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From the Headmaster

Welcome to the new College year!

The sun shone for a farewell to our leavers at the end of 2013, and the final event with parents and friends at the Air Force Museum was a delight. Thanks, as ever, to those parents of year 12s who helped to arrange such a happy occasion.

Over the break, our cricketers have enjoyed their annual quadrangular tournament, this year in Canberra, and our rowers have had two extended camps at Twizel, taking in two full regattas. Results of these, and accounts of the many other adventures undertaken by individuals and teams will appear elsewhere.

Therein is something of a dilemma. With ever growing avenues for sharing the life of the school, including this newsletter, the relationships between it, the College magazine, the Development Office output and the website, are being considered and hopefully the balance and mix can be improved further.

If the boys have been active over the break, the campus has been manic. Calm has been restored for the start of the year after an extraordinary effort by our contractors to complete disruptive excavations all over the

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Annual Appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported the 2013 Annual Appeal. The final total stands at \$243,189, the largest amount ever raised for the school from an annual appeal. Solid support from the wider Christ's College community saw a record number of donations received from our old boys, parents and friends.

All gifts make a real impact on the school, contributing to ensuring our unique campus is preserved for current and future generations as well as providing the highest quality of education to our students. 100% of the funds raised will be spent this year. More detailed information on the distribution of funds will be provided shortly.

The 2014 Annual Appeal will be launched soon. Please consider making a gift – your donation is an affordable and effective way for you to help Christ's College meet emerging needs and support an area of the school that interests you.

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This February is Audi Open Haus and rowing sponsor Archibalds would like to invite you to have a ride on a YikeBike. Invented in Christchurch, the YikeBike is the world's smallest, lightest folding electric bike. You can have a test drive every Saturday (excluding the 8th). Click [here](#) for more information.

Rose Crossland, Director of Development



Manic activity in the driveway during the summer break.

place. A couple of pictures will give a reasonable impression. In addition, the beautiful dining hall window on the avenue is admired by all, the Chapel temporary works have all been replaced by permanent repairs, a few superficial cracks in Flower's House have had industrial strength Botox and a repaint, the assembly hall has had all sorts of unseen love and attention, and School House has a beautiful new chimney which few will ever appreciate, unless they make a special point of looking up from Hagley Park. Our 'West Wing' is really taking shape now. Briefly, whilst the hoardings were down, we had a glimpse of what that end of the school will be like at the end of the year. I have always felt once beyond the quad, the school architecture was 'functional' but hardly inspiring; when this project is finished, it will be both.



Essential drainage work for the West Wing.



A glimpse at the spaces when it is all done.

Our NCEA results once again are at a level we have come to expect. Excellence endorsements at Levels 1 and 2 have risen to extraordinary levels, but we have seen some slippage back into the Merit area at Level 3. Whilst still above averages for all schools and also for high decile boys' schools, perhaps surprisingly I welcome the rigour required to achieve at that level. After national statistics were published by NZQA following the 2012 examinations, I expressed my concerns to them about every graph in their analysis trending upwards. We were seeing inexorable grade inflation - which has rendered outcomes in other systems almost meaningless. Whilst these graphs may be held up as evidence of success of political and educational initiatives, the emperor and his new clothes spring to mind. Top level qualifications should remain a 'gold standard' out of reach to all but the most committed and determined.

Political capital in education has once again been demonstrated with the recent positioning of the major parties in preparation for the next elections. The Prime Minister has espoused the 'super-teacher/super-head' suggestion, familiar in the UK and elsewhere. The self-evident, and fully researched, impact of top quality teaching on achievement, leads to the suggestion that top practitioners should be incentivised to stay 'at the coal face' rather than move into reduced teaching management positions. This unfortunately suggests that either the less capable teachers move up the management route to expose their shortcomings to a wider sphere of influence, or that classroom education practice is divorced from 'professional education managers'; neither a prospect to savour. The simple and obvious necessity is to attract top calibre individuals into teaching in the first place, so that capable and experienced teachers move into roles where they can assist and nurture the effectiveness of the next generation of committed and capable professionals.

