



POMPALLIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



OUR VISION

To grow Christ-centred individuals who are inspired to be passionate, connected, life-long learners.

OUR MISSION

Pompallier Catholic School is committed to the provision of quality education, inspired by the teachings of Jesus Christ. The Catholic Faith is expressed through the Mercy charism and values to make a positive difference in the community and environment. Pompallier Catholic School nurtures the development of each person's full growth, in a continuing tradition of excellence.

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- Due to Covid we have decided to Live Stream or record our events. These will be shared with you our whanau as they occur. We will need time to edit and send out, but will keep you updated.



Atawhai
Mercy



Tika
Integrity



Pono
Truth



Aroha
Love

Greetings, Kia Ora, Talofa, Bula Vinaka, Konnichi wa, Dobrodošli, Sawa dee, Failte

Here we go again....Level 3 Lockdown. It is week three and we will continue to support the needs of our tamariki. Our staff have been working closely together, planning ahead for our term four celebrations of learning. This will be very different, as we will share online with movies, screen recordings and live streams where possible for athletics, our concert, Praise Giving and Candle Lighting Leadership Mass.

Sadly we have had to adapt plans for some celebrations which is disappointing for all involved. Our school camps, year 8 ball and excursions have been impacted the most, but our teachers are brainstorming alternatives for later in the term. Your ongoing support is much appreciated as we navigate our way through keeping everyone as safe as possible. Covid entering our community has certainly had a huge impact. Our prayers are very much focussed on keeping everyone safe in these times.

We are so very proud of our tamariki who have adapted so easily and are showing their resilience in these times. There are all sorts of rumours circulating in the community, so reach out if you need to clarify anything. Our classroom teachers or myself can communicate any information you may need.

As a school we keep our communication avenues strong via Facebook, SeeSaw and Skool Loop. We work hard to keep our whanau updated and share updates as required.

TERM FOUR REPORTS

We successfully trialled our "online learning reports" mid-year. Based on your positive feedback, we will continue to provide this type of report, with real time learning being shared regularly on Seesaw. At the end of the term, student learning will be linked into our term four

reports which are also accessed digitally. Teachers will be posting learning into folders which are in curriculum areas throughout the term. You will receive a range of learning shared, as it is occurring in the classroom. We encourage you to comment and interact with this learning. Alongside this ongoing posting of learning, you will also receive a term four report with the NZ curriculum achievement levels that your child has reached in their current learning level. This will be shared the last week of the school year.

Teachers have already begun formal assessments in the classroom programme to gather evidence to make learning judgements. A combination of classroom learning, discussions, bookwork, tests and evidence is gathered and called an "overall teacher judgement" (OTJ). This is then reported on. We are really excited to share the "real time" learning with you on an ongoing basis via Seesaw so ensure you are keeping up with the posts.

2022

Our Board of Trustees has begun the process of strategic planning and we are reaching out to get your input as whānau too. Due to covid it has been difficult to touch base with whānau face-to-face, so we have shared a survey with you to gather data. Please give us input if you are able to. A summary of results received so far is further in the newsletter. Some great themes showing up for us to focus on going forward.

AROHA

In the meantime, keep up the aroha and whanaungatanga. Together we can overcome anything. Take time to reach out to check on others, offer a kind message or give them a call. We certainly have a great community!

Stay safe and God bless.

Ngā mihi nui

Kathryn Carey (Principal)

DRS COLUMN

All Saints Day

Every year, on November the 1st, the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. Words shared from our DRS readings are as follows:

“One way of calling to mind the great deeds of these models of faith that we do in our school is to invite our children and teachers to dress up as a saintly person special to our family and school. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints.

Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus’ teaching about Happiness, and the Beatitudes. We quickly note in this reading that none of those Jesus names as “blessed” or “happy” are expected . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. Jesus’ blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call Happiness.

