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Term Three, Week Eight

Principal's Message



Kia Ora Koutou,

As I have shared in past newsletters, I often talk with our ākonga about the importance of **“treasuring what matters.”** This week’s assembly was no different. I also took a moment this morning to address some recent behaviours in our school community that fall well below the standards we expect. While it is disappointing, it is important we acknowledge it and work together to improve.

Tournament Week

A huge **thank you and congratulations** to all our students who represented St Matthew’s at Secondary Schools Tournament Week. No matter the sport, your heart, grit, and true Kiwi mana shone through. We are incredibly proud of you all.

Treasure What Matters

Let’s take a quick trip into the world of animated movies.

Have you noticed how many start with a character who feels different or left out? Think of Rapunzel in Tangled — locked away in a tower, creative and curious but isolated. Or Mirabel in Encanto — without magical powers but the glue that holds her family together. These stories remind us of something very real: we all need to belong, to be seen, and to be valued for who we are.

Here at St Matthew’s, inclusiveness is more than just sitting next to someone new at lunch — though, if you have done that, you are a legend! It is about treasuring people, not just tolerating them. To treasure someone means to truly recognise their value, even if they are different from you. It means saying, “You matter. You belong. You are enough.”

No one needs magic powers or perfect hair or to be on the First XI to belong here. Being kind, curious, and brave — that is the real magic. We may not have Rapunzel’s frying pan, but we all have the power to include, listen, and lift each other up.

Being a teenager is tough — with school, friendships, and social media all pulling in different directions. We want St Matthew’s to feel less like a tower, and more like a shared adventure where no one is left behind. Let’s treasure each other — and ourselves.

You Cannot Do Everything

Life is busy, and sometimes it feels like you have to be everywhere and do everything — like Rapunzel trying to juggle baking, painting, and brushing her five-metre hair! But it is okay to say “no” sometimes.

The key is **prioritising what matters most.** Saying “no” to good things means you can say “yes” to the things that are most important to you. It’s not about doing less — it’s about doing what matters more.

ERO Visit

As mentioned before, ERO (Education Review Office) will be visiting us very soon.

What is an ERO visit? ERO is a government team that checks in on schools to make sure every ākonga is getting a great education in a safe, supportive environment.

Why do they come? To see how well we're helping students learn. To make sure kids feel safe and cared for. To find out what we do well and where we can improve.

What does it mean for your young one? It means we are committed to doing the best we can for every student. The visit helps us keep growing and improving, so your child can thrive here.

Circling Back to Treasuring — and Behaviour

This week I had a frank talk with our students about some disrespectful behaviours happening around school. It is a small group causing issues, but the bigger concern is that many others are not stepping up to stop it, which lets the problem grow.

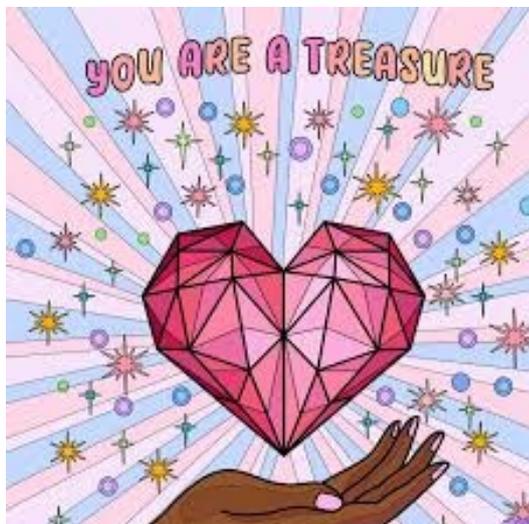
The things I addressed included: Showing respect during performances (no catcalling or shouting out); No chewing gum at school, especially not discarding it on walls or under tables; Being polite when going through doors and following our school's protocols; Taking care of our ablution areas and school environment.

We bring these matters up because we care. We are tired of seeing behaviour that does not reflect the values we teach. We need your support to reinforce these messages at home.

