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Week 8, Term 4

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From the Principal

It is with mixed emotions that I announce to the school community that I will be relinquishing my position as Principal of Crestwood High School at the end of this term. I have been offered a position within the NSW Department of Education as a Principal Coach Mentor, supporting newly appointed Principals in their complex new role. I am looking forward to the new path for me and I am grateful to Crestwood High School for giving me the opportunity to grow in my leadership to be able to undertake such a role.



I was first appointed to Crestwood High school in 2013 and remained for nine years – apparently the longest standing Principal at the school – a badge of honour I am proud to wear. Over the years, there have been times of great accolade and times of significant challenge. Throughout the highs and lows, the support of the community has always been present and incredibly valuable to staff, students and myself. This community culture is at the heart of Crestwood High School and it is what makes the school such a wonderful place of learning. It is part of the fabric of the school that not all schools are fortunate enough to have. I sincerely thank our school community and in particular our parents, for your support over the years. It has been incredibly invaluable to me. I have been honoured and privileged to lead such an exceptional school community.

Another great strength of this school is the staff both teaching and non-teaching. They are a hard-working, dedicated team of professionals who truly care about the wellbeing and education of all students. They work together to bring out the best in their students and each other. They say that 'when the going gets tough, the tough get going'. That's exactly what the staff at Crestwood High School have done throughout the challenges of the last two years. I could not have wished for a stronger team.

Finally, I would like to thank the students of Crestwood High School, both past and present. The students of this school are exceptional in many ways but most of all in their character. They are down to earth, capable and caring young people in a world that could influence them otherwise. This is a testament to the support and care of parents and the community. The future of the community is in good hands.

The department will proceed to fill the position early next year. Ms Tania Wright will be relieving in the position until it is substantively filled.

Therese Hourigan

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From the Deputy Principal ...

Having students back at school and in class is one of the most satisfying experiences we have had this term. We have missed our students and it has been so nice to interact with them and see their smiling faces in person. In transitioning back into school, as staff we have been very mindful of trying to give students the space to adjust to and regulate their behaviour in moving back into a structured environment. The wellbeing of our students remains a key priority and we continue to work with students and their parents to raise happy, resilient young people through these challenging times.

The majority of students have responded very well to coming back to school. They are prepared for school, they have the right equipment, the right attitude and are ready to learn. It is very important after having had such a disrupted Semester 2 this year, that we all aim to finish the year on a positive note. That is, students to re-engage with face-to-face teaching and learning, apply themselves fully to all class tasks and attend school daily right up until the end of the year. This way, students can finish the year back in classrooms on a familiar note, meeting school and classroom expectations and moving forward setting themselves up for next year.

Parents are the first educators. When schools and families effectively partner across the main contexts of wellbeing, there tends to be outstanding impacts on a child's health and wellbeing. This year has certainly had its challenges and our students have proven themselves to be flexible, adaptable and resilient.

Tania Wright, Deputy Principal





To meet the security compliance standards of the payment card providers, schools can no longer accept the transactions commonly referred to as MOTO i.e. mail order or telephone order transactions.

All payments to the school will need to be made online via the schools website and under the “make a payment” option. Please ensure correct students name is entered and what you are paying for.

Payments can also be accepted IN PERSON at the school office during school hours.

P & C

The last P & C Meeting for the year will be held on
Tuesday December 7th at 7pm in the staffroom.

Everyone is welcome to attend if you are fully vaccinated and check in using the QR Code as per the school Covid safety rules.



All the World's a Stage – This week in Public Speaking

The Crestwood High School Debating Teams recently participated in The Arts Unit's World's Biggest Debate where one student from each debating team is matched up with representatives from other school teams to present their shared case. Stage 4 teams explored the topic of banning all social media for people under 18 and the Stage 5 team argued that Australia should ban gambling on sports. Enie Lam, Shivani Sundaranathan and Raakavi Palaraman were selected for this wonderful opportunity to apply the skills and knowledge that they have developed over the course of terms 3 and 4.

Our teams presented compelling and well-researched cases, receiving valuable feedback from adjudicators. Crestwood Stage 4 B team won their debate and will compete in the quarter finals next week and were featured in a DET article: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/news/latest-news/open-for-debate-how-students-took-the-argument-online->



The next step forward...