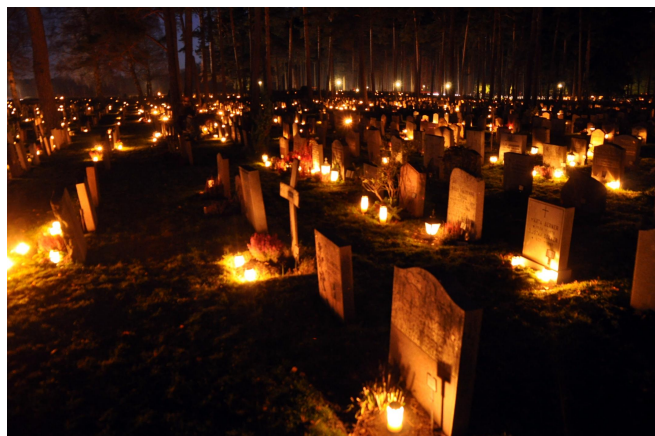
What does Jesus mean when he uses the word “blessed?” This word is sometimes translated as “happy” or “fortunate” or “favoured.” In other words Jesus is saying that divine favour is upon those who are poor, who mourn, who are persecuted. This might have been welcome and surprising news to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Because of this, it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived.

On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes. Let us role model the lives of the saints that are amongst us, and the Saints that have passed. How can we be the best that we can be? Who are saints that we can relate to? What do we want to be remembered for?

God Bless,

Kathryn





Strategic Planning for 2022

VISION

Mahi tahi i Te Karaiti - to inspire and nurture leaders of learning and excellence



A huge thank you for contributing to our Strategic Planning Survey. You will see above the summary of key words fed in by our Board and Community. The larger words appeared more often than the smaller words. If you would still like to input your ideas, you have time to add your thoughts to the survey sent out via SeeSaw, Skool Loop and email.

OTHER NEWS AND NOTICES

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH Mass Times

Our Week Day Mass (Covid dependent)

At 9.15am Wednesday and Friday in KAITAIA

Weekend Mass

Four locations, as follows:

Every Sunday 9am, KAITAIA

Every Sunday 3:30pm, MANGONUI

Every fourth Sunday of the month Mass, 11am, WAIHARARA

Every second and third Sunday of the month 11am, AWANUI

First Saturday of every month 4.30, AHIPARA

Communication

If your child is absent from school, please remember to get in touch to let us know why.

You can contact us via

- SeeSaw
- Skool Loop
- call or text 021 867 615
- email

office@pompallierprimary.school.nz

If there is a change to your usual after school arrangements (e.g. no bus, Flourish, etc), please contact the school office by 2.00pm at the latest.



Welcome



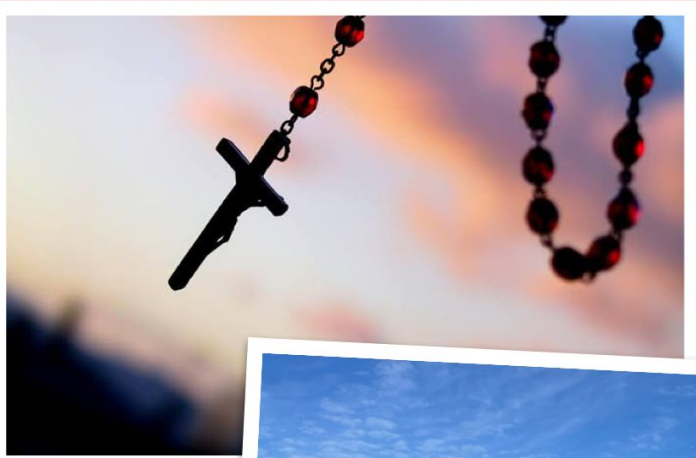
We would love to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to our new students and their whanau..

We are taking enrolments
so spread the word!

Kiwi	Quin Dickinson and Willow Anderson
Kea	Kiana Barber
Tui	Melika Barber and Kaydee Attwood

We are currently planning our classes for 2022. Please let us know if you are moving away so we can adjust our numbers accordingly. Also, if you know whanau who are joining us, encourage them to let us know.

