

NEWSLETTER

EDITION 4, DECEMBER 2023**THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF TAREE HIGH SCHOOL**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Wiyabu nyura

We are here at the end of another remarkable school year. This has been my most difficult message to write as it is my last as I move off to retirement.

It is with great pride and a mixture of emotions that I write this. Tremendous joy fills my heart as we reflect on the milestones we have achieved together over the past 14 years. This is the end of my journey as a Teacher, Deputy Principal and Executive Principal.

For the past 43 years, I have had the honour of working alongside outstanding educators in six different schools across New South Wales. From Newcastle to Walgett, Inverell, and finally, Taree. I have had the pleasure of witnessing the growth, development, and success of thousands of students in these communities.

Throughout my career, I have seen educational strategies evolve, methods adapt, and technological advancements transform the way we teach and learn. But one thing has remained constant – the unwavering commitment of our teachers and staff to provide quality education and support to **all** our students.

Tonight, as I stand here, I am humbled by the memories we have created together. The friendships formed, the challenges overcome, the triumphs celebrated – they are all woven into the fabric of this school community. And although my chapter as an educator is coming to a close, I find solace knowing that the legacy we have built together will continue to flourish in the hands of our dedicated teaching staff led by Mr Nigel Reece, who will take the Executive Principal role from 2024 alongside Raylene Starke and Lanie Rainger as Deputy Principals. Their contributions to the school over the past 10 years have demonstrated their commitment to this outstanding public high school.

I would like to highlight the outstanding contribution of our Aboriginal Education Team... the Dream Team as I call them. Led by Uncle Russell Saunders, Mikah, Eileen, Josh, Lara, Khai and Tannika. Uncle Russ has been our Elder in Residence for the past 11 years. The team has shared the richness of Biripi history and culture and the Gathang language with staff and students. As a Connected Communities school, one of our key deliverables is to ensure that Aboriginal Histories and Culture are embedded into the school. This has been a wonderful journey for all of us and is evident in the school everyday. I would like to also acknowledge the contribution and impact that the late Jay Davis made in our school. Jay's enthusiasm and pride for his culture was infectious and his legacy lives on today. He is sadly missed.

I would also like to acknowledge the non-teaching staff, the Office staff/Library staff, the SLSOs in the classrooms supporting students, the GA, Farm Assistant and the school cleaners. Without these wonderful people, the school would not function. Sadly, we also say goodbye to Colleen Cefarin, our business manager who has led this team for many years, Debbie Dunbier, the "face of the front office" and Linda Bates, who are all retiring too. Their valuable contributions are cherished. We also have teaching staff leaving. Beau Harper from PDHPE, Ruby Abbott from HSIE, Terri Patterson from Science and Judi Wood from Intervention.

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We have incredible students, who are enthusiastic, curious, and determined to succeed who have inspired me each and every day. I have had the privilege of witnessing their growth, evolving from eager year 7 students to confident young individuals, ready to reap the rewards of your hard work through to completion of the HSC. I would like to congratulate the Class of 2023 on their well-earned results and wish them well in their future. .

As you move forward, remember that education is not just about the numbers, the facts, or the grades. It is about the lessons learned, the relationships fostered, and the personal growth achieved. Embrace the knowledge imparted, cherish the memories made, and utilize the skills acquired to pave your way to a fruitful future.

To our devoted teachers and staff, thank you for your tireless dedication, exceptional work ethics, and passion for moulding young minds. Your resilience, creativity, and unyielding commitment to our students are nothing short of remarkable. This year alone to ensure learning is taking place daily, and due to the staffing crisis, our staff have taken over 600 extra lessons to ensure students are not sitting idle in the playground. I thank them for this extra work and commitment. Their unwavering support and guidance have laid the foundation for success, empowerment, and personal growth in our students' lives.

To our parents and carers, thank you for entrusting us with the care and education of your children. Your partnership and collaboration have played an integral role in creating an environment that nurtures and uplifts our students. Your unwavering support and active involvement have contributed significantly to their accomplishments.

