

# THE BAY NEWS



Term 3 Week 10

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2024

## SAVE THE DATE

### Term 3

27<sup>th</sup> September – Last Day Term 3

### Term 4

14<sup>th</sup> October – Students return (Monday)  
15<sup>th</sup> Oct- CC Public Speaking Finals  
16<sup>th</sup> October – Years 3-6 Performance Day/Evening  
17 Oct – HPGE Workshop BWSC  
19<sup>th</sup> Oct – Empire Bay Village Fair  
21<sup>st</sup> Oct – Baystart Program begins (Mondays -5 weeks)  
22<sup>nd</sup> Oct – P&C School Disco  
25<sup>th</sup> Oct – Yr 3 Cultural Continuum  
29<sup>th</sup> Oct – P&C Meeting 7pm  
30<sup>th</sup> Oct – St 2 & 3 League Tag Gala Day  
5<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> Nov – Life Education Van  
5<sup>th</sup> Nov – Stage 3 Catholic Mass  
13<sup>th</sup> Nov – Learner Disposition Morning Tea  
15<sup>th</sup> Nov – Kindergarten Farm Visit  
18<sup>th</sup> Nov – Leadership Speeches commence  
19<sup>th</sup> Nov – Yr 6 Orientation BWSC  
20<sup>th</sup> Nov – Deadly Awards – BWSC  
21 Nov – Year 6 Surf Fun Day  
26<sup>th</sup> Nov – P&C AGM  
29<sup>th</sup> Nov – Year 6 Mini Fete

Please continue to check your Parent Portal Calendar for changes and updates.

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## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another term, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks for your continued support and involvement in our school community. It has been wonderful to see so many of you at our recent events, including the vibrant Book Week Parade and the much-loved Father's Day Breakfast, both of which had an incredible turnout. Your engagement in these moments truly strengthens the bonds within our school. Additionally, I'd like to thank you for participating in the second round of parent interviews, demonstrating the importance you place on connecting with your child's classroom teacher. Your partnership plays a vital role in our students' success. Our staff would also like to wish you a wonderful holiday break and will see you back for Term 4 on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> October.

### Progress Association Fair

Every October, the Empire Bay Progress Association runs their fantastic fair for the community and our school proudly supports this event in various ways. Please save the date for Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> and come along to join in the fun.

### 'Reflective' Learner Dispositions Morning Tea

A reflective learner regularly pauses during or after a task to evaluate what was required, how they approached it, and how they could improve for next time. This valuable skill helps students continuously grow and refine their learning process. It was a delight to host morning tea in the staffroom for the students chosen for demonstrating this disposition. I thoroughly enjoyed discussing their accomplishments and hearing how they thoughtfully reflect on their learning journey to make consistent progress.



### Outstanding Student Representation

Our students have excelled across a range of activities just in the second half of term, representing our school with pride and determination. Congratulations to our two stage winners and all participants at the Central Coast Public Speaking competition and to both our boys and girls touch football teams, who made it to the PSSA semi-finals. We are also immensely proud of the seven students who competed in the Tournament of Minds in Sydney, showcasing their creativity and teamwork.

We had a strong showing at the Zone Athletics Carnival, with 11 students qualifying for Sydney North. At this level, our Junior Girls Relay finished 16<sup>th</sup>, Senior Girls 12<sup>th</sup>, Coco 14<sup>th</sup> in Senior Discus, Mason 9<sup>th</sup> in Senior High Jump and our big success story was Amalee just missing state for Junior Discus in 4<sup>th</sup> place.

Our Stage 3 Dance Group delivered an incredible performance at the Central Coast Showcase at Laycock Theatre, receiving glowing praise for their talent. A special mention to one of our students, Jaspa who won the Regional Multicultural Public Speaking competition and will now head to the state finals in Term 4. What an amazing achievement!

This has all happened all in the last five weeks of Term 3 and we are so proud of what we can offer students to ensure that they can participate and achieve in a wide range of opportunities.

