

CALENDAR

DECEMBER

Grade 6 Big Day Out -Fun Fields	Wed 6
Parent Helpers' Morning Tea	Thur 7
5/6 program 'Talk About It'	Fri 8
Meet the Teacher (Prep 2024)	Wed 13
Meet the Teacher (current P-5)	Thur 14
EOY Colour Fun Run/Picnic	Fri 15
Last day for students Final assembly-G6 farewell 12.30pm Dismissal 1.30pm	Mon 18

2024

JANUARY

First day for students Preps attend from 9.15am to 1.30pm Full day for all other grades	Tue 30
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FEBRUARY

No school for preps (assessment)	Thu 1
No school for preps (assessment)	Fri 2
No school for preps (assessment)	Thu 8
No school for preps (assessment)	Fri 9
No school for preps (assessment)	Thu 15
No school for preps (assessment)	Fri 16

From the Principal

BAIRNSDALE SC MUSIC VISIT

Tuesday's visit by the Bairnsdale Secondary College band was a very entertaining and inspiring performance for our children and everyone who was able to attend. They performed a range of different music styles and many familiar pieces that our children recognised and enjoyed. The band toured a few local schools on their tour so we were fortunate to be given the opportunity to be included on their itinerary. Hopefully we're on their list again next year!

GRADE SIX GRADUATION

Each year we hold a special graduation event for our exiting grade six students. We celebrate all the special memories from their years at KG. Last Tuesday's Graduation at Bridges was a wonderful night for everyone who attended to help the children celebrate. The children and their guests certainly enjoyed their night. I want to congratulate them for their tremendous contribution to our school community for the last seven years. I would also like to thank our grade six staff for their preparation and organisation of this special event.

2024 PREP TRANSITION PROGRAM

The final transition 'meet the buddies' session is always a much anticipated and exciting event for both the Preps and the Grade five children. Last Friday's session was no different. Everyone gathered on the basketball court for a barbecue which overlapped with the recess break so it became very much a community gathering. We were fortunate to have fine weather so families were able to stay on for an extended visit. We look forward to welcoming our Preps next year and our buddies will certainly be there to help make that as smooth a transition as possible.

PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA
THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER

Please don't forget our Parent Helpers morning tea next Thursday December 7th at 11:00am in the Staff area of the ALC building. If you have helped in any way this year – attending excursions, reading, fundraising, assisting with classroom cooking, electives, etc. please take the time to let us thank you for your valued contribution. We would like to have as many parent helpers as possible.

Laurie Murray
Principal

ELTHAM LIONS CLUB VOLUNTEERS

The Eltham Lions Club is looking for someone to be their secretary, most of the work can be squeezed in amongst all the other jobs of life we do. We are a small but very active club and we are always looking for new members from 18 to 118, we get to assist everyone from children to senior citizens and everything in between. We roster a couple of hours at our events for our members even if the event goes all day, and they are not expected to do everything the club is doing. We have our meetings on the first and 3rd Mondays of the month at 7:30 PM.

And these are hybrid meetings so you can attend online, or be and having a drink and nibbles with the other members at our club rooms. For any enquiries please contact.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Talbot.

President of Lions Club of Eltham.

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VALUES OF THE WEEK



Back - Finn, Arlo, Jasper, Autumn, Maddy, Elijah and Annaliese
Front - Hudson, Raphy, Ella, Evie and Audrey



Coco Balkin was awarded the Judith Ireland Award at the Graduation ceremony and this is offered through an organisation called C.A.V.E - which stands for Community and Volunteers of Eltham. The studentships are awarded in the memory of Judith Ireland, a past President of this organisation who contributed so much and believed in the power of education and community. It is awarded to an individual in recognition of academic application, social responsibility and community participation. Congratulations to a very deserving recipient.



Graduation Speeches

Heidi

Dear Kangaroo Ground Primary School, Mr. Murray, teachers and staff,

Although you will always have a special place in our heart, it's over – we – Year 6 – are breaking up with you. It's not you, it's us.

We've tried breaking up before (remember 2020 and 21 during Covid when you told us we shouldn't come to school for a while), but this time it's for real.

Don't get me wrong, we've had great times together. Where else will we find a school where the principal enjoys hanging out on the roof, apparently collecting footballs? Where else will we meet teachers that allow themselves to get whipped on camp, just to make the kids laugh? Or another teacher who wears fun Lego earrings to parent teacher interviews just to make the bad news seem not so bad?

We've had happy times together at sleepovers, movie nights and camps, and worked well with each other to make the school productions so epic. We could carry on joking around - us pretending to be tricked into learning maths through songs. It doesn't work by the way – we still don't know our times tables

We need to thank you for introducing friends to us – now we share those friends, right? And we need to thank you for all the support and opportunities.

