

*“People
before
things”*

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Fitzroy Community School NEWSLETTER

GIRLS, GIRLS, GIRLS!

In keeping with the high fertility rates within the FCS community, we have three more births to report! The recent male-dominance observed in the Inter-Galactic Arrivals Hall has now been balanced by the appearance of these three beaming girls.

WELCOME CHARLOTTE!

Clotilde gave birth to Charlotte Emma Marie Berryman at the Royal Woman’s Hospital on the 20th April at 6:41am weighing 4267grams. Congratulations Clotilde, Tim and all the family on the latest member! Tim, Clo and Charlotte would like to thank everyone for so many lovely cards, flowers and gifts.



WELCOME ENELSA!

Nikki birthed Enelsa Sophia Maree Frankel (Enelsa is Nikki’s Nonna’s name too) at the Mercy Hospital on the 5th April at 11:50am. Weighing a small 2100grams, Enelsa is healthy and plumping up well. Congratulations Nikki, Dan and the whole family!



WELCOME ROMANY!

Mary gave birth to Romany Eve Faulknor at home on March 7th at 4:51 am. She weighed 4330grams. Congratulations to Mary, Viktor, Solomon and the whole family! (pic on next page.)



FRENCHIES IN TOWN

Cloilde's parents are visiting from Paris. Clo's mother (Monique) will hold a temporary position as an expert French Cuisine consultant, while Clo's dad (Patrice) will be helping out with French language tuition.

BIG PUMPKIN

At the start of Term 2, FCS kids were greeted by a giant pumpkin taking up a substantial amount of kitchen real estate. Awed spectators recorded their estimations for the weight of this monster, grown by Jon Young (our former book-keeper). In the end, Zac M triumphed with the magic number: 41kg! Following this size-up, Tim B vehemently took to the beast with a machete. There will be space for little else in the fridge for the next month, so here we go: pumpkin soup, pumpkin pie, pumpkin stew, dried pepitas, temporarily-inappropriate Halloween dress-ups, pumpkin risotto, pumpkin cake, pumpkin ice-cream and Smashing Pumpkins sing-alongs... (Please refer to Pauline's Recipe of the Month below).

PAULINE'S RECIPE OF THE MONTH

La citrouille gratinée Paulinaise: De-seed and chop the skin off about 4kg of pumpkin. Chop into chunks and boil until soft. Drain. Mash with a dollop of butter and some salt and pepper. Whisk 8 eggs and add to the mixture. Add 1 can of corn, 1/2 cup of flour mixed with a little bit of water to make a paste and 1/2 cup of finely chopped spinach. Pour mixture into an oven-proof pie dish. Grate enough cheese to cover the top. Bake in an oven at 180°C until the mixture is firm and the cheese is golden. (This recipe would also be great with some caramelised leek and blobs of blue cheese...yum).

FROM TOKYO

Letter from Kazu, principal of Tokyo Community School (our sister school):

Dear Philip,

Thank you for sending me FCS newsletter. As soon as I saw the top news of the letter, my eyes were nailed down to the article. Congratulations, Tim!!!! Please convey feelings of this pleasure to him by all means.

It is amazing for me Tim had a wedding in France and all of your family went there. Neither the border nor the distance become the restrictions of the activity of your family. I respect it.

By the way, since I established Tokyo community school in 2004, I have learnt a lot from children and many people, and TCS has been improving remarkably, too though it is necessary to solve a lot of problems still to reach at the level of FCS.

I would really like to visit FCS again to learn your education deeply. Especially I recognize the importance of philosophy.

Also I am eager to start an exchange program between FCS and TCS in near future. I would like children to experience that we have a different culture and share the planet.

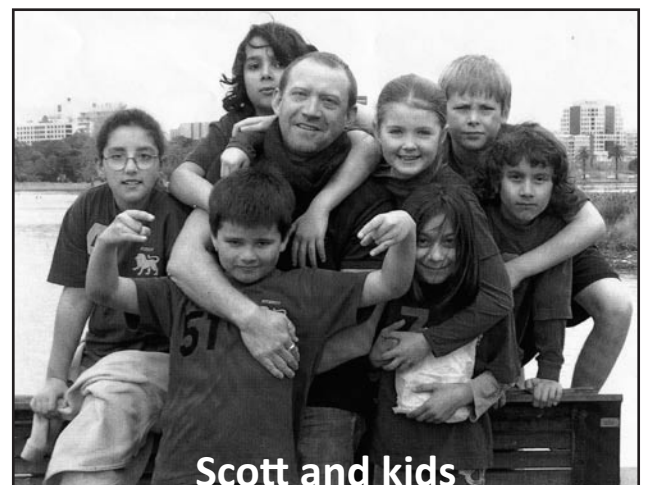
I'm sorry in shapeless sentences. I will contact you soon again.