Recent pieces in the media note the inseparable connections between educational outcomes and social, environmental, and economic factors. In the most disadvantaged areas, a lack of family engagement in education, and indeed with schools themselves, makes the Green Party suggestion of basing other services to the community within schools worth exploring. Anything which physically connects families to the location of their children's learning has some merit. We, of course, are very fortunate in that sense of connection is automatic and such ideas are irrelevant. But if we care about the bigger national picture, the effete political jousting match which is currently shaping up is everyone's business.

Two matters to bring to your attention. The new alcohol provision laws mean that we will develop our permission requirements for our senior events to a more specific parental consent, rather than an opt-out basis which has served us well previously. It is timely to remind all that supply of alcohol, even privately, to those under 18 requires the specific permission of parents. This may have implications for informal gatherings at home. We also know that at event venues in town, under 18s will not be served unless their parent is present. This will have implications for events where families host others' children.

Finally, as College moves into a universal 'device' environment, as previously we do not accept responsibility for loss or damage. All boys in the school have a secure lockable space when their device is not with them, and we have adjusted the timings of the day to make sure all have time to access that security during the day. We will not be involved in how or why damage occurred; it's the 'other' IRD... Individual Responsibility Demanded!

Simon Leese, Headmaster

Curriculum News



Just prior to Christmas 2013 I was in the car listening to 'Afternoons with Jim Mora' on National Radio. Mora interviewed Ginny Blackmore, an up and coming young New Zealand singer songwriter. Aside from the quality of her music, I was particularly struck by her description of her journey to 2013. All she wanted to do was write

music, and so she left school early, her parents giving their permission on the proviso that she wrote music full time (quite an act of faith from the parents, I thought). Her 'overnight success' took over three years and there she was (at the time of the interview) having just secured a recording deal with a major record company in Los Angeles.

This is something I often see. Success is most often found when we follow our passions. I have seen it with my own children and I see it often with our boys at College. When asked to give advice on subject choices, we go through the usual issues of aligning subject choices to possible future career choices, but I also ask what there is in a boy's mix of subject choices that 'spins his wheels'? It is a long day at College if there is nothing in the day about which you could be enthusiastic.

Art Costa's 'Persistence' is perhaps no better illustrated than in Blackmore's example. Ginny Blackmore knew what she wanted to do, and stuck at it. She sat in her bedroom day after day, working an eight hour day by all accounts, building a body of material that she could take to the world.

You can find Jim Mora's interview here:

<http://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/afternoons/20131213>

On a more sombre note, most years in January we have one or two boys from the previous year's Year 13 cohort who find they haven't met UE requirements. Most often it is because they've either not bothered to do the work during the year, or they have worked 'tactically' as we say (only completing some of their work), and as you can guess their strategy has failed.

Failure of this sort can be a valuable lesson. The difficulty lies in boys' belief that we will bail them out of their situation by perhaps reassessing or remarking work for them in the new year. As a matter of policy we do not do this. The best way to avoid this situation is by attempting all assessments during the year. Boys need to give every assessment their 'best shot'. Success requires hard work. There is no easy road.

Robin Sutton, Senior Master Academic

Chapel News



It has been great to have already met so many new students and their parents.

A Confirmation group begins meeting on Wednesday evenings from 12 March, from 7:30pm to 9pm. This will be together with St Margaret's College students. It is open to any interested Year 12 and

13 students. The bishop is also prepared to confirm mature Year 11 students (there may be a particular reason why this year works better for someone than the next couple of years). We are delighted the bishop has appointed Canon Lawrence Kimberley to run this for the diocese. Lawrence is well known to the school, and one of the preachers this term. Students considering confirmation can come along and see if this is for them. I will also be speaking at Chapel about this.

I remind you that parents and family members are always welcome to come and join us at Sunday Chapel services. Evening services have the choir, morning services are followed by simple refreshments. I also remind you that the Anglican Church encourages all the baptised to receive communion. That means there is no distinction made between denominations – Methodists, Presbyterians, Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholics, whatever... all are just as welcome to receive communion as Anglicans. If you or your son do not identify with a particular denomination – remember, you are just as welcome. And those not receiving communion are encouraged to come up for a blessing.

I am always very happy to talk about anything written here, or in fact any aspect of our school community life.

