



NEWSLETTER

TERM: 1

WEEK: 8

YEAR: 2021

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FROM OUR EXECUTIVE SCHOOL DIRECTOR

It has been really pleasing to see so many of our students actively engaged in their learning in classrooms and our extra-curricular activities – known as life skill sessions.

As we approach the end of Term 1, I would like to express a subtle reminder for everyone to be vigilant. It is important that we maintain our KMG Way in all facets of our daily routine in terms of behaviour, attitude and aptitude. We are all in this together and united we can achieve anything we put our minds to.

Congratulations to Courtney P for becoming the first KMG School Captain and Claire K and Braden P for becoming the first KMG School Vice Captains. It is really pleasing to have students nominate themselves and believing that they have the leadership qualities. I am confident that these leaders will lead a culture of excellence across our school and wider community.



Courtney Pitcher



Claire Kennedy



Braden Poli

There are a lot of opportunities on offer to students at our school. It seems that the most popular program is the 'Nanny D – Cooking Program'. Nanny D is a Kutta Mulla Gorinna Board member who has worked in the hospitality industry her whole life. Nanny D has owned businesses and also cooked for many people. Nanny D also plans and prepares our school breakfasts and lunches. To put that in context, Nanny D this past fortnight has provided a total of 560 meals just inside our small school. This equates to up to 21 students eating breakfast each day and up to 35 students eating lunch each day.

Thank you Nanny D and the National Indigenous Australians Agency, for providing the external funds for this program.

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE SCHOOL DIRECTOR—Continued

To assist parents with their communication with our school I have included a list of our key staff roles who work specifically to guide and support students within specific year levels.

Executive School Director

Justin Giblett

Executive Administration Officer

Lisa Johnston

Year Level Coordinators

Year 7/8 – Selwyn Burkhardt

Year 9/10 – Kristi Giblett

Year 11 – Frances Rewharewha

Year 12 – Aisha Barba

Youth Support Coordinator

Andrew Malayta

Alternative Learning Centre Learning Support Officer/s

Katrina Kulpinski

Dalassa Hankin

In closing, we would like to give an enormous 'shout out' to Karrin and her team from North Queensland Primary Health Network for donating a very impressive full-sized table tennis table. We look forward to having the **KMG Vs NQPHN** championship at Kutta Mulla Gorinna Special Assistance School in a months time.

Thank you to our extended family members (community) for your interest in the education of our local young people. Our KMG family greatly appreciate your support.

ALTERNATIVE LEARNING CENTRE NEWS

When deciding to enrol your student at KMG and you are aware they have a disability diagnosis , please assist the enrolment process by providing as much as possible relevant documentation and information. Disability documentation is for the purpose of providing an overview of the disability and information on the functional impact of the disability on a student so that effective accommodations can be identified.

The documentation needs to provide the school with a basic understanding of your child's disability and enough information to anticipate whether or not KMG would be a good fit for your child as an educational option.

To assist KMG to determine if enrolment is appropriate the following documentation would be appreciated:

- clearly state the diagnosed disability or disabilities
- describe the functional limitations resulting from the disability or disabilities
- be age-appropriate – describing how the disability or disabilities currently affect the student in an educational setting
- describe the specific accommodations requested or required be typed or printed on official letterhead and be signed by a qualified medical practitioner to make the diagnosis

(include information about license or certification and area of specialisation).

2021 QCIA Unit Overview—Spotlight on a Year 11 Student.

Ramon Anson

Ramon Anson is a student who came to KMG towards the end of the 2020 school year. He was very withdrawn and spent a lot of time observing, determining if in fact this school was the best fit for him.

Ramon in such a short time has embraced several aspects of the KMG program and has been the star solo dancer in the awards ceremony and now has embarked on a senior pathway that has seen him attending a Vocational Educational course one day a week being provided by CQU.