Best regards,

Kazu.

SAD GOODBYE TO SCOTT

After 5 years of energy, care, enthusiasm and promotion of sportsmanship, Scott is leaving to pursue his own business – Little Hoods Archery. Many thanks Scott, and good luck!



ALL ARE INVITED

to the baptism of Charlotte at 1:30pm on Sunday the 25th May at St John the Baptist Church, 61 Queens Pde, Clifton Hill. All four grandparents will be present, including Patrice and Monique (from Paris) and Philip and Faye (from Melbourne). Songs are being prepared for the occasion. Interested singers please contact Faye.

SCHOOL FÊTE

The FCS Fête will be on Wednesday the 21st May, after swimming. We'll be raising money for our sister school in Kunming, China. Last Fête we raised enough money to send 2 children to school for 2 years! Also, parents/adults/friends welcome for tea and scones from 2pm. Come along, it's a fun day! Swimming as normal.

FROM A PROSPECTIVE PARENT

Below is a copy of an email that FCS recently received:

SUBJECT - Charlotte Emma Marie Berryman enrolment 2013: Dear FCS, we have only heard good things about your school, and would like to put her name down for 2013. Her DOB is 20-04-2008. Do we need to complete any paperwork? Timothy and Clotilde Berryman.

BIGGIES CAMP AT KYNETON

Camp was in Kyneton from Sun 10th to Fri 15th February with Tim, Mary and Solomon. Philip gave five guest geometry lectures (maybe something like this: "a pair of complimentary angles are angles that tell each other how acute they are!"), and Clotilde, Warren and Viktor visited to spend time with the gang. The camp started with a yummy picnic provided by most of the families of those involved, with hearty left-overs being more

than enough for dinner that night. Thanks to all families for this generous contribution. Highlights included lots of bike rides, pool time and tennis. The kids were good fun, responsible and helpful. Much thanks from Tim and Mary. Tim suggested that, as toddlers (in this case Sol) seem to enhance good vibes on school camp by making everyone even more kind and less competitive, we should bring a toddler along on all camps!

TUCKER MAN

Many punnets of gratitude to Arthur for supplying such great food for so many years.



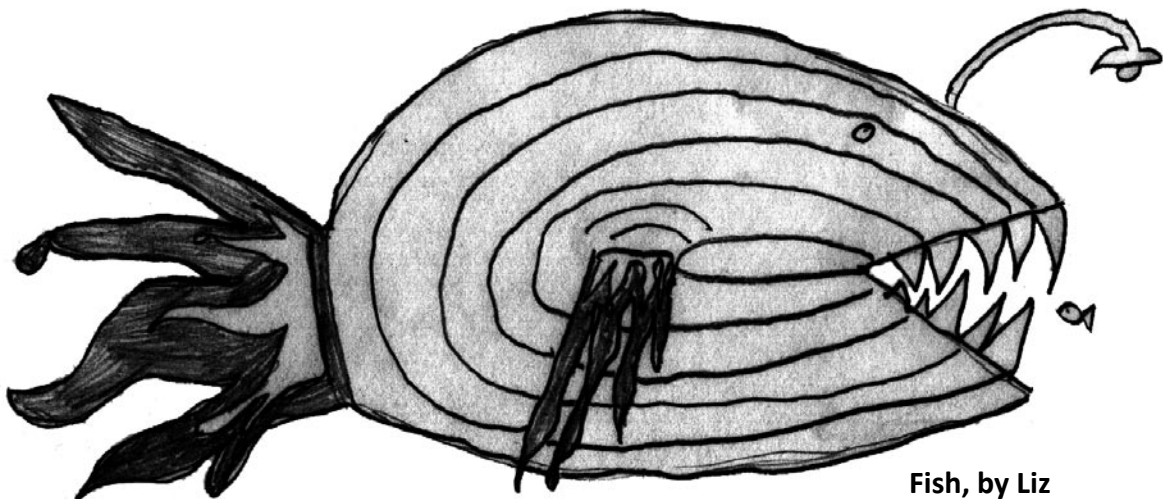
Arthur

PLAYWRIGHTS

Gabby (Emma, Nic and Alex) and Peter (Estelle and Conor) wrote this year's school play. Thank you! The school play will go live at the end of Term 3.