Yours in Christ

Bosco Peters
Chaplain



Calendar Events

WEEK 1		
W 5		Uniform for the day – dress uniform
	9.00am-3.00pm	St Margaret's College athletics, Upper
	8.20am	All year groups to be at school for House Assemblies
	8.45am	Chapel
	9.20am	School Assembly
	9.50-10.20am	Years 10, 11 & 12 boarder administration session
	9.50-10.20am	Dayboy House meetings, all year groups
	10.45am	Period 3 classes begin for all year groups
		Normal routine as set
	2.45pm	Years 10-13 swimming heats, Pool
	2.45-5.00pm	Chapel choir auditions, Chapel
	3.00pm	Year 9 cricket and tennis trials
	6.00pm	Board/Staff dinner, Dining Hall
Th 6		Waitangi Day. School holiday
	10.00am	Year 9 boarders' ultimate race, Quad
	10.00am-6.00pm	'CATS The Musical' auditions, Assembly Hall
F 7	8.00am-3.30pm	The Cathedral Grammar School swimming heats, Pool
	8.30am	School Prefects' Induction Service, Chapel
	1.15pm	Year 13 General Studies, OBT
	1.15pm	Years 9-12 laptop information presentation, Assembly Hall
	4.00pm	Years 9-13 swimming heats, Pool
	5.15-7.30pm	Chapel choir rehearsals begin, Dining Hall
Sa 8		No Year 9 & 10 boarder leave
		Year 9 boarder orientation programme begins
		Year 10 boarder activity weekend
	10.00am-6.00pm	CATS audition recalls, Assembly Hall
Su 9		5th Ordinary Sunday
	9.00am	Holy Eucharist
	10.00am-6.00pm	CATS audition recalls, Assembly Hall
WEEK 2		
M 10		CSS volleyball begins
	6.30-8.00pm	Big Band auditions, Music School
Tu 11	1.10pm	Years 10-13 swimming finals, Pool
	1.10pm	Selected athletic heats
	4.00pm	Schola Cantorum rehearsals begin, Chapel
	6.30-9.00pm	CATS Tuesday rehearsals begin, OBT
W 12		CSS sport begins
		St Margaret's College athletics reserve day, Upper
	8.00am-3.00pm	The Cathedral Grammar School swimming finals, Pool
	8.35am	Year 9 MidYIS testing, Assembly Hall
Th 13	8.00am-3.00pm	The Cathedral Grammar School swimming finals, Pool
	12.45pm	Selected athletic heats
	3.45pm	Selected athletic heats
	6.30-9.00pm	CATS Thursday rehearsals begin, Assembly Hall
	7.00pm	Year 13 Founders' Dinner, Dining Hall

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Calendar Events cont.

F 14	1.10pm	Selected athletic heats
	1.15pm	Year 12 General Studies, OBT
	1.15pm	Year 13 laptop information presentation, Assembly Hall
	3.50-5.00pm	Orchestra rehearsals begin, Assembly Hall
Sa 15		Saturday activities begin
		No Year 9 boarder leave; orientation programme continues
		Weekend programme available for all boarders
Su 16		6th Ordinary Sunday
	2.00-5.30pm	CATS Sunday rehearsals begin, Assembly Hall
	7.00pm	Choral Evensong
		Preacher: The Chaplain
WEEK 3		
M 17	9.15am-5.00pm	Big Monday; swimming finals & athletic heats
	6.30-8.00pm	Big Band rehearsals begin, Music School
Tu 18	1.10pm	Selected athletic heats

CATS Auditions

Drama is hitting the ground running with casting auditions for the award-winning musical CATS. Auditions for all roles in our combined Rangiruru/ College senior production are in the College Hall on Thursday (Waitangi Day).

Audition times are now posted for the 107 boys and girls who have already requested an audition. There are still some audition slots available so please contact rpeers@christscollege.com to secure a place.

In the past two years the schools have collaborated to present *Jesus Christ Superstar* and *Romeo & Juliet*. Both productions received wide critical acclaim from the performing arts community and were performed to sellout crowds. And now we are raising the bar!

CATS is a sparkling fusion of music, dance and verse; and incorporates an amazing musical score, stunning production values and breathtaking choreography.

