Dear Parents,

A Few Holiday Snippets
After a month touring through Spain, Portugal and Morocco, I was very excited to return to school this week to catch up with everything that has been happening at APS during my absence. The trip was a fantastic break and I feel incredibly fortunate to have seen so many amazing sights. A few highlights being the beautiful old towns of Cordoba and Granada in Spain, surviving the frenetic markets in Marrakech & Fez in Morocco and exploring Gaudi’s amazing architectural accomplishments in Barcelona. A few not so memorable moments being lost luggage in Lisbon, cancelled airline tickets in Tangier and managing to NOT purchase a Moroccan rug from one of the world’s most persistent salesmen in Fez!

It was very reassuring to know that everything continued to tick along at APS whilst I was away with the school being wonderfully managed during my absence. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Rochelle Cukier for so capably undertaking the role of Acting Principal for the start of term 2 and also thank our hard working team of teachers for willingly picking up additional duties and supporting each other so professionally.

Good Luck to our Level 4 Students who are off to Canberra
Excitement is building as our level 4 students prepare for their week away in Canberra next week. They will leave early on Monday morning via coach to travel to Camp Cottermouth in Canberra.

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday students will be involved in an extensive itinerary taking in many of Canberra’s significant sites. Some of these sites include: National Museum, High Court, War Memorial, Mount Ainslie, Parliament House, Australian Mint, National Gallery, Australian Institute of Sport, Electoral Education Centre, Questacon and the Museum of Australian Democracy.

As you can see, this is a very busy schedule!

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist parents in meeting the cost of the camp the Australian Government contributes funding of $30 @ student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program toward the travel expenses incurred. (This has already been factored in by the school to reduce the final cost of the camp for each child.)

This year we have 72 children attending the camp with eight supervising staff. The staff attending this year’s camp include: Robin Nicolson, Mat Sweetlove, Zaim Zeneli, Amanda Wilson, Peter Cracknell, Jim Cahill, Lauryn Thompson (student teacher) and Anna Day (parent).

If the flights DJ288 (Virgin Australia) and QF 821 (Qantas) are on time for the return trip back to Melbourne, then we anticipate that all students will be back at school at approximately 11:15 – 11:30pm on Thursday evening. Given this very late return and the intensive NAPLAN testing scheduled for the following week, we respect that many parents may choose to NOT send their children to school on Friday 11th May.

Playground Equipment Update
I had a site meeting with our playground contractors earlier this week to confirm the expected completion date of this project. Unfortunately we have struck some delays on the wharf as well as some unexpected drainage works that will need to be undertaken on the new junior playground ropes course. The final installation stage is now planned to begin in mid May and we are hoping that all works will be completed in time for our Open Night on Tuesday 22nd May (fingers crossed). I thank everyone for their patience on this matter.

School Closed Tomorrow – Friday 4th May
As reported in previous newsletters, the school will be closed tomorrow so that teachers can participate in their second staff training day program for the year. All government schools in Victoria are permitted to undertake four pupil free days each year to support staff professional development or school based programs.

The program for the staff training day will involve all the teachers working with a highly respected consultant to review the school’s writing program. We were disappointed in 2011 that our school’s writing results were not as high as they usually are and so we are eager to explore our current writing program and further develop this where possible. I will provide some reflections from the training in next week’s newsletter.
**2012 Attitude to School Survey**

Today all of our Level 4 students completed the “2012 Attitude to School Survey”. This is a state wide survey administered to all Year 5 and 6 children in government schools. It aims to measure each child’s feelings about school, their attitude to learning and their relationships with their peers. Completed surveys are assessed by DEECD and results are forwarded to the school later in the year.

The results provide comparative school data for schools to reflect upon and consider. I will publish an overview of these results when this information becomes available later in the year.

**OOSCH Vegetable Garden Program**

Last weekend a number of families very kindly donated some of their time towards a working bee to get our relocated vegetable gardens established at the front of the school along Densham Road. On behalf of the OOSHC team and students, we would like to thank the following families for assisting with this important project: Maggie Brown and family, Vickery Family, Motion Family, Iezzi Family, Tayla Ravnholt, Van Beek Family, Max & Jemima Officer, Clara Conheady and Tom Rosenberg & Kate McArthur from afters. Hopefully it won’t be too long now before we are harvesting herbs and vegetables to produce tasty afternoon treats for the OOSHC program!

