



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Ash Wednesday Prayer

Stop, listen repent.

Let go the rush and noise.

And wait patiently before God.

Let the busyness of your body rest,

Let the worries of your mind rest.

Let us hear God's call to holiness,

Open the deep places of our hearts,

And allow your Spirit to recreate,

Busyness into peace,

Worry into trust,

Doubt into hope.

Lord in the stillness of this moment,

May we repent of ways that do not serve you,

And admit to tensions that tell us where we need to change.

As we enter this season of reflection and refocus,

Let us walk the way of the Cross together and move forward without fear into God's eternal purposes.

Amen



Dear Families,

Project Compassion: For All Future Generations

Yesterday our school captains participated in a special prayer service for Shrove Tuesday. Following the service, Caritas Australia provided an induction into Project Compassion. We then gathered for a shared pancake morning tea. Here at Holy Spirit, our children had the opportunity to also eat pancakes. Thank you, everyone who came along to assist with the cooking and serving.



Today our students participated in our Ash Wednesday Liturgy. **Ash Wednesday** marks the beginning of **Lent**, the 40-day journey to the most important time in the Church's calendar, Easter. Project Compassion brings together thousands of Australians in schools, parishes, and the community to stand in solidarity with the world's most vulnerable communities, to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. Together, we can make a difference now, and **For All Future Generations**.

I wish to acknowledge and thank our school community for the positive start to our school year. Our children have settled well into their classrooms. I wish to thank our staff for their work in setting up their classrooms and the learning opportunities made available to our students. Our opening mass last Friday was a beautiful way for us to officially start our year together.



Yesterday we farewelled Jordan Tremlett who is off to university in Adelaide this year. Jordan came to us at the beginning of last year to join our Inclusion and OSHC team. Jordan has been a welcome addition to Holy Spirit. She has built strong relationships with students, staff and families in her time with us. It is not goodbye as Jordan promises to return when home for holidays.

We welcome Hannah Garland to our inclusion team. Hannah began working with us on Monday. We are excited to welcome Hannah to our school, and I am sure you will all make her feel very welcome.

Bye
Miss Jordan



Hello
Miss Hannah

Our Class Buddy Program has started again this year. This program encourages student engagement and support across all our year levels, including Community of Learners. Our Class Buddy Program has been developed to provide student support for our children in their learning and interaction both in the classroom and playground.

The Class Buddy Program is in place to:

- Support students in their learning
- Develop positive relationships
- Mentor and guide students in their learning and play
- Participate in learning activities
- Provide opportunities for leadership of our students
- A place for students to visit when reflecting on behavioural choices



Our Class Buddy arrangements for this year are:

- Transition, Room 8 & Year 3/4, Room 15
- Transition, Room 9 & Year 3/4, Room 14
- Year 1/2, Room 2 & Year 5/6, Room, 10
- Year 1/2, Room 4 & Year 5/6, Room 12
- Year 1/2, Room 6 & Year 5/6, Room 13
- Year 3/4, Room 17 & Community of Learners

Please take the time to speak with your children about our Class Buddy program and the positive experiences and stories to date. Please follow the link to view the [Buddy Program policy](#) and the [Buddy Bench Policy](#).

Homework has begun this week. For clarification around what this looks like please contact your child's classroom teacher. Please follow the link to view the [Homework Policy](#).

A reminder for us all during afternoon dismissal to be patient and remind ourselves the safety of our students is paramount. Your support in the safety and wellbeing of everyone is appreciated. A reminder to all families that our Drop and Go is a no parking area. Where you need to park your car, please proceed to the carpark.

The Commemorative Service for the 82nd Anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin is to be held at the Darwin Cenotaph next Monday 19th February from 9:30am. Our school captains will be representing Holy Spirit at this important service next week alongside Chris Crimmings and me.

Thanks again for your support for the start to 2024. Remember to check Class Dojo and Operoo for messages, updates and, most importantly, photos of your children in their learning.

Wishing everyone a wonderful term of learning, discovery, adventure, and creativity.