All of the audition information required is available on the web <http://rangiruru.ultranet.school.nz/WebSpace/2186/> under CATS audition -> male auditions or company auditions.

Phone the Director of Drama for more information.

David Chambers
Director of Drama

South Island Representative

Louis Davidson has this summer been a member of the South Island Colts Polo team who recently won the Dewar Tournament in Hawkes Bay.

This week they play the Kihī Tournament and on Saturday will compete against the North Island Colts as a curtain raiser to the NZ v South Africa test. Also in the colts team with Louis is recent old boy, Jonny Jones.



Library Matters

"Amid the hectic pace of our lives, a library is like a comfy chair in front of a cozy fireplace on a wintry day, where people of every age and status can sit down and feel like they've come home... to a world without boundaries, to the world of books." C.J Carr

A special welcome to our year 9 students of 2014 and to their parents! The librarians and I like to think of the library as the most important space in the school – it is certainly the most homely and with the addition of beanbags, it is also very comfortable. Below is a quick overview of how your son can access the library from home and use it to access information for learning and the latest book releases.

1. The Website – <http://library.christscollege.com> This has lots of tools on it and will support learning. It also has links to:

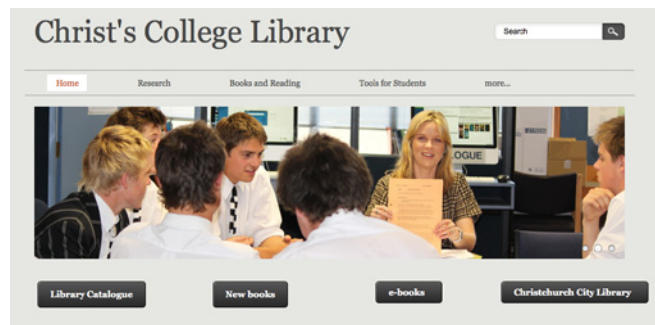
- EBooks via our eBook platform <http://christs.wheelers.co/>
- the library catalogue
- and most importantly, lists of must read books!

2. You can also follow us on twitter – [@cclibrary1](https://twitter.com/cclibrary1)

3. There is even a library blog!

<http://librarychristscollege.wordpress.com/>

You are welcome to pop in any time to discuss your son's reading with us and we will be happy to talk to you about suitable books for your son to read. Better still send your son our way and we will give a personalised tour of the books. Just for your information there is no limit to the books that a boy can loan from the library and the loan period is four weeks.



Lisa Trundle-Banks
Teacher/Librarian

boarding programme

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Activities

WEEK	DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION	SUPERVISING HOUSE
1 (February)	Thu 6	Year 9/10 Ultimate Race	9.30am	Upper	All Houses
	Sat 8	Year 9 - Mini Golf Year 10 - Golf Driving Range	7.00pm 7.15pm	Ferrymead Ferrymead	All Houses
	Sun 9	Year 9 Activity Trip Year 10 High Ropes Course	8.45am 9.00am	Hanmer The Groyne	All Houses
	Fri 14	Year 13 Valentines Day Breakfast	7.00am	St Margaret's College	All Houses
2	Sat 15	Laserstrike	7.00pm	Harvey Norman Centre	All Houses
	Sun 16	Year 9 Coasteering Year 9-13 Surfing Workshop Open	9.00am 1.00pm 1.00 - 4.00pm	Orton Bradley Park Sumner	All Houses School House

Win in Toyota RS for Munro

Somes House student James Munro is in the midst of the New Zealand Toyota Racing Series competition, and has reached the podium on more than one occasion.

James is the reigning New Zealand Formula Ford Champion, and has this year stepped up to the TRS which features 23 drivers from 13 different nations. He earned his first win in just his fourth race in the series at Timaru crossing the line 3.675 seconds ahead of Steijn Schothorst of the Netherlands with Russian Egor Orudzhev third.

"I never expected such success in just my second week in the series. I dreamed of it but never expected it. The Neale Motorsport Team did a great job, the car was great and it was a great result for the team with my team mate Andrew also having a strong weekend," said James.

Racing has taken place at Teretonga in Invercargill, Levels Timaru, the Highlands Motorsport Park in Cromwell, and Hampton Downs in the Waikato. This weekend the final three races of the championship will take place at Manfield Park, Manawatu.

