Each of the year levels have had a number of special activities focused on actively involving the children in their learning experiences. This week grade levels have been having assemblies to celebrate achievement and share successes. These assemblies have been very well attended by families.

Our student leaders have been very active and have organized Pyjamas Day for today, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March, to raise money for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

As always, the children are looking forward to our Easter Egg prizes and everyone was hoping to be a winner when the lucky tickets are selected on Thursday.

I hope that everyone enjoys the holiday break. We look forward to the return of the students on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April for the start of Term 2.



**Leonie Fitzgerald**  
**PRINCIPAL**

Dandenong South Primary School has a holistic approach to learning where the academic, physical, social, and emotional needs of all children are fostered through the school's values of being:

**Be Responsible Be Safe and Respect**



## Calendar Dates

<i>Dates to remember</i>	<i>Upcoming Events</i>
<b>Wednesday 27th March to Thursday 28th March</b>	<b>Grade 5/6 Camp</b>
<b>Wednesday 27th March</b>	<b>Grade 3/4 End of Term 1 Assembly</b>
<b>Wednesday 27th March</b>	<b>Grade 1 End of Term 1 Assembly</b>
<b>Thursday 28th March</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 1 <i>School Finishes at 2:30</i></b>
<b>Thursday 18th April</b>	<b>Whole School Harmony Day Celebration</b>
<b>Friday 19th April</b>	<b>Grade 5/6 District Gala Day</b>

<b>2024 TERM DATES</b>	<b>School Holidays</b>
<b>Term 1</b>	<b>Holidays</b>
Tuesday 30th January To Thursday 28th March  <i>School Finishes at 2:30pm</i>	Friday 29th March To Sunday 14th April
<b>Term 2</b>	<b>Holidays</b>
Monday 15th April To Friday 28th June	Saturday 29th June To Sunday 14th July
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>Holidays</b>
Monday 15th July To Friday 20th September	Saturday 21st September To Sunday 6th October
<b>Term 4</b>	<b>Holidays</b>
Monday 7th October To Friday 20th December	Saturday 21st December To Monday 27th January 2025



## Administration Information

### Communicating with Parents if there is an Emergency.

If at any time there should be an emergency involving the school, parents would be informed by:

- SMS via SENTRAL
- Email
- Notice on Instagram
- Update to the school website.
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If there is a need to contact individual parents regarding their child, parents would be informed by:

- A phone call to phone numbers provided to the school. (Parents and Emergency Contacts should always be kept up to date)
- If parents are unable to attend the phone call, they will receive a voicemail alert via SMS .

### School Hours and OSH Club

- Staff members are on duty before school from 8:45am and after school until 3:45pm.
- For the safety of the children please ensure that children do not arrive at school before 8:45am unless they are attending the OSHClub .Before School program which starts at 7:00am and finishes just before the bell at 9:00am.
- The children should also be picked up promptly after school. If you are unable to pick up by 3:45pm, please make sure you enrol them in the OSHClub After School Care program which starts at 3:30pm and closes at 6:00pm.
- Children who are old enough to walk home without parental supervision should be leaving the school ground promptly at 3.30pm.



## Foundation News

Term One has been a busy one for Foundation students. Students have enjoyed learning about letters and sounds. They are also becoming more confident in developing their counting skills and identifying basic shapes in the classroom.







## Grade 1 News

Term One has been a wonderful term filled with lots of engaging learning experiences for all students. As part of the focus on Health, the Grade One students have been learning about the benefits of a healthy lifestyle. To further enhance their learning, they have participated in a variety of fun and purposeful incursions, including a Friendship incursion and Market Fresh. The Grade One Family Picnic was a highlight of the term, and it was lovely to see so many families attend.

All these experiences have provided students with lots of opportunities to talk and write about a range of topics. Students have also enjoyed reading and viewing fiction and non-fiction texts as well as learning strategies to help them decode and comprehend texts.

In Mathematics, there has been an explicit focus on making, reading, writing and ordering numbers up to one hundred. Students have also practised their counting skills by completing daily fluency and counting activities.

