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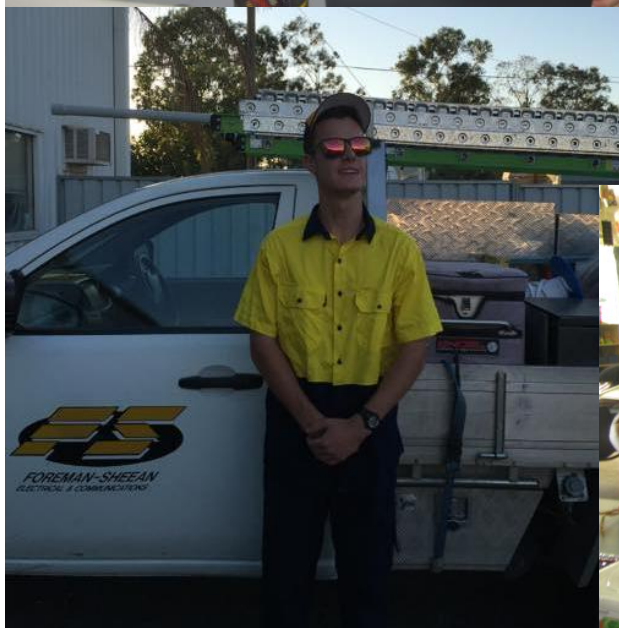
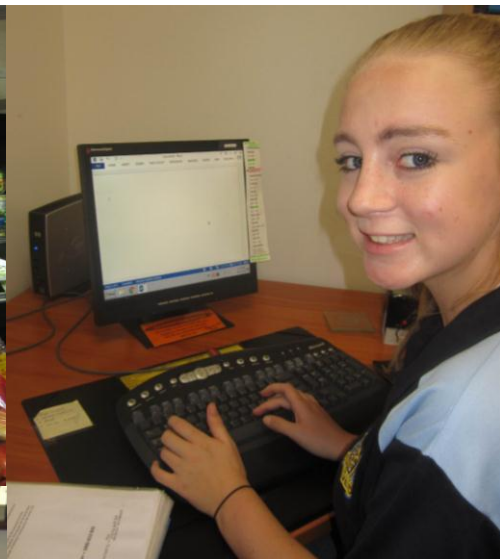
Year 10 Work Experience

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ANNUAL PRESENTATION NIGHT

Tuesday, 8
December
At 7pm



Year 10 enjoyed their week of Work Experience and would like to thank IGA, The Hospital, Balranald Early Learning Centre, St Joseph's and Foreman-Sheean for the opportunity.

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PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVES

Welcome all parents and students to week 9 of term 4.

On behalf of the Balranald Central School community, I would like to congratulate Jacob Lister who has been selected in the Riverina 1st XI cricket team. Jacob will now travel to Sydney to compete in the New South Wales regional tournament in February. This achievement is due reward for Jacob's dedication to the sport. Once again congratulations! Thank you to Mr Will Godber for organising and taking Jacob and Kobe to Wagga Wagga for the Riverina trials.



In 2016, Balranald Central School will be running a **Middle School program** for years 5, 6, 7 & 8. The purpose is to provide stage 3 and stage 4 students with a variety of short courses/programs to stimulate and explore topic areas that they may not have otherwise been exposed to.

The Middle School courses will embed the positive behaviour and lifelong skills such as leadership, respect, care, doing your personal best, responsibility and working with others.

The stage 3 & 4 students will be divided into 4 even sized classes. The classes will have a mixture of age and gender. Each student will remain in their group for the entire year. Middle School will run for one 50minute period per week on the timetable. The courses will run for ten weeks.

Every student will complete the same four Middle School Programs by the end of the year. The 2016 programs are – **Robotics, Careers, Typing and Card Making.**

The structure below is an example of what the Middle School program will look like.