We have amazing students here — some just have not found their amazing yet. Behaviour is learned, and sometimes we need to remind each other of the standards that make St Matthew's the special place it is.

That is quite a bit to share, so thank you for taking the time to read. I wish you all a safe and wonderful weekend. Let's keep being our best selves — and I look forward to seeing our Batten whanau on Sunday night.

Ngā mihi,



HOUSE MUSIC EVENT

When: Thursday 18th September 2025
Time: starts 6pm
Venue: Wairarapa College Hall

LIVE MUSIC

WAKE HOUSE
SHEPPARD HOUSE
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BATTEN HOUSE

Boarding Note

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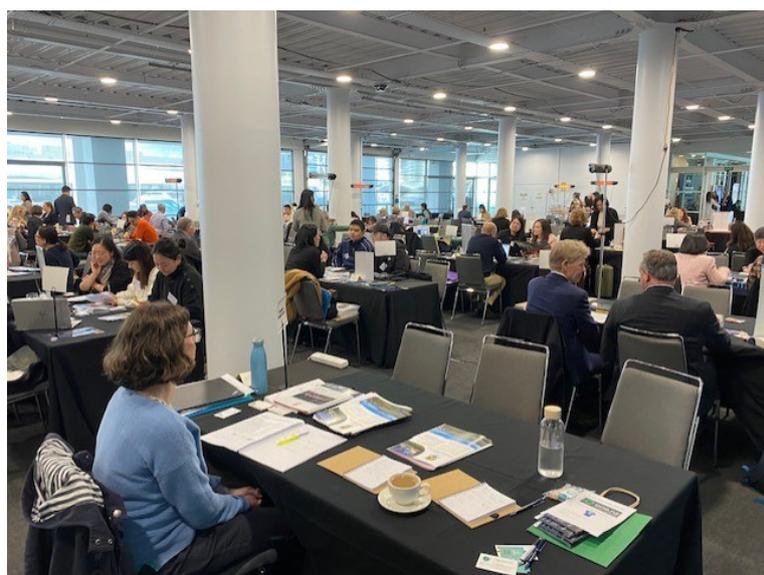
On Wednesday Mrs Lucy Clearwater (Director of International Students) and I attended a function in Auckland for school representatives to meet with agents of international students. We hoped to make connections with trustworthy agents who really do have the best interest of students at heart.

Currently we only have two international students at St Matthews, both of whom have made the most of the opportunities available to all at St Matthew's. In addition to being very committed to their studies, both Ceres and Fiona have been involved in a variety of activities such as Ngātahi, Schola Cantorum and the Shakespeare competition.

Going forward, although we would like to increase our number of international students, having a relatively small number means that we can give them the care and attention they need while they are so far from home. It also means that our international students have the opportunity to integrate well and make friends with local students.

When the boarding house closes for exeat weekends and holidays, our international students go to homestay families, who receive payment for this. If you would be interested in being a homestay for international students, we would love to hear from you.

Ngā mihi.
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What's on the menu this week?



Launch the Camera App and aim your camera at the QR Code to scan it.



Wairarapa Secondary School Smallbore Championships

Congratulations to the students who attended the Wairarapa Smallbore Champs on Wednesday this week. It was a fantastic day and St Matthew's Collegiate achieved the following great results:

- SMS Rest team;** Katherine Squires, Lily Boggs, Emily Wasson – **overall winners of Rest**
- Trinity Sling team;** Audrey Hall, Charlotte Macauley, William Anstis – **runners up of Sling**
- Charlotte Macauley – **Top Sling shooter**
- Katherine Squires – **Top Rest shooter**



