Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community

Welcome to Week 8 and the last newsletter for this term. Well done to Room 3 for a very enjoyable assembly last Friday and to all students for supporting our Free Dress day to raise funds for the Cancer Foundation. This day was organised by Sam Licence as part of his Student Principal for a Day duties, and raised over $241. This week we look forward to Room 7 and 8’s excursion to the Fremantle Prison on Wednesday and the Winter Lightning Carnival on Thursday.

Fantastic Community Support
Wow! What a great few weeks we have had with school community support of our school’s events, programs and environment! First we had the District Cross Country, which involved many parents helping out with the organisation as well as providing food and refreshments for sale. I have heard such high praise from other schools as to the quality of the event and wish to thank Mr van Wyk, the P&C Fundraising Committee and all others involved. I am sure you will have noticed the newly painted netball court in the quadrangle. This is thanks to the hard work of the Jones, Corasiniti and Erickson families who gave up their time on Sunday a week ago to paint the courts. We also have new portable netball goals thanks to the P&C. Our kitchen garden has been established thanks to Pauline Young and Matt Lloyd, who generously donated the plants and worked with each class to plant these last Thursday and Friday. The students are really looking forward to tending their own gardens. It was also great to see some of our staff in their pyjamas!

Review of Religious Education in our school
One of the roles of the School Board is to provide advice to the principal on the provision of Religious Education in our school. As religion is a family choice and not part of a secular public school’s formal curriculum, its provision must be in keeping with the wishes of the school community. At East Narrogin we offer a Scripture Program which is referred to as Christian Religious Education (CRE). To ensure that we are providing the most appropriate religious education program for your students, we have included a short survey in this newsletter. We would appreciate it if you could complete it and return it to the school by Friday, 9 August. This will inform discussion of this program at our next School Board meeting.

From the Principal

ENDEAVOUR
ACHIEVEMENT
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THOUGHTFULNESS
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Please do not forget that we have early close at ENPS every Monday.
School closes at 2.30pm
Kindy closes at 2.30pm

Coming Events

✩ Mathsademic Competition
Wednesday, 26 June

✩ Fremantle Excursion
Room 7 & 8 Wednesday, 26 June

✩ Winter Lightening Carnival
Thursday, 27 June

✩ Reports Home
Wednesday 3 July

✩ Senior Disco (4-7)
Thursday, 4 July 5:30-7:00pm

✩ Room 8 Assembly
Friday, 5 July

✩ Last Day Of School
Friday, 5 July

✩ Swimming Lessons
Tuesday 23 July until Friday, 2 August

✩ School Development Day
*****Students DO NOT ATTEND
Monday, 22 July

✩ Students return to school
Tuesday, 23 July

ENPS ETF Banking details for Voluntary Contributions
Commonwealth Bank
BSB: 066040
Account No: 19901631

Newsletter No: 09
Date: 25 June 2013
Established 1963
Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices
Please remember that mobile phones and electronic devices are not permitted for use at school by students. However we recognise that some students might require their use on the way to or from school. If this is the case a mobile phone policy form must be completed by the parent, and the phone or device handed into the office each morning, and then collected after school. It has come to my notice that several students have been bringing these devices to school and not handing them to the office. Please talk to your children to make sure that they comply with these conditions.

Building our Resiliency Toolkit
Please access the link to our website to download a fortnightly Take Home Activity about Resiliency – the last for this topic. http://www.eastnarroginps.wa.edu.au/school-info/articles. Next term we will be featuring Road Safety as our topic for health learning.

Preparing students to return to school for Term 3
As Semester 1 comes to an end many teachers are busy doing stock takes in their classrooms to consider what resources to order for Term 3. Although students came prepared with personal items such as pens and pencils at the start of the year, these items have probably worn out, been lost or broken. To prepare your children for learning next term, please make sure that your children are equipped with the appropriate stationery as well as a box of tissues.

