# KELBURN NORMAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NGĀ TĀTARAKIHI O AHUMAIRANGI PĀNUI THE BIRD'S EYE VIEW ISSUE 10 WEEK 10, TERM 1 20



# THE BIRD'S EYE VIEW ISSUE 10 WEEK 10, TERM 1 2024 ~ RĀHINA 8 PAENGA-WHĀWHĀ ~ MONDAY 8 APRIL

Where students learn creatively and strive for excellence in preparing for lifelong learning Kia auaha te ako a ngā ākonga me te whai i te iti kahurangi mō te akoranga tūroa

Tuesday 9 April - School Cross Country, Kaori Park 10.15 am to 11.50 am Thursday 11 April - Music Assembly 9.45 am - 11 am Friday 12 April - End of Term

Thank you so much for attending the 3-way Learning Conversations & Goal Setting last week. This engagement, particularly by including the tamariki, is a helpful part of the feedback/feed-forward process for learning. Our tamariki are still young, but by including them, we get to see where they are in their learning journey. At Kelburn, we engage in authentic learning; we don't colour in worksheets; starting with dialogue, we try to build learning experiences from scratch. Often, we look at our tamariki's work from an adult perspective, but when you talk with them, you can hear them explaining the process they followed right through to their finished work. This way you can hear their thinking, their planning, what was tricky for them and their satisfaction at what they finished up with. We celebrate their creativity, their individuality, their effort and their growth...because we want them to be independent and creative, confident, connected learners. Our support is crucial to help them be just that.

As we enter the final week of the term, we are all looking forward to the break. I want to pay tribute to the teaching and the supporting staff who have worked so hard across the term, completing long hours, often at home and on the weekend, to bring things together for our tamariki. The tamariki continue to be wonderful, working hard and getting on well with each other. It is a challenging environment, really, when you think about it - like any organisation, we are all bundled together and then have to make it work. Our young tamariki have to get on and work well with each other every day, in a confined space for 6 hours. It is quite a challenge and remarkable how well they actually do. It accurately reflects the hard work and skills of our teaching team to build each successful ara, as well as Kelburn's wonderfully engaged tamariki exercising our values of Pūkengatanga (excellence), Manaakitanga (care) and Whānaungatanga (interdependence).

Everyone at Kelburn deserves a break to enjoy some whānau time and refresh, and get ready for term rua.

**Cross Country -** This is tomorrow - Tuesday, 9th April, at Karori Park. We encourage all tamariki to get into the team spirit of this fun event and dress in their house colours! We start off with the opt-in cross-country race where tamariki choose to challenge themselves and enter the competitive race in their age groups. Followed by everyone joining in for the fun run obstacle course. The first race is 10:15am and then the fun run is from 11am. Remember that these are estimated times. We will need parent helpers, so if you can help <u>please fill out this form</u>.

### **Cross Country - estimated timetable**

Time	Age group	Distance
10.15am	Year 7/8 Opt-in race	2.2km
10.25am	Year 5/6 Opt-in race	1.6km
10.35am	Year 3/4 Opt-in race	1.2km
11am	Whole school fun run (approximate times) - 11.am Maia - 11.15 Tupu - 11.30 Whanake - 11.45 Whanui	

To ensure student safety, we ask students to stay with their teams and not divert to be with their whānau or wander around at the event. In regards to the cafe - we ask parents not to take the children from the group to the cafe or, in fact, buy treats for their tamariki from the cafe (which encourages other children to seek out their whanau for treats). Students are not allowed to go to the cafe, so please help us enforce this. Students need to bring their kai and refreshments with them, and **don't forget their hat and sun cream**!

**Musical Assembly** - next Thursday at 10am. Come along and enjoy our ensembles, sharing the progress they have Made this term. Piccolo, Xylofun, Xylobeats, Tui, and Lyrica will share their mahi. The orchestra will perform next term.