REST			SLING			
Player	Goals	Points	Player	Goals	Points	
KORANUI JOEL WINNIGH	30	90.0	173.0	LUKE BEARY	20	60.0
WHEEL NIKITA CLARKE	85.1	80.1	165.2	DANIEL MASON	45.1	135.3
COLE LE ROUX	70.0	68.0	142.0	ROBY STONE	42.0	126.0
ST MATTHEWS	59.1	82.1	165.2	LUCAS WARDMAN	39.0	117.0
LILY BOGGS	83.0	83.0	166.0	THOMAS HUTCHINGS	37.0	111.0
EMILY WASSON	83.0	83.0	166.0	AIDAN KING	34.1	102.3
KATHERINE SQUIRES	26.1	89.0	175.1	TRINITY WILLIAM ANSTIS	40.1	120.3
MARIONA LUKE HUNTER	78.0	68.0	146.0	AUDREY HALL	74.0	222.0
DAN MULLENA	57	58	115	CHARLOTTE MACAULEY	92.3	276.9
HIEDE NACKENTZ	69.0	78.0	147.0	MARKSALL ETH WOODCOCK	77.1	231.3
DANYAN RENALDI	84.1	88.0	172.1			
ZAC BARRERSON	80.0	79.0	159.0			

Tournament Week

Congratulations to Kaylah Donald, Morgan Dudley, Lilly Reynolds, & Mia Sayer for all achieving 100+ games of football for St Matthews's Collegiate! This is an enormous achievement and shows their passion for and dedication to football at St Matts! Thank you girls. We hope you all continue to pursue your love for football outside of St Matthew's in the future.



THANK YOU

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT WITH DONATIONS TOWARD WINTER TOURNAMENT WEEK






Thursday results

- Snr A netball**
- Win against Tawa College
- Win against Inglewood
- 1st XI Football**
- Win against Horowhenua
- Lost to Trident High School
- 1st XI Hockey**
- Win against Villa Maria
- 2nd XI Hockey**
- Win against Tawa College

Friday results

- 1st XI Hockey**
- Win against Marion College
- Win against Ruamata
- 1st XI Football**
- Loss to Sacred Heart
- 2nd XI Hockey - Loss**



Senior College Spirit Week



Spirit Week is a popular tradition in where students dress up and engage in themed activities for a week to show school spirit, boost morale, and create a sense of unity

Whacky tie and sock day.

Around School



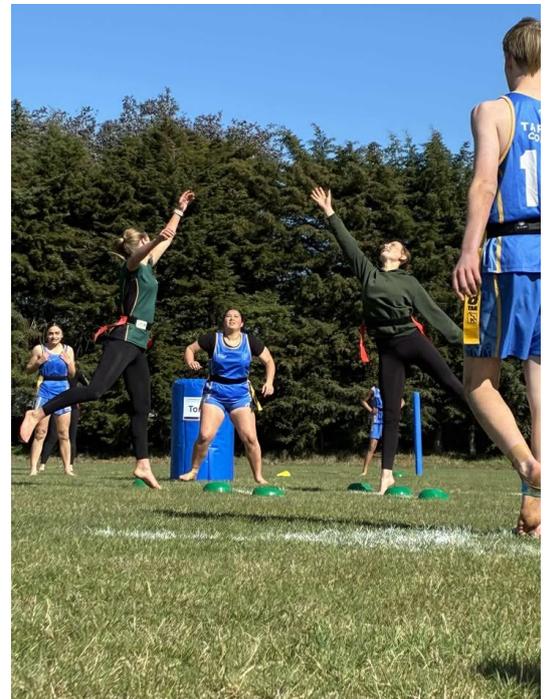
Yr 12 Chemistry

Some more photos of our lovely year 12 Chemists - Doing a quick practical on Surface Area as Part of their Chem reactivity - Rates of Reaction



Ki O Rahi Tournament

We had four groups participating at the Ki o rahi tournament at Makoura College today. Yr 9 team, Green Team (Yr9/10) and two Yr 11 teams. Congratulations to our Yr9/10 Green Team for coming second in the girls grade



Breadcraft Wairarapa Schools' Art Exhibition

Congratulations to the following students from Y8, Y9, and Y10 who have had their work selected for the annual Breadcraft Wairarapa Schools' Art Exhibition at Aratoi!

The exhibition will be displayed all through the holidays. If you get a chance to pop in and see it, it is a real celebration of art in the Wairarapa.

