



Principal's Report – Friday 14th November

Remembrance Day Service

This week our school community came together for our Remembrance Day Service, beautifully organised by Frank Huglin (Secretary of HADDAC) and coordinated by our very own Tyna Lee. It was wonderful to see representatives from the community laying wreaths, including Cr Myra Murrihy from Moyne Shire Council, and CWA representative and School Council member, Megan Rees.

Our students represented the school with great pride, speaking and presenting with maturity and respect. I would especially like to acknowledge our Primary School Captains and our current and future VCE VM students, who spoke so thoughtfully and eloquently. Their contributions truly captured the spirit of remembrance and reflection.

Year 11 ODE Bike Ride

On Wednesday, I had the pleasure of dropping off our Year 11 students at the trailhead near Lake Bullen Merri as they set off on their Outdoor Education Bike Ride to Port Campbell. A huge thank you to Ms Cakebread and Mr Prentice for their excellent organisation and supervision, and to Mr Jarrad for ensuring everyone returned safely by bus. From all reports—and as you'll see in the photos—students and staff alike had a fantastic experience filled with teamwork, challenge, and adventure.



Protective Intervention Training

On Thursday, all teaching and education support staff took part in Protective Intervention Training, delivered by Resolution Education. Thank you to Michelle and Marissa for leading this important and engaging session, helping our staff develop practical strategies and knowledge to respond effectively to challenging behaviours and support positive learning environments for all students.

Year 8 \$20 Boss Market Day

Next Tuesday, our enterprising Year 8 students, led by Ms Cakebread, will be running the annual \$20 Boss Market Day. Students have been working hard to develop creative business ideas and products.

A reminder to all students and staff to bring along some cash on the day — stalls will operate at lunchtime only, and no EFTPOS will be available.

A portion of profits will be donated to the Salvos Wishing Tree, supporting families in need this festive season. Please refer to the advertisements in the newsletter for details on what products will be available.



Important Student Events in the Next Two Weeks

- Year 12 Graduation – Wednesday 19th November
- Year 3 & 4 Camp to Sovereign Hill, Ballarat – Wednesday 19th to Thursday 20th November
- Year 10 & 11 Exams – Wednesday 19th to Friday 21st November
- VCE Step-Up Week – Commencing Monday 24th November for all current Year 10 and 11 students

Finally...

We're delighted to welcome Mr Ralph back this coming Monday following a period of leave. It's wonderful to have him return as we approach the final busy weeks of term.

I would like to extend a special thank you to Mrs Butters and Mrs Dart for their outstanding work over the past few weeks, and for stepping up to take on additional roles while continuing to manage their existing responsibilities. Your support, as always, is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all staff, students, and families for your ongoing energy and support as we head toward the end of the school year.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mr Webster

Wellbeing Space

Looking for support or someone to talk to at school about your young person?

Please contact the Classroom Teacher or Year Level Coordinator as your first point of contact.

Parent & Carer Concern

Please find below the process for discussing the wellbeing of your young person. We encourage you to follow the below process however also understand that there might be someone below that you feel most comfortable approaching and that is okay too.

Primary Student

Please follow the below process:

1. Contact the Classroom Teacher
2. If your concern is not resolved please contact the Primary Coordinator, Melissa Davey or the Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader, Carlee Dart
3. If you continue to have concerns please the Leadership Team - John Ralph, Paul Webster, Trish Butters

Alternatively, you can also ask to speak directly with our School Chaplain.

Secondary Student:

Please follow the below process:

1. Contact the Year Level Coordinator
2. If your concern is not resolved please contact the Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader, Carlee Dart
3. If you continue to have concerns please contact the Leadership Team - John Ralph, Paul Webster, Trish Butters

Alternatively, you can also ask to speak directly with our School Chaplain or our School Nurse.



Making Contact:

Please contact staff via **Compass** or by **phoning the school front office**. Office staff will then direct your call and leave a message with the relevant staff member.



The wellbeing team are always here to support students in whatever way we can. We are here to help all students whether they are feeling upset or frustrated, just want to talk to someone or need some space. We can offer or organise short term counselling and support, either at school or using external support.