Blessings,

Paula Sellars

Mrs Paula Sellars
Principal

RE News



Lent

This week we celebrated Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday and it is with gratitude I thank the lovely group of volunteers who assisted with the making of pancakes for us all. Your contribution is one of extreme importance in building our school and family partnerships. It makes our celebrations even more meaningful when families are participating in the religious life of the school. Each year in the Darwin Diocese our Catholic schools support Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal that brings thousands of Australians together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. To find out more you may like to view the Caritas website:

<http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion>



Project Compassion Launch

On Tuesday our School captains Katerina and Antonio and Vice captain Cooper attended the Caritas Australia Project Compassion launch at St Mary's Star of the Sea Cathedral. Whilst there our captains spoke with representatives from other Catholic schools within the Darwin Diocese and engaged in an induction session into Project Compassion.

Upcoming Events

Children's Mass- Sunday 25th February
Holy Week- March 24th-31st

Lent

This week we celebrate Ash Wednesday, the first day of one of the most important seasons in the Church's liturgical year - Lent. As explained to the children at Wednesday's liturgy, is a time when we try to get closer to God. The children are encouraged to think of things they could do to achieve this. They may decide to have conversations with God, do good deeds and give to Project Compassion. As adults we understand these acts to be **FASTING**, **PRAYER** and **ALMS GIVING**.

FASTING: Fasting is an ancient action linked to Lent and is considered a sacred act. The goal of fasting is connected to prayer. The pangs of hunger remind us of our hunger for God and prayer and fasting brings us to what Lent is about – a deeper conversion and relationship with God.

PRAYER: Fasting and almsgiving are merely actions we do out of tradition, if not connected to prayer. Prayer is our conversation with God. In these conversations we find the strength to fast, to develop a closer and more intimate relationship with God. This relationship makes us grateful for our many blessings and motivates us to give to those less fortunate.

ALMSGIVING: This is simply a response by us to God, a response that we have come to through prayer and fasting. It expresses our gratitude for all we have been given. We come to a realization that we all make up the Body of Christ and with this realization there is a responsibility. That responsibility is to all who are part of the Body of Christ. This means that our acts of charity and the promotion of justice are integral elements of the Christian way of life.