Nga mihi nui
PCS Staff



WHOLE SCHOOL ROSARY

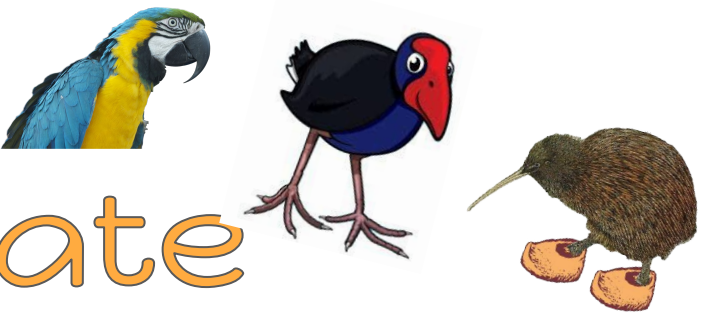
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What a beautiful way to begin term four.... sitting outside in the sun and praying the traditional "Rosary" prayer as a whole school. We began with the Joyful Mystery. Our tamariki were able to listen to the Annunciation, where Mary was approached by Gabriel the Angel, and told she would become a Mother. It is great that our students are able to articulate this learning as they practice this very special traditional prayer. Those that are new to our school are able to practice praying the Rosary with their fingers, or using rosary beads. Each classroom has a representative who models the prayer with their classroom rosary beads.

We were able to think of our Mum's, grandparents, aunties, carers and special people in our lives. We spoke about being grateful for those around us and those that care for us. Our prayers were shared silently in our hearts.

Every month of October we come together to pray the rosary as it is the month of Mary, who is such a special part of our faith. Chat to your child/ren about what they know about the rosary too.

Junior syndicate



Athletics fun in Kiwi

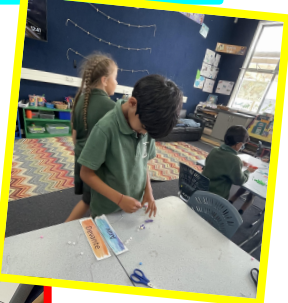
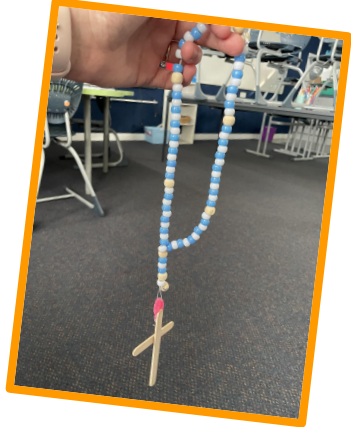


Pukeko



We have been talking about what makes us unique children of God. We all have special gifts and talents.

We are children of God. We are special!



Kea students have been learning all about the Holy Rosary. Here we are making our own rosaries out of beads, string, and popsicle sticks.



TERM FOUR 2021

SENIOR SYNDICATE

TE KAHU - KAKAPO - TUI



OUR SENIOR SYNDICATE HAVE BEEN TRAINING HARD FOR OUR UPCOMING ATHLETICS DAY.

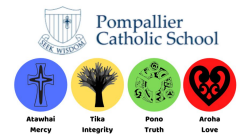
STUDENT VOICE

THIS WEEK IN TE KAHU WE HAVE BEEN DOING AN EXPERIMENT WHERE WE GROW GERMS USING BREAD AND SEE IF THEY GROW MOULD. THE REASON WE HAVE BEEN DOING THIS IS BECAUSE THIS ALL LINKS TO GERMS AND BACTERIA. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN PRACTICING FOR ATHLETICS BECAUSE IN WEEK 7 WE WILL BE DOING THE REAL PCS ATHLETICS DAY. THE PRACTICES INCLUDE DOING HIGH JUMP, LONG JUMP, SPRINTS, DISCUS AND SHOT PUT. IT HAS BEEN VERY FUN DOING ALL OF THESE THINGS AND MORE!