SchoolTV

In this edition of SchoolTV: New Social Media Regulations

From 10 December 2025, new laws will take effect in Australia to protect young people online by restricting access to social media for those under the age of 16. This important change reflects growing community concern about the impact of early social media use on children's mental health, wellbeing and development.

Research shows that social media can expose children to unrealistic comparisons, online pressure and harmful content long before they are emotionally ready to manage it. While regulation is a positive step forward, real safety begins at home. Families continue to play the most powerful role in helping children build confidence, resilience and awareness in the digital world.

These new regulations provide an opportunity to talk openly with your child about their online experiences and what these changes mean for them. It's also a chance to review family technology habits, reinforce healthy routines, and explore age-appropriate ways for young people to connect, learn and express themselves.

This Special Report explains what the new laws mean in practice and offers practical guidance to help families prepare for the upcoming changes.

We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this Special Report, and as always, we welcome your feedback.

If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to your special report:

https://hawkesdalecol.vic.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-new-social-media-regulations-what-you-need-know



 **eSafety Commissioner**

The e Safety Commission website has a **Social Media Age Restrictions Hub** which has a wealth of information to support young people, families and educators to assist everyone to adjust to and understand this new change.

We encourage you to check out these resources.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-us/industry-regulation/social-media-age-restrictions-hub>

It's not a ban, it's a delay to having accounts

Age-restricted platforms won't be allowed to let under-16s create or keep an account. That's because being logged into an account increases the likelihood that they'll be exposed to pressures and risks that can be hard to deal with. These come from social media platform design features that encourage them to spend more time on screens, while also serving up content that can harm their health and wellbeing.



SchoolTV

In this edition of SchoolTV: Embracing Change & New Beginnings

Change is a natural part of growing up. Whether it's the start of a new school year, moving between year levels, or stepping beyond the school gates for the final time, each transition brings a mix of emotions, presenting both opportunities and challenges. These shifts call on young people to adjust to new routines, navigate unfamiliar environments and develop emotional flexibility. While some may embrace these changes, others may find the disruption unsettling and struggle with the loss of predictability.

Research shows that periods of transition are often linked to heightened anxiety, reduced academic engagement and changes in peer relationships. For families, these periods can also bring added stress. Recognising the emotional and psychological impact of change helps us respond more effectively and supportively.

While change can feel daunting, it also offers valuable opportunities for young people to learn and grow. By normalising uncertainty and encouraging open conversations, we help young people face new beginnings with curiosity rather than fear. When children are surrounded by guidance, encouragement and consistent structure, they're far better equipped to manage life's transitions with confidence and resilience.