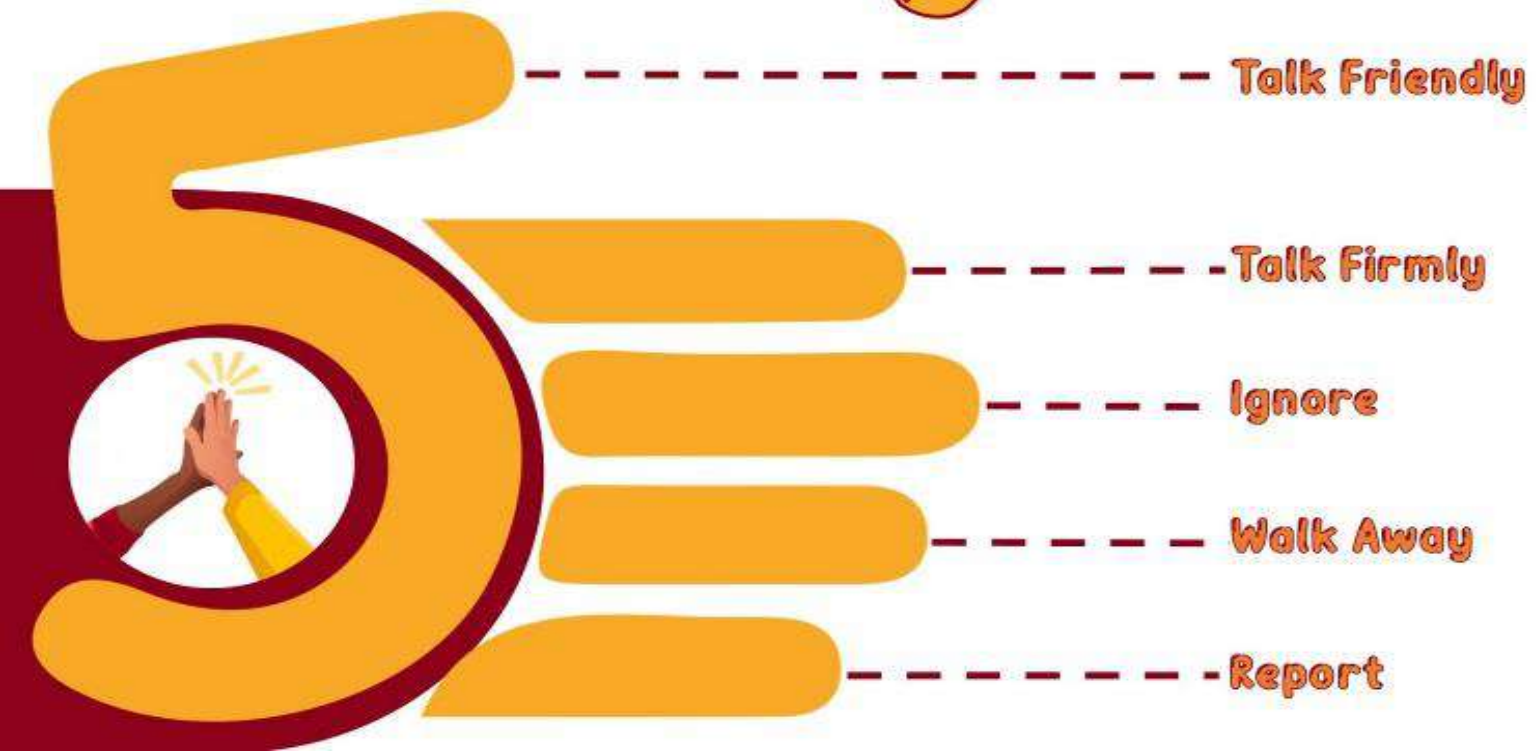
Congratulations to our week 2
MJR award recipient.....



Aoife

"For her welcoming
and caring
nature to everyone."
Mrs Sellars

Do the High Five



FRIENDLY FEBRUARY, 2024

Friendly February 2024

MONDAY



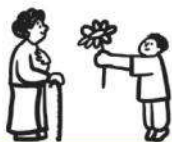
5 Make time to have a friendly chat with a neighbour