TINIES SWIMMING GAMES

Big Thank You to Jono for such fun and energy.



Fish, by Liz

SPORTS DAY

A big Thank You to Haydn and James for organising the Sports Day on March 14th. Some new events this year were a big hit. Well done Jan for winning the FCS Gift. Well done to the Blueberries for an overall win!



FOOD FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS

The Food Action Network is a great volunteer program run by the Asylum Seekers Resource Centre (ASRC), working to feed asylum seekers in Melbourne. In November 2007, their Foodbank fed 322 asylum seekers, 79% of whom had no work rights or welfare. Groups, schools and organisations are encouraged to collect food and donate. We primarily collect tuna, but feel free to drop off any non-perishable food and basic supplies at FCS. We are also looking for a volunteer to take over from Brigid Walker who has done the drop offs for many years. Many thanks Brigid!

IMMIGRATION MUSEUM EXCURSION

The Biggies, along with Carol and Catherine, visited the Immigration Museum on the 15th April. They are reading a book about immigrants for their literature assignment, and this trip added to their growing understanding of the plight of immigrants.

PAST PRIZES – THANKS CAVALLINI AND OLD COLONIAL INN

For her limerick skills, Nikki was awarded a gift voucher from Cavallini, the Bakery, Patisserie and Espresso Bar at 354 Queens Parade in Clifton Hill. Nice one Cav.

And last month's Continual Collective Chestnut competition was sponsored by The Old Colonial Inn at 127 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy, landing Nick Elias a tasty meal and wine for 2. Way to go Old Colonial.

THE CONTINUAL COLLECTIVE CHESTNUT (PART 3)

Quite a few students entered their continuations to the story started by Viktor and added to by Nick Elias. All submissions were great, and picking a winner was difficult. Nonetheless, Emma and Alessia won it this time. Well done! They'll be contacted by Headquarters with their prize. Well done to all other contenders too. For the first two instalments, see the November and February newsletters (available on the FCS website, if you've committed the crime of throwing these artworks out). To compete for the next prize, please email your continuation of the story to the editor (paulzky@gmail.com). Go for it!

... After a few minutes, which to Freddie felt like hours, the Odd Big Man returned with a grim smile on his face, carrying an old rusty looking tin.

"What's that?" exclaimed Freddie.

"A tin," said the Odd Big Man simply.

"Well what's in it?" Freddie asked, a little more enthralled by the Odd Big Man every second.

"Seeds. Here. Look," said the Odd Big Man as he opened the tin.

Freddie tentatively approached the tin as if a wild animal might jump out at any second. To his surprise and relief, he saw two bright red fig-sized seeds.

"What are they?" asked Freddie.

"My! You ask so many questions!" replied the Odd Big Man. "But I will answer. These are the seeds of a Trunkertill tree."

"Huh?"

"These," said the Odd Big Man slowly, "are the seeds of a Trunkertill tree."



Dog and Snail, by Nick C

"Where from? And um... what does it look like?"
 "An old friend gave them to me. He was a Babylonian. He brought three seeds with him. These are the last two."
 "What happened to the other one?"
 "It grew."
 "Is it that one?" Freddie asked, pointing to the odd looking gnarled bush at the back of the shop.
 "Yes," the Odd Big Man sighed. "And it hasn't done much."
 "Oh?"
 "But I regret that I neglected it. I can't tell if it's alive or not. I didn't care for it properly so I don't know what it's meant to look like. And I didn't regret my neglect until I heard the tale."
 "Could you tell me the tale," begged Freddie.
 "Alright. Now... let's begin." ...