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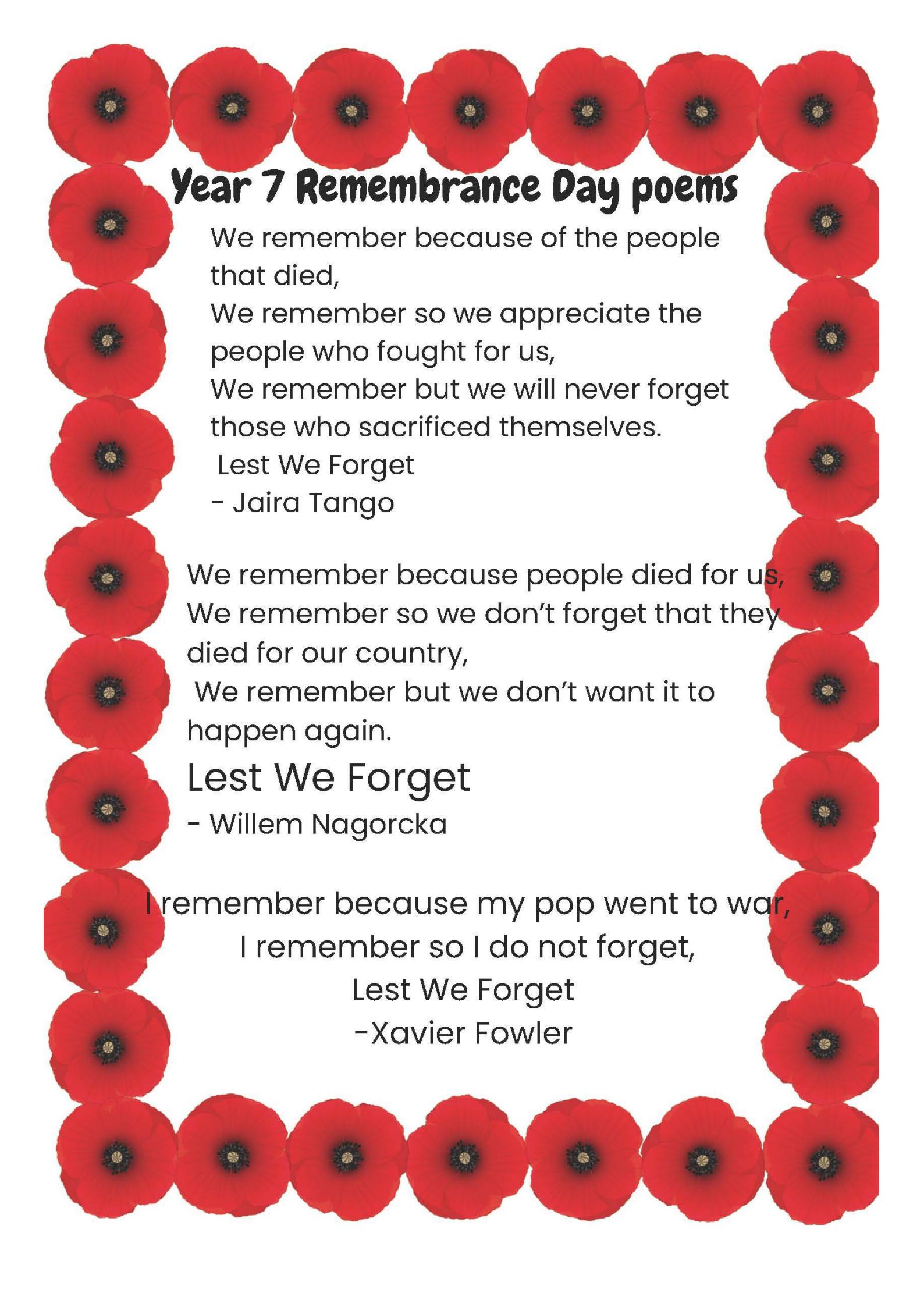
SPECIAL REPORT



Embracing change & new beginnings

A SchoolTV topic supporting modern-day parenting





Year 7 Remembrance Day poems

We remember because of the people that died,

We remember so we appreciate the people who fought for us,

We remember but we will never forget those who sacrificed themselves.

Lest We Forget

– Jaira Tango

We remember because people died for us,
We remember so we don't forget that they died for our country,

We remember but we don't want it to happen again.