Profiles on each of the drivers, including footage of James' father Mark, can be found [here](#).



Julius Year 9 Orientation

12 Year 9 boys and 15 Year 13 leaders, along with Mr Vink, Mr O'Brien and Ms Bleyendaal travelled to Hanmer last Thursday to stay the night at the Hanmer Forestry Camp as part of the Julius House Orientation.

The afternoon was spent at the pools and on the hydrosides before returning to the camp to play cricket, touch and football. The boys then played indoor games and spent time working with the senior leaders through the Julius mentoring programme. On Friday morning the boys enjoyed a guided mountain bike ride through the Hanmer Forest before returning to the camp for lunch and Year 13 mentors were paired with Year 9 mentees for 2014. This trip sets in place important elements for a superb year ahead for all.

Many thanks to all involved in its success.

Ben Vink, Housemaster Julius



Year 13 Andrew Ford prepares lunch for the Year 9 boys.

Christchurch Kitchen & Living Tour: Chapel Choir Fundraiser

On Friday 7 March 2014, ten of Christchurch's most beautiful homes will open their doors to visitors for the first Christchurch Kitchen/Living Tour.

The focus of the tour will be contemporary kitchens and associated dining areas/ family rooms: the heart of a house. Each venue will have a different decorative theme, achieved with design installations, floral displays, stunning homeware and furnishings from sponsors such as The Cook Shop, Redcurrant, Terra Viva and Jenny Burt.

"We are aiming for much more than a kitchen tour", says organiser Rebecca Stewart. "Each home has been chosen because it is architecturally interesting or impressive in its own right. When decorated these rooms will be even more spectacular. Decorative styles will range from the elegantly restrained to the outrageously flamboyant! We want to inspire people, to show them how to make the most of a room, to bring it alive, to make it sing.

The Kitchen/Living Tour is in aid of the Christ's College Choir European trip in September 2014. Over 45 boys from the school's choir of 80, will travel and sing in some of the great cathedrals in Spain, France and Italy, including Sagrada Familia in Barcelona and the Duomo, Milan. The trip will culminate with a service in St Peter's Basilica at the Vatican in Rome where the Choir has been invited to return.

Tickets are \$55 each and can be obtained from www.courttheatre.org.nz, telephone: 963 0870.

For further information contact Rebecca Stewart 021 307 704, rebeccagstewart@hotmail.com or Caroline Aldridge 022 634 6519, cescadell@gmail.com

Christchurch Kitchen & Living Tour: Inspiration for the heart of your home.



10 KITCHENS, 1 DAY

Join us for an exclusive tour of 10 of Christchurch's most beautiful homes. We'll begin in the kitchen, but we'll also be seeing what our hosts have done with their other living spaces. We chose these homes for their range of architectural and design styles. Each offers a unique approach to making family living comfortable, efficient and stylish. This really is an exceptional opportunity to gain inspiration for your own home.

Friday, 7 March 2014: 9:30am – 4:00pm



Tickets: \$55 | courttheatre.org.nz | (03) 963 0870
Refreshments available for purchase.
Ticket numbers limited.



1st XI Cricket Update

The new cricket 1st XI for 2014 has been enjoying a busy holiday period. Under captain Jack Woodley, the team has played the Willows Cricket Club and attended the annual Trans-Tasman Festival, this year in Canberra.

With only two capped players attending the festival, the purpose was to provide new players with the experience of the standard required at this higher level. The team learned a tremendous amount in terms of preparation, self-analysis and performance planning. A tough match against Shore School, Sydney saw the bowlers perform well. A disappointing performance followed in our loss to King's College, but the team bounced back to play their best cricket collectively in their outright victory over the previously unbeaten Canberra Grammar School. The undoubted highlight was Liam Beckett's excellent century in the final match.

While the cricket component was a vital part of this festival, what is most impressive about our boys is their enthusiasm, unity and manners. The boys were true gentlemen and they

epitomised what it means to be a representative of Christ's College.