**Term Break Boredom** - We know that sometimes, during the term break, children can get bored. But remember, boredom can actually be positive and help children develop a range of skills such as problem-solving, planning, creativity, and flexibility. We can support children to manage their boredom so they develop independence and feel agency over their own happiness. Children say they are bored for a number of reasons and sometimes out of habit, be mindful of your reaction. Instead of solving their problem in the moment, be proactive and plan at the beginning of the term break. Sit down with your child, and each of you come up with ideas that they can do or various challenges they can complete when they need suggestions. Lego challenges are popular in our house! You could have a list or a daily schedule or even a boredom jar where ideas are drawn out like a lucky dip. Follow this link for more information <u>about the Benefits of Boredom</u>. See later in this newsletter for ideas about 'What to say when your child says they are bored', and some Boredom Busters. Enjoy your term break with the children building their curiosity, creativity, and resourcefulness.

## Whanake Update

What an action-packed first term we have had in Whanake. It has been great to see tamariki connecting positively with each other, developing new friendships, and working hard to do their best.

## Science

This term in science, we have been exploring light and colour through the topic 'How we see the world'. We used lasers, water, and mirrors to learn about how light reflects, and we enjoyed experimenting with how concave and convex mirrors distort our reflections. We finished this unit exploring hues and chroma of colours.





## Mathematics

Over the past few weeks, we have been exploring statistics through our own investigations. We have been posing questions, collecting data, and

learning about different graphs we can use to display our findings.





## **Chapter Chat**

This term we have thoroughly enjoyed reading a novel called 'Runt', by Australian author Craig Silvey. Through this story, we have been thrust into the world of dog agility competitions, as our heroine, Annie, and her dog, Runt, take on an assortment of challenges and some wonderfully awful nemesis, in a bid to save the family farm. Our ara-wide 'chapter chat' sessions provide an



opportunity for us to explore themes, characters, settings, motifs and plot points in this novel, through a range of hands-on activities.







## Writing

This term, we have also explored writing a range of poetry. Linking to our 'Colour' unit, Whanake Rua wrote some colour poems. Here are a few:



Mint Green	Blue	Baby Pink
Green is melting mint ice-cream	Blue is yum juicy blueberries.	Baby pink is my old ballet shoes.
dribbling down my hot chin.	Blue is a shining lapis in the	Baby pink is strawberries
Green is sour limes going to the	sun.	growing in December.
farm to be tasted.	Blue is a refreshing Pepsi can	Baby pink is sticky candy floss
Green is koalas munching on	on a hot sunny day.	whirling in the candy floss
eucalyptus leaves.	Blue is the cold waves crashing	machine.
Green is crunchy green apples	against the sand.	Baby pink is sticky notes
going into my mouth.	Blue is the burning flames	waiting to be used.
Green are ferns sprouting up	under a pot.	Baby pink is my mum making
from the ground.	Blue is the Northern Lights on a	my birthday cake icing for my
By Adele Dean	shivering night.	party.
	Blue is a glittering sapphire.	

Blue is the sneaky navy ship ready to strike. By Harrison Keenan	Baby pink is blossom trees swaying in the wind.
,	By Gigi Gascoigne.

## Looking Ahead - Event Dates - Term 2, 2024

You can see the times and add these events to your calendar by using the KNS App

Week	Date	Event	
Week 1	Thursday 2 May	Julia Davidson from WGC meeting with Y8 girls and whanau	
Week 2	Tuesday 7 May	Swimming Sports, Karori Pool from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm	
	Friday 10 May	School Hui hosted by Whānui @ 10.15 am	
Week 3	Monday 13 May	Vision and Hearing NEs/Y7s BoT Meeting @ 6.30 pm	
	Thursday 16 May	Māia Otago Problem Challenge	
Week 4	Tuesday 21 May	WZ Miniball - Akau Tangi Sports Centre	
	Thursday 23 May	Y1-Y6 The Reluctant Dragon NZ - Playhouse 1.30 pm - 3 pm.	
	Friday 24 May	School hui hosted by Whanake @ 10.15 am	
Week 5	Tuesday 28 May	WZ X Country @ Karori Park	
	Thursday 30 May	NZSO Firebird and Other Music Adventures Concert @ The Michael Fowler Centre - Y2-Y8	
	Friday 31 May	School Closed - Teacher Only Day	
Week 6	Monday 3 June	School Closed - King's Birthday	

### **PTA News**

The Annual School Picnic on Friday night was a fantastic event that brought our school community closer together. The PTA would like to extend our thanks to everyone who helped. Your willingness to lend a hand and contribute your time and energy to the PTA is much appreciated. We are also excited to announce the winner of the "Guess the Jellybean" game that took place at the picnic. *Isla Sworder in Whanake Rua has incredible guessing skills! Her guess of 482 was only 1 away from the actual number!* 

Unfortunately, Mr Wizowski couldn't make our rescheduled date, but we have good news! He will instead bring his circus act to school one day next term. Details to come.

