



# OLW NEWS 2020

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Dear Parents & Families,

Yesterday afternoon the Victorian Government announced that, on the advice of the Victorian Chief Health Officer, regional and rural Victoria will move to Stage 3 restrictions and metropolitan Melbourne will move to Stage 4 restrictions to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

These requirements apply to all schools across all schools in metropolitan Melbourne and rural and regional Victoria.

The changes to schools' operations will come into effect from Wednesday 5 August, and are likely to apply until the end of Term 3.

As outlined in the Chief Health Officer's advice on Friday, schools remain safe places for staff and students – but these steps are critical measures to reduce the movement of students and families across the state.

There are implications for our school, and for families in our school community. A summary of what the changes mean for schools is below.

## **METROPOLITAN MELBOURNE**

### *PREP TO YEAR 10*

- Prep to Year 10 students will continue with remote and flexible learning.
- The criteria for students that can attend on-site has changed as follows:
  - children whose parents are permitted workers. The Victorian Government will provide further advice about this over the coming days
  - vulnerable children in out of home care, children known to child protection and other agencies and children the school identifies as vulnerable
  - children with a disability who also fit one of the above two categories.

## **TIMELINE**

- Monday August 3 will be a 'normal' day of school under current arrangements, with students attending on site learning asked

to take all their necessary learning materials home.

- Tuesday August 4 will be a student-free day across Victoria to enable teachers, especially in rural and regional Victoria, to prepare for flexible and remote learning. However, at OLW we will continue to run our daily Google Meet session and monitor student learning and emails for those students who continue to undertake their regular learning program.
- Wednesday August 5 will be the first day of new arrangements for schools across Victoria.

I will provide an update about arrangements for remote and flexible learning at our school, and who is permitted to attend for onsite learning, as soon as we are notified by the government and Catholic Education Melbourne of how the new conditions and arrangements will be structured.

I would like to thank all families for your understanding and support during these difficult and uncertain times. As I have previously informed families, we hear of the new arrangements made by government at the same time as all Victorians through the media, and the details usually flow on to schools through official channels a day or two later. Therefore, we are not often in a position to give further clarity around changes until we receive the documentation. However, we will always inform families as soon as practicable around any changes that affect their children or their learning.

Thank you to the 36 families who have already downloaded the Skoolbag app to keep you connected to OLW. Please make sure that you download this app to your phone, iPad or tablet so that you can get the latest school information, especially now with the changes to regulations and structures around schooling. This is the last week that we will also send an SMS prompt for any important information uploaded to our website or school app.

Parent – Teacher Interviews will be held from next Monday, August 10, until Friday, August 28 over a 3-week period. Originally, our next set of interviews had been planned for the end of Term 3 on Monday September 14. However, after discussions at school, it was felt that we may be better served by having the opportunity to conduct the interviews now, especially as our last round of interviews was cancelled due to schools being closed down. This will also mean that if school is able to resume before the end of term, we will not need to hold a Closure Day where the students remain at home, except for their interview.

The interviews are spread over a 3-week period so that staff can still conduct their daily Google Meet sessions, as well as provide onsite supervision of students and online classroom support. It is our usual custom to have the parents and the student attend the interview, but we are aware that some parents may be at work or away from their home caring for others and may not be able to have their child with them for the interview. We understand the many complexities that families are currently working with, but would ask that ensure that you share your child's successes with them once you are back at home.

Online bookings for interviews are open and an instruction sheet for bookings is included in today's newsletter. The easiest way to register for interviews will be through our school app which takes you directly to the login page. Interviews will be held online using a platform called Whereby. When you access our regular booking form, please ensure that you include an active and current email address. Depending on whether you use a smartphone or PC, you may receive a prompt after booking an interview to email your booking to yourself as shown below:

Parent bookings confirmed.

EMAIL BOOKINGS

Please select 'EMAIL BOOKINGS' as this will send you the video link for the interview in calendar form so that you can add this to your personal calendar. If you are using a smartphone, it will usually email you directly, without the prompt.