Lest We Forget

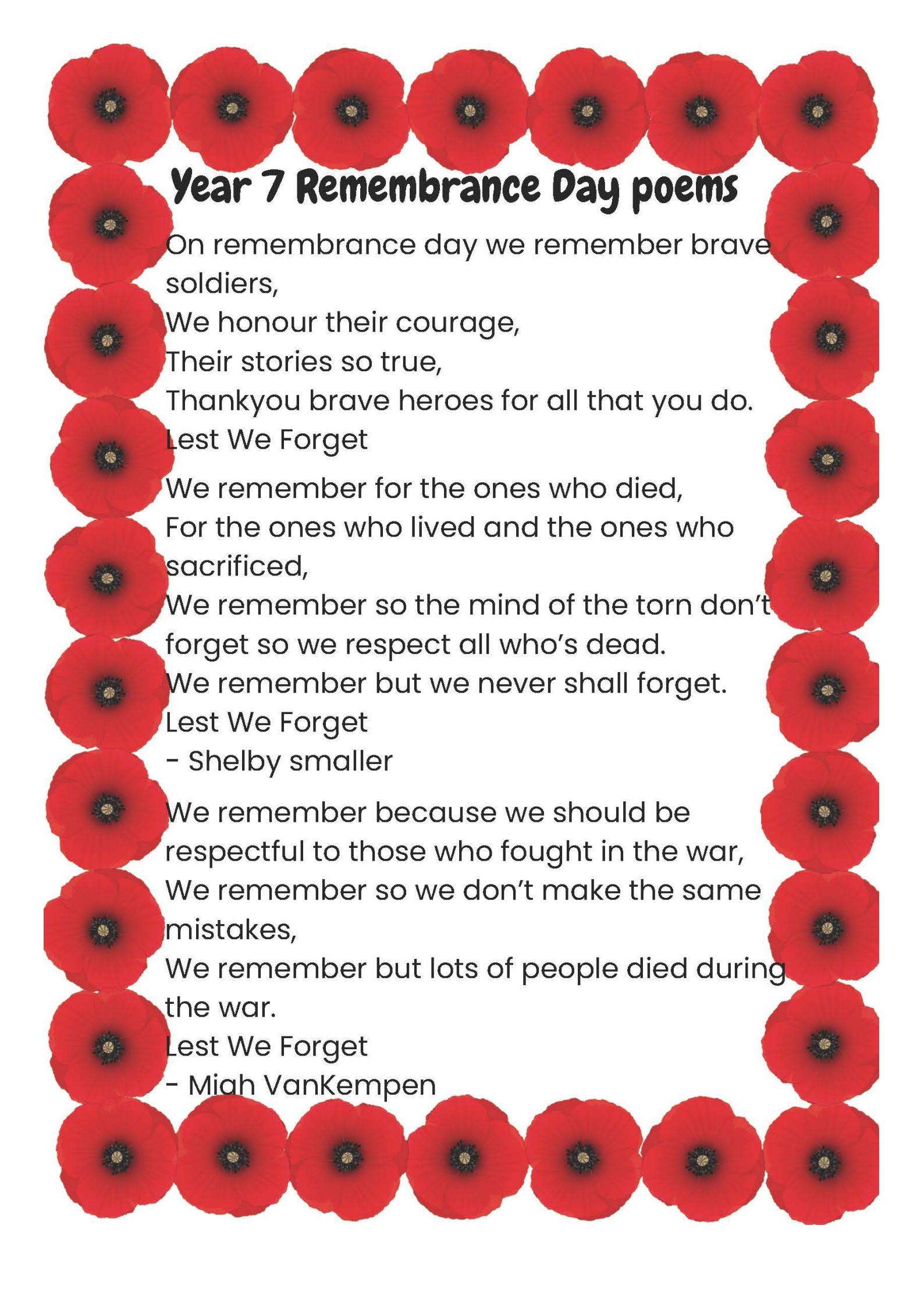
– Willem Nagorcka

I remember because my pop went to war,

I remember so I do not forget,

Lest We Forget

– Xavier Fowler



Year 7 Remembrance Day poems

On remembrance day we remember brave soldiers,

We honour their courage,

Their stories so true,

Thankyou brave heroes for all that you do.

Lest We Forget

We remember for the ones who died,

For the ones who lived and the ones who sacrificed,

We remember so the mind of the torn don't forget so we respect all who's dead.

We remember but we never shall forget.

Lest We Forget

- Shelby smaller

We remember because we should be respectful to those who fought in the war,

We remember so we don't make the same mistakes,

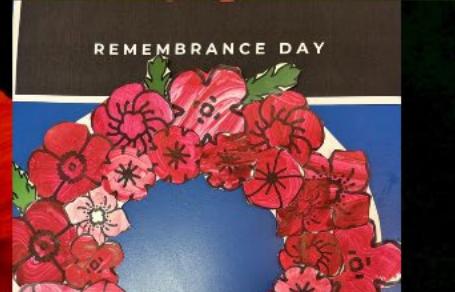
We remember but lots of people died during the war.