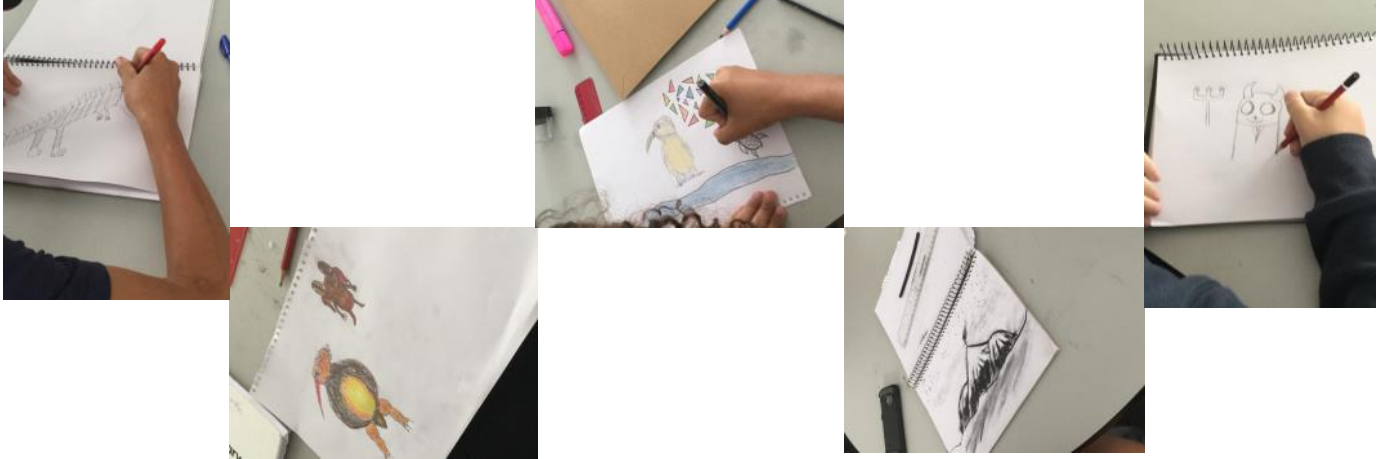
The most amazing aspect of this young man is that he has now found his voice and is more than happy to converse with anyone within the school community. He is a stellar young person who continues to show a high level of persistence to overcome challenges. Consequently the result is he is taking ownership of his own educational pathway.



YEAR 7/8 NEWS

Visual Arts

This week, the Junior classroom experimented with some different drawing media. We used lead and coloured pencils, fine markers and charcoal. The techniques we tried were line, shading, cross-hatching, and colouring. We also attempted 'continuous, blind contour drawing'. This was challenging as we were not allowed to look at our paper while we drew! I'm very proud of the effort of the students (and staff) who are trying something new in Visual Arts.



Science with Pete

Last week as part of the Year 7/8 Science unit, the students made and cooked bread! This was an exciting activity that concluded in a number of investigations involving yeast. The students enjoyed an impromptu afternoon feast of fresh bread (yes, you could smell it throughout the school), butter and Nutella.

Thanks to Pete (Master Baker) for organizing this activity, and Selwyn and Dalassa for their patient assistance.



Design and Technology

This term for Design and Technology, the Year 7/8 students have been challenged to design their own 'breakfast cereal' and 'packaging'. After a number of weeks studying the design process, the students began to develop their breakfast concepts. It has been wonderful to watch the students solve problems, design, be creative, and produce some excellent work.

Can you guess who the audience is for these products—small children, teens, or adults?



YEAR 9/10 NEWS

With Term 1 coming to end the Year 9/10 classroom are busy working on assessments for English, HASS and HPE. They are also preparing for a Maths and HASS exam that is coming up.