Our next Education Board Meeting is this Wednesday 5 at 7.00pm. Minutes and Agenda have been distributed through our school app and the link for the meeting was emailed to all members last week.

Our phone system is finally back up and running, but may still have a few gremlins. Thank you for your patience over the past two weeks!

All work will be posted each Sunday evening on our School website under the Learning from Home tab at: <https://www.olwkingsbury.catholic.edu.au/news-events/learning-from-home/> and on our app under the relevant classroom tab.

Thank you to the families who have sent through some great photos of their children engaging in their learning over the past week. We have been able to compile all the photos sent in last week into two videos of students at work and play and student work. These videos are now live on our school app though our YouTube channel. Please keep sending the photos in so that everyone can see that many of our students continue to be creatively engaged in their learning.

Have a great week and stay safe!

*Kevin Burke*

## WORD OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to everyone who found out that prattle means 'talk at length in a foolish or inconsequential way.'

Our word for this week is:

### CONUNDRUM

Find out it's meaning and origin and see if you can add this word to your vocabulary over the next week!

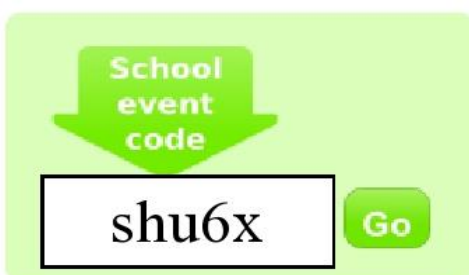


## Book School Interviews Online

Dear Parents,

Parent-Teacher interviews will be held over 3 weeks in August from **Monday, August 10 until Friday, August 28**. **The interview will be conducted online, with instructions and video link in your booking confirmation email.** The daily times available are designed around Google Meet sessions, staff onsite supervision and online classroom support.

Bookings can be made through the School Interviews tab on our school app main page, or you can go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) to enter the School Event code shown below.



Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)

<http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code>

Enter THIS school event code.  
Then follow the 3 simple steps.



Before you click finish, make sure that you select '**email booking information**' so that the link will be emailed to you automatically - *check your junk mail folder* if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

Interviews are strictly 15 minutes and spaces are limited on each day. If a teacher feels that the interview requires further discussion, they will make alternative arrangements with you.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking.

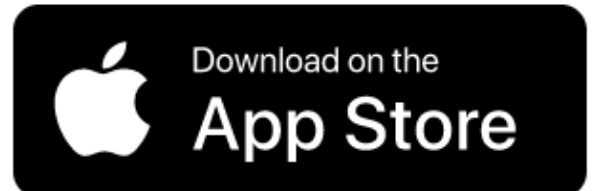
Where possible, we would prefer that the student also be involved in the discussion. However, we are aware that some parents may not be at home at the time of the interview, so having their child with them may not always be possible. If you are in this situation, please make sure that you speak with your child when you are at home and celebrate their successes.



# How to Install SkoolBag

Instructions for parents installing the SkoolBag app.

The SkoolBag school app is the best way for parents to stay up-to-date with the school calendar, last minute forms, newsletters and all school communications. Get started with SkoolBag in only a few minutes. Just follow these simple steps:



## Download the SkoolBag App

Open the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store and search for and install 'SkoolBag'. Alternatively, click on the Google Play or Apple App Store icons above and download the SkoolBag App.