Lest We Forget

- Miah VanKempen

Rememberance Day

PREP, GRADE 1 & 2
ART

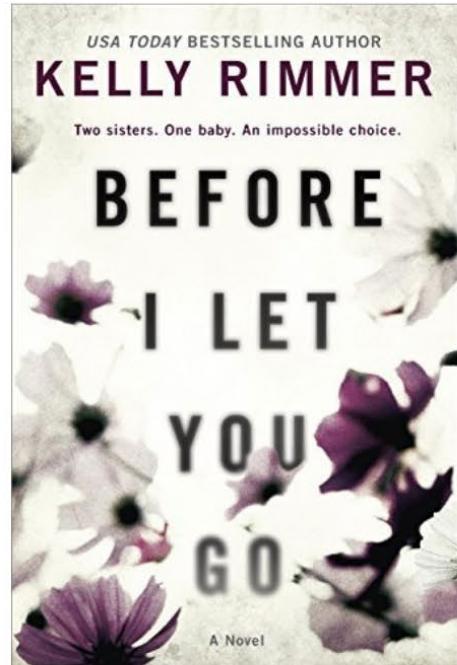
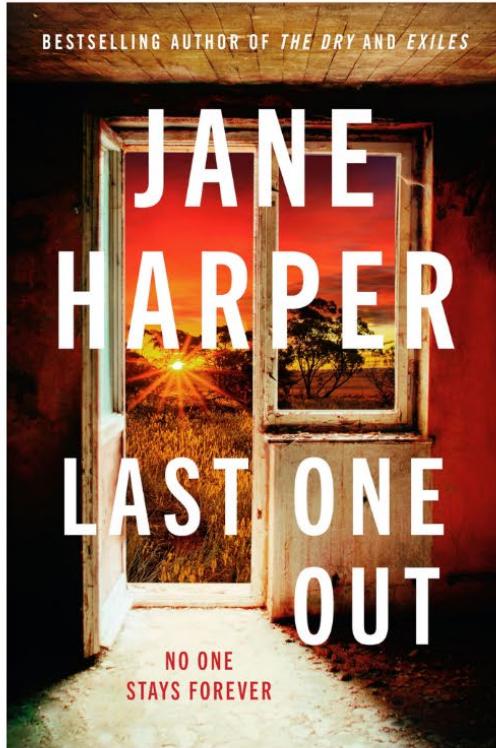


Hawkesdale Community Book Club

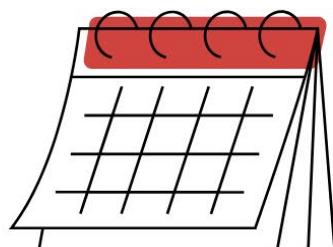
Join us for our last book club of 2025 for dinner on Dec 4 at Izzy's in Koroit. We will be discussing 'Before I Let You Go' by Kelly Rimmer and 'Last One Out' by Jane Harper. New members are always welcome to join us. 😊



Join here



Save the date: Thursday
Dec 4, 6.30pm for dinner
@ Izzy's, Koroit



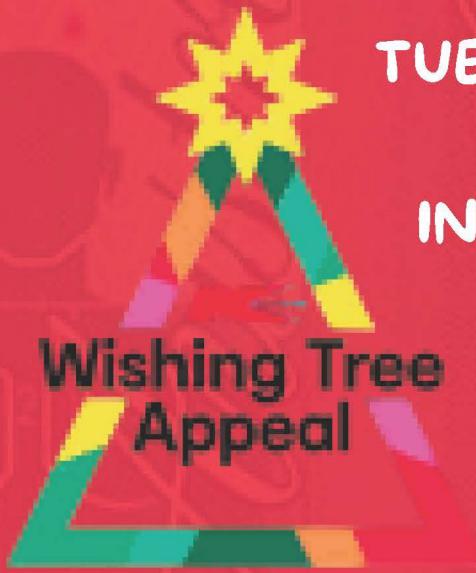
\$20
BOSS

Parents
welcome!

MARKET

Come and support
student-run social
enterprise!