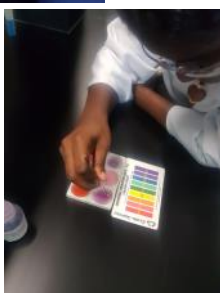
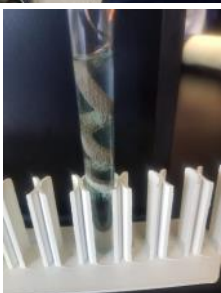
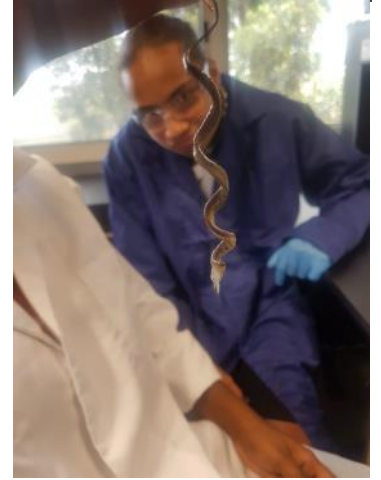
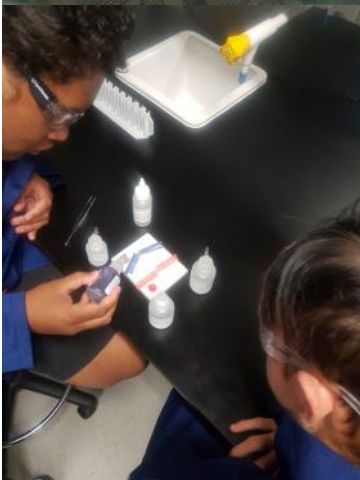
English - students are writing a movie review on a movie of their choice to persuade the reader to go and watch the movie without giving the movie away.

HPE - students are doing a multi model presentation on a famous sportsperson of their choice. How the media portrays sporting identities and whether the media has a respectful relationship or a disrespectful relationship towards the sportsperson including inclusivity and equity.

HASS – Students are doing a photo essay on the Modern World and Australia. Students are to select one of the following: Movements of People or Between the Wars. Once they have choose their theme they are then to select one topic from the following: Aboriginal History, Torres Strait Islander History, WW1 Evacuation of Thursday Island or Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander participation in the war.

MATHS – Exam on trigonometry and Pythagoras Theorem.

We are approaching the end of Term 1, and as you can see, it becomes very busy in terms of assessments and exams. I want to thank my students (and staff) for their efforts thus far, and all the best for the remaining weeks of Term 1.



Year 9-10 Students hard at work

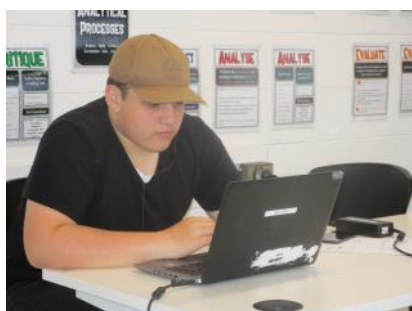
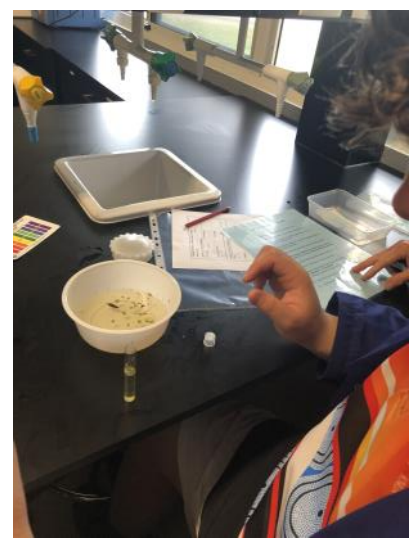
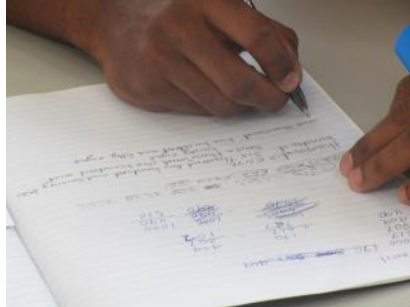
Today's lesson was all about testing different household liquids to see if they were a 'base' or 'acid'; not too sure about that snake sample?