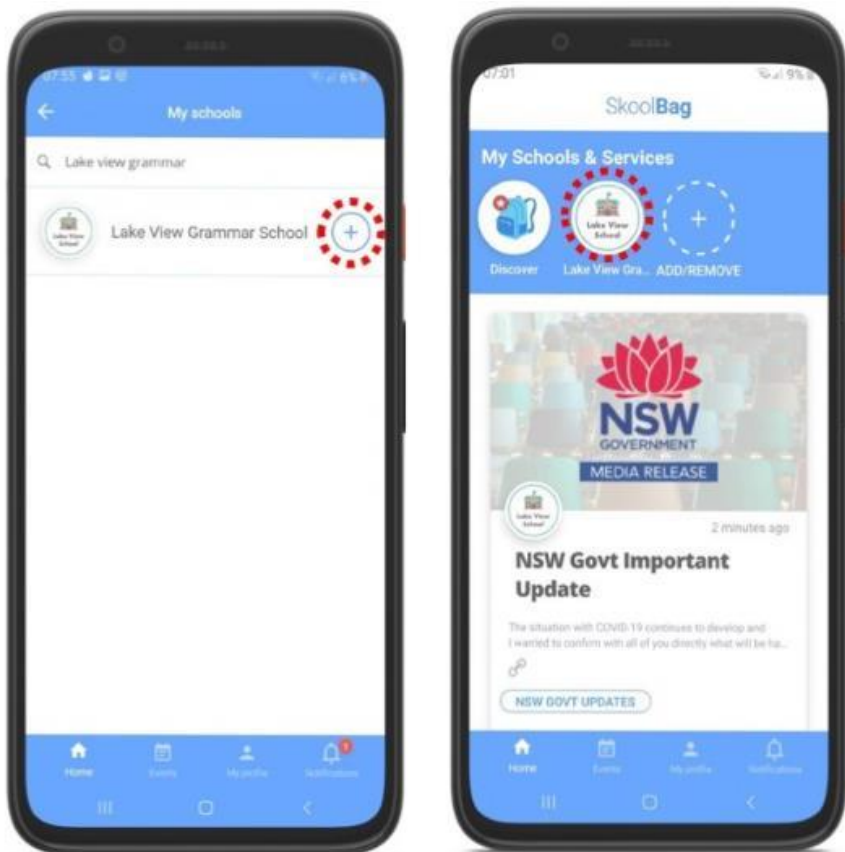


## Create an account

Open the SkoolBag app and Click 'Sign Up'.  
Enter your email address, create a password and click on 'Sign Up'



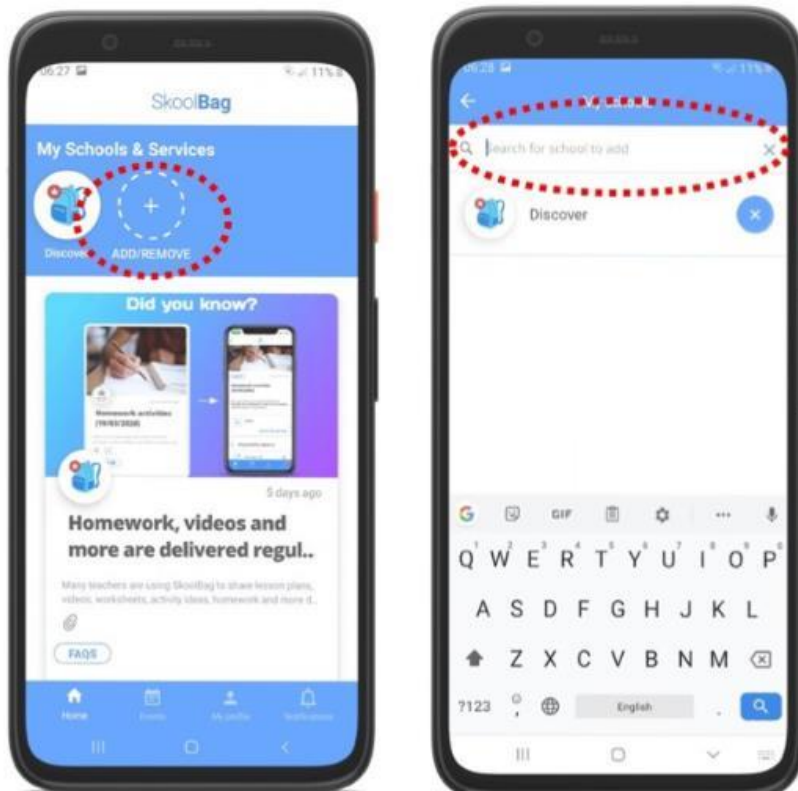
Open the confirmation email sent to your mail inbox and confirm your account