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PCS School Calendar



School Term Four Calendar						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
18 First day of Term 4 Wk1 Lockdown Level 3 online learning	19 Lockdown Level 3 online learning	20 First day of term 4 onsite	21 Whanau Hui 5pm device rollout (now online due to Covid)	22 Duffy Show 10.30 Cancelled Covid Sacrament Programme 2.45pm	23	24
25 Wk2 LABOUR DAY BREAK	26	27	28	29 Sacrament Programme 2.45pm	30	31
1 Wk3 All Saints BOT meeting	2	3 Lockdown Level 3 online learning	4 Lockdown Level 3 online learning	5 Central Zones Athletics * cancelled Covid Lockdown Level 3 online learning	6	7
8 Wk4 Lockdown Level 3 online learning	9	10	11	12 McAuley Day (Wear Blue) Sacrament Programme 2.45pm	13	14
15 Wk5	16	17	18	19 Far North Athletics * cancelled Covid Sacrament Programme 2.45pm	20	21 Christ the King
22 Wk6	23	24	25 Junior Fun Day	26 Sacrament Programme 2.45pm	27	28 Advent FAMILY MASS*Cancelled due to Covid
29 Wk7	30	1	2 Year 8 Graduation Ball*cancelled Covid	3 Sacrament Programme 2.45pm PCS Athletics * Live streamed/recorded	4	5
6 Wk8 BOT meeting	7	8 Immaculate Conception* PCS Christmas in the Park Concert recorded	9	10 Praise Giving 11.00am Live Streamed/recorded Sacrament Programme 2.45pm	11	12
13 Wk9 Yr 8 Candle Lighting 12 noon* Live Streamed/recorded Last Day of Term 4	14 Teacher Only Day	15	16	17	18	19

This calendar gives you an idea of what is coming up during the term. Put the dates somewhere important to remember them. Dates can change at times, so please check notices on SeeSaw and Facebook as the newsletter is monthly. If there are last minute changes we will notify you by See Saw or our school Facebook page and update our free app Skool Loop. Make sure you contact Maree in the office to ensure your details are up-to-date. * **Please note all events are pending the current Covid-19 levels.**

ALL SAINTS DAY

Integrity



Love

Truth



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ALL SAINTS DAY - Words from Bishop Pat Dunn

We had great fun celebrating All Saints Day on Monday. The children learnt about the celebration and even managed to research their favourite saint as part of the learning. Words shared by Bishop Pat

“All Saints Day honours All Saints, and is a yearly reminder of all the saintly women and men who have gone before us, whose lives have been marked by outstanding goodness and love. It also reminds us that we, too, have the potential for sainthood. Each of us walks a unique journey that no one else can copy. We are born into a unique family, with our own special personality and gifts. There is an old saying: “Bloom where you are planted.” Each one of us is a “plant” like no other. No one else can step into our shoes and accept the challenges and opportunities that come only to us. So we too can become saints, as Jesus reminded us in yesterday’s gospel, if we try to live our lives loving God, and loving our neighbour as we love ourselves.

Happy Saints’ Day! And let us ask all the Saints to pray for us as we try to imitate them in the unique garden in which each of us is planted!”

Pump track is heading our way!!!!



29 October 2021

RE: MEMORIAL PARK DEVELOPMENT

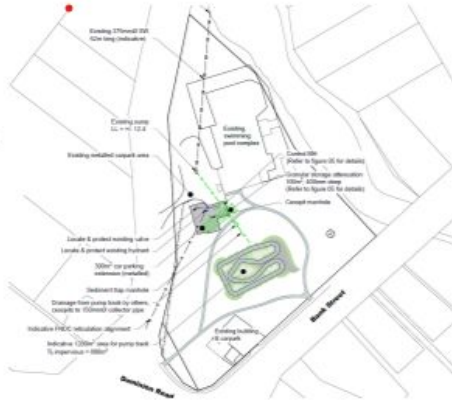
This notice is to inform you that a pump track for Memorial Park, Kaitiāia has been approved by the council and is awaiting final resource consents prior to work commencing.