12 Focus on being kind rather than being right

19 Share something you find inspiring, helpful or amusing

26 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones

TUESDAY



6 Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while

13 Smile at the people you see and brighten their day

20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun

27 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them

WEDNESDAY



7 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others

14 Tell a loved one or friend why they are special to you

21 Really listen to what people say, without judging them

28 Give positive comments to as many people as possible today

THURSDAY

1 Send a message to let someone know you're thinking of them

8 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust

15 Support a local business with a positive online review or friendly message

22 Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today

29 Acknowledge someone's problem or pain rather than trying to fix it

FRIDAY

2 Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently

9 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you

16 Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help

23 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise

SATURDAY

3 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone

10 Look for good in others, particularly when you feel frustrated with them

17 Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life

24 Tell a loved one about the strengths that you see in them

SUNDAY

4 Invite a friend over for a 'tea break' (in person or virtual)

11 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost

18 Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself

25 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

TERM ONE CALENDAR, 2024

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Assembly
Week 3 February 1 st Sunday in Lent	12	13 Shrove Tuesday – Pancakes Project Compassion Launch- Cathedral- Mini Vinnie leader	14 Ash Wednesday Liturgy @ 8:30am	15 Board Meeting @ 4:45pm	16 Awards Assembly	ROOM 10
Week 4 February 2nd Sunday in Lent	19 BOD Ceremony @ the Cenotaph	20	21	22	23 Awards Assembly Sausage sizzle @ lunch	ROOM 17
Week 5 March 3 rd Sunday in Lent	26 Project Compassion	27	28	29	1 Awards Assembly Netball Gala Day REWARD AFTERNOON	ROOM 6
Week 6 March 4 th Sunday Lent	4	5	6	7	8 Awards Assembly Defence Gathering @ 1:30pm	ROOM 12
Week 7 March 5 th Sunday Lent	Parent/Teacher Interviews (1:00 – 5:00pm)		NAPLAN TESTING			ROOM 13
	11	12	13	14 Board Meeting @ 4:45pm	15 Awards Assembly Yr. 6 Leadership lunch @ 1:15pm	
Week 8 March Passion Sunday	NAPLAN TESTING					ROOM 15
	18	19	20	21	22 Awards Assembly Harmony Day Activities	
Week 9 March Easter Sunday	NAPLAN TESTING	HOLY WEEK			29	Mini Vinnies & POPE Team
	25	26	27	28 Awards Assembly Stations of the Cross @ 2:00pm	Good Friday	

Semester One Dates 2024

Semester One, 2024	
Term 1	Wed. 31 Jan - Fri. 5 April
Term Break	Mon. 8 April - Fri. 12 April
Term 2	Mon. 15 April - Fri. 21 June
Please visit the school website if you would like to view term dates for years 2024 through to 2027	

OSHC REGISTRATION FORM, 2024

A reminder to families that OSHC Bookings for 2023 have not been carried over to 2024. If your child requires OSHC services this year, the 2024 OSHC Form is now available. You can collect a form from the front office or you can download one from the school website: [OSHC Enrolment Form, 2024](#)

We recommend that all families complete the form even if you do not usually use the service so your child can be have supervised care in case of an emergency or unforeseen circumstance.

OSHC BOOKINGS, CANCELLATIONS, CHARGES & CHANGES

- Cancellations or bookings must be made in writing at least 24 hours in advance for a normal rate of \$35 to apply and for cancellations not to be charged (Before 2:30pm for ASC and before 7am for BSC the day prior of booking or required booking). **Bookings made less than 24 hours in advance will be charged \$45 per child.**
- If you have booked your child in for OSHC but decide to collect your child from school, or allow them to walk or ride home, we need you to notify the OSHC team before 2pm on the day of your booking.
- Vacation Care enrolment forms received after the submission date will incur an additional cost of \$50 per child.
- Vacation Care requires 48 hours (before 7am, two days prior) in advance written notification for cancellations.
- All bookings and cancellations must be in writing and made through operoo /website. Email accepted, please email: oshc.hs@nt.catholic.edu.au
- A \$50 late fee (plus \$1 per minute) per child will apply if your child is collected after 5:30pm.
- As per the Terms and Conditions on the OSHC enrolment form, public holidays will be charged if the front office has not received a cancellation of booking for that date.
- Students who have not been collected by 2:45pm will be sent to OSHC to ensure supervision. Once a child is signed in at OSHC the casual rate will be charged.
- Emergency contacts and people approved for collection of children must show identification when collecting students from OSHC and be of at least 18 years of age.






BACK TO SCHOOL VOUCHER

Have you used your child’s Back to School Voucher? It is worth \$200 and cane be used against the Book Service Levy within the fees or uniforms (@CSF Gear)

The Back to School Voucher is valid till the end of Term 1, 5th Of April, 2024.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Regular school attendance is very important for all our children. Every day at school counts! Please refer to the table below as an indicator of how repeated absences can have an impact on student learning.

	Your child’s attendance is above 95% They are likely to be a ‘Star Performer’ as well as an excellent attendee. They will almost certainly achieve the best grades for their ability and have real opportunity in further education, or in the world of work.
	Your child’s attendance is 90 – 94% ‘GREEN for Go’ for good attendance, they are likely to achieve grades that will give them real opportunities to continue their studies, or in the world of work.
10 days missed = 2 weeks absence	
	Your child’s attendance is 85 – 89% ‘AMBER – Take care’ as students will be missing up to 20 days each year and this will make it very difficult for them to achieve their best.
	Your child’s attendance is 80 – 84% ‘RED light – Be alert’ as students are missing so much school that it will be very difficult for them to keep in touch with lessons or with work.
	Your child’s attendance is below 80% ‘AT RISK – Immediate Action Needed’ as students are missing so much time from school that it will be almost impossible for them to keep in touch with lessons or work.