Tomas Cvetkovski's evocative speech for The Connections Program has been published and is ready for viewing <https://sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/tau-connections-showcase-2021/home-page?authuser=0>.

As promised, Tomas has shown no signs of stopping. He has been in contact with multiple political figures and opportunities to voice his opinions and explore his options. This journey from the computer screen to the television screen has been guided by Tomas' hard work every step of the way. This progress is great news for him as his time at Crestwood High School comes to a close. We would like to thank Tomas for representing Crestwood and wish him all the best on his future endeavours.

WEEK 8, 2021

SRC NEWS

CREATED BY YEAR NINE SRC

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The SRC are planning on doing an activity in which gifts such as toys, clothes, and hygiene products can be placed underneath the Christmas tree in the office to be donated to the Salvation Army. This is a great way to give back to those who need it the most during the Christmas season. Everyone is encouraged to bring something to place underneath the tree.



SRC PLANNING DAY

The SRC Planning Day gives the 2022 SRC representatives a chance to get together, and as mentioned, plan for the year. This allows for us to get to know each other as most of us have not talked to people who are in higher and lower grades. This also gives us a chance to plan by breaking off into groups and brainstorming lots of different and unique ideas that could be incorporated into the coming year. We are all looking forward to it and can't wait!

HSIE Happenings

This fortnight in history...

26 November 1922 – Howard Carter & Lord Carnarvon become the 1st people to enter the tomb of Tutankhamun in over 3,000 years.

26 November 1942 – The Battle of Brisbane riot between US and AUS servicemen stationed in Brisbane occurs.

29 November 1947 – The UN General Assembly approve the plan for the partition of Palestine.

30 December 1878 – *Advance Australia Fair* is first sung in Sydney.

30 November 1982 – Michael Jackson's 2nd solo album, *Thriller*, is released worldwide. To this day, it holds the record for best selling record album in history.

1 December 1959 – The Antarctic Treaty. Antarctica is set aside as a scientific preserve and military activity is banned on the continent.

2 December 1986 – Justice Mary Gaudron is the 1st woman appointed to the High Court of Australia.

3 December 1854 – The Eureka Stockade takes place.

5 December 1924 – The 1st Woolworths Supermarket opens in Sydney.

6 December 1768 – The 1st edition of the Encyclopaedia Britannica is published.

7 December 1915 – Evacuation of ANZAC forces from Gallipoli begins.

9 December 1965 – A *Charlie Brown Christmas*, first in a series of TV specials, debuts on CBS.



HSIE Happenings

Catan, experiences of settlers...

Some classes of Year 8 History and Year 9 History Elective have spent some time playing Catan to develop wellbeing as well as a chance to interact with and gain a small experience as an early settler.

Players take on the roles of settlers, each attempting to build and develop holdings while trading and acquiring resources.



Mathematical Musings

As we approach the long break from school you may be searching for some non-electronic ways to keep yourselves amused. The most versatile object in the world is a pack of cards. Not only can you play all the conventional games of Memory or Go-Fish but there are many iterations of Black Jack, Poker and 500 that can help students become aware of not only the make-up of a normal pack of cards (important for Probability at all levels of maths) but to increase their game play and problem solving skills.



Below are some ideas of games that are simple to play.

1. Gin Rummy

The aim of this game is to collect sets (three or four of a kind, or three or more consecutive cards of the same suit) to earn points and King is high, Ace is low.

The game is played over several rounds, start by dealing the cards.

Shuffle the deck and deal 10 cards to each player.

Players should look at and sort their cards.



The next card is turned face up in the middle of the table to start the discard pile.

The remaining cards are placed face down next to the discard pile to form a draw pile.

In each turn you do two things, first you must take a card, either the top card from the draw pile or the top card from the discard pile and secondly you must discard a card (face up) onto the top of the discard pile.

Each player calculates the value of their unmatched cards.

If the knocker's count is lower, he scores the difference between the two counts.

If the knocker has no unmatched cards, it's known as 'gin'.

Mathematical Musings

2. Pig

Sort the deck of cards out into piles of four of a kind. Set aside one pile for each player. Discard the remainder of the piles.

