Greetings,

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday full of fun and happy times with family and friends and have returned rested and recharged for a busy Term 4! I experienced camping for the first time with family. Whilst there was much laughing and plenty of friendly banter, I realised just how peaceful it is to be amongst nature and to be still and experience quiet.

Religious Education Learning in 2016

Last term I began a conversation with you about our 2016 goals for Religious Education, to expose students to and making them aware of organising and celebrating all aspects of Liturgy; and the role of Liturgy in our Catholic Faith.

But what is Liturgy? Liturgy is *the work of people*, a communal act in which we praise and Worship God. It is Mass, where we have a Eucharistic Celebration; and it can be a prayer service held in the classroom or the family home. At every Mass and in our classroom liturgies we seek to involve as many children as possible. Children take on the responsibilities of commentating, proclaiming the Word, reading the Prayers of the Faithful, altar serving, taking part in the offertory procession as well as singing and providing musical accompaniment. Even when you do not have a specific role in a Mass, participation in singing, praying and responding is equally as important. You may have heard the term *Body of Christ*; as a community, when we are in Mass and liturgy we are one, the Body of Christ!

All liturgies involve the telling of the story of Jesus and His Church. Liturgy is action and symbol; it speaks to person, it involves all the senses: sight, touch, sound, taste and smell. The Word of God can be spoken, sung and re-enacted. This year, in our classrooms, we have begun to proclaim God’s Word more creatively through Godly play kits.

In Liturgy we discover the richness of prayer, which can be experienced through words, gesture, silence, stillness, movement and song. In Masses we engage in the traditional prayers of the Church such as The Apostles Creed, The Gloria, Our Father, Eucharistic Prayer and others. In classroom liturgies we involve some of these formal prayers and encourage self-made and spontaneous prayers. As much as possible, we seek to engage students in prayerful song and incorporate gestures that reflect the meaning of the words. Stillness in an important part of all liturgy. It is those times where we have a private inner conversation with God, within our hearts and our minds.

Essentially, classroom liturgies are an adaptation of the Mass where we form and develop habits as ritual people, learning through repetition and copying. These habits and rituals include making the Sign of the Cross, genuflecting, responding and praying. In classroom liturgy, liturgy leaders wear a red stole, similar to the vestments worn by the Priest, we bless each other with holy oil, make the sign of the cross, bow, genuflect and pray.
Why is Liturgy an important part of who we are? Liturgy and worship fosters what it means to belong to a community. They are opportunities to enhance spiritual growth and personal development through prayer and reflection and encourage the development of a personal and communal relationship with God. In our Masses and liturgies we share our Catholic values and celebrate significant events in the lives of individuals and the community; and gain more knowledge and understanding of the Bible.

Masses and Liturgy at St Patrick’s follows the Church’s calendar and our class / grade liturgies reflect the Religious Education learning that is happening in the classroom.

You are always warmly invite to come along and celebrate and pray in Mass and Liturgy. Please keep in mind that Mass and Liturgies are not performances. Whilst it is special seeing our children lead and partake in key roles within liturgies and Masses, they are times for prayer, reflection and sometimes contemplation. Photographs can be taken around the Sacred Space / prayer table created within the liturgies at the conclusion of the Liturgy.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact me.

Sacrament of First Eucharist

This term, children from Year 3 to Year 6 who have been Baptised and made their Confirmation and Reconciliation will begin preparations to journey towards the Sacrament of receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in First Holy Communion. The Parent Information Night is on Wednesday the 19th October 2016 at 7.30pm. If you have any queries please feel free to contact either myself or Colleen from the Parish Office on 4325 1042.

Marian Celebration

On Friday the 28th October 2016 will be having a Marian Celebration as October is the month of the Rosary. We gather as a school community to pray the Rosary in the Church. You are all welcome to join us. In past years we have asked children from different cultures to lead us in praying a decade of the Rosary in their native language. If you would like to be part of this, could you please either call me on 4325 1159 or email me directly at jacqui.fletcher1@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Letting Go

On Thursday the 24th November 2016 we will be having our final Parent Prayer Session for the year. It will be based on the concept of Letting Go. Often we come to the end of the year and some expectations we had made have fallen short, things don’t go as planned and sometimes relationships have been strained. At times parents can harbor anxiety about their children moving on from one teacher to another. Letting go and putting your faith in the hands of God is a powerful choice. I will send out more detail about this session in the next newsletter.