Middle School Program	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Robotics	Blue	Green	Yellow	Red
Careers	Red	Blue	Green	Yellow
Typing	Yellow	Red	Blue	Green
Card Making	Green	Yellow	Red	Blue

In 2016, Balranald Central School will be introducing a new and fresh **Merit and Award system** that formally recognises all students from K -12 for achievement, effort, participation and the many contributions that students make towards school life and culture. The new system is broken up into five merit categories – Academic, Sporting, Cultural, Community and Values. Based on merits received students will progress through the five award categories of Bronze, Silver, Gold, Opal and Platinum. See the flow chart in this newsletter.

The Wednesday afternoon study centre will be open this Wednesday 2nd December from 3.00 to 4.00pm in the school library. This study centre will close for the remainder of the year after this Wednesday.

Have a great week!
Aaron Flagg



AUSTRALIA DAY IN BALRANALD SHIRE



Balranald Shire Council is seeking nominations from the community for the Australia Day Awards. **To date, the Council has not received a nomination for/from a Balranald resident.** We are sure that there are quite a few candidates that could be nominated for sporting achievements.

The website link to the Australia Day page is <http://www.balranald.nsw.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/Australia-Day-2016-Nomination-form-for-20151.pdf>

Council is seeking nominations in the following categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year
- Special Achievement Award
- Sportspersons of the Year
- Young Sportsperson of the Year

So come on Balranald residents, put pen to paper and fill out the Australia Day Nomination Form!!

If you are unable to download and print the form you can pick one up from the Council's office.

Nominations must be in writing on the official nomination form and submitted to the General Manager, Balranald Shire Council, PO Box 120, Balranald NSW 2715 by **no later than 5pm on Monday, 14th December.**

Weekly Quiz

Each week a quiz is put somewhere in the Newsletter!!

Students need to cut out and return their responses to Mr Flagg by the Friday of each week.

Correct responses will be put in a hat and drawn on Monday mornings.

1st Prize \$5 canteen voucher
2nd Prize \$2.50 canteen voucher
MAJOR PRIZE AT THE END OF TERM

This week's quiz

Student's Name: _____ Year: _____



1. The Sheffield Shield is competed for in which sport?

2. Which leg starts a swimming medley?

3. What is an infant whale commonly called?

Students of the Week - Weeks 7 & 8



*Pictured: Back Row (L to R) - Daniel Woolhouse, Jacob Lister, Drew Lloyd, Macy Lloyd
Front Row (L to R) - Harry Ross, Chloe Gorman, Mollie Calleja*



*Pictured: Back Row (L to R) - Chloe Grant, Rhys Gervasi, Nicholas Allen, Riley Pearce
Front Row (L to R) - Skye Haigh, Michael Gorman, Kyron Michaels*

Cricket V's Coleambally 2015

We were not feeling confident as the team boarded the bus for the long and tiring trip to Hay. Coleambally Central School has a long cricket tradition and always provides a stern test for our batters and bowlers. This time was different, with not only a shortage of players, but we had a couple making their debut for the school. This included a young lass who is more accustomed to chasing and catching balls filled with air rather than balls filled with hard stuff. One thing we do know is young Jordyn (Muscles) Jolliffe is made of tough stuff and was keen to have a crack.

We did however, have a young, tearaway fast bowler by the name of Loui 'Diamond' Gervasi (highly valued) and a very capable batsman making his debut in BCS colours. Tristan (Twistie) Donehue had been a revelation in the nets, and we weren't sure if 40 overs would be sufficient time for him to show his wares. We still had the old stagers, Jacob "Globe" Lister, Kobe 'Young Gun' Lloyd, Jack 'The Next Thing' Gervasi "(brother of 'The Wild Thing') as well as Drew 'Donuts' Lloyd. (Not sure if he brought donuts to this game, but he didn't offer any to the coach.) These guys had done it before and now we were relying on them to do it again.

After huge rains in Hay the previous week, we were presented with a green top that was sure to play tricks early and not change that much as the game wore on. Winning the toss was going to be crucial and we planned to exploit the bowler friendly conditions. 'The Globe' was our king tosser, however Coleambally had a bigger tosser as captain and called correctly choosing to bowl first.