Reporting to Parents
On Wednesday of next week (3 July), your children will be bringing home their reports, and I urge parents and caregivers to carefully read the comments provided in the student report as these provide more information about each child’s approach to learning and specific actions required to improve. Parents can also request an interview with the teacher to discuss further support for students. Please talk to your child’s teacher if you have questions about your child’s report.

I would like to thank all members of the school community for their efforts throughout the term. It has been an eventful and exciting term and I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday. As we prepare for school holidays I would like to remind families to watch out for children around the streets.

Please note that Monday, 22 July is a School Development Day for school staff. Students return to school on Tuesday, 23 July 2012.

Kind regards
Fiona Collopy
Principal

Leadership
Last Monday the Year 7 leadership group were very fortunate to have Mr Garren Knell speak to us about his career as an Agricultural Consultant and give us some advice on being a good leader. The year 7s were really impressed with his positive outlook and his motivation to achieve his life goals and balance family and career successfully (Please refer to the following pages to read the scribing written by Katelyn Richardson).

Yesterday the Year 7 leadership group welcomed Mrs Colleen Francis to our leadership session. Mrs Francis spoke about her previous career as a Teacher, Deputy Principal and Principal, and her recent change to business owner of Narrogin Toy World. The Year 7 students were very interested in the challenges and highlights of Mrs Francis’s teaching career, and how she described active listening as the key to being a good leader. Please refer to the following pages to read the transcript from Emma Coppock

Year 7 Amy Coombes
Last Tuesday Jo Hayes and Michele Corasanti accompanied the Year 7 leaders to the Residential College to participate in a workshop by Amy Coombes. Amy is a motivational speaker from Perth and is a powerful tool for schools to use to address the current issues teens are facing in relation to:
- Depression
- Eating Disorders
- Negative & Unrealistic Body Image
- Self Harming
Amy showed the group she is an example of someone who listened to the external messages, pressure and negative thoughts. She communicated this in an honest, effective and inspiring way.
As a 26 year old woman, Amy spoke about her own life experience to use as powerful messages, tips and techniques to assist in every-day life. She talked about how to tackle the ‘self chatter’ that goes on within the mind of teens and empowered the group to think about who they are, what they’re choosing to focus on, how they’re choosing to think and who they’re choosing to be.
Inner confidence, feeling comfy in your own skin and learning to like who you are inside and out are all themes that Amy addressed in an engaging and heartfelt way.
Year 5 CHAT

The Year 5 students have been learning about resiliency and reflecting on their own individual qualities during CHAT (Changing Health Acting Together) sessions. As this group will be our first students to attend the high school in Year 7, I am providing them with an opportunity to learn leadership tips. Jo Drayton, Project Coordinator for Rural Community Support Service, presented an inspiring session on having a healthy mind and provided the students with a tool kit for practising resiliency.

Joshua Pomykala (Head Boy) and Emma Potts (Head Girl) from Narrogin Senior High School recently spoke to the Year 5 students from Room 7 and 8 about life at high school and the challenges of Year 12. Josh also spoke about his recent trip to Singapore (a high school excursion).

District Cross Country

On Friday, 14 June we had our Narrogin Districts Cross Country at the Thomas Hogg Oval. I would like to congratulate all our runners from East Narrogin for their behaviour and the way they participated. You have done us proud! A big thank you to all staff, parents and the year 7 helpers who made the day very successful. The final results for the District Cross Country were:

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**GIRLS:** Brookton

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The following students from our school will go to the State Cross Country on Tuesday, 13 August to be held in Perth: Paige Zabajnik, Emily Jones, Morgan Bropho, Arthur Penny and Darryl Anderson.
Colleen Francis
I grew up in Kojonup, Kulin and Perth, and finally settled in Narrogin. I studied at Curtin University and gained a teaching degree. I had to adapt very quickly to university as I was educated at NSHS, which was quite small in comparison. I have been a teacher for 31 years. Also during that time I owned the Tuckerbox Deli, opposite Narrogin Primary school. I have been a teacher, Deputy and a Principal and have also worked at District Office. Recently my husband and I bought Narrogin Toyworld and I am enjoying the challenges of having my own business.