Jim Cahill
Principal

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### YOU CAN DO IT! AWARDS

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<td>Tabitha Ingham</td>
<td>For showing great respect by using her words nicely when speaking to others.</td>
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<td>Emily Smith</td>
<td>For being a 5 star listener and for working hard during all her lessons.</td>
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<td>Quinn Suter</td>
<td>For being a truly quiet achiever who always gives of his best.</td>
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<td>For always demonstrating a positive and enthusiastic approach to her learning.</td>
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<td>Claire Sorger</td>
<td>For taking responsibility for her ‘jelly bean’ table tidy. We all appreciate her thoughtfulness.</td>
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<td>Samuel Harris</td>
<td>For a terrific effort in improving his handwriting. Keep it up Samuel!</td>
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<td>Maya Hurwitz</td>
<td>For writing a fantastic journal entry about going to gymnastics and for using full stops and capital letters.</td>
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<td>For being confident and having a go at making different money amounts using different coins.</td>
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<td>Hugo Martin</td>
<td>For always thinking of others and using kind words to describe other people in our class.</td>
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<td>Vaishvi Patel</td>
<td>For her positive participation in our swimming program and the fantastic progress she has made in just a few lessons. Well done Vaishvi!</td>
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<td>Olivia Gladwell-Bolte</td>
<td>For being such a kind, caring and considerate member of the class.</td>
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<td>Charlie Amad</td>
<td>For his positive involvement in maths discussion and for confidently sharing his maths understandings with the class.</td>
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<td>Isabelle Drohn</td>
<td>For always demonstrating a positive and enthusiastic approach to her learning activities. A fantastic effort!</td>
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### SPORTS NEWS

**Tri Skills Reminders for Level 1 & 2**

- Shoes and socks off 5 minutes prior to the scheduled lesson start time (gymnastics lessons)
- No jewelry or watches
- Long hair tied back
- Shorts, bike shorts or tracksuit pants - *no skirts please!*
- T Shirt

Peter Cracknell
Sports Co-ordinator

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### FOUND

A card album has been handed into the office - if you have lost it please come to the office to reclaim it.

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### HOUSE POINTS

Rose won this week’s house. Congratulations to all the children in Rose.

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### LEVEL AND SPECIALIST BULLETINS

Updated bulletins for Term 2 will be on the website this week. Please look under the Parents tab and then Level and Specialist Bulletins.

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### LEVEL 1 BULLETIN

This week’s Level 1 bulletin is on the website for the Prep parents under your child’s class in the Students tab or follow this [link](#).
Hi everyone

**Bunning’s sausage sizzle – this Saturday!**

As you would all be aware by now, APS are holding a sausage sizzle outside Bunning’s in Burwood Rd, Hawthorn, this Saturday. Kim Hyde has organised every detail for the day with military precision! All is now in readiness, and we just hope the weather is kind to us. Sincere thanks to Kim, and to all the volunteers who are kindly donating their time – and sausage sizzling skills! – in making this a successful fundraiser for APS.

**Mother’s Day Stall – Friday 11th May**

Just over a week until Mother’s Day, and Susan Hucker & Kristen Steele are working hard to make this a lovely event for all the kids. It is not too late to place a donation in the Mother’s Day boxes outside the kid’s classrooms. Here are a few suggestions for donations: magazines, socks, vases, jewellery, cosmetics, hand & body lotions, shower gels, soap, tea & coffee mugs, candles, chocolates, aprons, stationery, scarves, frames, anything sporty etc.

Don’t forget that Susan & Kristen would love you to join them upstairs in the Infant Hall for the pre-wrap over coffee on Thursday May 10th (after drop-off) or on Friday 11th (throughout the morning) to help the kids choose their presents and then wrap them with the beautiful wrapping paper hand-painted by the kids. Don’t hesitate to contact either Susan (0404 392 240) or Kristen (0417 703 998) if you’ve got any queries. And don’t forget to put $5.00 in your child’s bag next Friday!!

**Level 2 cocktail party – Friday 11th May**

The Level 2 cocktail party is one week away!! Details are:

- **Venue:** Remy Bar Restaurant
  283 Glenferrie Rd, Malvern
- **Time:** 7.30pm onwards
- **Cost:** $25.00 per person
- **Drinks:** Available at bar prices

Level 2 parents – contact your Class Rep with any queries.

**PFA Meeting no. 3 – Friday 18th May**

Please join us at 9am in the staff room on Friday 18th May for our next PFA meeting. All parents & friends are most welcome. It’s lovely to see new faces and to receive some different input. We look forward to seeing you.