There were times that we were great for each other, but I think in the end, it's time to leave Gerald the Giraffe and David Skinner behind with you.

We're leaving you. We have to move on and meet new teachers and friends. But you'll move on quickly too – you'll meet new Year 6's in no time I'm sure. There will be a few tears, but we'll be brave.

There are no hard feelings, only happy memories and when we see each other again, we'll always say hello and wish each other well.

Breakups are hard, so we should have one last party together - at Funfields. What do you say?

We'll miss you, KGPS,

Love from your ex, Year 6ers.



Graduation Speeches

Ella

I would like to start this Speech by welcoming all the teachers, parents, guests and my fellow year 6s here today. Thank you all for joining us in celebrating our grade 6 graduation. My name is Ella and I am lucky enough to be one of the KGPS school leaders of 2023.

When I was in prep I was so nervous about starting school. I didn't talk to anyone for a long time because I was so scared, I found my voice eventually and I know that the reason I was able to speak up was because of the people. This is because for me, as everyone else in this room today would know, Kangaroo Ground Primary School isn't just a school, it's far more than that, it's a community and a family, one that has helped shape each and every one of us standing here today into the best versions of ourselves.

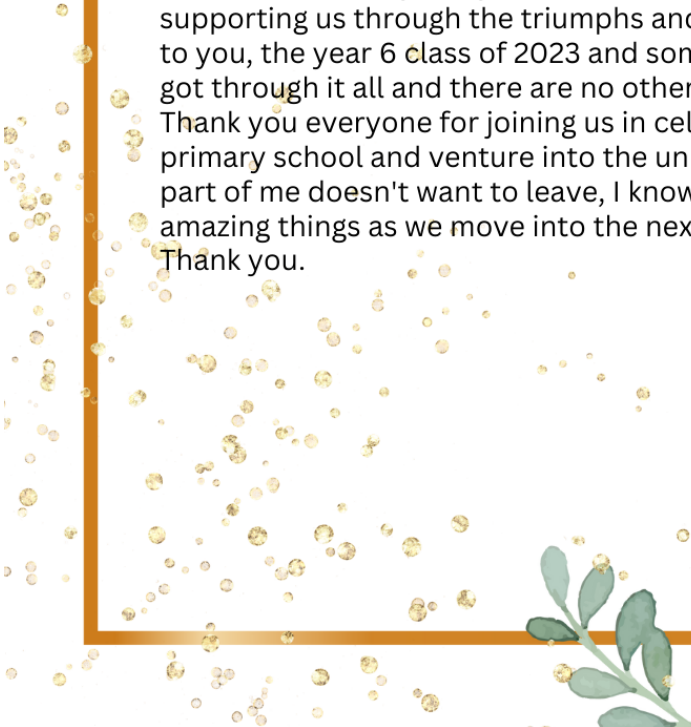
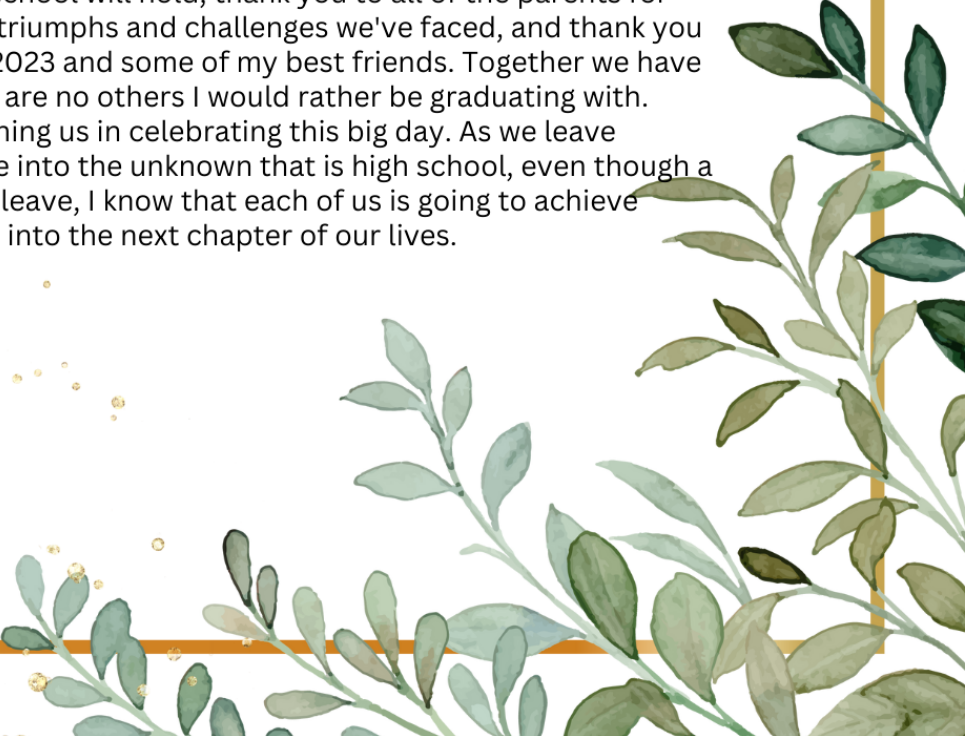
I have truly thrived at this school and a big part of that has been down to our wonderful teachers. The teachers at our school are so amazing and you can tell that they love our school as much as we do as they all go out of their way to say hello every morning, celebrate our achievements and give us the support we need, celebrating the good and helping us through the bad. They are perfect role models and are an attribute for who we should strive to be. They are kind and trust worthy and we are so lucky to have them. Each and every teacher I have been lucky to have throughout the time I have been at KG has made such a positive impact on my life and has taught me lessons that I will take into high school, and throughout the rest of my life. Thank you so much to all of you.