Lastly, I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to our small but dedicated P&C, who have kept the school canteen open (we are looking for new members in 2024) and our school reference group who have input into the school visions and plan. Their voice comes from the community and embeds their ideas for the continual improvement of the school. Both of these groups have continuously supported our endeavours, fought for our resources, and believed in the transformative power of education. Their unwavering commitment to providing quality education has shaped the future of countless individuals in our community.

As I bid farewell to this esteemed position, I do so with a heart filled with gratitude and immense pride. Teaching has been so much more than a job for me. It has been a calling, a privilege, and an opportunity to make a lasting impact on the lives of the next generation.

In closing, let us celebrate the achievements of this past year and look forward to the limitless possibilities that lie ahead. The future holds countless opportunities for growth, learning, and success. With the collective efforts of our dedicated educators, supportive parents, and ambitious students, I have no doubt that this school will continue to thrive, evolve, and make a profound impact on our community.

Thank you all for being part of my journey, for the memories we have created together, the kind messages many of you sent on the announcement of my retirement and for making my time as Executive Principal truly remarkable. May we continue to inspire, educate, and empower generations to come.

Allison Alliston signing off.... Marrungbu (thank you) and Gapu (goodbye)

ALLISON ALLISTON

EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL

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CANTEEN NEWS

Taree High School P&C and Canteen News

We are always looking for volunteers in the canteen, a couple of hours a day, week or month. All welcome to help out. Please email canteen manager thstuckshop@gmail.com

Don't forget our Taree High P&C Market Day are the 1st Saturday of each month 8am to 1pm. For more information email thspcmarket@gmail.com

For more information email tareehighpandc@gmail.com

Do you have a Working With Children Check and a few spare hours one day a week? Want to get to know more about the food services in the canteen? Why not contact us for a chat. We look forward to hearing from you. Please message us or call our canteen manager on 0422 950 456



EVENT CALENDAR TERM 1 2024

Week 1B

Staff Development Day
Tuesday 30th & Wednesday 31st January

Week 1B

Years 12, 11 & 7 Return
Thursday 1st February

Week 1B

Year 8, 9, & 10 Return
Friday 2nd February

Week 2A

Year 7 Swim Assessment
Monday 5th February

Week 3B

Whole School Swimming Carnival
Friday 16th February

Week 5B

Year 12 Parent Teacher Interview
Tuesday 27th February

Week 6A

Year 10 Immunisation
Thursday 7th March

Week 7B

School Photos
Monday 11th March

Week 9B

Easter Long Weekend
Friday 29th March - Monday 1st April

Week 11 B

Year 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 Parent Teacher Night
Tuesday 9th April

Week 11B

Last Day Term 1
Friday 12th April

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CLASS OF 2023



**CONGRATULATIONS,
GRADUATES!**

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2023/2024 SCHOOL CAPTAINS AND SRC MEMBERS

**Congratulations to our
School Captains and
Vice Captains for
2023/2024**

**Jayden Kosseck, Ffion
Davy.**

**Ryder Eyb and Nithara
Weththasinghe**



**Student Representative
Council
2023/2024**



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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR TAREE HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATION

PHONE BAN

Exciting News! Taree High School is proud to unveil our new Mobile Device Policy, "Off and Away."

We've worked tirelessly with our incredible learners, dedicated staff, and Parent and Community (P&C) representatives to bring you this policy, designed to enhance our learning environment.

Concerned about your child's mobile phone access? Don't worry! We've emailed caregivers today an exemption application for special needs cases, whether it's medical or unique learning requirements. Each application will be carefully reviewed, taking your child's unique circumstances into account. Have questions or want to chat about it? We're here for you! Reach out anytime. Your unwavering support means the world to us as we join forces to create a nurturing and focused learning environment for all our learners.