**Classroom Cuisine**

Don’t forget that Classroom Cuisine can be ordered each day from Monday to Friday. You can go online at any time and place your orders, even up to 8.30am on the day the lunch is required. Just go to www.classroomcuisine.com.au and start ordering!

Have a great week everyone.

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Jill Davies
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jill.davies@yahoo.com.au

PFA Co-Presidents

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**Visual Arts News**

**Visual Artist of the Week**

**Yasmin Edwards 3W**

For the excellent skills she displayed when painting fruits and vegetables. She combined colours effectively and paid attention to detail.

**Visual Art Class of the Week**  2E

For painting fabulous Autumn leaves using poster colour paint and adding details with coloured pencil. These look fantastic 2E.

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**Art Smocks**

Some students still need to bring their Art smocks back to school. Smocks should be labelled clearly with your name. Smocks are stored in classroom tubs/baskets and brought to each art lesson. New smocks can be purchased from the uniform shop in Kew.

**Year 6 Art Club ‘Acrylic Painting on Canvas’**

Art Club is on next Tuesday, Lunchtime 12:45-1:30.

The portraits are looking fantastic and are almost finished.

Lucy Gorman
Visual Arts Co-ordinator
PERFORMING ARTS AWARD: 1C – For working co-operatively to learn the songs; “Alice in Wonderland” and “Zip-a-dee-doo-dah”. You performed beautifully for each other and have already memorized some of the words, well done!

MUSICAL FOR 2012: Disney’s – “ALICE IN WONDERLAND”

Who will be involved? The whole school!
When: “Alice in Wonderland” will be performed over 2 nights – Thursday 9th and Friday 10th August.
Where: The National Theatre in St Kilda
Time: 7-8pm

PARENT HELPERS MEETING:
• TODAY, 3.45-4.15pm, in the Performing Arts building.
• Next Meeting: Monday 21st May

PROP DONATIONS
If parents have any of the following items lying around the house/shed, that they could donate to our Performing Arts department, it would be greatly appreciated.

**MAD HATTER’S TEA PARTY**
- 10 old chairs – to be painted for the Mad Hatter’s Tea Party!
- A colourful tablecloth or material large enough to cover a large table
- Colourful cake stands or trays suitable for a tea party!

**MATERIAL**
- black felt – to cut out shapes for the Level 1 & 2 costumes
- yellow felt/material (bee costumes), brown material (ants), green material (grasshoppers), black material

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS**
- Old stockings
- Old headbands to be made into insect headpieces
- Pipe cleaners
- Small (empty) paint tins to be painted red for the cardsmen
- Cat scratching post for the Cheshire Cats to rest on!
- Toy trumpet or old trumpet
- Old pocket watch (white rabbit)
- Cardboard, enough to make a small rabbit house and rowboat

*Items can be left in The Performing Arts room in a box called “DONATED PROPS”*

THANK YOU TO ALL THE PARENTS WHO HAVE DONATED PROPS, IT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED

TODAY’S EXCURSION for LEVEL 1 & 2
*What:* The Gruffalo’s Child
*Where:* The Alexander Theatre at Monash University
*Time:* 1.30-2.30pm
*Why:* This performance is to “tune in” students to our musical “Alice in Wonderland” and to support activities relating to musical theatre.

CHOIR 2012 – There will be NO choir this Friday due to the Curriculum Day!

NEXT FRIDAY – 11th MAY
- SENIOR CHOIR – Only for Level 3 students. Level 4 students can sleep in!!!
- JUNIOR CHOIR (Level 2) – Friday 8.15am in the UPSTAIRS INFANT BUILDING
- Thank you to the senior and junior choir who performed their Term 1 songs at this week’s assembly. You both sounded beautiful!

Amanda Wilson
Performing Arts Co-ordinator
**LEVEL 4 CANBERRA CAMP**

Departure information:
The buses will depart at 7.30am on Monday, May 7. You need to be at school between **7.10 and 7.15am**, to:
- hand in any medicines,
- have your name marked off the roll and
- load your luggage onto the bus.

Return information:
Our two flights will arrive at Tullamarine at 9.55pm and 10.05pm on Thursday 10 May. Once we collect our luggage and board our buses, our arrival time at APS won't be before 11.20pm, but will probably be more like 11.30pm, if all goes to schedule.
As the APS office staff won't have any details of our flights being on time or not, please check on-line:
- Virgin Australia – DJ288, departing Canberra 8.55pm
- Qantas – QF 821, departing Canberra 8.45pm
Robin Nicolson and Jim Cahill will contact several parents by phone once we are on the buses and leaving the airport. These parents can then start a ring-around to ensure all parents are informed.