Madison Anderson Stobbs

Siena Rose

Maggie Shi

Frankie Bond

Zoe Pearce

Zoe Cates

Holly Johnston

Bonnie Shen

Sasha Anderson

Rio McGregor

Sasha Handley-Craig

Katya Shi

Annabelle de Groot

Addison Duckett

Riley Friend

Annabelle Wyeth

Ada Wilkie

Katie Squires

Maddy Lock

Lizzie Andrew



AIMS Games

Lexi Standen represented SMS in swimming at the AIMS Games in Tauranga this week. There was some strong competition in the pool, but it was an incredible experience with approx. 14,000 students competing over a number of sporting codes, and Dames Lisa Carrington and Sophie Pascoe speaking at the Opening Ceremony a highlight. Lexi would recommend the event to anyone considering it in future years.



Yr 13 Chemistry



Year 13 Chemistry's last practical for the year. They have been a wonderful class.

They are practicing their Titration techniques

Karaitianatanga/Christianity Alive

Walking in the Light: A Reflection on Colossians 1:9-14

In Colossians 1:9-14, Paul prays for the believers to be filled with the knowledge of God's will, living lives worthy of the Lord and bearing fruit in every good work. This passage reminds us that walking in the light means more than just avoiding darkness – it means actively living in God's truth, empowered by His Spirit.

As whānau, ākongā and kaiako, we are called to walk in the light by growing in wisdom and understanding, reflecting Christ in all we do. The light guides us to lives marked by goodness, kindness and gratitude. When we walk in the light, we are rescued from darkness and brought into God's kingdom – filled with hope, joy and strength.

Let us encourage one another to seek God's wisdom daily, allowing His light to shine through our words and actions. In doing so, we live not just for ourselves but for His kingdom, making the world more like heaven on earth.



Colossians 1:10, 12

Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better ... always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light.

Kolosa 1:10, 12

Kia tika ai ta koutou haere, kia rite ai ki ta te Ariki, ahua reka rawa, hua rawa i runga i nga mahi pai katoa, tupu tonu i runga i te mohio ki te Atua ... Me te whakawhetai atu ano ki te Matua, nana nei tatou i whai tikanga ai ki tetahi wahi o te kainga o te hunga tapu i roto i te marama.

Rev. Wendy



We will be getting rid of all unclaimed clothing lost property on the last day of this term.

School uniform will be gifted to the uniform shop.
Non-uniform clothing will be put into a clothing bin for a charity.

Any unclaimed small items after two terms will be disposed of as follows:

Bank cards – will be sent back to the bank
Glasses – donated to Specsavers to the Fred Hollows Foundation
Rings/Earrings/Bracelets/Necklaces – donated to a charity shop
Electronics - donated to a charity shop
Phones – given to a mobile company for recycling
Snapper Cards – will be destroyed

Thank You



Items to be disposed at the end of term are unclaimed items from Term 1:

- 1 x empty airpod case
- 1 x bone carving necklace
- 1 x black watch -Daniel Wellington brand
- 1 x black fit bit
- 1 x pink fit bit
- 1 pair of pearl earrings
- 1 gold hoop earring
- 1 silver hoop earring
- 1 silver necklace with the letter C
- 1 silver necklace with a pisces symbol
- 1 USB charging cord

SMOGA Grant Now Open!

Gretchen Williamson Excellence in Commerce Scholarship

Applications are now open for the Gretchen Williamson Excellence in Commerce Scholarship, available to Year 13 students intending to study Commerce at tertiary level. This prestigious scholarship offers \$5,000 in funding over two years, as well as mentorship from Gretchen Williamson — a leading financial adviser and St Matthew's Old Girl. Gretchen is passionate about supporting young women into careers in finance and investment. This scholarship is part of her ten-year commitment to helping close the wealth gap for women through education and opportunity.

Applications close on **24 October 2025**, with the recipient announced at Prizegiving in December.