## Add your school

Open the app, and Click 'Add/Remove'

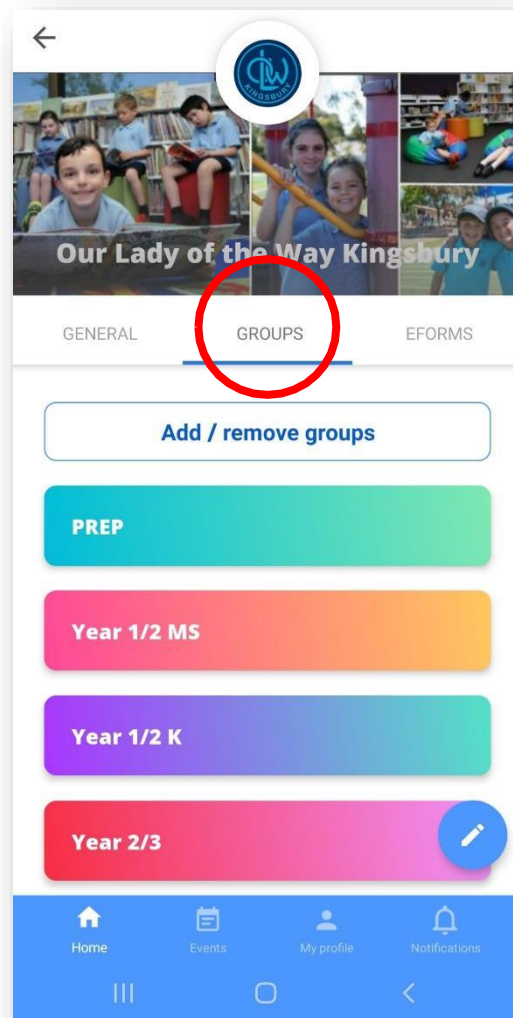
Click '+' to add your school, now you can see your school, under My Schools & Services



Click on '**Groups**' to Add the groups that you or your child/ren wish to receive notifications for.

Click on '**General**' to see School Newsletters and announcements.