In my career I have learned that listening to other people and their concerns/issues is very important as a leader, as well as staying positive.

As a leader which aspect of heads (thinking), shoulders (carry responsibility), knees (move forward) and toes (balance responsibilities) what do you feel is most important?
I believe thinking before you act is the most important.

How many years does it take to be a teacher now?
4 years of study at a university.

What is the hardest part of your business?
I think the hardest part is the physical aspect of my job. I have to move heavy boxes/equipment and unpack big toys. It is also challenging to keep up with the latest toys. I do a lot of research to make sure I am keeping up with the latest toys. I also think being patient is important as customers like to take time to browse and think about their toys before they buy them.

What was your first job?
I worked in Café 27 as a waitress. I also worked in a dress shop (which used to be where Amcal chemist is now).

Who is your role model?
My mother was a great role model. She taught me to be the best I can be and to work hard. She was always a great listener.

What advice can you give our leadership group?
Be prepared to work hard in whatever you decide to do in your career and to listen carefully to others.

Do you prefer teaching or owning your own business?
I feel that now I prefer owning and operating Toyworld as I am learning new things every day and enjoying the new challenges owning a business brings.

Do you have children?
I have two girls who where both educated in Narrogin. My eldest is a journalist and lives in Mexico. She works for Scoop Travel magazine and my youngest daughter is a lawyer in Perth.

What toys do you prefer?
I love wooden toys and I really enjoy going to Melbourne every year to visit the Toy Expo where I can try out all the latest toys.

Garren Knell
Mr Garren Knell is an Agricultural Consultant and Narrogin Primary School Board Chairman. His job is to assist other farmers with their crops. Mr Knell studied agricultural science at University and finished year 12 at Wanneroo High School. He was not a very strong reader and was worried that the job he wanted required a lot of reading, so he tried harder at school and reading. Mr Knell wanted to be a chef but he would have had to work on weekends and didn’t want it to interfere with the time he had with his children. He likes to take time to plan his day and also likes to make goals for his day. Some advice he gave us was to take some time to plan and make goals. We also asked him some questions. Here are some of the questions we asked:

Q: Did you play sports?
A: I played hockey from Years 4 to 9.

Q: What was your favourite holiday spot?
A: He grew up in Wanneroo and took his motor bike out there to ride.

Q: Do you have any role models in your area of work?
A: Yeah, but there are some people where I would say I don’t want to be like them.

Q: What was your favourite sport?
A: Hockey, I enjoyed basketball as a teenager but hockey was my favourite.

Q: Do you volunteer in the community?
A: Yes, my main role is probably at Narrogin Primary School as a Board Chairman.

Q: Is it hard being a school chairman?
A: Mostly not

Q: Have you ever wished you had chosen another job?
A: Sometimes late at night I do, but I will always enjoy it (cooking and metal work).

Q: How old were you when you finished university?
A: 21 years old

Q: Do you help farmers just in Narrogin?
A: No, I travel all around

Q: Why did you want to start your own business?
A: There were two reasons, one was I wanted more money and the other reason was I could choose my own hours.

Q: We use heads, shoulders, knees and toes which one do thing is the most important in job?
A: You probably need a bit of all of them but heads and shoulders are probably the most important for me.

Q: Where did you start your first job?
A: I started my first job in Northam where I worked for the Department of Agriculture.

Q: Was it hard starting your own business?
A: It was a bit nerve racking but I had some experience so I didn’t start off with nothing I had a bit of help.

Q: What was your first job?
A: Working with horses, and I also helped my parents in their food shop.