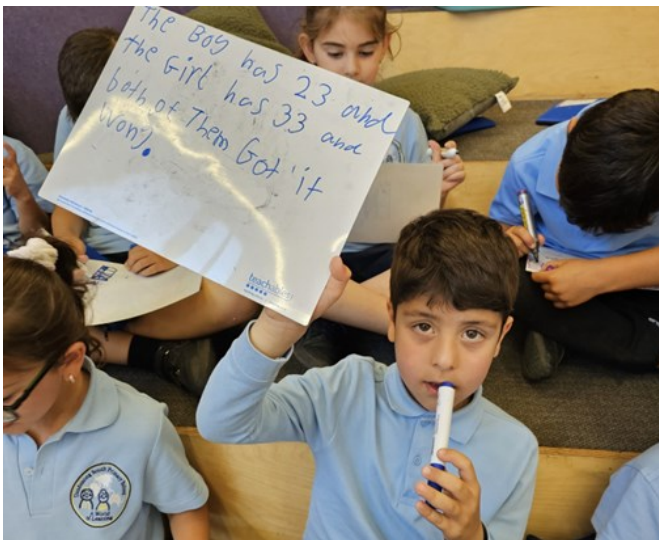
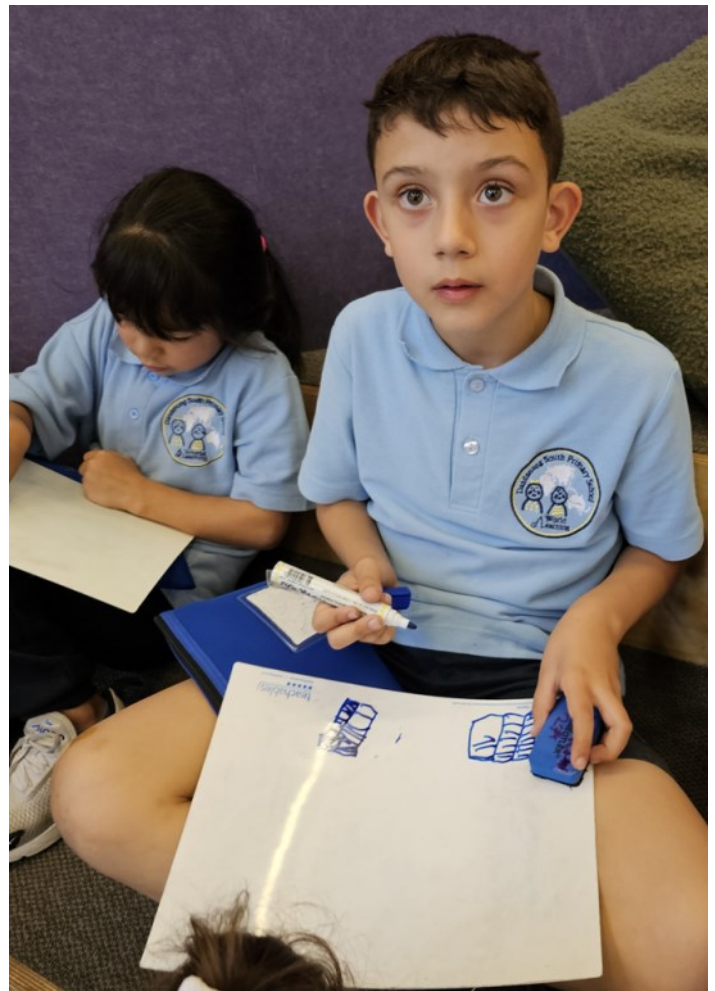
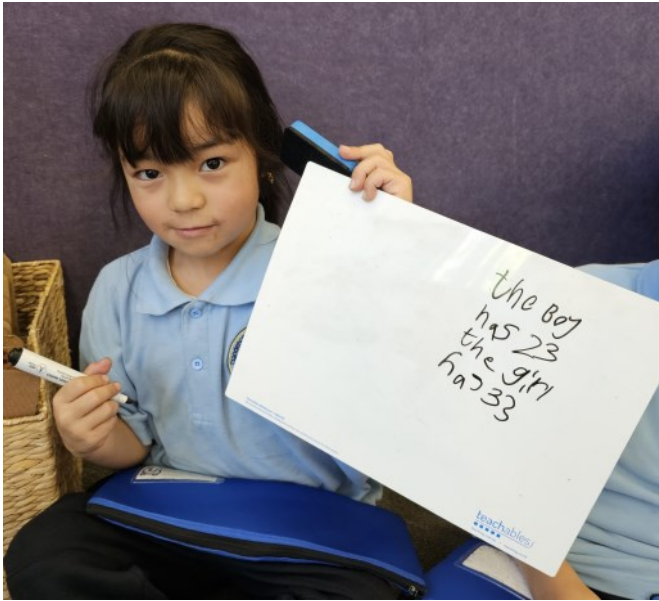






## Grade2 News

Grade Two students have been challenging themselves in maths by engaging in reasoning tasks. These exercises have involved drawing, writing, and discussing their mathematical thoughts. The introduction of new vocabulary and problem-solving perspectives has benefited all students.