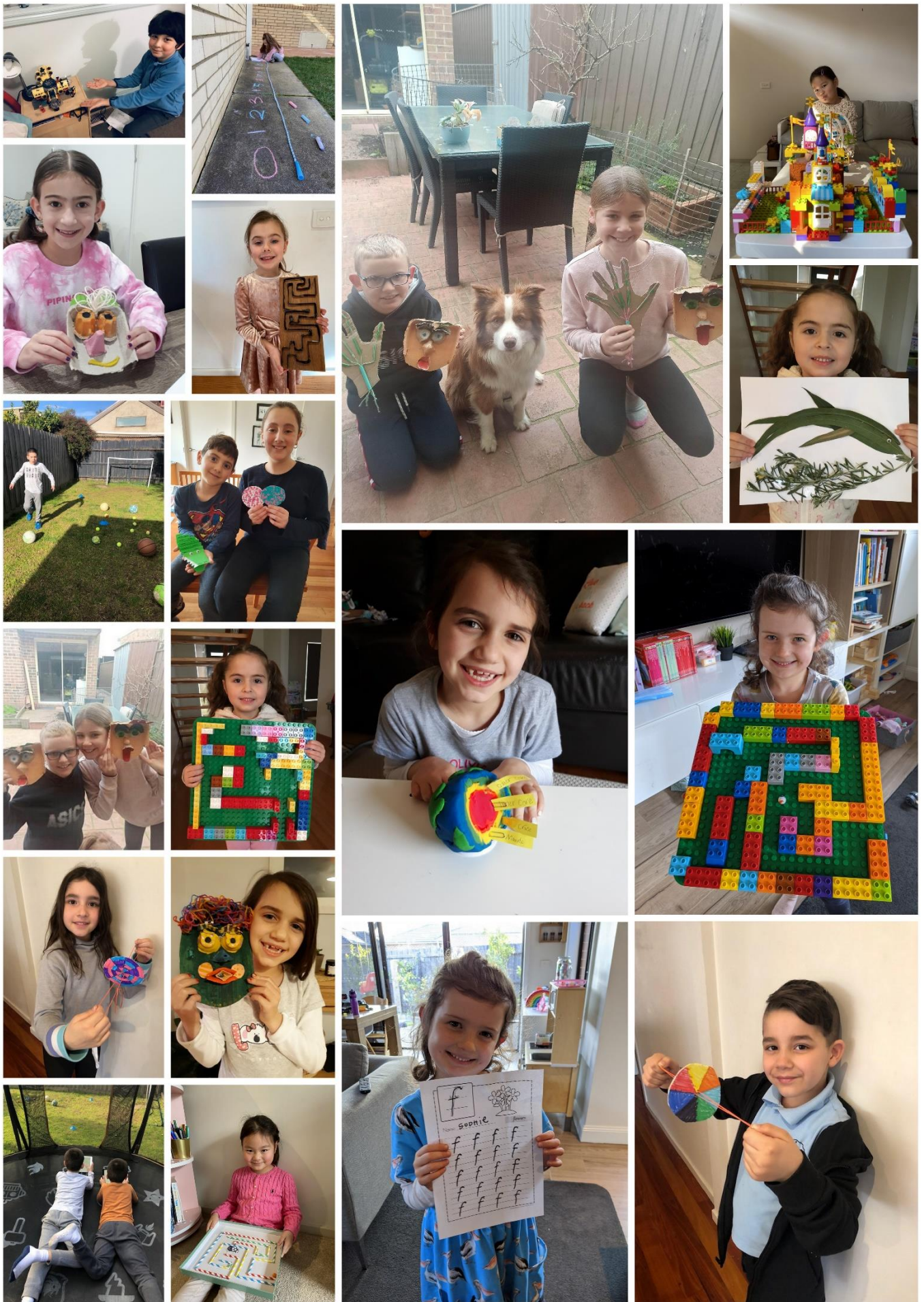
Click on '**Eforms**' to submit Absentee Forms.



You are now connected to OLW to receive all our latest news and information.

If your notifications are switched off, please make sure that you manually check the app regularly to ensure you have the latest information for events, school or parish news.





**Students at Work and Play in Week 3**  
 \*View the full video in the Gallery our school app





## Student Work Week 3

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## Enrolment Applications Welcome

Applications close Friday 21 August 2020  
for Year 7 2022

### Upcoming Virtual Tours

- Thursday 18 June  
9.00am - 10.30am

Book a place online  
<http://www.olmcheidelberg.catholic.edu.au/enrolments/college-tours>

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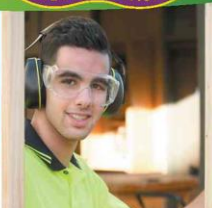
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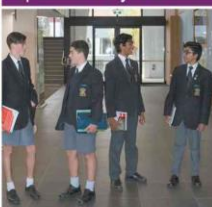
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**Please note** the revised date! Applications for Yr 7 2022 now close on Friday October 9

## SANTA MARIA COLLEGE ONE COMMUNITY

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### KEY ENROLMENT DATES - YEAR 7 2022

#### 9 October 2022

Applications for enrolment in Year 7 2022 close

#### October 2020

Family Interviews

#### 1 December 2020

Offers of places to prospective Year 7 2022 students posted

#### 15 December 2020

Final date for families to accept offers made

**Limited places for Year 7 2021 still available.**

#### Q & A session with the Principal

16 September 2020, 6pm - 7pm

[Click here to register](#)

Please click on the link below to view our **College Overview**

[Video Presentation](#)

For more information, please visit our **College website:**

[www.santamaria.vic.edu.au](http://www.santamaria.vic.edu.au)

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the enrolment process, please contact;

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