The innings started with our two openers nervously playing rock, paper, scissors to see who faced first. Connor 'The Italian Connection' Soraggi won this toss and casually trotted to the non-strikers end. Jack 'The Next Thing' Gervasi slowly took strike, with the look of a defeated man, to face the first ball. Surprisingly Jack was quickly into stride getting off the mark straight away with a single to square leg. Two balls later, Conner joined Jack on one run and we were away. Just as Jack was thinking how he was going to celebrate his maiden school century, he was out to a great catch for 1. It was one of the best first over performances from our opening batsmen this year and Jack was impressed with the contribution he had made. Stick around and knock the shine off the ball were his instructions, and his 2 ball effort certainly achieved this.



'The Globe' was the next batter and he survived the rest of the over scoring a quick fire 2 runs in the process. The place lights up when 'Globe' flicks his switch and we were all hoping it would happen today. Both batsmen scored singles in the next over before Connor was dubiously adjudged LBW in a decision that should justify the use of a DRS third umpire at this level of cricket. Kobe 'Young Gun' Lloyd joined 'The Globe' at the crease and these boys set about rectifying the situation. At 2 for 6 we were in deep do-do, but these two boys are made for this situation, and they set about building the score. At drinks the score was 2 for 50 odd and things looked good. Both Jacob and Kobe were pushing the singles and two's, and with the occasional boundary, the score was building. The decision was made at drinks to push the score so Kobe, on the resumption, went the 'tonk' scoring a couple of quick boundaries before holing out for a well compiled 25 runs. At 3 for 68 we had a good start and with Rhys 'Slogga' Gervasi, (brother to 'The Wild Thing' and 'The next Thing') about to face there were no certainties to suggest many more runs would come our way. Rhys didn't want to play, then he didn't want to bowl and he didn't want to bat. We put him in at number 5 which didn't make a lot of sense either but he didn't have a choice. With the score on 75, disaster struck with 'Globe' Lister spooning a simple catch to midwicket. 'Globe' had made 36 glorious runs, including 5 boundaries.

What happened next was totally unexpected. 'Twistie' Donehue joined with 'Slogga' and proceeded to score the best first ball donut seen for some time. It started with a confident walk to the crease and finished with broken stumps and a long walk back to the bus. Tristan's great net form didn't transfer into the game unfortunately but he still had bowling to look forward to. Meanwhile with Young 'Donuts' Lloyd joining Gervasi in the middle, the game was about to change. 'Slogga' decided that swinging was the way to survive. The Colly bowlers feed him some 'half-trackers' for 2 overs and he helped himself to 3 sixes and 3 fours before being bowled for 34 smashing runs. It was noted the similarities of style of young 'Slogga' to his cousin Mick 'Slogga' Linnett. At 6 for 105 it was left to 'Donuts' Lloyd to bring us home. He was relying on the skills of 'Muscles' Jolliffe and Loui 'Diamond' Gervasi. 'Muscles' was keen to show us what she had and was quickly into stride with a defensively placed single. 'Donuts' Lloyd was showing great patience and was happy to rotate the strike with these late order batsmen. 'Muscles' lost her wicket to a brute of a ball that justified all the protective equipment she was wearing. There was a hush across the field, quickly followed by a roar, as the spectators recognised the familiar figure of Loui 'Diamond' Gervasi. Loui was keen to come in earlier and had put his hand up to open, but with this team, last man in is still a respectable position to come in. Young Loui and young 'Donuts' made some valuable runs to finish, nudging them here and there and turning two's into singles. Loui was keen to step out of the shadow of his great uncle Don (Bradman) and was on his way to a hundred when 'Donuts' was out for 11 runs, including an excellent reverse drive to the boundary.

After 25 overs our innings was complete with 123 runs on the board. A quick lunch of chips and chockie bars, washed down with a Powerade or fruit box prepared us for our bowling and fielding effort.

The Colly openers looked like a determined pair as they made their way to the middle. The captain took strike and was soon into his innings with 6 runs to his name after 3 balls. The irrepressible 'Globe' Lister was bowling pies to start the innings and the Colly batsman looked hungry. 'Young Gun' Lloyd started from the other end and was immediately into his game. Cullen was the batsman and he looked extremely capable as he asked for middle and marked his crease. Even his first play and miss was the sign of a competent batsman. The second ball 'Young Gun' bowled him seemed to dip a little, swinging in late and seaming both ways off the pitch. It was at this point that Cullen made it clearly obvious that he was full of bluster because the sound of ball into the stumps was a beautiful sound. The second batter that came out was a little shorter than the previous batsman and managed to block the first couple out before scrambling a lucky single as the ball evaded Loui at fine leg. At 1 for 7 after 2 overs it was still too early to call.