Consultation was carried out more than 12 months ago with invitations to the public to attend meetings or view initial plans. The public expressed the desire to have a pump track as an outdoor activity for people of all ages to enjoy. A pump track is a circuit of rollers, banked turns and features designed to be ridden completely by riders "pumping" – generating momentum by up and down body movements, instead of pedalling or pushing. It was originally designed for the mountain bike and BMX scene, and now, due to the construction, is also used by skateboard, and accessible to wheelchairs.

Initial site works will be carried out by Far North Roading and then Velosolutions, an international renowned designer has been contracted to form the pump track that will have international status for those serious about entering competitions in the future. Velosolutions are completing a smaller track at Korora Park, Ahipara and are due to complete this next week.

None of the work being carried out is funded by the rate payers as it is the post Covid Shovel Ready Project Funds awarded to the Te Hiku Open Spaces Revitalisation Project in 2020.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Andrea Panther, Project Manager, on 021 084 11927 or email andrea@hoskincivil.co.nz.

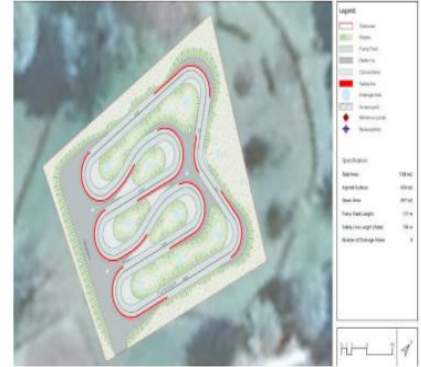


Nga mihi

Andrea Panther
Andrea Panther
Project Manager



PLAN OF KAITAIĀIA PUMP TRACK



CONSTRUCTION OF KORORA PARK PUMP TRACK, AHIPARA



Photos of the Korora Park Pump Track under construction.

The entire track will be asphalted and then landscaping carried out to complete the works.



Eden Terrace is going to be a busy space as this community space is developed. We are really excited with the prospect of being able to have this at our doorstep for our tamariki.

Please be extra careful with the trucks and workers that are around the Eden Terrace, Bank Street areas. Remind your tamariki to be vigilant crossing the road and being aware of machinery and vehicles.

We are excited to see our town catering for healthy play spaces for our community!

Kaitaia New Zealand Riding for the Disabled

Kaitaia RDA
404 Church Rd
PO Box 103, Kaitaia
09 4080988



"Horses helping people with disabilities towards confidence, well-being and independence."
SEPTEMBER - 2021

Charities Commission
Registration Number
CC38912


E-mail
kaitaiarda@yahoo.co.nz

We have had some great feedback about our riders....


"He is much calmer and able to respond in an appropriate manner"
"Appreciate the activities specially designed for him"
"Endless benefits—going out into the community, being with different people, he trusts the horse, calming and relaxing and he lets his feet leave the ground which is massive"
"He said a word! He is focused and gives his attention throughout the session"
"She takes part in class activities now; behaviour is so much better"
"His confidence has grown, his speech is clearer and he chats more and his work at school is amazing"
"His self esteem and confidence has increased and he now arrives at school energized and ready to learn"

"Her balance and co-ordination have improved and she is developing core strength"
"Riding has really helped his self-esteem and he returns to school quite calm, glowing and feeling proud of what he has done"



These are just some of the comments from caregivers and classroom teachers about children who have attended RDA during the first two terms of 2021. A lot of thought and planning goes into each weekly session and the children are matched with a pony that will best suit their needs. It can be quite scary getting onto such a big animal when you are only 5 or 6 years old, but once on board and they feel safe they soon relax and are in a position to concentrate on the games and exercises which will help their confidence, balance, fine and gross motor skills, participation and inter action with volunteers and other riders. It is so rewarding to see them achieve even small goals, and this is why our volunteers get 'hooked' helping the children have fun whilst overcoming the problems that they have come with.