## Grade3/4 News

The term is coming to an end; the grade 3/4 students are focusing on completing their projects in Inquiry. They have chosen a specific area of health and are creating a project that convinces others to be healthy too.

We are very proud of our Grade 3 students who completed four NAPLAN tests over the past week. They all tried their best.

Our end of term assembly will be held in week 9, please look out for the invitation that will be sent home by the end of this week. At this assembly, awards will be given out and some students will share their work.



**Some of the Grade 3/4 EAL students making a healthy smoothie**





## Grade5/6 News

Art is one of the Year 5/6 Students' favourite subjects. Mrs. Rai gives the students so many opportunities to develop their creativity and learn new techniques. In the pictures below, students are creating pictures that are inspired by First Nations artworks, and drawing pictures for an ART competition.



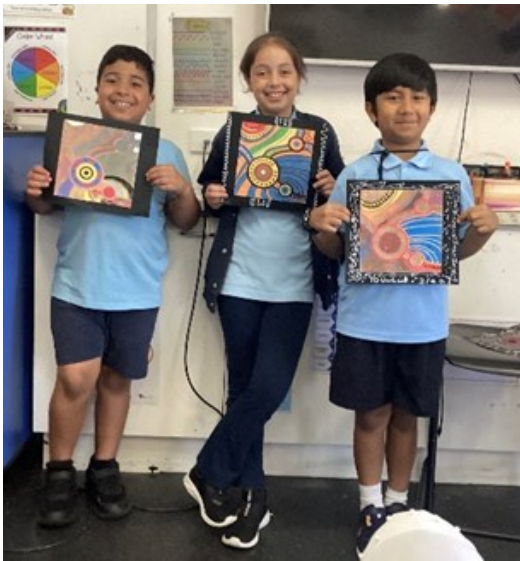


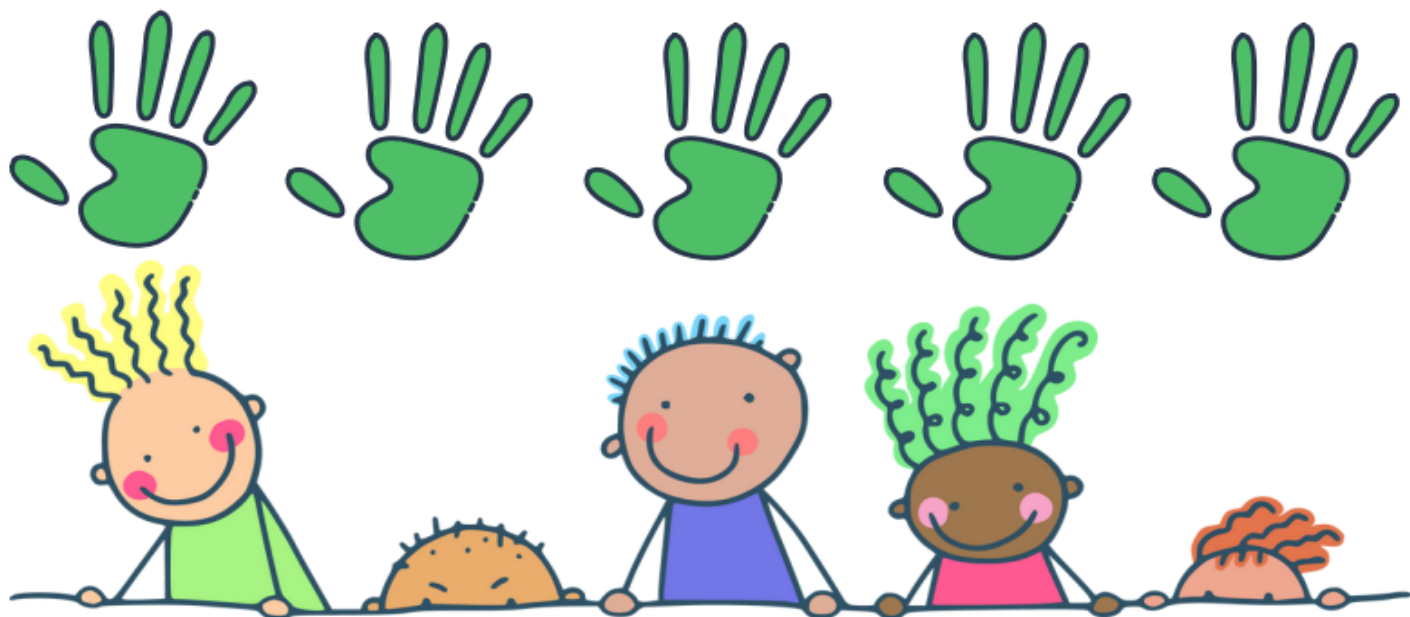


## Specialist : Art

This term, students have been learning about Aboriginal Culture through art. They explored various elements of this art form by viewing and discussing images and ideas.