'Globe' Lister's second over was a corker and had the Colly batsman jumping all over the place. This was the softening up period and no-one was better at this than Jacob 'Globe' Lister. In Lloyds second over, Young Rogers, Colly's number 3 had had enough and he exposed his stumps enough for Lloyd to upset his castle. At 2 for 8 the excitement was building, however, with a name like Fattori, we knew their next batter was dangerous. He quickly made his way to 6 before 'Young Gun' Lloyd had his third victim. Once again a straight, fast one that bounced a little before keeping low, upset the woodwork and the calls for HOWZAT, resulted in plenty of backslapping. The Colly batsmen were losing their way and we had the bowlers that could capitalise on this. 'Globe' Lister started leaking a few runs so he immediately introduced Jack 'The Next Thing' Gervasi. Jack generally bowls good line and length with the occasional boundary ball thrown in. This is what happened, but in his second over, 2 balls after his mandatory boundary ball, he enticed a false shot from the Colly skipper and was presented with a very difficult caught and bowled. This bloke was looking dangerous and the celebrations of his wicket were long and hard. It was at this time that I wondered whether the boys had actually read the memo that suggested winning this game was not really part of the plan.

'Twistie' Donehue was next to try his luck with the Kookaburra. His first over provided a couple of pies to a very hungry batsman, but his second over was top shelf stuff. Jack Gervasi took another ripper catch for 'Twistie's' first wicket and then 'Globe' lit the place up with an absolute classic at first slip, diving full length to his left and snavelling it just above the surface of the grass. Even the Colly batsman was impressed. At 6 for 51, the Coleambally team were about spent and the acceptance of another wasted season hung heavy.

Lister decided it was time to experiment with the bowling order and dually bought on 'Donuts' Lloyd and the young lass 'Muscles'. 'Donuts' had been impressive behind the stumps and dropped into a good line and length early. He did provide a few opportunities to score, but overall kept things pretty tight. The surprise was 'Muscles' who apparently had never rolled the arm over previously. She started with a wicket maiden (no pun intended) when she had their second top scorer totally bamboozled. He went to smash one through the off-side, but it bounced more than expected and 'SOG' Lloyd took a great catch low down. The Colly batter was hoping for a referral to check if the ball carried, but once he was assured that technology was not available, he solemnly trudged off. He was sure to be the butt of many jokes on the way home. Lloyd kept the next over tight with just one boundary from a loose delivery before 'Muscles' had another crack. Often surprises are great for everyone but not this time. 'Muscles' was unable to hit the pitch for her first 3 bowls and then just happened to land a straight one. The Colly batters eyes lit up in surprise but he forgot what he was supposed to do. Walk off was the answer as his castle was re-arranged. The next 3 bowls were like the first 3 landing well wide of the target. 'Muscles' had bowled 7 deliveries with only the wicket ball a legal delivery. She managed another couple or reasonable deliveries before finishing with another straight one. The young Colly batsmen (I use this term loosely) had no idea and just basically let it go. 'Muscles' now had 3 wickets to her name from 2 overs that required 19 deliveries to be bowled and no runs off the bat. At 9 for 96 the result was beyond doubt, but with a full team to choose from, another batter strolled nonchalantly to the crease. 'Donuts' continued his devastating spell and it wasn't long before he enticed an edge, with 'The Italian Connection' finishing it off behind the stumps.

A fitting end to a fine game of cricket with Balranald winning a game they had no right to win. Determination and hard work however, make anything possible and were the team that left with a smile on our faces. It was a great effort from all the team and we look forward to our next encounter.