What’s on:

Week 2: - First Eucharist Parent Information Night  
Wednesday, 19th October, 7.30 pm in the Library.

Week 3: - First Eucharist Classes begin (Tuesdays and Thursdays)  
- Marian Celebration, Whole School, Friday, 28th October, 9.00am in the Church  
- Kindergarten / Year 6 / Whole School Family Mass  
Sunday, 30th October at 9.00am in the Church

Week 4: - All Saints Mass for Kindergarten-Year 2  
Tuesday, 1st November, 9.00am in the Church

Go gently with Christ
Jacqueline Fletcher
Religious Education Coordinator
FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL..............

Welcome back everyone to Term 4. Where has the year gone? Term 4 is always a very busy term with Year 5 leadership camp, election of school captains, 2017 Kindergarten transition days, surf days, swimming programs, Year 6 Graduation, End of Year School Reports, Year 6 Market Day, Academic Assembly, Thank you morning tea for our volunteers, our big Carols Night, our Final Mass and of course step up for 2017. Not to mention that our Kinders are on excursion today at The Reptile Park, our Walkathon next Friday and Year 3 excursion Wednesday 26th October. Thank goodness our school concert was last term. This term will fly by very quickly so if you have any concerns about your child’s progress or peer relationships, please make an appointment to speak to your child’s teacher in the next few weeks before reports are written and 2017 classes are completed, as there can be no changes to class lists once they are set.

Our school walkathon will run this Friday 21st October. The students will walk down to Hilton Moore Oval at approximately 9.30am. Then after a quick fruit break, the children will walk around Hilton Moore Park. Year 5 & 6 will walk up to four or five laps, Year 3 & 4 will walk up to 3 laps, and Kinder, Year 1 & 2 will walk one to two laps (with Kinder accompanied by their Year 6 buddy).

Students should be dressed in sports uniform on the day with their hat, sunscreen and drink bottle. Drink stations will be organised at places around the course BUT all students will need to carry their own drink bottles. Each student will be provided with a sponsorship card on the day, that will be stamped at the completion of each lap. At the completion of the walkathon, the children will return to school on the primary side and enjoy a free sausage sizzle lunch. Drinks and lots of fancy ice-blocks will be on sale at the canteen. Whole school assembly will be at 12.45pm.

We asked students to return all sponsorship cards and money no later than today, Friday 14th October (week 1), but we have extended it to this Monday 17th as there are still lots of families chasing up sponsorship. We thank you all so very much for your support and generosity with this fund raising event. Depending on the funds we can raise, we hope to be able to start installing air conditioners in our classrooms early next year, so every dollar helps. We are still appealing for all helpers on the day to assist with drink stations, stamping sponsor cards or simply joining in the walk with their child. Our P&F will also require support for the sausage sizzle BBQ. Please contact the office if you are able to assist on the day.

Help Wanted—Maths Packs

Mrs Clare McNally needs some help putting together some Maths packs that will be used by the whole school. If you are available to spare an hour or two on Thursday 27th October please email speg@dbb.catholic.edu.au. The packs will be put together after the morning bell in the Infants Library.
This week our Seasons children started their program. The Seasons program provides the opportunity for children who have experienced grief through a family change or loss, to share their thoughts and feelings in a safe situation where they are supported by an adult companion (teacher) and other children experiencing the same feelings. They are provided with a variety of coping strategies and a support network. The children love their time at Seasons and look forward to their celebration at the end of the program. Thank you to Mrs Turnbull (co-ordinator), Mrs Lewis and Mrs McCallum for being our group leaders.