Shuffle the chosen cards well. Deal until each player has four cards.

The aim of the game is to collect four of a kind. Players must choose what they want to collect and discard, face-down, one card at a time each turn. This card is passed to the player on their left who also discards a card to the next player on their left and so on.

Once a player has collected four of a kind, the player must immediately put a finger on their nose.

If another player sees them do this, they too put a finger on their nose even if they don't have four of a kind. The last player to notice the others and place a finger on their nose gets the letter "P" given to them.

The first player to receive all three letters: P, I, G, is eliminated. The last player in play is the winner.

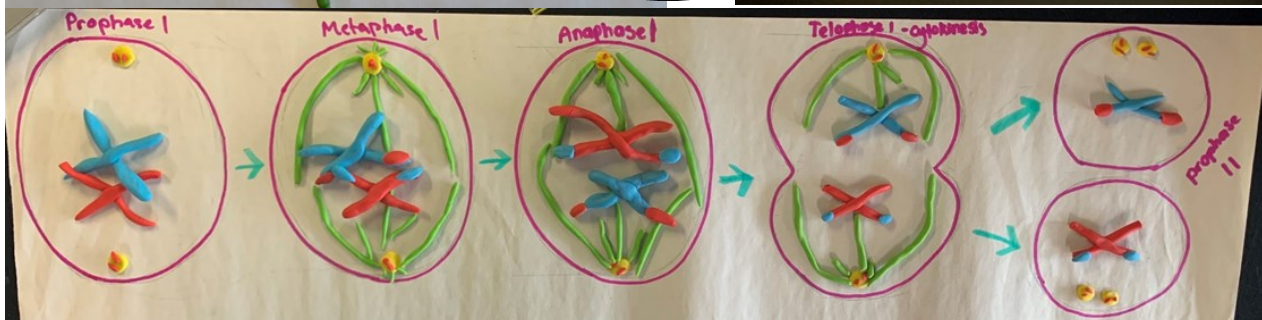
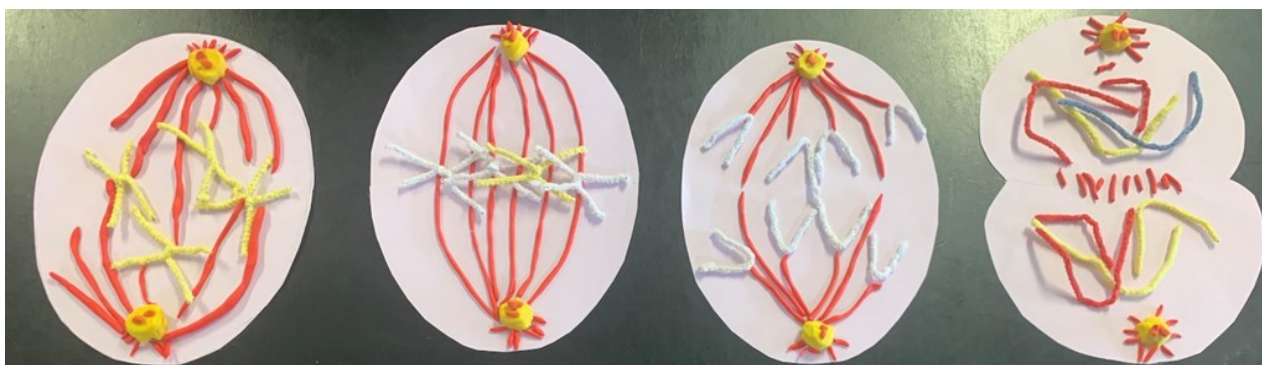
3. Blackjack