BARBIE, AND KEN

A big Thank You to Gabby and Tim (and other helpful parents such as Kylie, Donna and Sophie) for such a wonderful addition to Wednesday lunch with their weekly BBQ!

BEING HONOURED

Dr Deborah Neesham (Meg and Jack's mum), a gynaecological oncologist at the Royal Women's Hospital, was awarded the Victorian Honour Roll of Women this year. The prize recognises and celebrates the achievements of women from all walks of life. These women have used their skills, knowledge, commitment and compassion to better their communities and have made a lasting contribution to women in Victoria. They have excelled in their chosen fields and are testament to the depth of talented women we have in this State. Congratulations Deborah!



Coco, Sports Day

CONGRATULATIONS MARINA

Marina Connelly, who graduated from FCS in 2001, has won a music (academic and performance) and residential scholarship to Harvard University. Marina has been a star at many vocal and choral events - as well as being a high achiever across many subjects. (And we are delighted that Marina will support our little choir at Charlotte's Baptism.) Our love and best wishes go with you, Marina.



VISITOR FROM COLOMBIA

Claudia, a Colombian theatre student, has been spending time at FCS this term. She is gaining inspiration from the children for her theatre work, and contributes with her Spanish lessons, Colombian cooking, imagination, culture and theatre. What she's doing at FCS is probably best put in her words: "I am trying to be a Tinie. I admire them". We're confident the Tinies will teach you a thing or two Claudia 😊

SONSEE FREEFORM

Welcome back Steve from *Sonsee Freeform*, a martial arts/physical education group, who will be playing games that develop various skills with our kids.

STUDENT TEACHERS

Welcome to Nina and Danniell, student teachers who are helping out and observing.

LETTERS OF MASS CONSTRUCTION

Letters of Mass Construction is a non-political, non- denominational based initiative run by a team of dedicated parents, high school students and teachers as a means for contributing, through the cultural education of young people, to the rebuilding of Iraq and its people. This year's Middlies wrote to Iraqi school kids in Baghdad and were very happy and excited to all receive replies (one has been reprinted below). More letters are

being sent back. Thank you to Myfanwy (mother of Marlon and Llewli) for getting FCS involved in this inspiring project last year, and Catherine for co-ordinating it all now. For more information, contact Chris Renkin on 0409 221 026.

Letter from Ali Rihman, aged 9, Baghdad, to Zac Moulhieris at FCS:

Dear Zachary,

I'm so glad to have you as a new friend. I live in Baghdad, I have one brother younger than me aged six, I live in a big house which is normal in my country. My grandmother lives with us, she is so kind and tender. In my country people are so social. They love to be gathered, so every night all the neighbours come to my house to share food and sing our traditional songs.

I like to play football with my friends and we also love to play Lego which we use to build a safe country. It's a very nice game.

Iraq is a big country. It has two rivers, Tigris and Euphrates, and it has a palm tree which is famous all over the world. We are the very first people to start reading and writing.

I love my country as all other Iraqis. I hope it will be safe and green again.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Best,
Ali

HOLLY-FCS-WOOD

Jono and Alix J are shooting a short film along with the kids on Wednesdays. Penned by a few FCS younglings and starring Max, Alessia and Katie C in the leads roles, we're sure it'll be a hit. Debuting at the new FCS Cinema House when complete.



Girl, by Coco

MOVIE NIGHT

Films by past and present students will be screened at 7pm on 11th June. Entry donations (kids: gold coin; adults: note) collected will be given to our sister school in Kunming, China.

LIMERICK OF THE MONTH

In keeping with last newsletter's limerick content, this one is for the mathematical nerds in the FCS community (by John Saxon).

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Or for those who have trouble deciphering the above poem:

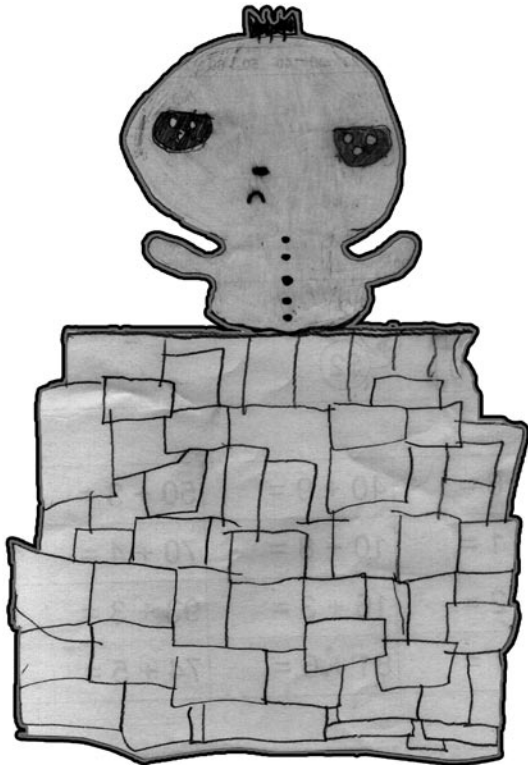
*A Dozen, a Gross and a Score,
Plus three times the square root of four,
Divided by seven,
Plus five times eleven,
Equals nine squared and not a bit more.*

NAUGHTY NITS

This Nit-eradicating recommendation just in, hot off the press: "Equal parts tea tree oil, lavender oil and rosemary oil into a spray bottle and fill with water". Apply to child's hair every morning. Not bad smelling neither. See if it works.

SOCCER CLINIC

Thanks to EduSport for running the soccer clinic on 28th February.



The Wall, by Grace

AFL CLINIC

Professional players from the Kangaroos, including Shannon Watt, ran a footy clinic for the Middlies on the 8th April. A few secret tips were passed on, and fun was had by all.

CROSS COUNTRY

The kids participated in an inter-school cross-country race on Thursday 24th April. Congratulations to Leah for winning the 12 year old girls event! And well done to Coco, Zoe and Lexie for very competitive performances. Bravo to all for giving it a go!

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Classes will be held at St John's Baptist Church from 4:30 to 5:30pm on the following Thursdays: 8th, 15th, 22nd May and 5th June. To attend you must be at least in grade 5 or be at least 10 years old. There will be a workshop on Thursday the 29th May at 7:30pm to which you or one of your parents/guardians must attend. The cost for the workshop will be advised at the first meeting. For enquiries please call 9481 7333 or email sjbaptist@netspace.net.au .

FITZROY HIGH OPEN DAY

There will be an Open Day at Fitzroy High School on Thursday 8th May. Tours will be conducted every half hour from 1:30pm to 6:30pm.

REIKI

The Om Reiki Centre, run by Jeremy O'Carroll, is now in Collingwood every Thursday (at the Sahu Healing Space, 66a Johnston Street). Jeremy is both a traditional Usui and Shamballa Reiki Master. He is also a registered Master Teacher at the Australian Reiki Connection. He offers Reiki healing sessions, Energy Tune-ups and Reiki courses. Call Jeremy on 5348 1864, 0417 328 457, or visit www.om-reiki.com.au .

REMINDERS

Littlies will be going on camp at The Land from Monday 12th to Tuesday 13th May with Jeannette, Jono and Sarah.

The Queen's Birthday (which is actually the 21st of April!) will be celebrated on both Friday 6th June and Monday 9th June.

The Term 2 Concert is on Tuesday the 17th June, and the Disco is on Thursday 19th June.

Biggies bike camp with Tim and Tim has been shifted to 2-4th June due to the birth of Charlotte.

Please keep your contact details up to date. Email any phone/mobile/address changes to info@fcs.vic.edu.au .

Little darlings needs to come to school fresh. Please make sure they get to bed on time.

TRAINING WITH TRAINS

The kiddies have had many enjoyable sessions playing with the school train set on camp, usually with Philip. When several kids are involved, elaborate (and often amusing) managements discussions are held. Great to have everything up and running again, thanks to the restoration efforts of parents last year. (It still has to be a supervised activity if you want the engines to last).

IN SEARCH OF A WRITING NOOK

I am looking for a writing space in Fitzroy/ Northcote/Brunswick. My needs (and budget) are basic: a door, a window and a power point. Does anyone know of just such a cosy space in a studio or perhaps above a shop? Or do you know someone who might be able to help? Any suggestions welcome. Thank you. Myf - 9489 9335 (Marlon and Llew's mum).

WANTED: NETBALL HELP

Biggies and Middlies will begin inter-school netball on May 8th against local schools at the State Netball Centre. Drivers, coaches and umpires needed.