Parents, please note that our students **cannot** take mobile phones on camp – any contact needs to be made through the school.

Robin, Zaim and Mat

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**4N enjoyed making and cooking la pizza during their Italian lesson last week. Here is Vita’s recipe if you’d like to cook it at home.**

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**Makes 5-6 pizzas**

**Gli ingredienti (dough):**
- 900 grams Laucke Crusty White self raising flour
- 300 grams Laucke Wholemeal self raising flour
- 4 level teaspoons of dry yeast
- 700mls lukewarm water
- 50mls of olive oil

**Method:**
- Place all dry ingredients in a large bowl and mix with a wooden spoon.
- Add olive oil
- Add water to make the dough. Knead the dough for about 5-7 mins.
- Leave dough to rise in a warm place for a few hours.

**Gli ingredienti (sauce, sugo):**
- 3 cloves of chopped garlic
- 5 cans of peeled tomatoes
- Olive oil
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- Salt to taste
- Washed basil leaves

**Method:**
- Fry garlic and olive oil in a fry pan.
- Then add tinned tomatoes, sugar, salt and basil.
- Cook for about 20mins.

**Making the pizzas**

**Gli ingredienti**
- Olive oil
- 3 cloves finely chopped garlic
- Tomato sugo
- Sliced mozzarella or bocconcini
- Grated pecorino cheese
- Dried oregano
- Olive oil for drizzling

**Method:**
- Preheat oven to 180 degrees.
- Brush olive oil onto a pizza tray.
- Punch down the dough and cut off enough dough to fit onto a pizza tray.
- Make the pizza base by stretching the dough onto the pizza tray using your finger tips to spread the dough.
- Spread chopped garlic onto the pizza base, then spread tomato sugo onto the pizza base.
- Top with sliced mozzarella, then sprinkle grated pecorino on top.
- Add washed basil leaves, and sprinkle oregano.
- Drizzle a little olive oil on the pizza.
- Cook in 180 degree oven for about 20 minutes or until base of the pizza is golden.

**Buon appetito!**
Marianna Polyzos 4N
Dear Parents,

Last time I wrote to you we were enjoying some glorious weather and now this week the rain is back and the heaters are on. Just a gentle reminder again about raincoats and jackets, it’s not just for walking to and from the car or home, it’s so the students can be protected whilst outside during recesses and lunch if it starts to drizzle. After being inside for most of the day the children enjoy getting out for a play and a stretch and a game. Umbrellas just hinder this as they can’t catch balls and climb on the monkey bars holding an umbrella. The online uniform shop does stock raincoats and whilst these aren’t a mandated item on our school uniform list, they are still very useful for the children to have popped in their school bag each day. When it starts to rain heavily and consistently we implement a wet weather day timetable.

Matthew Bickerdike, you are a Legend! Matthew is an ex-student of APS and graduated from Grade 6 in 2009 and is now in Year 9 at Caulfield Grammar. Last week, Matthew’s mum Katie and sister Emma (4N) brought in two huge tubs chockfull of BIONICLES – these amazing Lego toys that you can pull apart and reconstruct and recreate into any super hero character /animal of your choice. There are no rules of how and what; you can be creative as you want. Well, when the boys walked past my office and saw them, their eyes lit up and their mouths dropped! “Can we have boys club everyday Mrs Cukier?” The boys just love playing with these and I would publicly like to thank Matthew for generously donating all of his Bionicles to our school. I did a small amount of research and discovered that these Bionicle figures retail anywhere from $35 -$50 for each figure. That means that sitting in my office, I have at least over $1000.00 worth of Bionicles which Matthew could have sold on Ebay or any other online website. Imagine, he decided to donate these to our school. Therefore on behalf of every student in our school Matthew, thank you for your amazing generosity and kind heartedness. We appreciate it very much and it will offer our students many hours of creativity.

Staff Professional Learning Day, Friday May 4th

As you are aware on Friday it will be a student free day as the staff are fully engaged in Professional Development with a highly regarded Educational Consultant, Julie Shepherd. Julie will be facilitating the day and presenting her thoughts on implementing a quality writing program in schools. Here is the outline for her presentation.