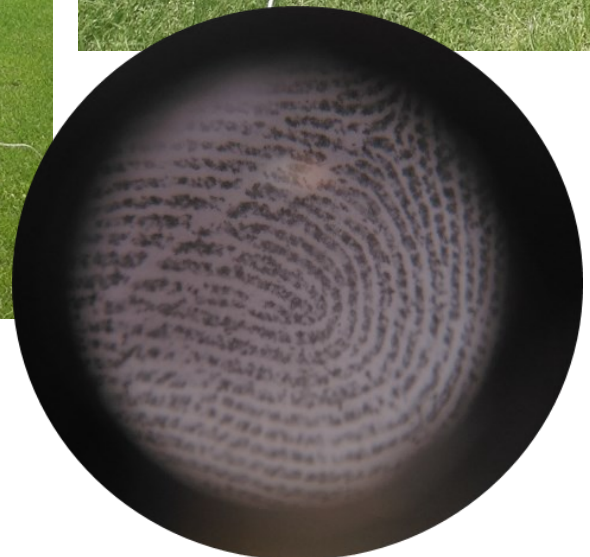
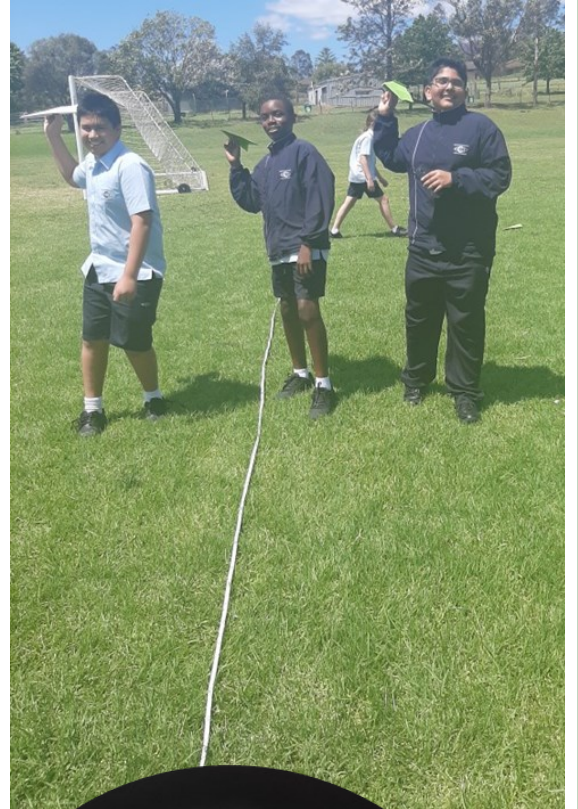
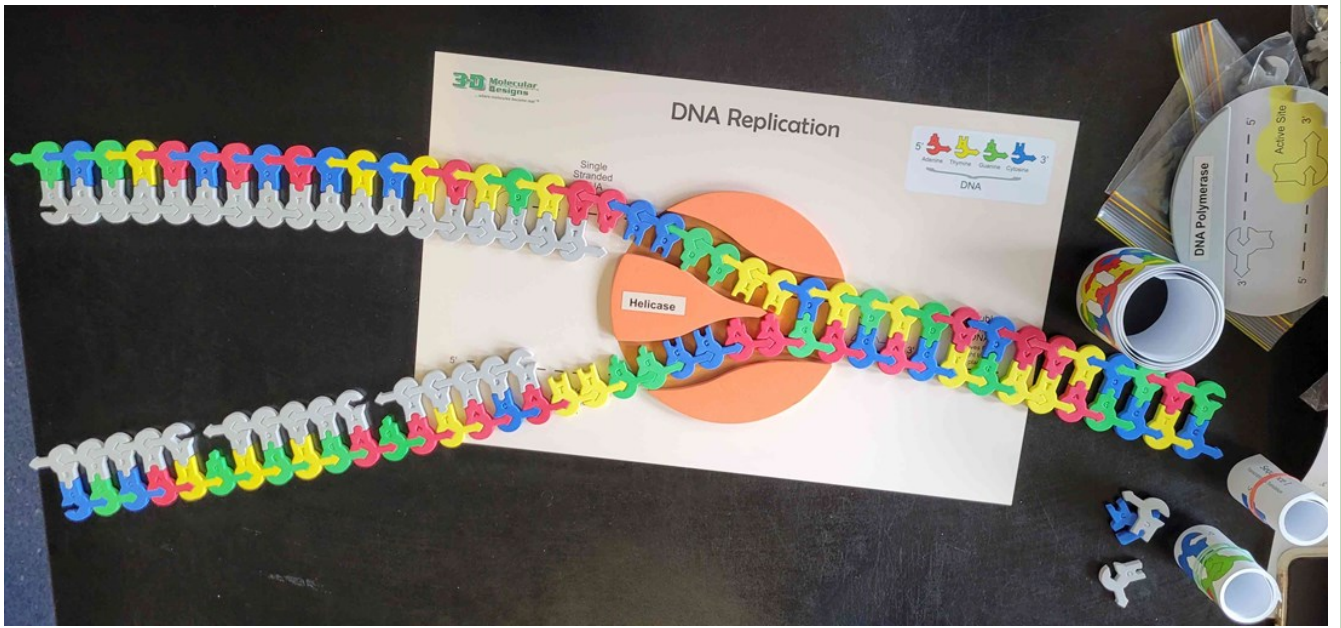
Blackjack is a popular game to play and is often also known as 21. Each player will start the game with 2 cards, the aim is to get as close to 21 without going over and going bust. An Ace can be taken as having the value of 1 or 11. For example, if you had a king and an ace you would have the equivalent of a 10 and 11, which would mean that you win automatically. You can swap cards during the game to come closer to 21, but if you go over, you have to exit the game. It is a game which anyone can play and it can be really fun for holidays.