WANTED: FISH ON WHEELS

We're still looking for volunteer drivers to the pool, Wednesdays from about 11:30am to about 1:15pm. Drivers need not commit to regular shifts. Sing out if you can. Much appreciated.

BUBBLE BUBBLE, TOIL AND TROUBLE

Volunteers help cook up a soup for lunch on Thursdays. There are still some dates free during 2nd and 3rd Term to cook for the children.

GOING UP IN THE WORLD

The builder has been selected for the 3rd storey addition and building will commence in July. We will lose half our yard for the rest of the year due to this exciting project.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

FCS photos will be taken on the 12th and 13th June.

TINIES' CAMPAIGN FOR SCHOOL CATS

Below is a Tinies story, written with the help of Nick B and Conor in April 2008.

One day in March the Tinies were having a picnic. Nettie was getting the food ready. The Tinies were playing Tiggy. Conor was helping. His job was to watch the Tinies, but the Tinies would not listen to him. So Conor started to get cranky and chase the Tinies. The Tinies put their thumbs to their ears, wiggled their fingers and chanted "Cranky Conor!" over and over again. Then the Tinies quickly jumped up into the trees to escape, just like little monkeys.

In Flora, Llewie and Ella's tree were little kittens. They were stuck. Their mum had gone to get food, but she had got injured. Conor and Nettie helped get the kittens down. The kittens were happy to get down from the trees, but soon they started to cry, "Meow, meow, meow...". They wanted their mum. And they were hungry. Tahli and Bridie gave their teacher's milk to the kittens. The kittens quickly drank their milk, but then they started to cry again. What could the Tinies do?

The Tinies decided to try and find the

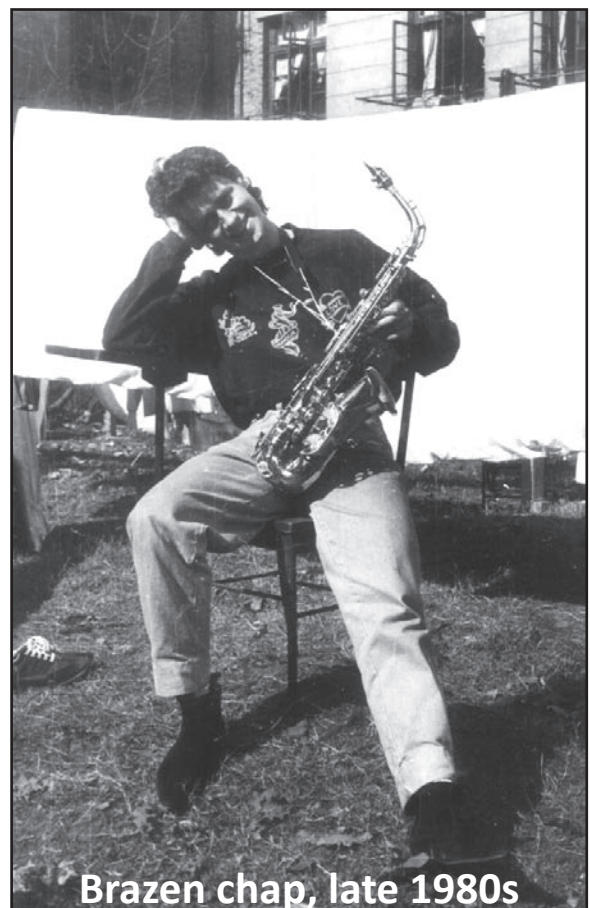
kittens' mum. They searched the park. No mum. They searched the roads near the park. Dante and Hunter heard a soft little "meow" from under a car. It was the kittens' mother. She had a cut leg. Nettie carefully picked her up and took her to the Vet.

The Tinies made a nice, warm bed for the kittens at school. They fed them and played with them while the kittens waited for their mum. The Vet soon fixed their mum and Nettie brought her to school. The Tinies asked whether this family could be the school cats. The Tinies promised to take good care of them, so Nettie agreed. When the Tinies had Free they often played with the kittens. And Faye cared for them at night.

The end.

GUESS WHO?

Try to guess the identity of this brazen chap in a photo taken many moons ago (below).



Brazen chap, late 1980s

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