### Movie Fundraiser - Sunday afternoon June 23rd

Lastly, we are excited to announce a movie fundraiser that will surely delight both children and adults alike. Despicable Me 4, the latest film in the Despicable Me franchise, will be released in June 2024, and we have an exclusive screening booked! "Save the Date" for Sunday afternoon, June 23rd. Invite your friends and family. Tickets will go on sale in Term 2.

We also only have TWELVE tea towels left! They are available at the school office for \$20 for one or \$50 for three.

## **School Notices**

Registrations open soon for the Kelburn Normal School netball club! The club is open to all students from year 3 and up (and there's also a special tournament for year 2s).

The Wellington West netball season starts on 4 May and runs until 31 August, with a break for the school holidays. If your child (or children) are keen please email jarrod.baker@gmail.com with their names and the year they're in so we can gauge interest. We'll also be looking for keen parents to coach teams (and keen older siblings to referee) - if that's you, please get in touch. More information about the club can be found at <u>https://www.sporty.co.nz/kelburn</u>

Parking Boundary Rd ~ Please do not park in front of the garages on Boundary Road. We have received complaints from neighbours who regularly have their vehicles blocked in by parents who have parked in front of their garage.

Some reminders for school and the summer months :-

- Please ensure your child has their sunhat at school every day and that it is clearly named.
- Please name all clothing, lunchboxes, drink bottles and tupperware so we can find the owner if left outside.
- As the weather is warmer, please consider walking to school as often as possible. We know a large percentage of the school population live within 1km of the school therefore, a good brisk walk to and from school is a great way to look after the physical well-being of whānau as well as look after the environment.
- If your child is going to be away then please notify the school via the App, ring 04 4759351 or email admin@kelburnnormal.school.nz
- For those using the drop-off zone on Kowhai Rd please ensure you adhere to the time restrictions.

**Enrolling for Bee Healthy -** If your child missed out you are able to make an appointment directly with Bee Healthy.

There's two easy ways to enrol your child with Bee Healthy Regional Dental Service:

- 1. Complete an online enrolment form, or
- 2. Visit your nearest Bee Healthy Dental Clinic and complete an enrolment form.

Babies born in the Wellington Region are enrolled at birth with Bee Healthy.

If you have questions about enrolment, eligibility, or unsure if your child is enrolled with Bee Healthy, please call 0800 TALK TEETH (825 583).

If you have changed address or phone number/s and need to update your details click here

## KNS Parent Chat WhatsApp Group

The PTA has a WhatsApp group to enable all the KNS community to communicate with each other about all things KNS.

If you want to join this group, please email us on pta@kelburnnormal.school.nz with the following information:

- Your name
- Your phone number
- Your child's name and class

School App - Contact Details - Please check your contact details on the school app to ensure we have the correct details. If changes are needed please email these to <u>admin@kelburnormal.school.nz</u>

Teacher Messages - a sort option has been added to the teacher messages section on the school app so parents can easily search for the latest message in date order.