They designed and created stories using Aboriginal symbols.





COME AND JOIN US AT THE:

# **MIDDLE SUB SCHOOL END OF TERM ASSEMBLY**

Students will be presented with awards and  
celebrate the terms successs,

**WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH**  
**11: 30 AM - 12:00 PM**  
**COURTYARD**





Parents, guardians, and friends are invited to come and celebrate.

# Harmony Day @ Dandenong South PS Thursday 18th April 2024 9.15-11.00am

Families, students and staff are encouraged to dress in their cultural costumes.





## Dandenong South Primary School

### **EASTER RAFFLE**

As part of our school's fundraising this year we are asking each family to bring along a donation of an Easter Egg or a Chocolate Bunny to put towards our Easter Raffle prizes.



For every donation each student brings to school, they will receive a free raffle ticket to go into the draw.

**Tickets cost \$1.00 each. The book of 10 tickets is \$10.00.**  
Please come to the office if you require more raffle tickets.



Tickets and money must be returned to the office by Wednesday 27th March.

**Raffle drawn on the last day of term,  
Thursday 28th March.**





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## Communicating with Your Child's Teachers

Primary School • Essential Topics for Dads



# Communicating with Your Child's Teachers

Schools provide many opportunities to communicate and meet with parents through regular school newsletters, websites, emails, mobile alerts and formal meetings, plus parent teacher meetings and information nights. It is important for dads to make contact and establish two-way communication with their child's teachers.

Teachers really like to learn all they can about the children in their class and, as a dad, you bring key perspectives to the conversation. Plus, if your child is struggling with schoolwork, behavioural, emotional or social issues, the best approach is for the family and the school to work together to create the best plan of support for your child.



### Top Tips for Dads

- Find out the procedures for communicating with your child's teacher and other staff at the school.
- Make sure you are also receiving all communication from the school, as well as your partner, or the mother of your children.
- Pick your times. Remember the teacher has a class of students and lessons to organise in the morning, so a conversation will probably be difficult at this time.
- Make an appointment if you have something to discuss with the teacher. This way they can allocate an appropriate time to really focus on the discussion without interruption or distractions.
- If you feel there is a problem, don't wait too long. Contact the teacher to discuss your concerns with the aim of working together to find a solution that is best for your child.



### Wellbeing Check

Close relationships to others are a protective factor to mental health problems, like anxiety and depression. By taking a genuine interest in what your children think and feel and really listening to them, you can strengthen your relationship with your children. This connection also positively impacts your own mental wellbeing.



**CSEF - Please present your Health Care\Concession Card to the office for 2024.  
Your card must be valid as at 31st January 2024. This must be processed through the system**



## Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund APPLICATION Form

School Name

School REF ID

### Parent/legal guardian details

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

First name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/suburb \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number \_\_\_\_\_

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

-    -    -  **OR**

Foster parent\* **OR**  Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)\*\*

\*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

\*\*Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card.

### Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Victorian Department of Education (DE) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry about my Centrelink customer details and concession card status to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of any enquiry to DE regarding temporary care orders.

I understand that:

- DFFH or Centrelink will use information I have provided to DE to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DE personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- This consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to my child's school so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DE.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to DFFH and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You can request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_





# Dandenong South Primary School

## Term 2- Programs



Connect. Share. Learn.



### WEEKLY TIMETABLE

#### TUESDAY

English Intermediate  
9:30am - 12:00pm



#### WEDNESDAY

English Intermediate & Advanced  
9:30am - 12:30pm

Parenting and Wellbeing Session  
12:30pm - 1:30 pm

#### THURSDAY

English Beginners  
**Multicultural Class**  
11:30am - 1:30pm

**2024**

#### FRIDAY

Playgroup  
*Parents & grandparents*  
10:00am - 12:00pm

**Cooking and Gardening**  
**Friday 24th May**  
1pm - 2:30pm  
Register  
Regina 97923726



Address:  
52 Kirkham Rd,  
Dandenong VIC 3175

Phone 97923726

#### TERM DATES

**TERM 2**  
24TH APRIL – 28TH JUNE

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**  
29 JUNE – 14 JULY



Regina Moore  
Community Hub Leader  
Tuesday to Friday  
8:30 am – 4:30 pm



97923726  
Regina.moore@education.vic.gov.au

### AROUND THE HUB...



FREE-BOOKS FOR HOME





## HEALTH INFORMATION

Connect. Share. Learn.