NSW Government's Responsible Pet Ownership Education Program

Dog attacks continue to occur in our community throughout the state. In NSW the Government is proud that it has the strongest dog safety laws in Australia. However, it is recognised that more needs to be done to raise awareness of the importance of responsible pet ownership and how to interact safely with dogs, particularly in the case of young children and their families. The most concerning factor is that the Division's research indicates that 80% of children involved in dog attacks are attacked in their own home or that of a family member or friend. Alarmingly, this also means they were attacked by their own dog or one that was known to them. Therefore we need to educate our children and their families in relation to safe practices around dogs. This why the NSW has established the Responsible Pet Ownership Education Program in 2011 and will continue this in 2016 to spread the dog safety message.

The program is designed for students aged 5 to 7 years (K-Yr2) and uses techniques such as role play, music, dance, interactive media activities including computer games to help get very serious pet safety messages across. Information is also provided to assist children to engage other members of their family in learning about responsible pet ownership. Next Thursday, this program will be visiting St. Patrick’s for our Kinder to Year 2 children. If you have any concerns please speak to your class teacher.

Dates to Remember

- Walkathon - Friday 21st October
- Year 3 Excursion 26th October
- Our Kindergarten 2017 Transition Program Friday 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th November
- Year 5 Camp 16 – 18th November
- Years 1 & 2 Swimming Program — 14th to 26th November
- Year 6 Graduation Mass 1st December
- Academic Assembly 9th December
- Combined School and Parish Carols Night 15th December
- End of Year Mass 16th December

Changing Schools??

It is getting to that time of the year when we ask Parents if they are planning to change schools in 2017 to let us know. Could you please inform the school office in writing, if you have any changes for 2017 by 11th November. If you are intending to change schools we will also need to know the name of the school your child will be attending.

School Photos

We have the following photos available for viewing and ordering in the School Office. Please pop in over the next 2 weeks to view/order these photos:

- School Captains - House Captains - SRC - Year 6 ‘funny faces’
SPORT REPORT - Ms Fiona Bolton

On Monday we welcomed back Sport in Schools to St Patrick’s.

Sport in Schools (SIS) is focused on primary school education and relates directly to the PDHPE component of the K-6 syllabus. The students participate in activities that develop cooperative learning skills and promote health and physical competence through life long involvement in activity. The gymnastic component of the program aims to develop fundamental movement skills. This program runs all term and students are required to wear their sport uniforms on Mondays as well as Fridays.

Peer Support also recommenced on Thursday. Year 6 students lead small groups made up of K-6 students and this year are working on activities that help build relationships and true friendships.

Learn to swim classes for Years 1 and 2 will occur mid term as well as surf fun days for Years 3-6. Notes have been sent home with more information and permission slips. Please return these notes promptly.

Today we have 14 boys from Year 6 competing in the Waratah Cup for cricket. Good luck boys.

Reminder
Please remember to return any representative sport uniforms that may still be at home. Also if you have any netball bibs that your child may have worn home from the Gala Day, please return those as well.

Looking forward to another great term of fun-filled sport!

Kindergarten having fun at Sports in Schools
FROM THE MUSIC ROOM with Mrs Suzie Morris

Our Orchestral Challenge: Kindy, Year 1 and Year 2 put their music skills to the test this week as each class participated in an Orchestra Quiz. Last term we explored orchestral music, different aspects of the music, the instruments and families that make up the orchestra and some of our great composers. This week we out our skills to the test with four new pieces of music, identifying the tempo, dynamics and pitch and listening for instruments from the orchestra. What a wonderful job the students did in using these skills and apply them to unfamiliar music – maybe you could have a go next time you are listening to a song on the radio in the car!

It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas… well not yet BUT I am starting to plan for our St Patrick’s Christmas Carols – Thursday 15th December 2016 (we will send more information out next month). I am after your favourite Christmas Carols as I select carols for the choir and each grade to sing. Maybe you are an up-beat ‘Santa Claus is Coming to Town’ kind of person or a more sombre ‘Silent Night’. Do you prefer more recent jingles like ‘Deck the Sheds’ or are you a traditionalist and go for ‘Carol of the Bells’. I would love to hear your suggestions, you can email me at susan.morris@dbb.catholic.edu.au or check out the St Patrick’s Facebook and post them there.