Our Science continues unabated, with much modelling work from Year 11 Biology combined with some careful cutting (of flowers), and vigorous testing of hypotheses and gathering of data as the Year 8 students bring their Independent Research Project to a conclusion. In the meantime, Year 10 continue their investigation in to the seedy underbelly of forensics, with fingerprinting, blood and DNA analysis, and the occasional crime drama.







Guest Appearance

Congratulations to Adam Sen who was a guest on Channel 7's 'Sunrise' program on Monday 15th November. Adam took part in a penalty shootout at Commbank stadium with some A league players to promote the start of the A league season.



TAS TIMES

Year 9 and 10 STEM this week finished building their bottle rocket designs and shot them to see how high and far they could go. Using an altimeter, the highest recorded bottle rocket went 31 metres in the sky and the furthest distance achieved was 75 metres. These rockets were constructed with two plastic 1.25L bottles, attached together with hot glue and electrical tape. Students then needed to design and create fins to be attached to the sides of the rockets that were mostly done on Adobe Illustrator and cut out on the laser cutter (out of plywood, foam, or cardboard). Additionally, students were also able to paint their rockets and add a parachute to help it land safely on the ground (and not ruin the expensive altimeter!). Bottles were filled roughly 1/3 with water, then placed on the launcher and pumped to a pressure of 60-120 psi (400-800kPa). To give you some perspective, a car tyre is usually inflated to about 32 psi. Below are some shots of the launcher and students' rockets.





HELP NEEDED! We are looking for volunteers to help with the Year 7, 2022 Uniform Fittings.

If you can spare as little as an hour it would be greatly appreciated.

Dates: 17-22 January and 24-28 January (excluding Australia Day)

Times: 7:30 am to 2:00pm daily.

Please email crestwoodhighschool-uni@pandcaffiliate.org.au if you are able to help.

Thank you.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION. The Uniform Shop will be open by **APPOINTMENT ONLY** during the school holidays. Please go to the website <https://chsuniform.as.me> to make an appointment.

Appointments are available from the 17th January to the 1st February 2022.

Qkr! Orders can be collected from our representative who will be waiting at the Front Gate of the High School between 9am-10am on 17-28 January 2022.

CURRENT YEAR 10 STUDENTS. Don't forget to buy your white shirts and blouses for next year. Come in to the Uniform Shop on a Thursday for a fitting or you can refer to the Sizing Chart in the previous newsletter. Also, if you are currently wearing a Cowan and Lewis labelled shirt or blouse then the white ones in the same size will fit.

OUT OF STOCK ITEMS. We are currently out of stock of Boys Shorts in sizes Small and Medium. Unfortunately, they will not be available until Term 1, 2022. The boat they are on seems to be very slow. Our apologies for any inconvenience.