To be eligible for school representation, Taree High School students must meet the following criteria:

- Have attempted all assessment work due for completion and submitted it to the relevant teacher on time.
- Maintain a satisfactory standard of attendance of 80% or above, including punctuality and attending all lessons.
- Consistently demonstrate the school's core values of Cooperation, Participation, and Respect by maintaining a positive behaviour standard.

Ineligibility Criteria:

Students are ineligible if:

- Assignment/assessment is incomplete or not submitted by due date without reasonable explanation or a warning letter has been issued, without a satisfactory redemption.
- Attendance is less than 80%
- 5 unexplained lates or truancy recorded in the past 5 weeks
- Behaviour is unsatisfactory and is under review (placed on a Yellow Level).
- Received a formal caution to suspend in the previous 3 weeks OR they've resolved a suspension in the previous 5 weeks.
- Banned from non-compulsory excursions for 10 or more uniform infringements in the previous 10 weeks.

Finalising Student Lists

- Excursion Coordinators should email the teaching staff a list of potential students and seek feedback on the ineligibility criteria before organisation is complete.
- Students cannot be considered for representation and should not receive permission notes while they are considered ineligible.
- Excursion/Team lists must be finalised and be included with the blue Excursion Form no later than 2 days prior to the event.

Appeals/Special Circumstances

A student can enter a written submission no later than 1 week prior to the event to the Senior Executive or Head Teacher for consideration of special circumstances. This submission will be considered, and the findings communicated to the student and organiser of the event.

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REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY



Wednesday 8th November we held our Remembrance Day Assembly. Starting off with the acknowledgement to country by Eden Harrison, Maggie Martin and Janae Mitchell. Followed by our Girambit Waanggiliyn Dancers with two dances the Cleansing and Transformation. Well done to our newly appointed Captains and SRC members on a great first official event. You all spoke very well also to the school body for your wonderful and respectful participation today during the assembly. Lest We Forget



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FIGURE 1 BAILEY, MRS GILLIS AND CHYLER

LIBRARY NEWS

We celebrated the Horror genre in literature around Halloween and held Horror trivia in the library in week 4. Many students didn't think they knew anything about Horror literature, but they sure knew about Horror movies!

LIBRARY NEWS CONT, Newcastle Youth Exchange visit

The library hosted a visiting group of new Australians who are now based in Newcastle. These students were guided by the SRC group who held icebreaker activities in the library involving... toilet paper!



THE SRC ICE-BREAKER

CHESS



LIBRARY NEWS CONT,

Mr Hamilton (HT Maths) has been running chess games in the library every Thursday and getting lots of students interested. They are so keen they packed the library in week 8 at lunchtime and Mr Hamilton was away that day! Well done, Mr Hamilton, you have created a lovely chess monster.

BY MRS GILLIS, TEACHER LIBRARIAN

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WELBEING REPORT

Year 7/8 – Heart-To-Heart

Last term, 9 students in years 7 & 8 were selected to take part in the PCYC Fit-For-Life Heart-To-Heart program facilitated by local Youth Engagement Officer, Snr Cons Cheryl Hofmann. From this program, in addition to the amazing things she does for Youth in our community, Cheryl was nominated for a Commissioners Perpetual Award for the Advancement of Women In Policing. Our students were personally invited by NSW police to attend the award ceremony held today at NSW Police HQ in Parramatta, supported by SSO Ashley Northam and Christine Kirby. Cheryl was awarded Highly Commended for Outstanding Female Practitioner. Our students were personally addressed and welcomed by NSW Police Commissioner, Karen Webb, and had a chance for a chat and photo! Congratulations Cheryl on this much deserved achievement and to our students for the opportunity to share this experience with her. Thank you to NSW Police and Taree PCYC for your generosity to give our students this inspiring experience!