### P&C News

At the last P&C Meeting, Maxine South, Stage 3 Assistant Principal, led an insightful session with our P&C members focused on fostering a collaborative culture within our school community. The discussion centred around strengthening partnerships with families as vital partners in the learning journey of our students. It was a productive session with many great ideas on how we can continue to grow these relationships and ensure our school remains a welcoming and supportive environment for all.

Also, a huge congratulations to the P&C for hosting a fantastic trivia night fundraiser last Friday night! From all accounts, it was an amazing evening filled with fun and excitement, and the funds raised will go a long way in supporting future school initiatives.

Well done to everyone involved in organising such a successful event. The hall looked amazing!

### Election Day Year 6 Cake Stall Fundraiser

Year 6 would like to thank everyone who baked, donated, and volunteered their time for the cake stall. Also, a special shout out to our local community for visiting and supporting us—your contributions made the event a huge success! Together, we raised \$2000 for the 'end of year gift' and Year 6 Farewell. Thank you again!





	<b>Merit Award</b>		<b>Recipients</b>
<b>KA</b>	Hunter W, Hazel O, Nicholson R-G, Billie E, Jonathon M, Marley L, Ryan B, Xander N, Tully L	<b>3D</b>	Harrison A, Harry C, Leia C, Ashton S, Julian B, River H, Felix R, Reggie S
<b>KB</b>	Louis W, Liam W, Logan Mc, Olive D, Korbin R-H, Macie Mc, Freya S, Kye C, Charlotte N, Regan F	<b>3M</b>	Violet S, Michael T, Dusty T, Jessika H
<b>K/1W</b>	Maia T, Daniel J Ari F, Zahli P, Harrison Y, James L, Blake H, Stevie S	<b>3/4R</b>	Cooper T, Rafael L, Ayden M, James H
<b>1C</b>	Levi B, Mekai D, Eloise D, Celeste VDL, Coco P, Flynn O, Riley A, Heidi H, Hudson G, Harlow B, Luke H, Jack B, Mia M, Mekai D	<b>4H</b>	Olivia H, Ollie J, Lilah H-H, Lewis B
<b>1R</b>	Harley Mc, Hugo H, Leilani J, Isaac L, Zane B, Saturn P, Anna B, Riley O, Clara S, Joni T, Lennox S, Coby L, Amarni Mc	<b>4J</b>	Avianah C, Elke J
<b>1/2H</b>	Ethan F, Lenny R, Banjo C, Amelia J, Dylan T, Ethan F, Wynnie F, Taj H, Sunny M, Leo L	<b>5L</b>	Noah F, Ameli LB, Che F, Samuel T
<b>2C</b>	Connor N, Lachlan D, Ivy-May C, Louis W, Tilly S, Ella R, Grace C, Jett B, Eddie S, Nash T, Chloe H	<b>5M</b>	Hayden P, Matthew D, Sasha C, Reo G,
<b>2W</b>	Zahli C, Jesse G, Nina F, Mia T, Alannah T	<b>5/6C</b>	Layla B, Will M
<b>Library</b>	Leilani J, Ashton S, Matias A, Zoe H, James D, Lyla W, Alfie B, Oliver D	<b>6H</b>	Evie S, Sidney B,
		<b>6W</b>	Ryan R, Lucas S, Indiana R, Ben S



NSW Department of Education



## Every Day Matters



**When it comes to attending school, every day matters**

If your child misses as little as **1 day per fortnight**, they will miss **4 weeks of school per year**, which adds up to over **1 year missed over their school life.**



Scan the QR code to learn more

Make sure your child doesn't miss out on the important things like:

- Learning
- Strengthening friendships
- Build skills through fun

## Let us know if your child is absent:

The wellbeing of our students is extremely important to us. One way we protect the wellbeing of your child is by fulfilling our responsibilities as both parents/carers and school staff by reporting and monitoring student absences.

Please remember to contact us on 43 691796. This is best done early in the morning if your child is going to be away or late for school so your child's absence can be recorded correctly, and we can provide appropriate support for you and your family.