YEAR 11 NEWS

The Year 11 students have been working hard to get assessments done for English and Science. There has been a name change to their online learning sessions but they have all remained steadfast and got on with their work. Tafe studies have been going pretty well and the students have been enjoying themselves out at the Trades Centre. The Boys enjoyed a 'Big T breakfast' to celebrate Harmony Day. Thank you Tawera Sakalia-Waikato for asking Aunty to make fried bread for the lads to taste. Thank you to Aunty Bianca for sharing Harmony Week with the school and also to Aunty Aisha for coming in to celebrate with the students and trying some kai (food) - a good cuppa to wash it down would have been nice, but we all had to try and stay awake and focus!

The students enjoyed doing their water testing out at the Science labs and collected some water samples (some also found new pet fish!) Well done to the students who have completed assessments this week.



YEAR 12 NEWS

29th Annual Mocktail Event 2021

Selwyn Burkhardt and Andrew Malayta chaperoned the Year 12 students to the annual Mocktail event held at the MECC last Friday. A great time was had by all.

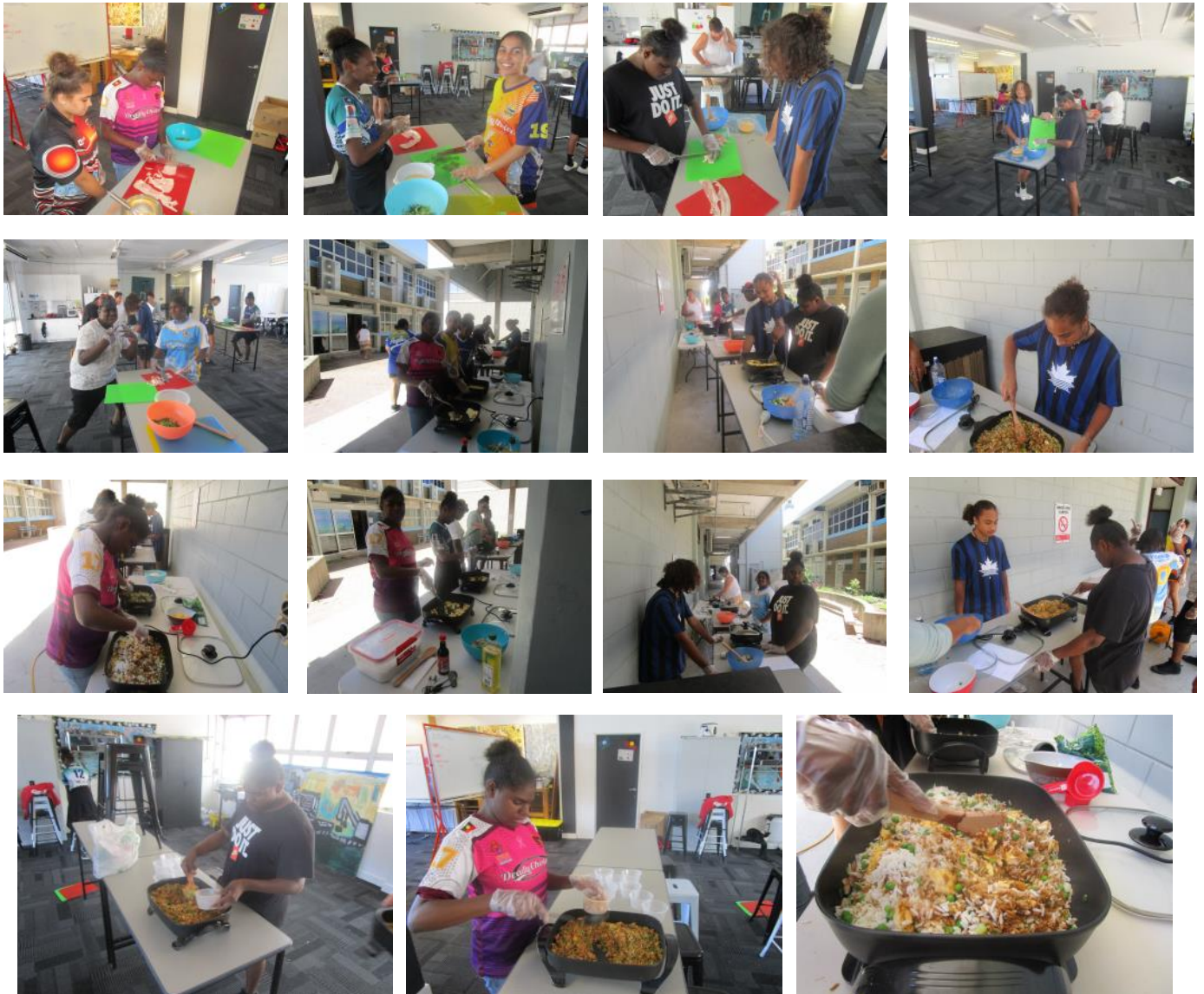
Our girls looked beautiful on the night.