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**Q4: Family ACTIVation Pack**

Year 1 Parents

This term, Year 1 students will be bringing home a Family ACTIVation Pack (one per family) – an awesome pack to get children and parents skilled, active & healthy!

The Family ACTIVation Pack is designed to help parents / carers get active with their children by playing quick, easy and fun games at home, in the park or wherever …… games that reinforce the fundamental movement skills already being learnt at school. There are all sorts of tips, ideas and guides for getting active including putting together an ‘Active Home Entertainment Centre’.

This resource has been developed by Central Coast Local Health District and supported by the NSW Department of Education. 4000 Family ACTIVation Packs are being distributed to primary schools on the Central Coast during this Term.


We hope this pack helps families to get skilled, get active and get healthy!

NSW Government

Health

Central Coast Local Health District
From the P&F …

Welcome back to Term 4! We have already had our first event of the term …

Casey's Toyworld VIP Shopping Night
On Tuesday evening an enthusiastic group of shoppers got together to start their Christmas shopping and support our school. We had over 20 people attend and together they socialised and shopped and have raised $600 in vouchers that we can use towards our Christmas Raffle (stay tuned for more info on this one!). Many, many thanks to Rachael Playle for organising this event. Her enthusiasm to wanting to raise funds for our school projects is heart-warming and we thank her for all her efforts in co-ordinating this fun night. Thanks Rach!

And then coming up …

Walk-a-thon BBQ
Next Friday the P&F will be providing a free sausage sizzle for students, staff and parents following the walk-a-thon. If you can lend a hand with set up, cooking or cleaning up we would greatly appreciate your help. Helpers needed from 11.00am till 1.00pm. Please contact Michelle on 0408 412 408 or miichellecormack@bigpond.com if you can offer assistance.

World Teachers Appreciation Day – Friday 28th October
On the last Friday of every October the families of St Pats celebrate World Teachers Appreciation Day. It’s our chance to thank all the staff of St Patricks for the wonderful job they do, day in, day out! The P&F will be organising morning tea on Friday 28th October and we are asking the children to bring in a homemade card or poster or poem or perhaps some flowers from their garden or a homemade sweet treat! Something from the heart to show they appreciate their teacher. Please see flyer for more information.

Term 4 P&F Meeting
Save the date – our term 4 meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th November at 7.00pm in the LARC (primary campus). All welcome!

School Disco
Our final disco for the year will be held on Friday 11th November. Stay tuned next letter for more details.

School Banking day is Wednesday

Remember, Wednesday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their regular savings habits.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school, raising 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

If your child has lost their book, they can bring their money to school in a sealed envelope with a note on the next School Banking day. We will issue them with a replacement.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at St Patricks. We would also like to thank the wonderful parents who volunteer as our School Banking Co-ordinators and process our banking every week.
Rewrite Your Story – Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner

You can’t undo the past, and you can’t change the actions or words of other people, but you can Rewrite Your Story.

Rewrite Your Story is a youth-focussed program which explores cyberbullying. Developed by the Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner, Rewrite Your Story features real-life cyberbullying stories, alongside advice and support about how to handle it. The program also provides detailed, and essential, information about how to report serious cyberbullying to the Office when required.

Rewrite Your Story is designed to empower young people to be courageous in the face of cyberbullying, guide them when they need, and help them to support their friends. The program includes:

- conversation-starter videos looking at cyberbullying and its impact
- lesson plans
- a set of eye-catching posters suitable for libraries or common areas
- an innovative tool that walks young people through the situation they are experiencing and directs them to relevant resources, including how to report serious cyberbullying.


Giving Way to Others on the Primary Side


Giving way at a stop sign, stop line, give way sign or give way line applying to the driver.

Car B is in Althorpe St turning right into Victoria St, they MUST GIVE WAY to any oncoming traffic from Althorpe St from the direction of York St.