If you speak a language other than English and need help talking with our staff, please telephone the interpreter service on 131 450. This service is free. [Listen in your language](#) or see [How to contact the Telephone Interpreter Service](#).

For further information on the processes we use to record, monitor and follow-up student attendance and absences please read our [School Attendance Policy](#).

## SUSTAINABILITY



As part of the Rumbalara Leadership Program, our Sustainability Leaders, with the help of their peers, made 150 Beeswax Wraps to promote Beeswax Wraps as an alternative to cling-wrap and ziplock bags. Sue from the Progress Association very generously donated over 200 pieces of fabric, cut to size! We will also be making Beeswax Wraps at the Empire Bay Food and Fun Fair in October. Older students remember in 2021 when every child at the school made a beeswax wrap and took it home after a week of

Single-Use Plastic education. Many of those students still use those wraps today!

Sustainability fundraising goes right back into our sustainability programs. We have planted vegetable gardens and will use money raised to buy any remaining ingredients and equipment for our cooking lessons in Term 4. All classes will go up to the Kidzshed Kitchen and prepare dishes including Vegetarian Lasagna, Gozleme, Pizza and Rice Paper Rolls.



## LIBRARY

This term was a huge success with our annual Book Fair and the conclusion of the Premier's Reading challenge. We could not do this without the ongoing support of our amazing community! Certificates for students that have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge will be presented in Term 4. Have a happy and safe holiday. We look forward to a fun and exciting Term 4!



Mrs Travers



47 3-6 students entered the **Australian STEM Video Game Challenge** at the beginning of Term 3 receiving positive feedback for their original creations. The vibe was buzzing in the computer room as small groups of students brainstormed ideas, designed and created amazing and unique video games over 7 weeks. Thank you to all students for your inspiring commitment, enthusiasm, creativity and teamwork for this challenge. Well done!  
Mrs Cooper

## Positive Behaviour Learning Focus

### Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Focus: Term 4: Weeks 2 - 5



#### Classrooms/Library

Use equipment properly, keep workplace tidy, use your manners, support classmates, have equipment ready and take pride in your work.



Line up in lines, use equipment, computers and flexible seating appropriately. Use manners, support and encourage classmates. Return borrowed books in return tub, put items away where they belong. Lids on textas and rubbish in the bins.

Please reinforce the above expectation at home with your child

**Be Safe**

**Be Responsible**

**Be Respectful**





**Next Meeting:** Mark your calendars for Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October, at 7PM! Join us either in person at the school library or online. Hear the latest updates and initiatives happening at our school. Everyone is welcome to attend,

**Trivia Night Recap:** Thank you to everyone who joined us for our first Trivia Night – Spring Fling! It was a fun-filled evening of friendly competition, laughs (thanks to MC Kel), and great company. We can't wait to do it again next year!



**School Disco Term 4:** DJ Andy is back for our Term 4 disco held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, in the school hall. More information coming soon – it's going to be a blast!

**Christmas Raffle:** We are looking for volunteers to help us gather donations for this year's Christmas Raffle. If you can lend a hand with sourcing and collecting prizes, we'd love to have you on board. Letters to the community will be sent out soon.

**End of Year Christmas Event:** SAVE THE DATE: **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December.** Join us for **Cinema Under the Stars** – an evening of outdoor movie fun, food stalls, and much more. Stay tuned for more details



**How do you contact us?**

To contact our P&C please email [ebps.pc@gmail.com](mailto:ebps.pc@gmail.com).



**Join us on Facebook!**

Like our Facebook Page - **Empire Bay Public School P&C** to keep up to date with all things P&C and Canteen

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## CANTEEN

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**Opening Hours:** Open every day for online lunch orders to be placed with Flexischools by 8.30am. Also open at lunchtime with counter service for drinks, snacks and frozen treats.