1. Introduction
2. The Writing Process
3. A Balanced Quality Writing Program
4. The Writing Workshop
5. 6 + 1 Traits of Writing
6. Explicit Teaching of Text Types
7. Practical Teaching Strategies including Writers’ Notebook
8. Developing a Writing Scope and Sequence Chart
9. Assessment of Writing
10. Conclusion

After Julie’s presentation, the staff will work together in their Levels on developing a scope and sequence plan for implementing Writing in our schools. We are looking forward to Julie presenting her evidence based research on what works well with writing. So if any of our students thought that their teachers were having a day off, they can be assured we will be working very hard. In fact, it’s the kids who have the day off!

Warm regards,
Rochelle

Congratulations to all the children who are bringing all of their food in reusable containers, you are doing a great job to reduce the waste and rubbish in our school and grounds. Unfortunately not everyone is doing the right thing. Many children are still bringing disposable containers and packaging to school creating a large amount of waste every day at our school. Even worse, much of this rubbish is not put in the bins, but is left on the ground, making our school grounds very unsightly.

We ask all families to try to do their bit to ensure we remain a NUDE FOOD school by supplying all your children’s food in reusable containers, labelled with their names. If for some reason you need to bring a disposable packet to school, make sure it goes into the bin, or better still, into our RED recycling bin for all soft plastics.

Malcolm Dow
Green Team Coordinator
BECOME A VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILY

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2012. Students from Italy, Belgium and The Netherlands are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family.

Find out more!
Don’t miss out on this wonderful opportunity and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

Chantel Woods
Inbound Exchange Administrator
Phone: 1300 884 733
Email: wep@wep.org.au
Online: www.wep.org.au

THE GLOBAL EXPERIENCE – LIVE IT AT HOME

In June-July 2012 students from over 20 countries around the world will be arriving in Australia to study at local high schools for 5 or 10 months. Opportunities exist for families to act as a host family, in a volunteer capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis. Host families help provide international students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To hear more about this wonderful opportunity or our student exchange programs out of Australia Call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 331 or visit www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student

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Asthma: Quick Facts

- 1 in 10 children and adults suffer from asthma. That’s over 2 million Australians
- Asthma remains a significant health problem in Australia, with prevalence rates that are high by international comparison
- Among those aged 0–14 years, current asthma is more common among males than females, but among those aged 15 years and over, the reverse is true
- There is currently no cure for asthma. However, good management can control the disease and prevent symptoms from occurring or worsening
- Poor asthma control (frequent symptoms and asthma exacerbations) is a common problem in both adults and children
- People with current asthma are significantly more likely to take days off work, school or study than people without current asthma
- There were 411 deaths attributed to asthma as the underlying cause in 2009. Deaths due to asthma occur in all age groups, although the risk of dying from asthma increases with age
- People with asthma smoke at least as much as people without asthma, despite the known adverse effects
- $606 million was spent on asthma in 2004-05. That’s 1.2% of all health expenditure in that year

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YEAR 7 2013 OPEN NIGHT
WEDNESDAY 9 MAY AT 7.30PM

Take a fresh look at Brighton Secondary College

In 2013 the College will:
- Oversee our building program, with the soon to be completed Science & Arts / Technology Wing
- Extend our focus on Science across the curriculum
- Continue our successful netball program for senior & junior students
- Deliver strong VCE results
- Offer exciting co-curricular opportunities

Tours by appointment
Ring 9562 7488 to book your tour.

Gerard Jess
Assistant Principal - Junior School
Brighton Secondary College
120 Marloge Road, Brighton East 3187
T 03 9562 7488 www.brightonsc.vic.edu.au
Brings to you a FREE Single Parent Family Fun Day

Sunday 10th of June 2012.
12 noon – 5 pm

The wonderful Temple Society premises, indoor/outdoor options
54 Elizabeth St Bayswater melways reference is 64 F7!!

Free BBQ and Drinks
Free kids activities and games

Sacre Coeur School Tours
Friday 11 May 9.15am

School Tours are a great way to learn about Sacre Coeur and to discover what makes us our school so special.

During our School Tours, you will have the opportunity to hear from the Principal, Ms Maureen Ryan, meet key staff, view our facilities and see our happy students in our school environment.

There is no need to book ahead, just come along. The Principal’s presentation takes approximately 15 minutes. Guided tours by our student Tour Guides will follow.

Please note there is no parking on the School grounds.

Sacre Coeur
172 Burke Road, Glen Iris, 3146
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