TUESDAY 18 NOVEMBER
LUNCH TIME
IN THE BUS SHELTER



70% OF PROFITS GOING TO
GIFTS FOR THE SALVATION
ARMY WISHING TREE

DON'T FORGET - CASH ONLY!



SORBLAST

can make time freeze



\$2.50 for all flavours

BLUEBERRY BLAST

STRAWBERRY BLAST

SORBLAST (COMBO)

CANTON CRAZE

COOKED \$3.50

PACKETS \$2.50



TASTE THE CRAZE, WITH THE CANTON CRAZE

SHERBIFY




SQUISH
stress no less \$2

BERRY BLISS



\$3.00

EXTRA 50 CENTS FOR MARSHMALLOW TOPPINGS



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The best slime in town!!!!

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GIVES YOU LEMONS...
MAKE LEMONADE!



FRESH LEMONADE

MADE BY
THE LEMONADE LADS

\$2.00

JEFFLES



HONEY joys

About our product

Sweet glossy honeyjoys with a violet crumble crunch!



\$1.50

When is it?

Tuesday 18th of November

Made By Tiori,
Zahlia, and
Sarah

Everybody
Loves A
Sweet Treat

End of Year Dates

Fri 28 Nov:

Final official day of school for Years 10 and 11 students.



Monday 15 Dec:

Community BBQ - 1pm
Presentation Assembly - 2pm
Buses Depart - 3.30pm



Tues 16 Dec:

Final official day of school for P-9 students with the annual Primary and Secondary Picnic Day
School day finishes at 3.30pm

Wed 17 - Thurs 18 Dec:

Student free days for staff curriculum planning and to support the acquittal of time in lieu hours generated by camps in this semester.



Year 6-to-7 Transition Days

Monday & Tuesday
October 27 & 28

Monday & Tuesday
December 8 & 9



For more information please contact the school
Transition Coordinator: Patricia Butters
patricia.butters@education.vic.gov.au
Year 7 Level Coordinator: Tyna Lee
tyna.lee@education.vic.gov.au

(03) 5560 7225

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hawkesdale.p12@education.vic.gov.au

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You're invited to...



Community BBQ and Presentation Assembly

Monday 15 Dec

1 pm - Community BBQ by the college tennis courts



2pm - Presentation Assembly in the college stadium

Don't forget to wear full school uniform!

3.30pm - Buses depart

Join us to celebrate the achievements and milestones of our students throughout the year!





Parents Victoria AGM / Vodcast with Dr Billy Garvey and John Hendry "Beyond Academics: The Relationship Blueprint"

Join us for a very thought-provoking discussion between two thought leaders in the areas of education and child development:

- **Dr Billy Garvey** – Developmental paediatrician, researcher and author, Billy is also the founder of the social enterprise Guiding Growing Minds and co-host of the “Pop Culture Parenting” podcast. He was named the 2025 Victorian Father of the Year.
- **John Hendry OAM** – With over 50 years in education, John is an education elder, school leader and consultant known for pioneering the “Relationship based Education” framework and the concept of a “Relationship Quotient”

John and Billy will discuss how quality relationships support children's mental health and school attendance, their wellbeing at school, and academic progress. They will also explain why parents and schools need to work together to give children the best possible educational experience.

Questions Billy and John will discuss include:

- What does a “safe relationship” at school look like for an anxious child?
- How can parents and teachers work together to build trust and resilience?
- How do positive relationships help children to learn and achieve?

The pre-recorded video discussion will be followed by a live Q&A session with John Hendry and Parents Victoria.

This event also includes the Parents Victoria Annual General Meeting. The AGM agenda and link to the Annual Report will be provided on registration.