Q: What advice would you give us Year 7’s to become good leaders?
A: Spend a little bit of time thinking about what you want to do and how you are going to do it, have goals.
I have created a list of useful phrases for families to use whilst on holiday in Bali or elsewhere in Indonesia on our school website. If you are going to Bali during the school holiday, please download it and take it with you. To download the list, please go to our school website and click ‘Our Classes’. Then click ‘Specialist Classes’ and then click ‘Indonesian’.

This week I would like share 10 simple facts about Indonesia:

1. Indonesia is made up of more than 18,000 islands with just over 6,000 inhabited. The famous holiday island of Bali is in Indonesia.
2. The capital city is Jakarta, located on the island of Java.
3. The population of Indonesia is more than 238 million.
4. The official language of Indonesia is Indonesian (also locally known as Bahasa Indonesia). However, more than 700 native languages and dialects are spoken in Indonesia.
5. Indonesian students go to school 6 days a week. The school usually starts at 7:30am and finishes at 12 noon.
6. Indonesia does not have four seasons like Australia. Indonesia has a tropical climate and it has only two seasons: Dry and wet seasons. Dry season is from May to October and it is the best season to holiday in Indonesia. Wet season is from November to April and you can expect a lot of rain during wet season.
7. Indonesia has the largest Muslim population in the world.
8. The two most popular sports in Indonesia are badminton and soccer.
9. There are about 130 active volcanos across Indonesia.
10. The currency of Indonesia is rupiah. Currently 1 Australian dollar = about 9500 rupiah.

Terima kasih (Thank you)
Pak Young (Mr Young)
P & C SENIOR DISCO
Thursday, 4 July
THEME: DISCO (anything beginning with the letters in the word D I S C O)

Procedures for drop off & pick up of students at discos.

These procedures are to ensure that the P & C provide appropriate duty of care to all students who attend.

- Tickets to be pre-purchased at school in the week prior to the event ($7.00 for each child - this includes disco entry and 1 sausage sizzle).
- Juice boxes, LOL’s, lollies, chips etc will be available to purchase on the night so please send a few dollars with your child if you are happy for them to buy a snack.
- Parent / Carer (or responsible adult) MUST drop off their child at the undercover area and have them signed in as participating.

Parent / Carer (or responsible adult) MUST collect their child from the undercover area at the end of the disco.

Therefore, children CAN NOT walk to or from the disco unaccompanied by a responsible adult. They also CAN NOT be dropped off in the car park and left to walk into the undercover area on their own.

As previously mentioned, these changes are to make sure duty of care is passed directly from the parent / carer to the P & C.

We trust all families will support our efforts to ensure the safety of all our students.

The ticket for the SENIOR disco is on this slip.

If your child is going to participate in the disco please complete the details on the ticket and return to canteen prior to the event.

P & C SENIOR Disco Thursday, 4 JULY - Ticket

My child / ren ____________________________

YEAR(S) ____________________________

Senior Disco: 5.30pm – 7.00pm (Yr 4 to Year 7)

- School Undercover area
  ($7.00 for each child - this includes disco entry and 1 sausage sizzle).

Additional sausage sizzles $4 each: _______required

Name and mobile number of adult dropping child off:

________________________________________________________________________

Name and mobile number of adult picking child up:

________________________________________________________________________

Payment of $7.00 each child + additional sausage sizzle money enclosed. TOTAL: $ __________

Parent / Carer signature: ____________________________

Parent help: I will be able to stay and help on the night either in the canteen or with supervision: YES / NO

HELPERS NAME: ____________________________

HELPERS Phone # : ____________________________

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Rankings after Rd. 13

Round 12
Two in a row! Picked the points margin exactly.

Lochie

Round 13
She picked Lions over Cats! Clearly a witch! Let’s burn her!

Mel Myers

Stats
Round 12
Highest - 6 (21)
Lowest - 3 (Kirby)
Average - 5

Round 13
Highest - 5 (14)
Lowest - 3 (8)
Average - 4

Well as you can see, most people tipped the same teams for the last 2 short rounds - except for Fiona Kirby of course...