WELBEING REPORT CONT,

Year 10 – Love Bites Respectful Relationships Program

This Term, our Year 10 students took part in the Love Bites Respectful Relationships Program. The Love Bites program is directed at Young People aged 15-17 and provides them with a safe environment to explore, discuss and examine topics such as respectful relationships, consent & relationship violence. Throughout the day, the students engaged in interactive activities where they were encouraged to think critically about information presented and challenge themselves. At the end of the program, the students got creative! Piecing together a musical number, artwork or drama play based off a theme of what they had learned throughout the day. Well done to our students who were engaging and respectful throughout the program and thank you to the very knowledgeable local presenters from Manning Support Services, NSW Health and Manning-Great Lakes Police.



WELBEING REPORT CONT,



Year 10 – Police Talk (Safe Partying)

As part of Year 10 alternative activities, Snr Cons Rob Wylie (Police Youth Engagement Officer), attended Taree High to educate our students around drugs, alcohol and staying safe whilst partying. Snr Cons Rob spoke of the dangerous effects that drug and alcohol use can have on the body, especially in Young People. He shared some stories with the students from his experiences responding to confronting incidents of Young People under the influence throughout his many years in the police force. Most importantly, he stressed to the students the importance of looking out for your mates and seeking help at the first sign something is wrong. Year 10 appeared to thoroughly enjoy this talk and took a lot on board. Thankyou to Snr Cons Rob and Taree PCYC for sharing your invaluable time and knowledge with our students.

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CREATIVE & PERFORMANCE ARTS



Have a "look at what
Year 7 made in their
instrument assignment"

**CREATIVE & PERFORMANCE ARTS CONT,
Drama Showcase**

Congratulations to all the talented students who performed at this year's Drama Showcase on Wednesday night 6th December. It was a brilliant evening of entertainment and laughter. Thank you to Mr Bull for his technical support, Ms Ralston for her help organising the event, Year 7 for being a responsive audience for the Dress Rehearsal, Katie Hogan for taking all these amazing action-shots, and last but not never least, thank you to all the staff, families and friends who came along to support the show. What a wonderful way to cap off 2023! ~ Ms Corcoran ~



CREATIVE & PERFORMANCE ARTS CONT,



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TECHNOLOGY & APPLIED STUDIES (TAS) NEWS

TECHNOLOGY & APPLIED STUDIES (TAS) NEWS CONT,

8TIDT1 & 8TIDT6 have been having fun completing design challenges in Mr Dunning's engineering class. The latest challenge was to build a 20cm tall table using only newspaper, a piece of card and some masking tape. Each class was given a different amount of time to complete the task. This reinforces the concept that a design brief imposes limitations on engineers. The tables were then tested for strength with some quickly crumbling while others held strong under an outstanding load. Congratulations to all students for their efforts and for applying many of the concepts covered in class.



TECHNOLOGY & APPLIES STUDIES (TAS) NEWS CONT,

8TIDT2 and 8TIDT4 have been really enjoying constructing paper rollercoasters. Students have been working on making the highest and longest tracks. They had to overcome many challenges, such as the marble not making it through the loop and rolling off the sides. The students having been pushing themselves to create unique and impressive tracks. Ms Wagner and Miss Yoole are very proud of what they have accomplished.

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SUPPORT UNIT



This semester, the support unit has been completing project-based learning around the theme of survival skills. The students have been engaging with hands-on activities and projects. On community access days, the students have gone out to the community with a set task where they have successfully completed together. Students sourced natural resources to build a tipi shelter. The class novel *Hatchet* was fantastic as a class read and motivated students to design and make their own bow and arrow to help them source food in the wilderness.

SU1 has been hard at work in their learning, they have been focusing on daily mindfulness and improving their breathing and concentration during classroom yoga sessions. To improve their classroom air quality and boost creativity, SU1 has begun a propagation station. They look after their propagation station plants by watching and maintaining the growth of their cuttings. They have done an amazing job this year as learners and individuals.



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MULTICULTURAL YOUTH EXCHANGE VISIT



MULTICULTURAL YOUTH EXCHANGES VISIT CONT,

Thursday 23rd November, Taree High School hosted a cultural exchange which involved our students welcoming and getting to know our guests from Newcastle.