Details

Wednesday 19 November, 7:30pm

Via Zoom

[**Register now**](#)



HAWKESDALE P12 COLLEGE PARENTS & FRIENDS UPCOMING EVENTS



6

NOVEMBER
2025

ADULT CHRISTMAS CRAFT NIGHT

7PM – 9PM

HAWKESDALE GOLF CLUB



9

NOVEMBER
2025

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

9AM – 4PM

BUNNINGS, WARRNAMBOOL



13

NOVEMBER
2025

P&F CATCH UP

6.30PM FOR 7PM
START



28

NOVEMBER
2025

BLACK FRIDAY SALES & DINNER @ LOGANS RESTAURANT

4PM ONWARDS

Liebig St, Warrnambool



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www.hawkesdaleparentsandfriends.com

Welcome **SUMMER**
Hawkesdale Swimming Pool
2025/26 season opens
Saturday 13th December

Open Times

School Days	4:00-6:00pm
Weekends	1:00-6:00pm
School Holidays	1:00-6:00pm

Closed on Christmas Day

**HAWKESDALE SWIMMING POOL
2025/26 SEASON**

Daily Admission

Adult (16+yrs)	\$6.00
Concession/Under 16	\$4.00
Child (0-4yrs)	\$3.00
Family (2 adults + children)	\$18.00

General Memberships

Family	\$108
Family concession	\$67
Adult	\$67
Concession/Student	\$46

Rostered Memberships

Family	\$85
Adult	\$55

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* Pool will only open if the Hamilton forecast is 22C or above

Some Venues Will Charge an Entry Fee.

Our VICSWIM host venues are **extremely generous** in permitting our program to take place in their centre.

Out of goodwill and support of the program, our host venues contribute significant amounts of in-kind support. Without this, our program could not be delivered across so many communities.

Some of our venues are in the position to waive pool entry fees, but some are not.

We have asked our host venues to notify us of the fees they intend to charge and have listed this on our website [here](#).

Please take a look and be aware if your intended venue is charging an entry fee for participants, or for spectators. This list is subject to change.

We also ask our VICSWIM families to treat the staff at our host venues with respect.

We have been disheartened to hear of disrespectful behaviour directed at venue staff upon entry at some venues in previous sessions.

Key details:

Program Dates:

- **Week 1:** Monday 5th - Friday 9th January 2026
- **Week 2:** Monday 12th - Friday 16th January 2026
- **Week 3:** Monday 19th - Friday 23rd January 2026

Cost:

\$43 per enrolment

Please note: Venues may charge an entry fee to the venue for participants and/or spectators. Venues who have informed us of [additional charges are listed on our website here](#).

VICSWIM Summer Kidz is available to children aged 4 - 12 years old. Minimum age at Beach and Inland Waterways programs is 5 years old.



Book in for 2026 on Wednesday, 12 November 2025 at 10:00 am
VICSWIM Summer Kidz returns for 2026.

We're so excited to open for bookings on Wednesday!

We're looking forward to another wonderful summer of safe and fun water safety education across Victoria, at an accessible and affordable price point of \$35 plus booking fee, per week!

Our 2026 Venues List is now live!

We're excited to share with you our list of Venues for 2026.

As always, some more may be added so please keep an eye on our facebook and instagram accounts for updates.

[View the 2026 Venues List](#)

We've split the list of 150+ venues into four categories to help you find the venue you're after:

- Pools in Metropolitan Melbourne
- Pools in Regional Victoria
- Open Water Programs
- Inland Waterway programs

HAWKESDALE P12 COLLEGE 2025 YEARBOOK

A great historical record of the year. Relive and reminisce about the camps, excursions, the study, and the good times with your friends. Limited copies available. Contact the office for further information.



Photos of friends and good times, memories to keep.

[FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)



[CONTACT US](#)
At the office. 55607225



We are now taking orders for the **2025** School Magazine.
Please fill in the form below or phone the College 55607225
The Magazine is due to arrive very early 2026

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HAWKESDALE P12 COLLEGE - SCHOOL MAGAZINE - 2025

STUDENT/S NAME:

PARENT NAME:

I/We wish to order copies of the 2025 School Magazine @ **\$36.00** per copy. If you need the magazine to be mailed to you please write the address below or email the college on hawkesdale.p12@education.vic.gov.au with your address and add \$6.00 postage per magazine to the total cost.

ADDRESS:

Payment methods available: CASH DIRECT DEPOSIT EFPTOS CREDIT CARD (see below)

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