Left to right: Gracelen Jones, Tullah-Maree Boah, Claire Kennedy, Courtney Pitcher, and Haylee Antonini

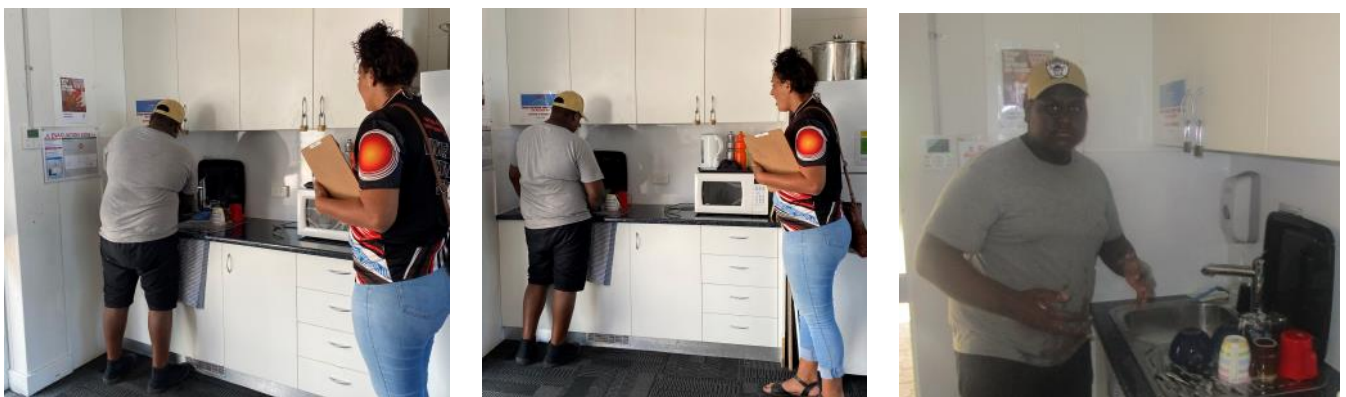


Life Skills—Nanny D's Fabulous fried rice.

In Week 7 the students enjoyed making Nanny D's Fabulous fried rice. All of the students worked well and kept their areas clean. They also got some important information about what the different coloured cutting boards were used for.



Students learn new skills every day, and A'Keelezy James-Hankin was a very quick learner when it came to learning how to wash up. He did a great job, and had the best teacher Kristi showing him how its done!



YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICES NEWS

This newsletter I would like to express a heartfelt thank you to all of the students and staff who participated in this weeks Students Vs Staff Touch Football also a special mention once again to our friends at NQPHN for providing the desserts and other sweet goodness for our shared BBQ lunch. We always appreciate our community support.

Friday of Week 7 saw a real highlight of the Term which started with a BBQ lunch with all of the trimmings, followed by dessert and then the Clash of the Titans out on the grass area behind the basketball court. Well done to everyone who participated and our Cheerleading Squad on the sidelines. It was a fantastic day of fun and a great lift of both Student and Staff Morale to see us through to the end of the term. Next Challenge—Fishing Anyone?



Delicious BBQ Lunch



Cheerleading Squad getting ready!



Selwyn Burkhardt laying down a challenge



Bianca getting in there to support!