In round 13 the default tippers got 5 from home teams, but there were only two that did it for real - Mel, who missed Port, and Mrs Vogel who missed Brisbane like everyone else.

Happy Tipping!
Community Notices

**Piano Recital by Roman Rudnytsky**
Wednesday, 10 July at Narrogin Senior Citizens Centre.
Doors open 6.30pm Recital starts at 7.00pm
Light supper and glass of wine available at interval
Tickets $25 ($20 students, pensioners and ARTS Narrogin Members, available at Narrogin Retravision.

**July Holiday Activities**
Nyoongar Sports Association
Pingelly Friday, 12 July 10:00am -2pm
Narrogin Tuesday, 16 July 10:00am—2:00pm
Wagin Wednesday, 17 July 10:00am—2:00pm
Brookton Friday, 19 July 10:00am-2:00pm
(lunch supplied)

**NetSetGo/Netball Coaches Development**
Narrogin Wednesday, 10 July 10:00am
Nature-Play
Narrogin Library Thursday, 11 July 2:00pm –3:00pm
Narrogin Library Thursday, 18 July 2:00—3:00pm
All school age children are welcome

**New Yoga Class**
With Lynette Blechynden (Teacher in Training)
Tuesdays during school terms
Time: 12:45pm to 2:15pm.
Venue: Victorias Place, 137 Federal Street.
$12.00 per session.
All Welcome. For more information about this class please phone Lynette Blechynden 0428 131 656

**Super Starters—A Kindy Readiness Group**
Southern Wheatbelt Primary Health is running ‘Super Starters,’ a kindy readiness group in Narrogin in Term 3.
The group gives children a chance to practise many of the skills they will need for Kindy, including cutting, turn taking, following instructions and motor planning.
To be held at Southern Wheatbelt Primary Health on Tuesdays for five weeks commencing Tuesday, 6 August. All children who will be attending Kindy in 2014 are welcome to attend with their parents.
From 9:30am—11:00am.
Each session will consist of three activities: speech and language focus, fine motor focus and gross motor focus, along with a theme. Fruit will be provided for morning tea for the children.
The session will be facilitated by a Speech Pathologist and an Occupational Therapist. Bookings are essential. Contact Anna Kempton 9881 0385 to register your child.

**NARROGIN AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB**
Registration Day for New and Existing Members
Thursday, 27 June 2013
4.00pm – 5.00 pm at the Leisure Centre

**FEES 2012-2013 SEASON**
First swimmer $160, Second swimmer $140, Third and subsequent swimmers $120
The Narrogin Amateur Swimming Club is registered for KidsSport.
For more information please contact Eliza Dowling on 9887 5095 or t.w.dowling@bigpond.com

**School Kids Bonus**
Second instalment of Schoolkids Bonus will be paid in July. Eligible families who have not updated their child’s education details with Centrelink have until 29 June to do so to ensure they receive the correct payment in July. Eligible families who have updated their child’s education details with Centrelink do not have to do anything.
For more information go to: Australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus.
If you require a hardcopy of the brochure feel free to contact us on schoolkidsbonus@faehcsia.gov.au
From Schoolkids Bonus Communication Team Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

Gnarrojin Community Garden Working Group invites you to the Sun-angles Sundowner
Shadows and sun, part of the community garden design. Come and see what is happening at the Community Garden and how you can be involved!
Friday, 28 June 4:30—7:30pm (or just drop in)
Gnarrojin Community Garden, Hale Street, Narrogin
Wood fired pizzas will be available for sale.
Please Bring a salad or sweet to share. BYO drinks
Everyone is welcome!
For more information, contact Avril Baxter 9881 3490

**WANTED**
In preparation for our 50th birthday celebrations this year we are looking for photos or other memorabilia for out display during the event on Saturday, 9 November 2013. If you have such items we would love to borrow them. Please hand them in to Fiona Kirby at the front office. We promise to keep them safe!
Also – we would love to have suggestions for items to go into a time capsule we will bury as part of the celebrations.