**Frozen Snacks:** We are trying new frozen snacks for over the counter lunch service for the warmer months. Frozen yoghurt and custard cubes and frozen orange quarters have been popular for 20c! Frozen fruit sticks for 30c each. Frozen slices of watermelon and pineapple for 50c each. Frozen watermelon slushie in a cup for \$1.00 (blended fresh watermelon). Our frozen slushie cups are always popular for \$1.00 each as well! Don't forget we also have custard and yoghurt cups for \$1.00 each and yoghurt with berries and fruit salad cups for \$1.50 each too!

**Late Orders/Cancelled Orders:** The cut off time for orders on Flexischools is 8.30. If you have missed the cut off time, please call the school before 9.00am to speak to the canteen. Orders cannot be taken after this time due to time frames with cooking and preparing for lunch at 11.00am.

If your child has forgotten their lunch, they can see the office ladies who will give them a slip for the canteen with a choice of a vegemite sandwich, a cheese sandwich or a cheese and ham roll for lunch. You will then receive a note home with amount owed. If you have placed an order and your child is away, please contact the school and speak to the canteen before 9.00am. Due to time frames with cooking and preparing, it is not possible to cancel the order after this time, however, we can hold onto drink/snack items for the next day.

**Special order days:** for term 4 we will have two special order Sushi days – Week 4 Wednesday 6/11/24 and Week 8 Wednesday 4/12/24. More information to follow next term.

**Volunteers:** Thank you to our wonderful volunteers! If you can spare ½ an hour or more, please pop in and see us! Anytime from 8.30am – 11.30am.

Thanks, Michelle



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## TOURNAMENT OF THE MINDS

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A group of EBPS students had fun participating in the **Tournament of the Minds** competition held at NSW University campus on Sunday the 8th September. They spent 5 weeks working very hard as a team to find a solution to the plastic pollution problem impacting our ocean environment and received excellent feedback for their design solution and presentation. Congratulations to all team members for their hardwork, creativity, ingenuity, teamwork, determination and persistence. We are so proud of you all!

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## CULTURAL CONTINUUM

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### Cultural Continuum excursions



Over the past few weeks, some of our Aboriginal students have attended the cultural continuum excursions at BWSC-Umina and BWSC- Woy Woy. They engaged in art, Aboriginal games and other culture related activities. These excursions enable strong connections with our local community, while celebrating the cultural backgrounds of our students. Thanks to Mr Wenzel and Mr Lenson for accompanying these students.



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## ELECTION DAY STALL

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### Year 6 Cake Stall

The Year 6 students held a very successful cake stall on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September, taking advantage of the community coming into the school grounds for election day. We had an assortment of delicious cakes, slices, biscuits and other sweet treats. Everyone who supported the stall were extremely generous and the students were very excited and overwhelmed that some people made a donation without even buying anything.

We managed to raise \$1994. The proceeds from the day will go towards the Year 6 Farewell and thankyou gift for the school. Thankyou so much for your support.





### Medication at school

Parents/carers of children who require prescribed medication to be administered at school must complete a written request, this can be obtained from the front office.

In some cases, a medical practitioner may not write a prescription for a medication because it may be available 'over the counter'. NSW Health advises that 'over the counter' medication may still be harmful and that schools should follow the same procedures for non-prescribed medications as for prescribed medications, so we will require a written request and appropriate pharmacy packaging for this also.

### Holidays and Leave

If you are taking your family on a holiday outside of school holidays and it will be 5 school days or longer, please be aware that as a government school we require a leave application to be completed including where you are going, the dates and any itinerary. This is Department of Education requirement. The Principal will consider the application. If approved, we will issue your family with a certificate of extended leave.

### Staff Carpark

School grounds must be safe for all students, staff and visitors.

Just a reminder, please do not enter the staff parking areas after 7:30am or prior to 4pm.

### Working with Children Check Declaration

If you are wishing to volunteer and assist in your own child's classroom or canteen, please see the office for a Working with Children declaration form.

### Transporting Students

Parents or close relative volunteers who take students other than their own children to school activities are considered specified volunteers. These volunteers need to have at least an unpaid volunteer Working with Children Check (WWCC) clearance and fill out the Declaration for Child-Related Workers. The school needs to submit a verification request through our DoE system, and the Principal must confirm that the WWCC has been verified in the system before the excursion date.