For more information and to apply, visit <https://forms.gle/adGVwP9CMqPqpdyg7>



Key Dates

- Sunday 7th September - Batten House Chapel
- Monday 15th September - Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori
- Thursday 18th September - Kapa Haka Festival
- Thursday 18th September - House Music Event
- Friday 19 September - Last day of Term 3

2025 Term Dates

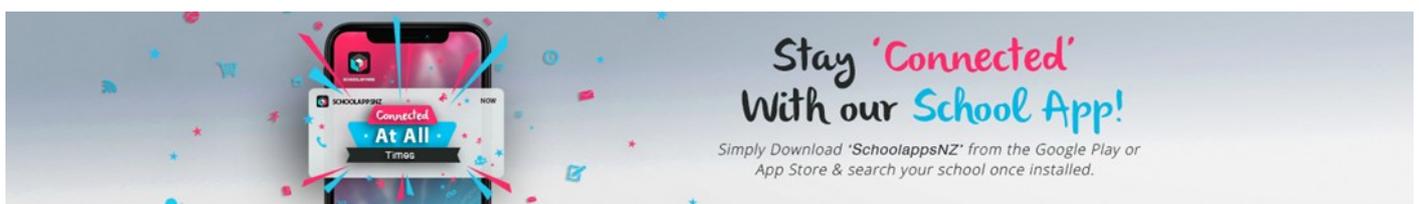
- Term One** - Monday 27th January to Friday 11 April
- Term Two** - Monday 28th April to Friday 27th June
- Term Three** - Monday 14th July to Friday 19th September
- Term Four** - Monday 6th October to Saturday 6 December



Batten House Chapel this Sunday

School App

If you are new to St Matthew's Collegiate, or have yet to download, please follow the link to install our school app <https://schoolappsnz.co.nz/install>
For current families, please update your subscription groups by clicking on the cog in the top right hand of the screen. It will take you to the groups for you to change.





Donations Welcome

TO ALL OUR WHANAU -
WE ARE SEEKING DONATIONS OF
ITEMS FOR THE FRIENDS RAFFLE FOR
THE FETE THIS YEAR.
WE WOULD ADORE THOSE ITEMS YOU
BOUGHT AND COULD NOT USE, IN
FACT SURPRISE US BECAUSE WE WILL
BE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT.
ALL DONATIONS TO THE SMCS OFFICE



Thank you!



THE FRIENDS OF RATHKEALE COLLEGE

Donate Designer Clothing & Make a Difference!

We are looking for donations of designer and brand-name clothing for our pre-loved charity clothing stall at the upcoming Rathkeale Christmas Fete.

Help us turn high fashion into high impact! All proceeds go directly to the Friends of Rathkeale to support student resources.

We are collecting: (clean and in great condition)

- Adult and teen clothing
- Designer handbags and shoes
- Popular labels

Please only donate items in **great condition**, just one or two quality items would be greatly appreciated.

Donation Drop-Off:

Please drop any donations into either the Rathkeale or St Matthews school office during September and October.

Thank you for your support.

*"Ma tini, ma mano, ka rapa te whai
Many hands make light work"*

Community News and Events




Pasifika
O WAIRARAPA
TRUST

Yr7 - Yr13

PASIFIKA STUDY CENTRE
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from 330pm - 5pm!
23 Intermediate Street



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Assistance
provided

Snacks
Provided !!



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to catch up on!
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www.pw.org.nz



Epiphany Church AROUND THE WORLD QUIZ NIGHT



Hadlow School Hall
Saturday 6th September

Doors open 6.00pm, quiz begins 6.30pm
\$30 pp or \$240 per team (maximum of 8)

Dinner included

Cash bar, raffles, auction

Costumes are encouraged. RIB event.