Downloading the app - for those needing assistance with downloading the app please check the app login video on our website for parents

EzLunch Menu - Subway Wednesday / Pizza Thursday / Sushi Friday Click here for the Menu

## School Clubs and Ensembles Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Xylo Beats</b> - (Ys 4,5, 6)	<b>Orchestra -</b>	<b>Piccolo</b> - ( <i>Yrs 4, 5, 6, 7</i> )	<b>Lyrica</b> - <i>Yrs 5 - 8</i>	<b>Kapa Haka</b> - Yrs <i>5 - 8</i>
8.30 - 9.30am	8.30 - 9.30am	8.30 - 9.30am	8.30am-9.30 am	Henare
Katharina	Katharina & Rachel	Anna Sedcole	Anna Sedcole	8.30 - 9.30am
Mahler Room	Mahler Room	Mahler Room	Mahler Room	Hall
<b>Kapa Haka</b> - Y1-4	<b>Code Club -</b>	<b>Tui Choir</b> -		<b>Xylofun</b>
1.30 - 2pm	1.10 - 1.40	8:50am <i>Years 2 &amp; 3</i>		8.30 - 9.00 am
Miss Bishop & Jeremy	Miss Sanders	Ms Wilby		Katharina
Hall	Māia space	Hall		Mahler Room
<b>Eco Club -</b> Miss Molloy 1.10-1.40 Tupu space		<b>Chess Club</b> - Alistair Button 12.40 - 1.20pm Māia		

## School Term Dates 2024

Term	Start Date	End Date	Public Holidays/Teacher Only Days
Term 2	Monday 29 April	Friday 5 July	Friday 31 May - Teacher Only Day Monday 3 June - King's Birthday Friday 28 June - Matariki
Term 3	Monday 22 July	Friday 27 September	Friday 30 August - Teacher Only Day
Term 4	Monday 14 October	Wednesday 18 December	Monday 28 October - Labour Day Tuesday 29 October - Teacher Only Day

### Kelly Club - Changes to Childcare Assistance - check if you qualify!

More families will now qualify for Childcare Assistance and the rate will increase for those already qualified, which means you may be eligible for assistance to send your child to Kelly Club. Please follow this link to find out more: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EgHRGbeAEvTHYilaBHp7uauZzw\_mwIJA/view\_

### Kelly Club - Check us out on Facebook - Click Here

For enrolments and enquiries, contact the Supervisor on 021 744636 or kelburnnormal@kellyclub.co.nz Kelly Club Programmes focus on giving children aged between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive, and encouraging environment. Kelburn to Enrol go to www.kellyclub.co.nz

## **Boredom Busters**



## WHAT TO SAY WHEN YOUR CHILD IS BORED

IT'S NOT YOUR JOB TO COME UP WITH SOLUTIONS TO YOUR CHILD'S BOREDOM PROBLEM. BOREDOM IS THEIR INTERNAL SIGNAL THAT THEY NEED TO COME UP WITH SOMETHING ON THEIR OWN: "MY BRAIN IS CRAVING SOMETHING... AND I NEED TO EXPLORE UNTIL I FIND THAT THING."

## CHILDREN DEVELOP BETTER WHEN YOU LET THEM BE BORED:

- It encourages imagination and creativity.
- + They discover new hobbies and interests.
- + It helps them develop a sense of identity.
- \* It improves mental health and gives their mind a break from constant stimulation.
- + It enhances problem-solving skills.
- It fosters independence and resourcefulness.

### HELP THEM TO LOOK AT THESE MOMENTS AS OPPORTUNITIES:

"We have been so busy. I'm glad we have the opportunity to relax." "How cool! You have a chance to choose how to spend your time instead of someone else planning it for you."

"I can't wait to see what you decide to do."

## GIVE THEM PROMPTS WITHOUT CHOOSING ACTIVITIES FOR THEM:

"I wonder what kinds of things you could make out of that bax?" "What's something that you haven't done in a while that you really enjoy?"

### FINALLY, IF YOUR CHILD SAYS. "BUT THERE'S NOTHING TO DO ..."

YOU CAN ALWAYS SAY: "I'M SORRY TO HEAR THAT. YOU CAN HELP ME LOAD THE DISHWASHER." THEY WILL MOST PROBABLY BE STRUCK BY INSPIRATION RIGHT AWAY ()