Please remind your child to pick up their Qkr! orders from the Canteen. There are quite a few still waiting for collection. Thanks

CAREERS NEWS

University of Sydney Course Calculator

Use our ATAR search tool to explore your course options, adjustment factors and admission pathways. If you think you might be eligible for adjustment factors, include these in your ATAR estimate to see what courses you might be eligible for based on your selection rank (ATAR + adjustment factors) <https://atar-search.sydney.edu.au/home>

Explore Your Options at Macquarie

Deciding where to study is a huge decision so it's important that students get all the information they need. Macquarie University is inviting prospective students to register for Explore Your Options. From Monday, 13 December to Thursday, 23 December 2021, Macquarie University's friendly experts will be available from 10am to 4pm to advise on all things Macquarie. Students will have the chance to speak to current students, find a pathway into uni, take a campus tour, or take the next step and enrol. Register your interest [here](#).

How do you know which Uni course is right for you?

This time last year, few people could have imagined the impact COVID-19 would have on our lives and studies. Year 12 students have had their final year of school disrupted from a learning and social perspective and university students have had to adapt to a very different university experience. With at least one in four first year students changing courses or leaving university, it pays to spend time comparing courses carefully. The following are just few points that might be helpful when selecting the right course for you.

[Click here.](#)

Lots of First Year Auto Apprenticeship Vacancies –

Mechanic light or heavy, panel beater, spray painter
The positions indicated below are our current vacancies that we are recruiting for. If you are a job seeker looking for an immediate start to your automotive apprenticeship and you see an apprenticeship that is right for you, APPLY NOW and start an apprenticeship with us. Contact 02 9891 6900 or visit: <https://www.apprus.com.au/vacancies>

Future Electricians Note - Apprenticeships

The apprenticeship lasts for a total of 4 years. For the first three years, you will be required to work four days on site to gather on-the-job experience, and one day undertaking technical studies. The fourth year will consist of only on-the-job training. Call Ph: 9744 2754 [https://www.necatrainng.com.au/ Register here](https://www.necatrainng.com.au/Register%20here)

A Cabin Crew Career Starts with Aviation Australia

Open a world of opportunity through an exciting Cabin Crew career that allows you to travel around the world, discover new cultures, people and unlimited unforgettable experiences. Aviation Australia offers a range of study options from short courses that focus on the recruitment journey to more extensive practical training options to help you gain the knowledge and skills to get you through. [Click here for further information.](#)

ADF | Army Officer Information Session, Newcastle

Thursday 25 November 2021, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Defence Force Recruiting Centre, Newcastle

The leadership and management skills you develop as an Army Officer are invaluable.

Join us for an upcoming info session and speak with current serving members about leadership roles in the Army.

Find out more: <https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/events/events-detail/nmtpzfd>

CANTEEN NEWS

- With the easing of Covid-19 restrictions the canteen is now able to sell more hot and cold food other than just snacks and drinks at both recess and lunch, however choices may be limited, especially as the end of the school term approaches and stock is run down.
- To allow staff to serve as many students as possible during recess **LUNCH ORDERS MUST NOW BE SUBMITTED BEFORE SCHOOL ONLY.**
- Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers and school staff whose great support has enabled the Canteen Committee to transfer another \$4,000 to our P&C this month. This brings the total amount transferred over so far this year to \$30,000 despite the canteen being closed Term 3 and with restricted trading this term!
- The Canteen and Uniform Shop Christmas Night Out to thank all our dedicated volunteers and staff will be held at Lily's Restaurant, Seven Hills @ 7pm on Tuesday 30 November. Please RSVP to your invitation ASAP if you haven't already so numbers attending can be confirmed.
- The Canteen Roster for 2022 has been completed. If any current volunteer needs to change their volunteer day for next year, please advise our staff on 9639 7422 Ext 117 or when next on canteen duty.
- We are always in need of extra volunteers to assist our canteen staff. Your choice of morning tea and lunch in airconditioned comfort with lots of laughs provided! If anyone can spare a few hours between 10am and 1.30pm please ring our friendly staff on the number above or email us at crestwoodhighschool-can@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Brenda Broad, Canteen Committee Convenor



Prevention Education and Research Unit (PERU) &
the Vaping Advisory Committee
presents



UNPACKING VAPING

Q&A Session for Parents of western Sydney students

SCAN+ TO REGISTER



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Date: Wednesday 1st December

Time: 6:30-7:30pm

via Zoom

What to find out more about vaping?

Have your voice heard and vaping questions answered by health and education experts



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