ESD Justin in reply, Let's Gooooooo!



A few pics of the game and spectators. There were some Deadly skills and a few breakaway tries! It's a great way for students and staff to have a bit of fun in the sun. Stay tuned for the next challenge in Term 2.



Other News

Here at KMG there is never a dull moment. There are also stand out moments that staff want to share. Please enjoy the submissions made on behalf of some staff members. You will also find other notices or messages regarding your child.

Name: Tyshaya Bickey

Role: Administration Officer

What do you do at KMG?

I am responsible for the student services side of the business department. For example I take care of attendance, student profiles etc. as well as general admin duties such as laminating, scanning, filing and uploading.

What are your qualifications/past experiences for working in your position?

I had no previous experience in this role before being employed at KMG. The only other jobs I had were construction, pub work and mine site cleaning.

What is your background?

I'm a South Sea islander that was born and bred in Mackay.

What are the values that drive you?

Self-accomplishments drive me as well as seeing others accomplish not only what they want to but achievements others didn't believe they could accomplish.

If you could write your own job title that best describes what you do at KMG, what would it be?

Administration/Attendance Officer

Students were put through their paces during a fitness session in week 8—check out the pics below, there were prizes too!



Seth



Big T (Tawera)



Jakken



Alex



Tullah-Maree



Lukus



Ramon

Slam ball
Champions
Seth
&
Tullah-
Maree

Other News

What to do when Your student is absent from school

Choose one of the following options:

- Phone the student absence line: 48294302.
- Text the school mobile phone: 0431046764.
- Email the school: office@kmg.qld.edu.au.
- Send a note with your child when he/she returns to school.

Your student needs to leave early:

- Phone the school office on 48294302 before the student departure.
- Send a note with your child with the time of departure.

Your student will arrive late to school:

- Phone the school office on 48294302 before school with a rough time of arrival.
- Text the school mobile phone: 0431046764

Our Administration Office hours are:

Monday to Friday 8:30am until 4:00pm.

Administration can be contacted by emailing office@kmg.qld.edu.au at any time or by telephoning 48294302 during the mentioned hours.



Thank you to our friends from NQPHN for the wonderful new Table Tennis Table. We love using it every day.



SCHOOL COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

These pages are for promoting and supporting community notices, businesses and events in our region. If you would like us to promote anything please contact our school office.

**1ST PRIZE
\$500**

MOBS GOT TALENT

WEDNESDAY 7TH APRIL 2021
10:00AM - 2:00PM
500 PAVILION, MACKAY SHOWGROUNDS

GET YOUR APPLICATION TODAY FROM YUWIYUMBA
AT 9 RIVER ST OR DOWNLOAD FROM [ATSICHS MACKAY.ORG/YUWIYUMBA](https://atsichsmackay.org/yuwiyumba)

CALL JESSICA ON 0492 151 937 FOR MORE INFORMATION

**RUNNER UP
\$250**

INSTRUMENTAL

DANCING

SINGING



WHICHWAY, BOYS & YOUNG MEN TRADITIONAL DANCE

Boys & young men can learn traditional song & dance

Expression of interest for boys and young men interested in learning traditional dance. I have spoken to traditional owners and elders and have gained permission to teach traditional song and dance to boys and young men. This would be a great opportunity to connect with culture and community and learn storytelling through song and dance. The main objective is to keep a strong connection to culture, pass knowledge on to the boys and young men coming through and building them up to be strong black leaders in our community.



For boys and young men of all ages

Get together and practice once a week

Southside and northside groups to make it easier to get to practice

Both groups will get together once a month

Venues TBA

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23rd June Murri Court is hosting the Mr & Miss NAIDOC (Mindera & Mindera Pageant) all paid for at Ocean International. Flyers will be out soon and forwarded to KMG.

This years NAIDOC theme is "Heal Country"



COMMUNITY DAY

LIVE MUSIC

LUNCH PROVIDED

JUMPING CASTLES



MACKAY SHOWGROUNDS

WEDNESDAY, 7 APRIL 2021

10AM - 2PM

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