The boys attending the Festival were: Jack Woodley, Liam Beckett, Harry Bonifant, John Borland, Ben Chamberlain, Daniel Freeman-Greene, Jakob Kerr, Oliver Macfarlane, James Mangin, Ben Morris, Tom Raymond, James Russell, and Rory Williamson.

Over the January period three College cricketers represented Canterbury at the under-17 national cricket tournament. James Southby, Bailen Thatcher and Lochie McKellar were members of this team. At the conclusion of the tournament Bailen Thatcher was named in the New Zealand under-17 tournament team. This was well deserved as he showed himself to be probably the best all rounder at the tournament. 2013 1st XI College captain Harry Chamberlain, was a member of the national under-19 title-winning Canterbury team.

Warren Lidstone, Coach

Further NZ Selection for Newman



Dominic Newman, who was selected to the New Zealand under-18 men's hockey side in 2013, will represent his country in a squad of 10 to play an Oceania tournament to be held next month in Port Vila, Vanuatu.

This tournament is part of New Zealand Hockey's campaign to qualify for the Youth Olympics to be held in Nanjing in August. The format of this qualifying event will be hockey 5s, which is the same format to be played at the Youth Olympics. Dominic is in Year 13, Condell's House.

Cricket Live Volunteer



Recent Christ's College leaver Aidan Pearce has joined the Cricket Live Foundation in Sri Lanka as the organisation's very first Gap student volunteer. Aidan will spend a month contributing his skills and support to the Coach Education Centre and coaching at the Moratuwa Centre, where the first Cricket Live Centre will be based. He has also been involved in working bees to get the site ready for use. Aidan is pictured here on the far right, with fellow old boy and foundation chair Alex Reese.

College Welcomes New Staff and Boys

136 new boys and six new staff have been welcomed to Christ's College this week.

Staff joining the College in 2014 are; James Bartlett, mathematics, Alan Tydeman, mathematics (Term 1 and 2), Briar Wait, chemistry, David Wilkinson, mathematics, physics, and science, Pauline Henderson, e-Learning facilitator and Thomas Filmer, gap student from South Africa.



Briar Wait



Alan Tydeman



Pauline Henderson



Tom Filmer



David Wilkinson



James Bartlett

Medals at South Island Rowing Championships

During the final weekend of the Summer holidays the College Rowing team was away in Twizel competing in the South Island Rowing Championships.

After two days of intense racing, College recorded excellent results across all year groups culminating in our 1st eight placing second in the Open Men's Eight, only 6 seconds behind the Central Region High Performance Centre's crew.

Senior eight - 2nd in Open Men's 8s
2nd eight - 1st in the under-18 8s
Under-17 eight - first in the under-17 8s
Under-16 eight - 3rd
Novice eight - 5th

Under-17 Coxed 4 - 1st
Under-18 Coxed 4 - 2nd
Novice coxed 4 - 5th

Henry Smith, Coach



Early morning training on Lake Ruataniwha (Photo: Henry Smith)



Rowers fuel up between races

Images from today ...





CHAPEL CHOIR 2014 TOUR TO EUROPE FUNDRAISER

GOLF DAY

MONDAY, 3 MARCH 2014

CLEARWATER GOLF CLUB, CHRISTCHURCH

For three weeks during September and October 2014, forty five choristers will travel and perform in famous locations across Spain, France and Italy. Come and join us in fundraising for this trip, in what promises to be a great day of golf, concluding with a dinner function and live auction with a very special prize on offer.

LIVE AUCTION PRIZES INCLUDE A LUNCH WITH PRIME MINISTER JOHN KEY FOR THE WINNING BIDDER AND THE CHRIST COLLEGE HOUSE OF THE WINNER'S CHOICE.

You must attend the auction to bid for this and other fantastic auction prizes.



Golf Format: Individual stableford and team bamboozle competition, including hole competitions, prize table and an excellent live auction.

Shotgun start at 1pm

Registration and pre-event BBQ from 12pm

Just two hole sponsorship packages left, for \$695 plus GST (includes hole sponsorship, registration for 4 players, buffet dinner and live auction)

30 spaces available for individual players, for \$160 per player, inc. GST (includes golf registration, Buffet dinner and live auction)

Entry to Dinner function and Auction only is \$45 per person.

Register now, or for further information contact:

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