This process is only if students are collected from school and driven to an activity or event. Students that are taken directly to the destination prior to coming to school do not need to complete these steps.

### Change of Arrangements

If you require to change the after school arrangements for your child/ren, please ensure you contact the school by phone prior to 2pm and we can ensure they receive your notification before the end of the school day.

### Upcoming Payments Due:

Please refer to School Bytes for consent form and payment.

**Stage 2** (Years 3 and 4 ) only Scope It : \$56

*Kathy Rudd*



**Zone Athletics Carnival 2024**

Congratulations to all students who competed at the Zone Athletics. The following students have qualified for the Sydney North Competition.

Mason H, Coco H Amalee I.

Junior Girls Relay: Forrest, Olivia, Arlo, Jaspa.

Senior Girls Relay: Elizabeth, Chloe, Audrey, Eve.

**GOOD LUCK**



**Junior Girls Relay**





**Congratulations Henry B.**

Member of the Sydney North AFL Team that won the State PSSA Competition which was held in Albury NSW. Henry was able to bring the team trophy to school for all to see. Well done Henry and Sydney North for their first time ever win in this competition. Fantastic achievement.

**Stage 3 Girls Touch**

Recently our girls played in the Sydney North Semi final against Elanora Heights Public School down in Narrabeen. Despite the result, the girls demonstrated outstanding resilience and teamwork throughout the whole game. They should be proud of their efforts, making it to the final 4 in the Sydney North PSSA knockout competition. Well done girls, EBPS are very proud of you!



*Bronte Lambert-Minto*

**Stage 2 Touch Football  
Gala Day**






**UMINA TENNIS & SOCCER CAMP NOTICE**

**Where: UMINA TENNIS, Umina**  
**When: Tues 8th - Friday 11th October**  
**Time: 9am-3pm**  
**Cost: Wk \$100, Day \$30**

**TO BOOK YOUR SPOT PLEASE MSG 0410828278**

**WALK INS WILL BE TAKEN SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY ON THE DAY**

**Included: All equipment, Prizes & Presentation Friday**

The camps are held  
 wet or fine with indoor activities provided. We Accept Active kids vouchers.

**play cricket** **ACTIVE KIDS** **REGISTRATION OPEN** [www.clubgriffin.com](http://www.clubgriffin.com)

ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS ELIGIBLE FOR ALL PROGRAMS

**Starter & Progression** **Ages 4-7**

Junior Blast introduces girls and boys to Australia's favourite sport. It's safe & great fun.

- Fun and safe environment to learn cricket!
- 14 week program run at Brina Oval on Saturday Mornings 9:00 - 10:00 am
- Commences 12 October 2024.
- 5 week break at Christmas.
- Kids receive a Cricket Australia player pack upon registration.





**Match Day** **Ages 6-8**

Master Blast is for boys and girls, is fun, safe, active and best of all, it's cricket and it's a blast!

- For both boys and girls.
- Saturday Mornings 8:30 - 10:00am.
- Everyone gets a chance to bat and bowl.
- 14 week program commencing 12 October.
- 5 week break at Christmas.
- All games are played at Brina Oval.
- Weekly scoring.





**Junior Club Cricket** **Ages 9-15**

Junior Club cricket is for boys who want to socialise, have some fun and keep active in a competitive environment.

- Graded competitions to suit all skill levels commencing 12 October 2024.
- One day games of cricket, played on Saturday Mornings.
- Formats vary with age. Shorter pitch and fewer players for younger age groups.
- All players receive a playing shirt. New players receive a club cap.



**All Girls Cricket** **Ages 9-15**

All Girls Cricket is just for girls. It is fast, exciting and gives girls a fun and friendly environment to play Australia's favourite game with all their friends!

- One day games of cricket commencing 12 October 2024.
- Formats vary with age. Shorter pitch and fewer players means more action.
- All players receive a playing shirt. New players receive a club cap.