Our day started with Uncle Russ teaching us the customs and traditions of this land before heading out to throw boomerangs and spears with Mikah and Josh. Our visitors also learnt traditional dances.

Throughout the day, our SRC members further got to know our guests through icebreaker games.

We finish up with a delicious sausage sizzle, arm wrestling and an intense but fun soccer game.

We are honoured to have met these wonderful people, many friendships and memories were formed. Overall it was an incredible day filled with laughter and smiles.



MULTICULTURAL YOUTH EXCHANGE VISIT CONT,



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TERM 4 SPORTS

U16s Boys Soccer (Football) Friendly Match

Taree High vs Chatham High – Friday 10th November 2023
@ Omaru Park, Taree

Taree High's U16 Boys Soccer team competed in a friendly game during Term 4 against Chatham High. The game was played in great spirits and in quarters due to the hotter weather. No cards were issued throughout the match and all the boys enjoyed the game. There was still a competitive nature about the match with the scores close during the first half – locked at 1-1 at Half time. Taree skipped ahead to 4-1 and the final score finished 4-2. Well done boys for all your really good efforts in representing Taree High and for your fantastic sportsmanship that was on display!

Goal-scorers: Frazer Merrick, Ben Robinson, Connor Humphrey and Julian Jackson
(All top goals!)
Mr J. Kelly
Coach/Manager

Open Girls Netball

Thursday 23rd November our Open Girls Netball team travelled to Forster to compete in the Manning Zone Netball Gala Day. This year the team consist of players from Year 7,9, 10 and 11.

While we didn't have a very successful day our girls played their hearts out every game and represented the school with respect, participation and sportsmanship. They all should be congratulated on their efforts.

This year the girls had the opportunity to be selected for the Manning Zone Team that will travel to Newcastle in Term 1 2024 to represent our zone. We would like to congratulate Jayda Ferguson on being selected as a reserve player for the team.

A big thank you to Sami Hollis for umpiring for us on the day.

Katie Hogan and Nicole Higgins
Coaches

Open Boys Cricket

On Wednesday 6th December the Open Boys Cricket team played in the Hunter final against Kotara HS at the No.1 Sports Ground in Newcastle. This was quite a privilege for them as it is an elite pitch with an immaculate surface and one the boys were very eager to play on.

We lost the toss and were sent into the field with very little knowledge of how the pitch would play and what competition we were up against. Both teams made positive starts, with the Kotara batsmen looking to play positively and score runs, there were quite a few early chances created but we were unable to hold onto some critical and clear catching opportunities that let thier batsmen off and saw them build a hefty target. Eventually setting a target of 292.

With a big run chase in-front of us, things did not go to plan with three wickets falling in quick succession to see us behind the 8 ball early on.

The ship was steadied for a while with Toby Allen and Blake Murray at the crease and they were starting to put some pressure back on the bowlers when Toby was caught out off a lofted cover drive. Blake played a very good innings of 65 to top score for our team. Short cameos from Nick Kennewell and Marcus Wright put a little bit of respectability back into the score. Unfortunately the lack of big partnerships saw us defeated by a well balanced Kotara outfit. I look forward to doing it all again with a great group of students who have many years of school cricket to play together as a group.

Well done on your efforts this year.

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TERM 4 SPORTS TEAM PHOTOS



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Taree High School Faculty Requirement Year 11

The following table indicates the faculty requirements for course studied.