GOLD COAST EXCURSION

Monday, 16 November 2015

Dear Diary,

Today we travelled to the Gold Coast on a plane. Whoa! That thing goes fast AND you can buy Pringles on board! Chloe Militto was pretty scared about flying, and some people had never been on a plane before, so it was all pretty exciting!

We arrived at the Burleigh CYC just in time for dinner, thank goodness! I was starving! After dinner, one of the Group Leaders called Michael took us for a walk down to the beach. We ran around in the sand like crazy kids and headed up to a lookout that had an amazing view of the lights at Surfers Paradise.

I was so happy to have a shower and crawl into the bed tonight. Tomorrow will be another big day.

Student X



Wednesday, 18 November 2015

Dear Diary,

WET 'N WILD! So excited to get here today. The ground was insanely hot and we all burnt the bottoms of our feet. THERE WERE SO MANY STAIRS! Not only were there stairs, but we had to carry huge, heavy flotation devices up all of these stairs. Brendon and Ms Jones both fell out of the tube in the Tornado and Mr White screamed a lot today.

Tonight's activity was Karaoke! We all chose a few songs to sing and Mr White and Ms Jones were our judges. There were some outstanding performances during the night but, at the end of the night, everyone agreed... *What happens at Gold Coast Karaoke, stays at Gold Coast Karaoke.*

Student X

Dear Diary,

Ugh, waking up at 6am is NOT my idea of fun at all! I wasn't happy about the early wake up, but the walk was great. Our Group Leader, Will, took us for a long walk through the National Park and we stopped at some spectacular lookouts. We also went past the beach, everyone wanted to go in for a swim!

We went to Dreamworld today. Jeremy threw up again! On one of the little kids rides! Everyone else went on The Claw...but not everyone enjoyed it. Will pretended to not be terrified on pretty much every ride, but his eyes showed how scared he really was! Riley and Kobe were excited about pretty much everything today; their faces must hurt from all the smiling.

Tonight we had a Trivia Night, Mr White and Ms Jones won – but we are all pretty sure they cheated! It was also Jess' 16th birthday today, so we had some cake to celebrate.

Whitey tried to show off his dance moves...he should probably stick to teaching!

Student X



Thursday, 19 November 2015

Dear Diary

We got to sleep in this morning, YEW! Then off to Movie World. Mr White was super excited about today, he'd been dreaming about the Wild West ride for months! We got to the park pretty early, so there weren't too many people there. Some of the kids went on the Scooby Doo ride about 15 times in a row! Heaps of people got tattooed today, fake ones of course, and we all got sick eating Oreo churros. Chloe Farnworth was picked to go up on stage during the stunt show; she blew a few kisses and waved some flags. Lots of talent there!

Thankfully tonight's activity was only a movie night. We were all too tired to do anything much. One of the group leaders surprised us by bringing in a carpet python that he'd found outside. Most of us had a little pat, but some of us just got as far away from him as we could!

Student X



Friday, 20 November 2015

Dear Diary

Today we learnt to surf! Will and Madison had surfed before and they were both pretty good at it, but Jack Farnsworth was a natural. He was standing up on his board before we had even been taught how to do it!

There were lots of wipe outs, but most of us were actually pretty good at surfing. SHAKAS!! Mr White tried, but I'm not sure he actually succeeded! We could have stayed out in the surf all day, but unfortunately we had to head back to the CYC and pack for home.

We were all pretty sad to be saying good bye to the Gold Coast, and the fantastic people that we had met on our stay, so we were pretty quiet on the trip home. I'm not sure how Mr White and Ms Jones stayed awake for the drive back to Balranald, everyone else slept most of the way. As sad as we were to leave, we were all glad to sleep in our own beds tonight! It was an action packed week, full of exciting new experiences for many of us and filled with memories that will not soon be forgotten.

Student X

BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL 2016 BOOK LIST

KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 2

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YEAR 3 TO YEAR 6

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Writing Equipment/ Stationery (YEARS 7 TO 12)

Students require the minimum: lead pencils, blue or black pen, red pen, ruler, eraser, coloured pencils, pencil sharpener, highlighters, plastic sleeves, scissors, glue stick, geometry set and scientific calculator (which may be purchased for \$20.00 from the school).