A man on a horse is spiritually, as well as physically, bigger than a man on foot



GARDEN SAFARI 6th & 7th November 2021 Kaitaia Area

EVENT CANCELLED
These dates are subject to change

This is our biggest annual fundraiser and will be held in the greater Kaitaia area on the 6th & 7th November this year.
Because of the weather conditions we will only go ahead if in Level One

Stalls will be open to the public on both days but please note that food, raffles, stalls etc. will only be available on the Saturday. Headquarters will be at CBEC garden centre in Pukepoto Rd. If you would like to have a stall please phone Irene Knowler on 094062022

Tickets for the Safari will be \$25.00 P.P. and there will be a bus available for an extra \$10 P.P. *(Bus fare to be paid separately to bus driver Wendy on boarding please.) Bookings essential! Phone as above.*

Programs with tickets attached will be sold at Mitre 10 Kaitaia, CBEC garden centre, 1 Site Kaitaia, Bloomfields Garden centre Taipa & Gloss Stationery Mangonui.

There will be almost a dozen lovely gardens on display and we sincerely thank all those willing gardeners who have agreed to take part. This is a lovely way to spend time with like - minded friends so please do come along and support this very worth-while charity.

This year at RDA

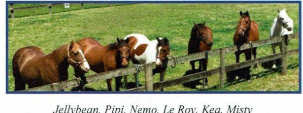
We were able to recommence riding in the last term of 2020 and have had no further interruptions to our programme. At the beginning of the year we had a Refresher and Orientation Day for volunteers and this was very well attended with a few new volunteers coming along. Several went to a Jody Hardstone workshop and an NZRDA Rider Focus at BOI RDA earlier this year and ten volunteers attended a First Aid course in July.

RDA Committee 2021

Patron: Gwenth Cossey
President: Debbie Hopkins
Secretary/Treasurer: Denise Lennox
Minute secretary: Sandy White
Safety Officer: Sandra Stirling
Coach: Chris Timmins
Committee: Irene Knowler, Sandra Stirling, Iris Moore
Equestrian Trainer: Pauline Williams

Finances...
A big thank you to those who support us...
Coin boxes - Z Kaitaia and Shackletons
Gardens Funeral Home
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K M Birch
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RDA has had a great facelift this year thanks to the Northtec painting trade skill students & tutor Mike Burton



Jellybean, Pipi, Nemo, Le Roy, Kea, Misty

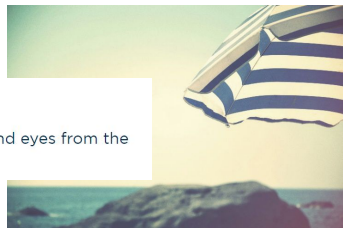
Would you like to sponsor a child? We often have a child who is unable to pay their feesit costs just \$50.00 per term.

New volunteers most welcome - contact Chris on Ph 408 4196

We are grateful for those who
-Provide grazing for our horses
-Hay
-Transport our horses
- Drive the Garden Safari Bus

Be SunSmart

Slip, Slop, Slap and Wrap. Protect your skin and eyes from the sun's damaging rays (UV radiation).



Slip on a shirt

Slip on a shirt with long sleeves. Fabrics with a tighter weave and darker colours will give you better protection from the sun.



Slip into the shade

Slip into the shade of an umbrella or a leafy tree. Plan your outdoor activities for early or later in the day when the sun's UV levels are lower.



Slop on sunscreen

Slop on plenty of broad-spectrum, water resistant sunscreen of at least SPF 30. Apply 20 minutes before going outside and reapply every two hours and especially after being in water or sweating.



Slap on a hat

Wear a hat with a wide brim or a cap with flaps. More people are sunburnt on the face and neck than any other part of the body.



Wrap on sunglasses

Choose close fitting, wrap around style sunglasses. Not all sunglasses protect against UV radiation, so always check the label for the sun protection rating.

Read the [New Zealand Association of Optometrists \(NZAO\) information on sunglasses](http://www.nzao.org.nz)

<https://www.sunsmart.org.nz/be-sunsmart>

SAFE BOATING PROGRAMME



ALWAYS WEAR YOUR LIFEJACKET WHEN YOU GO BOATING



Boating is fun but remember the rules for

STAYING SAFE W.E.T

Check the Weather forecast
Take the correct Equipment
Tell someone where you are going

Make sure you have the right safety equipment



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