## Urge Care Clinics

### How to access bulk billing for urgent but not life-threatening illness

You can access bulk billing for urgent, but not life-threatening, illness and injuries at Medicare Urgent Care Clinics (UCCs).

Medicare UCCs are now open in every state and territory and are open for longer hours. You don't need an appointment or referral; you can just walk in.

Medicare UCCs can treat:

- minor infections
- fractures
- sprains
- cuts
- serious stomach aches
- mild burns.

Scan QR code for more infor-



## Victorian Carer Card

The Victorian Carer Card recognises the significant contribution carers make to the lives of people they care for and the communities in which they live.

### What is it?

The card provides discounts and benefits to carers in acknowledgment of their contribution.

From July 2019, Carer Card holders can benefit the same discounts available to Seniors Card holders. This means that Carer Card holders can now enjoy the same discounts available to Seniors Card holders. There are more than 4,000 participating businesses whose discounts are now available. These include discounts on a range of goods and services like eating out, shopping, getting help with your finances, or even leisure and recreation activities like seeing a movie at a Village cinema.

There are also new [carer transport concessions](#) now available for Carer Card holders.

### Victorian Government Carers Card Program



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## Education & Employment



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# Road Safety Video



<https://youtu.be/quPIEv0IIIo?>



[Scan QR Code to watch](#)



## School Holiday Programs



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March



April 5



Just added

### School holiday STEAM!

Fri, 5 Apr, 11:00 am  
Carrum Downs Library  
Free

Book here



April 13







# Dandenong South Primary School



## ENDVEAOUR HILLS VENUE FUN EVERY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



### MONDAY 1ST APRIL - FRIDAY 5TH APRIL 2024



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	MARU KOALA, ANIMAL PARK & MINI GOLF EXCURSION 	DODGEBALL & FLAVOURED MILKSHAKES 	BASKETBALL, NETBALL + PIZZA DAY 	LARGE INFLATABLE GAMES ZORB CRASHING & SLIDING 
	*\$11.50 WITH 90% CCS \$115 FULL PRICE		V	V

### MONDAY 8TH APRIL - FRIDAY 12TH APRIL 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CRICKET + MARTIAL ARTS + EASTER HUNT 	MELBOURNE IMAX 3D CINEMA EXCURSION 	FOOOOOTY DAY + TEAM SPORTS 	AMAZING RACE + SCIENCE EXPLOSIONS + SPORT BATTLES 	BIGGEST AND BEST EVENT YET GAMES! INCURSION! INFLATABLE RIDES   OFFICER VENUE
V M ★	*\$12.50 WITH 90% CCS \$125 FULL PRICE	V ★ M	M V	*\$11.50 WITH 90% CCS \$115 FULL PRICE

★ SPORTING STARS  DAY INCLUDES BUS FOR TRAVEL (M) MULTI SPORTS V VENUE DAY



**HOW TO BOOK?**  
**STEP 1 - SCAN THE CODE**  
**STEP 2 - FILL OUT OUR FORM**  
**STEP 3 - CREATE AN ACCOUNT**

\*ALL DAYS HAVE A MIXTURE OF OTHER ACTIVITIES SET UP. THE THEME IS JUST A BIG PART OF THE DAY. SPORTS, COOKING, GAMES, SCIENCE & MUCH MORE IS ON OFFER FOR THE

CHILDREN!

FROM \$11.50\* PER CHILD EXCURSION  
 FROM \$9.50\* PER CHILD VENUE



104-108 REEMA BVD,  
 ENDEAVOUR HILLS VICTORIA  
 MARANATHA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE







Dandenong South  
Primary School



# SCHOOL HOLIDAY



8:30-4:30

- **Multi-sports**  
soccer, cricket, tennis,  
dodgeball, basketball...
- **Inflatables**
- **Bumper cars**
- **Arts n' Crafts**
- **Face painting**
- **Science**
- **Laser tag**
- **Bubble soccer**



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