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- 1. Build a fort using blankets and furniture.
- 2. Create a scrapbook with old photos.
- 3. Have a picnic in the backyard.
- 4. Learn a new card game and play it with a friend.
- 5. Try out a new recipe and bake cookies together.
- 6. Make your own jewelry.
- 7. Set up a treasure hunt with clues.
- 8. Write and illustrate a story or comic book.
- Start a nature journal to document plants & animals.
- 10. Explore your neighborhood with a nature walk.
- 11. Build a bird feeder and observe birds.
- 12. Create an obstacle course using household items.
- Make homemade playdough or slime.
- 14. Plant a small garden or care for potted plants.
- Have a dance party and learn new dance moves.
- 16. Try out different art techniques.
- 17. Start a collection of rocks, shells, stamps, or stickers.
- 18. Have a karaoke session and sing your favorite songs.
- 19. Practice origami and make paper animals or shapes.
- 20. Put on a puppet show with handmade puppets.
- **21.** Listen to the Big Life Kids podcast.
- 22. Write letters to send to family or friends.
- 23. Have a DIY fashion show with dress-up clothes.
- 24. Create a science experiment using things at home.
- **25.** Build a model with clay or building blocks.
- Play an instrument or learn to play a new one.
- 27. Make paper airplanes and see how far they fly.
- 28. Have a tea party with stuffed animals or dolls.
- Create a family photo album or collage.
- **30.** Have a themed movie night.
- 31. Practice yoga together.
- **32.** Decorate t-shirts or hats with fabric markers.
- **33.** Host a neighborhood clean-up or charity project.
- 34. Learn magic tricks and perform a magic show.
- 35. Make homemade popsicles or ice cream.
- 36. Create a time capsule.
- 37. Paint rocks or shells with vibrant colors and patterns.
- **38.** Build a miniature city with boxes and craft supplies.
- 39. Play dress-up and act out a favorite story or movie.
- 40. Take turns telling stories with your friends or family.
- **41.** Learn a new skill like knitting, crocheting, or sewing.
- **42.** Play with water balloons or have a balloon fight.
- 43. Set up a lemonade stand.
- **44.** Learn about constellations and stargaze at night.
- **45.** Set up an art studio outdoors and paint or draw landscapes, nature, or still life scenes.
- 46. Organize a talent show.

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- 47. Have a spa day with face masks and calm activities.
- 48. Create a family tree or genealogy project.
- 49. Build a miniature boat and float it in a bathtub.
- 50. Set up a photo booth and take funny pictures.

- 51. Write and perform a puppet show or play.
- 52. Make a scrapbook of favorite quotes or words.
- 53. Find a pen pal and write them a snail letter.
- 54. Create a vision board of your dreams.
- **55.** Write in your Big Life Journal.
- 56. Make a time-lapse video of the sunrise or sunset.
- **57.** Set up different science experiments.
- 58. Make homemade bath bombs and face masks.
- 59. Create a mini-golf course using household objects.
- 60. Practice juggling.
- 61. Go outside and paint or draw from observation.
- 62. Take turns adding to a collective story.
- 63. Make homemade musical instruments.
- 64. Could you create a family newsletter?
- 65. Experiment with different hairstyles.
- 66. Build a marble run using household items.
- 67. Have a bubble-blowing contest.
- 68. Practice deep breathing or guided meditation.
- 69. Create and decorate an "About Me" poster.
- 70. Write and perform a play or skit.
- 71. Organize a backyard camping adventure.
- 72. Make a treasure chest and bury it in the backyard.
- 73. Design and build a cardboard city or castle.
- 74. Have a family talent show.
- 75. Create a DIY board game with handmade cards.
- 76. Take pictures around the neighborhood.
- 77. Play hide-and-seek or a game of sardines.
- **78.** Build a birdhouse and observe birds.
- 79. Paint a family mural together.
- 80. Write kindness notes to family and friends.
- 81. Organize a neighborhood sports tournament.
- 82. Come up with a business idea and business plan.
- 83. Create a stop-motion animation using toys or clay.
- 84. Play a classic game like tag, or Simon Says.
- 85. Have a DIY fashion show with recycled materials.
- 86. Create a family band and perform songs together.
- 87. Set up a mini-garden or terrarium with small plants.
- 88. Make your own board game from scratch.
- 89. Practice yoga or stretching exercises together.
- 90. Create a family newspaper.
- **91.** Have a themed day where everyone dresses up and acts like characters from a favorite book or movie.
- 92. Build a model volcano and watch it explode.
- 93. Could you set up an art exhibition?
- 94. Play a strategy game like chess or checkers.
- 95. Create a family manifesto.
- 96. Set up a photography scavenger hunt.
- 97. Make homemade instruments and perform.