Book your team of 6-8 using this link
<https://forms.office.com/r/AJSrjJT1fz>



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QUIZ NIGHT

THUR 11 SEPT
6pm

\$210 per table (Max. Team of 6)

Plenty of Nibbles provided
Bar available

Please contact 06 377 4989

Gold coin Answers & Raffles Available

Masterton Club
98 Chapel St. Masterton



Holiday Production - Tuesday 30 September to Friday 3 October

"Aladdin and the Magic Lamp"

The magic and mystery of far off Arabia come alive as Aladdin and his brother Ishan tangle with two magic genies; Genie of the Lamp and Genie of the Ring. However, Khalifah the Sorcerer and his sister Fatimah, a fortune teller, have also heard about the power of the Genie of the Lamp and are determined to gain control of it. Will they manage to trick Aladdin's Mother into giving up the lamp? Can the street urchins rescue Aladdin & Ishan from the cave Khalifah has imprisoned him in? What happens when Aladdin meets Princesses Ameera and Nashita, the Sultan's daughters? Exotic costumes, stories of riches beyond your wildest dreams, treachery and intrigue abound in this exciting adventure.



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Learn acting, stagecraft & performance skills!
Every student gets a role with dialogue!
Strictly limited places! Fabulous Costumes!

Ages: 8 to 13 years (No previous experience required)
Venue: St Matthew's Collegiate School
Hours: Program operates 9am-3pm - Venue open 8:30am-3:30pm
Free performance on Friday at 3pm
Fees: \$195 (Includes tuition, script, costumes, Acting Antics book bag, Kids Club folder & performance certificate)
Director: Deborah Percy

REGISTER: www.masterton.actingantics.com
ENQUIRIES: deborah@actingantics.com - 021 1832508



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Pasifika CAREERS EVENING

Wednesday 17 September
5:30pm - 7:30pm | Rutherford House Foyer
Pipitea campus | 33 Bunny Street, Pipitea

- Open to all – especially Pasifika students (high school & tertiary) and families
- Meet Pasifika professionals from a range of careers
- Explore career and study pathways
- Free entry + light refreshments
- Please RSVP via the form!

More information: pasifika-events@vuw.ac.nz | 022 563 6974 (Fabie) | 022 655 2685 (Mela)

1/2 Price Kids Entry
these school holidays!



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World Environmental Health Day Competition!



WIN A \$50 PREZZY CARD & \$200 SCHOOL DONATION!

List at least 10 sources of air pollution in this picture to enter the draw to win!

This competition is open to all NZ Primary, Intermediate and Secondary students to help acknowledge World Environmental Health Day 2025: 'Clean air, healthy people'

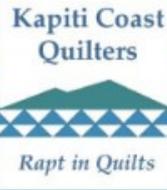
Email your LIST of answers (not a photo) along with your name, age, School and parent/caregiver details to: info@nzieh.org.nz with the subject 'WEHD 2025 Competition'

Entries close 5pm Friday 19 September 2025

(winner to be announced Friday 26 September 2025 via NZIEH facebook page and winner notified via email)

The prize for the winning entry is a \$50 prezzy e-card for the student and a \$200 donation made to your nominated School on your behalf.

To learn more about World Environmental Health Day visit <https://www.ifeh.org/wehd/>



Quilt Exhibition 2025

Southward Car Museum
Otaihanga Kapiti Coast

13 - 14 September

9am to 4pm

**PLUS...Aotearoa Quilters
Winging It Exhibition**

- Merchant stalls
- Raffles
- Community quilters at work
- Light refreshments
- Entry \$10 - Eftpos available

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COACHES NEEDED

If you've ever thought about coaching – whether you're experienced or brand new – we'd love to hear from you! There is a small financial incentive for each week of coaching, so if you have an older child who would like to coach the younger ones. Please reach out! Wairarapa Basketball is pushing for more girl grades this year. Let's get basketball back thriving!

What's involved?

- One training night per week
- Game day at Walter Nash Stadium
- Assistant coaches to help share the load
- Flexible support because we know life gets busy!!

Message us here on Facebook or email: basketballwairarapa@gmail.com

**CALLING ALL
FUTURE COACHES
WE NEED YOU!**



**BASKETBALL
WAIRARAPA**

What's involved?

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 - ✓ Game day at Walter Nash Stadium
 - ✓ Assistant coaches to help share the load
- Flexible support because we know life gets busy!

Interested?

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