In recent times, there have been many near misses as well as those drivers who may not be aware of the correct rule in place for this intersection, causing some frustration and aggressive behaviour.
Students need to wear their SPORTS UNIFORM on Mondays and Fridays in Term 4.

LOST
Rowan T in 3 Blue has lost his Formal Hat
Shaina P in 3 Gold has lost her Formal Hat
Please check your hats and return to the above classrooms if found.

Thank you Fresh Options for our Fruit Break during Week 10 of Term 3
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One volunteer is required on Wednesdays for EACH canteen and two
volunteers are required for each canteen on Fridays. Please call
Ange Stitt 0409 362 217 if you would like to help. Thank you😊

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An invitation to all families from the P&F …

To recognise and reward all the hardworking and dedicated teachers of our school, we are inviting the children to make a card, write a poem, bring in some flowers from their garden or perhaps a sweet treat to thank their teacher for all that they do.

Feel free to bring along something homemade or home grown on Friday 28th October to thank your teacher. It will make their day to know they are appreciated!

Thank you, Teachers!
School Student Transport Scheme
Applications open 10 October 2016

From Monday 10 October 2016, parents, guardians and students over 16 years, will be able to apply for a 2017 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel pass by visiting www.transportnsw.info/school-students

Information for parents and students
School travel passes only need to be updated when a student:

- changes address, or
- changes school or campus.

A new application is required when:
- applying for an SSTS pass for the first time,
- enrolling in Kindergarten,
- progressing from Year 2 to Year 3,
- progressing from Year 6 to Year 7, or
- requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation.

For more information on planning your school travel, visit www.transportnsw.info or contact your local operator.

Passes for 2017 travel

Opal network: Please remind ALL your students to keep their School Opal cards for travel in 2017. These cards will be automatically deactivated for school holidays and then reactivated for school travel in term one. Students’ current School Opal cards can be updated with changes of school, home address or operator.

Rural and regional travel: Students travelling with operator-issued passes will receive a new pass in the new school year.
The Sydney East Schools Sports Association invites regions and associations to participate in the Sydney Metropolitan Water Polo Gala Day for primary aged students. The Dioceses of Broken Bay, Parramatta, Sydney and Wagga Wagga combine together to participate. This Water Polo Gala Day is not a representative sport pathway. Selected students from the trial will represent their school in a combined Broken Bay, Parramatta, Sydney and Wagga Wagga team.

DATE: Tuesday 25 October 2016 (Term 4, Week 3)
VENUE: Ashfield Aquatic Centre, Elizabeth Street, Ashfield
TRIAL TIME: **Boys** - 9:30am to 11.45am  **Girls** - 12:00pm to 2.15pm
*Finish times of each session are approximate*
COST: A trial entry cost of $20 per student is payable.

**Sydney Archdiocesan students** payment to be made to their school - Activity Code ‘ZWATS’.

**Parramatta, Broken Bay and Wagga Wagga Diocesan students** are to pay the convener upon registration at the pool.

POOL ENTRY: Payable at the venue:
Participants - $4.60, Spectators - $2.60

ENTRY: Individual students are required to have playing experience in water polo. **This is not a come & try day.** A maximum of 4 boys and 4 girls per school can be nominated. Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 in 2016 interested in attending are to complete the consent form and obtain their Principal’s approval. The Principal’s signature on the consent form is a mandatory requirement for participation.

DUE DATE: Parents are responsible for scanning & emailing complete and signed consent form by Monday 17 October 2016 to luke.zagame@syd.catholic.edu.au

CONSENT: Students arriving without their Principal’s consent will not be able to participate.

TRANSPORT / SUPERVISION: Parent/guardian is responsible for the transportation of their child to and from the venue and the supervision whilst they are not competing. If you are unable to transport your child to the event, please notify the accompanying adult of any specific medical concerns surrounding your child and supply them with the specific medication that they may require.