Telephone: 6272 0477
PO Box 578, FLOREAT WA 6014

AUSTSWIM, the Australian Council for the Teaching of Swimming and Water Safety will be conducting a Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety course in your locality soon.
Venue: Narrogin Recreation Centre
Saturday, 29 June—8.30 am to 5.30 pm
Application forms and further information is available from AUSTSWIM WA. wa@austswim.com.au
EAST NARROGIN PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD is conducting a short survey of preferences and attitudes amongst the school community to the school’s provision of Religious Education in order to assist in future planning. Schools may offer religious education, which must be given by volunteers from outside the school, under guidelines set by the Department of Education’s Religious Education Policy. Participation is not compulsory, and parents may request in writing for their children to be excused.

The aims of the survey are
1. To gauge the degree of satisfaction in the school community with the current Scripture program.
2. To gauge the level of interest in additional Religious Education and non-religious options.
3. To gather ideas from the school community about meaningful activities that could be provided for students who are excused from Religious Education classes.

The results of the survey will be collated and taken to the next School Board meeting for discussion. Please remember that at this stage we are only gathering information from the school community. This means that the survey responses may not necessarily result in changes next year.

PLEASE CIRCLE EITHER A YES OR NO RESPONSE FOR EACH QUESTION

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<th>1. Christian Religious Education Program (CRE)</th>
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<td>At present the only form of religious instruction provided at East Narrogin is Christian Religious Education (CRE). The program consists of one half-hour lesson each week for one semester of the school year and is known as Scripture.</td>
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<td>Q.1.1 Do you have a child attending the current CRE program?</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Q.1.2 Were you provided with sufficient advance information about the CRE program?</td>
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<td>Q.1.3 Is the CRE program worth continuing for your child(ren)’s benefit?</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Q.1.4 If “No”, is it worth continuing for the benefit of others in the school?</td>
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<th>2. Alternative Programs</th>
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<td>Schools are permitted to provide Religious Education in other religions if accredited volunteer instructors are available.</td>
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<td>Non-religious programs, such as ethics or values based programs, are currently not available as an alternative to Religious Education. However an option could become available in the future.</td>
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<td>Schools are permitted to offer general religious education, which would cover the major forms of religious thought and expression characteristic of Australian society and other societies in the world. General religious education must be taught by teachers, rather than external volunteers.</td>
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<td>Q.2.1 Would you like to see an additional Religious Education program offered in a religion other than Christianity?</td>
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<td>Q.2.2 If “Yes”, which religion?</td>
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<td>Q.2.3 If a non-religious program such as an ethics or values based program were to become available as an alternative to Religious Education, would you consider having your child(ren) participate?</td>
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<td>Q.2.4 If a general religious education program were to be made available, would you be interested in having your child(ren) participate?</td>
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3. Choice of Participation

At present, parents who do not wish their children to participate in Scripture have to expressly opt them out by writing a letter to the school. The school is not permitted to teach ordinary lessons to students who are excused from Scripture, but only to supervise them. Currently, some excused students have to remain in the classroom where Scripture is in progress and engage in quiet reading or computer work.

Q.3.1 Would you prefer to advise the school only if your child will take Scripture (opting in)
or only if your child will not take Scripture (opting out)?

Q.3.2 Do you have a child who is currently excused from Scripture?
Yes    No

Q.3.3 Do you have any suggestions for meaningful alternative activities for excused students?

Q.3.4 Would you like to make any other comments about Religious Education?

Please return the completed form by Friday, 9 August via your eldest child’s class teacher at the school, or to the school office.

Parent Name: ________________________________

Date: _________________________________________

Child/ren: ____________________________________________

Thank you for your participation.

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