

EDITORIAL

New Year, New Volume!

This Volume 44 is my first palindromic one of *Cruz*, so I asked my dear friend Marco Buratti (who is symmetry-addicted and palindrome-obsessed) to provide me with some appropriate ways to wish *Cruz* readers Happy New Year 2018. He did not disappoint, so pick your favourite!

Happy New Year

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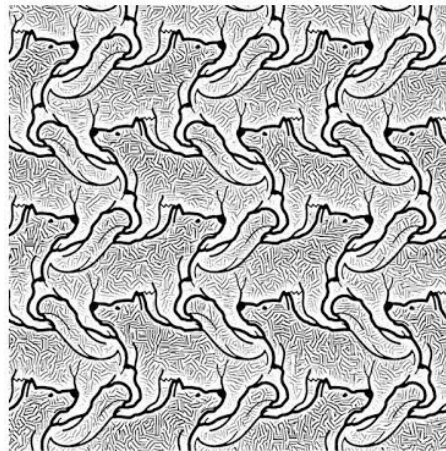
$$666 + 686 + 666$$

$$767 + 22 \cdot 22 + 767$$

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(The last palindrome is courtesy of Ranganathan Padmanabhan.) If you find other palindromic representations of 2018, do let me know.

Mathematically, it is the new number of the year that excites me. Culturally, it is the Zodiac sign of the new year that carries special meaning to me: in the Chinese calendar, 2018 is the Year of the Dog. Combining this fact with symmetry, please enjoy this dog plane tessellation sent to me by Andy Liu:



Whatever you choose to celebrate for the start of 2018, have a great year and enjoy Volume 44.

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