UNIFORM: Students are to attend the trial in their **school sports uniform**.
WATER POLO TRIAL

EQUIPMENT: Students are to bring sport specific equipment: hat, sunscreen and water bottle. Wearing goggles for the warm-up period is highly recommended. Personal equipment should be clearly marked with their name and school. Water polo caps and balls will be supplied.

MEDICAL: All medical conditions such as asthma, anaphylaxis, diabetes, allergies etc must be detailed on the consent form. It is the responsibility of each parent to bring to the event any medication that may be required (e.g. epipen, ventolin, etc). Medication must be shown to the convener upon registration to confirm its presence and location.

CANTEEN: Canteen facilities may be available. It is advisable that students bring sufficient refreshments.

BE SUNSMART: Skin cancer is largely preventable. Be SunSmart. When the UV level is 3 or above, protect yourself against sun damage and skin cancer by using a combination of these five steps: 1. Slip on sun protective clothing, 2. Slop on SPF 30+ sunscreen, 3. Slap on a hat, 4. Seek shade, 5. Slide on some sunglasses. Be extra cautious in the middle of the day when UV levels are most intense. The SunSmart UV Alert tells you the time period in which you need to be SunSmart. It is on the Bureau of Meteorology website: www.bom.gov.au/weather/uv www.cancer.org.au/preventing-cancer/reduce-your-risk/be-sunsmart.html

WET WEATHER & ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS Amendments to sporting events (i.e. trials, gala days etc) may occur due to unforeseen circumstances e.g. wet weather, extreme heat, dust storms etc. On the day of the event if wet weather or an environmental factor occurs, information can be located at https://tinyurl.com/sportweather Please note: Water Polo trial is unlikely to be postponed and will proceed where possible.

SELECTIONS: Selected students will be invited to represent their school in a combined Broken Bay, Parramatta, Sydney and Wagga Wagga team. They will participate in the Sydney Metropolitan Water Polo Gala Day to be held on Monday 14 November 2016 at Sutherland Leisure Centre.

Luke Zagame
Water Polo Convener

Troy Moran
Sydney Archdiocesan Primary Sports Coordinator
## Student's Information

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## Parent's / Guardian's Information

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## Emergency Details

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## Medical Information

Does your child have any medical condition(s) that require medication?  
*(E.g. Asthma = Ventolin; Allergies = Epipen; Diabetic = Glucose etc)*

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## Have you supplied the medical details & medication for your child to whoever is providing transport?

*It is the responsibility of the parent if their child has a medical condition that the medication (i.e. epipen, ventolin, etc) is brought to the event by the accompanying adult.*

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I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the following.

- I consent to the participation of my child at this sport event.
- My child will compete in the specified uniform and will bring all necessary equipment as indicated on event information.
- I understand that primary sport events are regarded as an extension of school activities and it is expected that student’s behaviour will be exemplary at all times and accept that my child and I are representatives of our school and diocese at this event.
- I will accept the referee/umpire/judge, team manager, convener, sport coordinator, selector and/or sport council’s decision.
- I have read and will abide by the Code of Conduct as published on the following website - https://sites.google.com/a/syd.catholic.edu.au/primary-sport
- I understand that I am responsible for the transportation of my child to and from the venue and the supervision whilst they are not competing.
- I will ensure that if my child has a medical condition that the medication will be brought to the event.
- In the event of any accident or illness, I authorise any medical assistance that my child may require. I accept full responsibility for all expenses incurred.
- I give permission for photographs/video footage of my child taken by a Sydney Catholic Schools Representative to be used in media publications approved by the Sydney Catholic Schools Office.
- I agree to pay the $20 trial entry cost:
  - Sydney Archdiocesan students are to make payment to their school
  - Broken Bay, Parramatta, Wagga Wagga Diocesan students are to make payment upon registration with convener at the commencement of the trial

**SIGNATURE ___________________________**  **DATE __________________**  

**Parent/Guardian**

**Principal Authority**

I certify that the student listed on this consent form is enrolled at this school and that he/she has the authority of the school to participate at the trial.

**PRINCIPAL’S SIGNATURE ___________________________**  **DATE __________________**

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