Faculty	Book Size / Type	Special Equipment
English	2 x A4 196 Page Book	Folder, A4 Plastic Sleeves, Highlighters, Post It Notes
Mathematics	5mm Grid A4 Book 1 x A4 196 Page Book	Casio fx82-AU Calculator PLUS II , Ruler, Whiteout, pens, and highlighters
Science Biology, Chemistry, Earth & Environment Science, Physics	A4 196 Page Book	USB to store work
HSIE Aboriginal Studies, Ancient History, Business Studies, Modern History, Legal, Retail	2 x A4 128 Page Book	Ruler, scissors, Glue-stick, Whiteout, pens, and highlighters
PD/H/PE Fitness, Sport, Lifestyle & Recreation	2 x A4 196 Page Book	Ruler, scissors, Glue-stick, Whiteout, Pens, pencil, Eraser, and highlighters
TAS Community and Family Studies, Construction, Exploring Early Childhood, Food Technology, Hospitality, Industrial Technology -Timber	1 A4 196 Page Book A4 Display Folder	Completely covered leather shoes, no mesh or canvas. USB to store work
CAPA Ceramics, Music, Photography, Video & Digital Imaging, Visual Arts	<i>Music</i> – 48 Page Manuscript Book 120 A4 Art Book (available at front office \$4)	USB to store work

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TAREE HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY REQUIREMENTS YEAR 8-10

The following table indicates the faculty requirements for the core curriculum areas. Students will be advised of their elective requirements once they commence their courses.

Faculty	Year	Book Size / Type	Special Equipment
ENGLISH	8 - 10	2 x A4 196 Page Book	1 x Display Folder
MATHEMATICS	8 - 10	5mm Gird A4 Book	Casio fx82-AU Calculator PLUS II, Protractor, Ruler, Scissors, Glue-stick, whiteout, Pens, Highlighters
SCIENCE	8 - 10	A4 196 Page Book	USB to store work
HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY	8 - 10	2 x A4 128 Page Book	2 x Display Folder, Gluestick, Pens, Pencils, Ruler, Eraser, Highlighters USB
PD / H / PE	8 - 10	A4 196 Page Book	Gluestick, Pens, Pencils, Ruler, Eraser, Highlighters
TAS (D&T)	8 - 10	A4 Display Folder	Completely covered leather shoes, no mesh or canvas USB
MUSIC / VISUAL ARTS	8 - 10	48 Page Manuscript Book / 120 A4 Art Book (available at front office \$4	

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Year 7: 2024 Supply List

Everyday equipment: These are needed every day in all classes.

1xUSB labelled with name, Pens, HB pencils, glue, ruler, eraser, scissors and highlighters

Subject	Equipment
Learning PODs	<p>1 x English A4 exercise book</p> <p>1 x Maths A4 grid exercise book</p> <p>1 x IBL A4 exercise book</p> <p>1 x calculator: Casio fx82-AU calculator (available at the front office)</p> <p>1 x display folder</p> <p>2 x whiteboard markers</p> <p>Covered in leather shoes for Science practicals</p> <p>Please note students will need to replace books during the year as needed.</p>
PDHPE	<p>1 X A4 128 page exercise book</p> <p>1 x USB</p>
Music	<p>1 x A4 48 page book with manuscript</p>
Visual Arts	<p>1 x A4 Art diary 60 page (available at the office \$3 or \$6)</p> <p>2 x 2B pencils</p>
Aboriginal Languages and Culture	<p>1 X A4 96 page exercise book</p> <p>1 x A4 20 pocket display folder</p>
Technology and Applied Studies	<p>1x A4 20 pocket display folder (yellow)</p> <p>1 x Apron (available at office \$9.30)</p> <p>Completely covered leather shoes, no mesh or canvas</p>

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TAREE RED ROVERS GIRLS TACKLE 2024



AGE GROUPS FOR COMPETITION:

● U13 ● U15 ● U17



WHY JOIN OUR GIRLS TACKLE?

The NRLW (National Rugby League Women's) is a growing and exciting league, and the new junior girls tackle competition is a step in the right direction. By allowing younger girls to start developing full-contact skills, they will be better prepared for the NRLW in the future. This new competition is designed to fill a big gap in their development in the sport and provide them with a safe space to learn and grow. It is important to encourage and support young girls who are interested in rugby league, and this competition is a great way to do just that. With this new initiative, we can look forward to a brighter future for the NRLW and women's rugby league in general.

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