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For more information on all our programs visit [www.clubgriffin.com](http://www.clubgriffin.com).

**KINCUMBER-AVOCA CRICKET CLUB**

Registration is open!




2024/25 JUNIOR BASEBALL

COME AND JOIN THE WOLF PACK!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO COMPLETE A REGISTRATION

**f** Woy Woy Wolves Baseball Club Inc.

**e** [woywoywolves@gmail.com](mailto:woywoywolves@gmail.com)

**☎** 0400 675 739



**Woytopia Festival: Sunday 13 October**

The Woytopia sustainable living festival is at Woy Woy South Public School on Sunday 13 October, 9am-4pm! Music from local bands, stalls, market, food stalls, green talks, clothes swap, yoga and lots of kids fun, including stories, games, circus fun, silent disco, wildlife shows, art and more. It's a great family day out. Free entry. Sorry no dogs/alcohol. See [woytopia.org](http://woytopia.org) or search for Woytopia on Facebook/Instagram.

Mark Mann  
0432 550 255

Woytopia sustainable living festival: [woytopia.org](http://woytopia.org)  
 Peninsula Environment Group [peg.org.au](http://peg.org.au)

SUSTAINABLE LIVING FESTIVAL

WOYTOPIA 2024

SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER • WOY WOY SOUTH SCHOOL • 9AM-4PM

MUSIC • ECO-MARKET • WILDLIFE SHOWS • GREEN TALKS • KIDS' FUN • WOYTOPIA.ORG



25<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Kincumber High School  
Kincumber Public School  
The Coast Christian School  
Empire Bay Public School

**School Bus 2573 & 2618 - PM SERVICES**

Dear Parents and Students,

Commencing **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024**, **Afternoon School Bus 2573** will operate **3 minutes earlier** than current, and **Afternoon School Bus 2618** will operate **4 minutes earlier** than current, (there will be no change to current path).

**Afternoon School Bus 2573** will depart Kincumber High School at **2:40pm** and continues via current path to **Kincumber Public School (2:45pm)**, then continues via current path to **Kallaroo Rd & Kildare St (2:55pm)**, then continues via current path to **The Coast Christian School (3:02pm)**, then continues via current path to **Empire Bay Public School (3:08pm)**.

**Afternoon School Bus 2573** will then continue as **Afternoon School Bus 2618** and will depart Empire Bay Public School at **3:09pm** and continues via current path to **Woy Woy Station (3:41pm)**.

Please refer to your schools timetabled services at: <https://www.busways.com.au/nsw/school-services/school-timetables> and select the link adjacent to your schools name; "**New timetable | 21 October 2024**" or TINSW Trip Planner to determine your best viable travel option at <https://transportnsw.info/trip#/trip>.

For further information, please contact Busways Customer Service on **1300 69 2929** or [infoline@busways.com.au](mailto:infoline@busways.com.au).

Yours sincerely,

BUSWAYS  
(40281) SB 2573 & 2618 163K



25<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Brisbane Water Secondary College – Umina  
Brisbane Water Secondary College – Woy Woy  
Empire Bay Public School

**Route Service 57, 59 & School Bus 2593 - PM SERVICE**

Dear Parents and Students,

Commencing **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024**, **Afternoon Route Service 57, 59 & School Bus 2593** will operate **2 minutes earlier** than current, (there will be no change to current path).

**Afternoon Route Service 57** will depart from opposite Brisbane Water Secondary College – Umina at **2:47pm** and continue via current path to **Castle Circuit & The Rampart (3:00pm)**.

**Afternoon School Bus 2593** will depart from Brisbane Water Secondary College – Woy Woy at **3:11pm** and continue via current path to **Woy Woy Station (3:14pm)**, then continues as **Route 59** departing from **Woy Woy Station at 3:14pm** via current path to **Empire Bay Public School (3:33pm)**, then continues via current path to **Wagstaffe Post Office (3:50pm)**.

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Yours sincerely,

BUSWAYS  
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