100. Create a family recipe book with favorite recipes.

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- 98. Have a DIY pizza-making session.
- 99. Create a family vision board.

### **Community Notices**

Karori United Tennis Club (Cyperus Tennis + Fitness), Holiday Program over the first week of holidays, mornings 9.00am to 12.00pm afternoons 1.00pm to 4.00pm. Autumn Tennis Coaching (Term 2), schedule now online, registrations open for a variety of ages and levels.

For further information and to register, go to <u>www.cyperus.co.nz</u> or contact Darren 021 870 978

Junior have a go day at Wellington Hockey - 6th of April, 10:00 AM -11:00 AM, National Hockey Stadium, - Ages 5-12 / Years 1-8 This session is designed for those who are curious about hockey and would like to give it a try. We believe it's a fantastic opportunity for kids to explore the sport, learn new skills, and make friends in the process.

AKOTECH CodeCamps April School Holidays - EARLY DISCOUNTS

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Venues: Queen Margaret College, Thorndon

Dates: 15th - 18th & 22nd - 26th April

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# Children learn so much from gym and it even prepares them for starting school!

## Give your little one the best start!

**POCKET ROCKETS** - Have you heard of Pocket Rockets Gym Classes at Bigair Gym? They are popular Pre-school Gym Classes for 3&4yr olds. Pocket Rockets classes are led by skilled and experienced Bigair Gym coaches. Children develop essential and advanced skills, like balance, landing & forwards rolls, and so much more! The personal growth observed in children doing these classes is incredible!! We see an increased ability to learn and absorb information, increased self-confidence, independence, pride, listening skills & concentration! Contact us today to find out more about Term 2 classes.

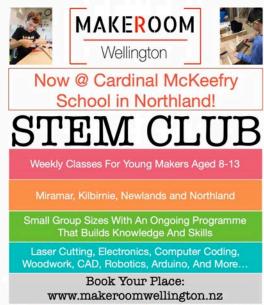
**CRASHMAT KIDS** - Families love joining in with Bigair Gyms Crashmats Kids Sessions which fun, supervised play session and are perfect for little ones! Crashmat's sessions are for toddlers beginning to walk, right up to 4yr olds. There is no pre-booking required, so pop along to one of the following sessions: Tues & Weds at 11am, or Thurs & Fridays at 10am.

Contact your local Bigair Gym for all inquiries. We would love to hear from you.

Bigair Gym Tawa ph. 04 232 3508 e. office@bigairgym.co.nz @. 10 Surrey Street, Tawa.

Bigair Gym Owhiro Bay ph. 04 383 8779 e. wgtn@bigairgym.co.nz @.14 Landfill Road, Owhiro Bay.

Bigair Gym Kapiti ph. 04 297 0400 e. kapiti@bigairgym.co.nz @. 4 Manchester Street, Kapiti.





# BOOK FAIR Ngaio Town Hall

Saturday 4 May 9am - 6pm Sunday 5 May 9am - 3pm





All proceeds will go to Blue Dragon Children's Foundation, a charitable trust working with Vietnam's poorest children to break the poverty cycle.



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## THE WINTER PROJECT

#### WHO WE ARE:

The Winter Project is a studentled charity group run by five Year 12 students from Samuel Marsden Collegiate School in Karori. We collect second-hand winter woolens and deliver them to schools in the wider Wellington region who are in need of warmth for the cold winter months ahead.

# CONTACT US

## FACEBOOK The Winter Project

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## WHAT WE NEED:

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Please bring any preloved, clean, warm clothing items in good condition. These can be anything like scarves, beanies, gloves, blankets, jerseys, tops, jackets, raincoats, puffers, warm pants or shoes. There will be a box placed somewhere around the school to put your items in. Thank you for your help!

## Does your child like to sing, dance, act and perform?

Would you like your child to build more confidence and make more friends?



## Performing arts classes led by a London West End performer!

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