SCHOOL FEES & ELC AND OSHC CHARGES – 2024

Families are advised the following school fees for 2024 apply. These fees have been recommended by the CEC Finance, Facilities & Resources Committee and endorsed by the Bishop. If the level of increase creates any hardship for you, please make an appointment with the Principal to discuss the circumstances.

Levies break down (these are included in the amounts in table below)

\$437.00 Books & Services (per child/per year)

\$148.00 Excursion (per child/per year)

\$291.00 Operational (per child/per year)

Family	Per Term (Inc. levies)	Per Year (Inc. levies)
1 child	\$581.50	\$2326.00
2 children	\$1126.75	\$4507.00
3 children	\$1635.75	\$6543.00
4 children	\$1854.75	\$7419.00

ELC - Community of Learners (fees subject to change)		
One Child	\$465.00 per week	\$120.00 per day
Effective January 05, 2024		
OSHC - After School Care (fees subject to change)		
One Child	\$35.00 - booked rate	\$45.00 - casual rate
Effective January 31, 2024		
OSHC - Before School Care (fees subject to change)		
One Child	\$15 (includes Breakfast)	
Effective January 31, 2024		
OSHC - Vacation Care (fees subject to change)		
One Child	\$335.00 per week	\$90 per day
Effective April 2024		
Child Care Subsidy (CCS) apply		

If you would like to pay your account through internet banking please see the school account details below:

National Australia Bank | Account Name: Holy Spirit School | BSB No. 085 933 | Account No. 39 895 1673
Ref: (Child's First Initial) . (Last Name) FEES/COL/OSHC | Example: J Smith FEES

Please contact the [Finance Officer](#) as soon as possible if there are any difficulties meeting payment commitments.

ABSENCES AND LATE STUDENTS

Holiday?

If your child/ren are going to be away during the school term please notify the front office by e-mail, phone, Operoo, or the [school website](#).

Leaving?

If your child is leaving the school, please notify the office in writing (email accepted) or by completing a '[Termination of Enrolment](#)' form on Operoo

Late?

If your child arrives to school after the first bell (8:10am), please send them to the front office to be signed in. If they are not signed in they will be recorded as an unexplained absence.

Sick?

If your child is sick please notify the front office by e-mail, phone, operoo or the school website. Your child's absence will only be recorded as a notified absence if you advise the school on the day of absence or provide a medical certificate.



CONTACT DETAILS

Has your family recently changed your place of residence? Have you changed your phone number, email, place of work or postal address?

Please visit Operoo and contact the front office with your updated details.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students:

- * TR, Rm.8 - Wendy Carpinteiro & Nathan Daly
 - * TR, Rm.9 - Madelyn Gilmore & Daniel Thomas
 - * Yr. 1/2, Rm.2 - Iyla Anderson & Ioannis Zografakis
 - * Yr. 1/2, Rm.4 - Ailah Aboy & Zekiel Rowan
 - * Yr. 1/2, Rm.6 - Skye Wills & Lucas Liew
 - * Yr. 3/4, Rm.14 - Elie Murphy & Evangelia Ergos
 - * Yr. 3/4, Rm. 15 - Bridget kane & Hunter Johnson
 - * Yr. 3/4, Rm. 17 - Sienna Javier & Lachlan Johnston
- * Yr. 5/6. Rm.10 - Alston Nazreth & Allegra De Zylva
 - * Yr. 5/6. Rm.12 - Athanasia Rigas & Siddhartha Gurung
 - * Yr. 5/6. Rm.13 - Evanthia Trikilis & Olivia Feeney
 - * AEIW Award - Zekiel Rowan & Casey Tedcastle
 - * Sport Award - Tristan Krajsek & Jack Wills
 - * Indonesian Award - Sahash Gurung & Evelyn Grant
 - * Visual Arts Award - Peter Harnett & Kayla Panatos