ALL SECONDARY STUDENTS NEED A USB (AT LEAST 5GB) AND THEIR OWN HEADPHONES

PLEASE DO NOT USE MULTI-SUBJECT BOOKS.

YEAR 7 & YEAR 8

ENGLISH	96 page A4 exercise book, A4 clear display folder
MATHEMATICS	96 page A4 exercise book, geometry set, 300 mm ruler, scientific calculator
SCIENCE	96 page A4 exercise book, 300 mm ruler
HSIE	96 page A4 exercise book
PD/H/PE	48 page A4 exercise book
VISUAL ARTS	A3 Visual Arts diary, coloured pencils, lead pencil, eraser
ICT	48 page A4 exercise book
DRAMA	48 page A4 exercise book
TECHNOLOGY MANDATORY	48 page A4 clear display folder

YEAR 9 & YEAR 10

ENGLISH	96 page A4 exercise book, A4 clear display folder
MATHEMATICS	96 page A4 exercise book, geometry set, 300 mm ruler, scientific calculator
SCIENCE	96 page A4 exercise book, 300 mm ruler
HSIE	2 x 96 page A4 exercise book
PD/H/PE	2 x 48 page A4 exercise book
INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY	48 page A4 exercise book, A4 clear display folder
FOOD TECHNOLOGY	48 page A4 exercise book
AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY	96 page A4 exercise book, A4 clear display folder
ART	A3 Visual Art diary, coloured pencils, lead pencil, eraser
WORK EDUCATION	48 page A4 exercise book

YEAR 11 & YEAR 12

STANDARD ENGLISH	96 page A4 exercise book, A4 clear display folder
ENGLISH STUDIES	96 page A4 exercise book, A4 clear display folder
MATHEMATICS	2 x 96 page A4 exercise book, scientific calculator
GENERAL MATHEMATICS	96 page A4 exercise book
BIOLOGY	96 page A4 exercise book, A4 clear display folder
PD/H/PE	96 page A4 exercise book, A4 clear display folder
EXPLORING EARLY CHILDHOOD	96 page A4 exercise book
SPORT, LIFESTYLE & RECREATION	96 page A4 exercise book
HOSPITALITY	A4 lever arch folder, A4 loose leaf paper, plastic sleeves, dividers
DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY	96 page A4 exercise book, A4 clear display folder
INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY (WOOD)	96 page A4 exercise book, A4 clear display folder
METALS & ENGINEERING	A4 lever arch folder, A4 loose leaf paper
PRIMARY INDUSTRIES	48 page A4 exercise book, A4 clear display folder

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TERM FOUR – 2015

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 9 B	30 NOVEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i>	1 DECEMBER <i>Yr 5/6 Excursion to Woonona</i>	2 <i>Yr 5/6 Excursion to Woonona</i>	3 K-12 Sports Day <i>Yr 5/6 Excursion to Woonona</i>	4 <i>Yr 5/6 Excursion to Woonona</i>
Week 10 A	7 DECEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i> <i>Yr 5/6 Excursion to Woonona</i>	8 K-12 Presentation Night	9	10 K-12 Sports Day	11
Week 11 B	14 DECEMBER Merit Award Excursion	15 Yr 6 Graduation Assembly	16 Last day of school for students Primary Class Parties	17	18

Italic: K-Yr 6 Normal: Yr 7-12 **Bold:** K-Yr 12



Sport and Recreation's Swim and Survive lessons

Australian summers usually involve plenty of fun in and around the water, but no parent should forget how important it is to make sure children stay safe.

Sport and Recreation's Swim and Survive classes for preschoolers and school-aged children help youngsters learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, rivers, beaches and lakes.

The intensive nine-day programs provide wonderful results, and are great fun as well. Plus, family discounts make our program affordable for all the children in the family.

Sport and Recreation runs Swim and Survive classes in pools throughout regional NSW.

Our instructors are nationally qualified and screened for their suitability to work with children.

Prices for nine lessons are \$69 for school-aged children and \$49 for preschoolers (prices exclude pool entry fee).

For more information or to make a booking, visit
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 or phone 13 13 02