The MJR (Making Jesus Real) Award is presented to a person who puts enthusiasm, energy and happiness into our school and is a team player. This week's MJR Award goes to:

Sophie Hall

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to the following students & staff that celebrate their birthday in Week 3
Agnes Dinu, Eliana Rigas, Janki Mohan, Henry Read and Tristan Krajsek



SNAPPY SIX

Name: Fiona Bugden (Mrs Bugden)
Favourite Colour: Green
Favourite Food: Any type of pasta
Favourite Book: The very cranky bear by Nick Bland
Favourite Sport: Tennis
What do you like best about Holy Spirit School?
All the friendly students, families and staff

Teacher



SNAPPY SIX

Name: Claire Dekuyer (Mrs Claire)
Favourite Colour: Lilac and turquoise
Favourite Food: Thai
Favourite Book: I Wonder By Annaka Harris
Favourite Sport: Netball is my favourite sport to play, but my competitive spirit loves most sports!
What do you like best about Holy Spirit School?
I love the school spirit! It seems that everyone knows everyone, and I see the pride the children have in the school environment and their school community. What a fabulous place to be and work!

Teacher



SPECIALIST CLASS TIMETABLE

ROOM	ART	INDONESIAN	SPORT	LIBRARY
Rm. 2	Thursday	Thursday	Tuesday	Monday
Rm. 4	Tuesday	Thursday	Thursday	Monday
Rm. 6	Thursday	Tuesday	Thursday	Wednesday
Rm. 8	Wednesday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Tuesday
Rm. 9	Wednesday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Thursday
Rm. 10	Wednesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Tuesday
Rm. 12	Wednesday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Thursday
Rm. 13	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Rm. 14	Tuesday	Thursday	Thursday	Thursdat
Rm. 15	Thursday	Tuesday	Thursday	Wednesday
Rm. 17	Thursday	Thursday	Wednesday	Wednesday

Please do not park in the Disabled Car Park without a permit.
This area is monitored and you may be fined.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



**WEDNESDAY
28TH FEBRUARY
5:30PM – 7PM**



**TRACY VILLAGE
SOCIAL & SPORTS
CLUB**
28 TAMBLING TERRACE,
LYONS



SIGN-ON DAY

**FOR CHILDREN
& ADULTS**

New and past players,
coaches & anyone wanting
to give soccer a go!



- *Bring boots/closed shoes and water bottle*
- *Soccer training & games*
- *Fun activities for the kids*
- *Sausage sizzle*



Contact the club directly for more information on our  



Darwin Region Sport Education 2024

Upcoming Selection Trials



6 - 8

FEBRUARY

3:30 - 5:00 PM

12 Years & Under Australian Football

Boys & Girls Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at Sanderson Middle School Oval.

14 & 15

FEBRUARY

3:30 - 5:00 PM

12 Years & Under Touch Football

Boys & Girls
Wednesday & Thursday at TRLS, Marrara

27 - 29

FEBRUARY

3:30 - 5:00 PM

15 Years & Under Netball

Girls Only Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at CDU Stadium, Marrara

12 - 14

MARCH

3:30 - 5:00 PM

12 Years & Under Netball

Boys & Girls Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at CDU Stadium, Marrara

MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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Darwin Region Sport Education 2024

Upcoming Selection Trials



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MARCH

NO TRIAL

12 Years & Under Tennis

Girls & Boys
Self Nomination form due to Darwin Region Sport Education

2 - 4

APRIL

3:30 - 5:00 PM

12 Years & Under Football (Soccer)

Boys & Girls Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at Bagot Oval.

14 - 16

MAY

3:30 - 5:00 PM

12 Years & Under Cricket

Boys & Girls
Wednesday & Thursday at DXC Arena, Marrara

14

JUNE

NO TRIAL

10 - 19 Years Track & Field

Girls & Boys
Self Nomination form due to Darwin Region Sport Education

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