I have made so many memories at this school, from breakfasts and dinners, to a first sleepover, school camps, dancing the nut bush with Mr. Skinner, school picnics, sausage sizzles and excursions, being chased by extremely fast preppies, ghost stories at school camps, the big swing at Anglesea and just being with friends, my time at KG has been always been an adventure. Kangaroo ground Primary School embraces each of its school values shaping us all into Respectful, Accepting, Resilient, Excellent and Curious people.

And finally, I would like to say thank you, thank you to the teachers for preparing us for the challenges high school will hold, thank you to all of the parents for supporting us through the triumphs and challenges we've faced, and thank you to you, the year 6 class of 2023 and some of my best friends. Together we have got through it all and there are no others I would rather be graduating with.

Thank you everyone for joining us in celebrating this big day. As we leave primary school and venture into the unknown that is high school, even though a part of me doesn't want to leave, I know that each of us is going to achieve amazing things as we move into the next chapter of our lives.

Thank you.





Graduation Speeches

Spencer

Good evening fellow graduates, teachers and parents my name is Spencer and I'm one of the 2023 school leaders. It has been an honor and a privilege to be your school leader for 2023.

Thank you to all the teachers and friends for making KG primary school such a special place. Thank you for trusting me to be your leader. I hope I have been helpful and that you have had as much fun as me at primary school.

I started school here in Prep 2017 with Mrs. French as my teacher. As I've grown so has the school. In Prep there was 120 students now that I am in grade six there are 260 students! Mrs. French is now the assistant principal.

Mr. Warrington was my grade one teacher and also my grade six teacher. So much has happened between those years. Mr. Warrington has got married and had a baby and I have become ready for high school. All of my teachers have been so kind. Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Wain, Mrs. Angeli, Miss Pearce and of course Mr. Jones who has never been my actual class teacher but who has always been such a familiar and significant figure at KG. The vegetable patch will always stand out in my memory of primary school. Particularly the giant pumpkins.

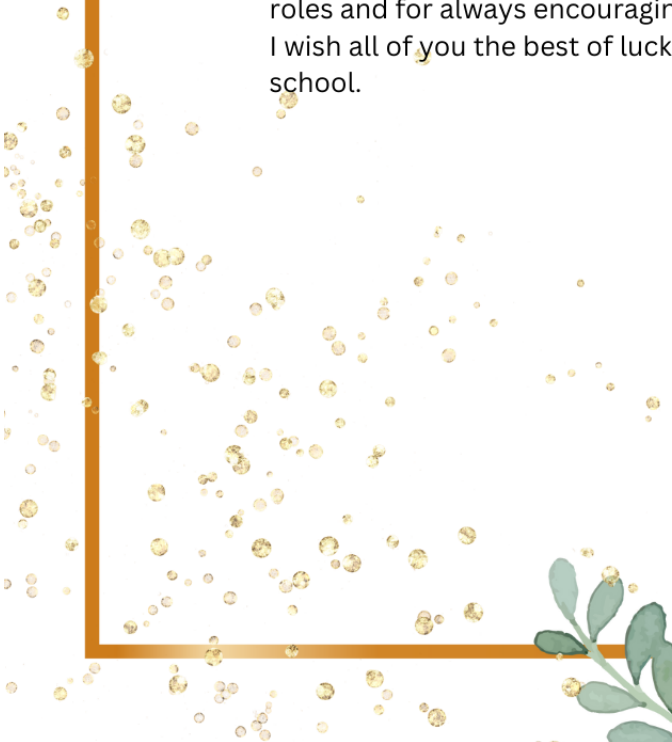
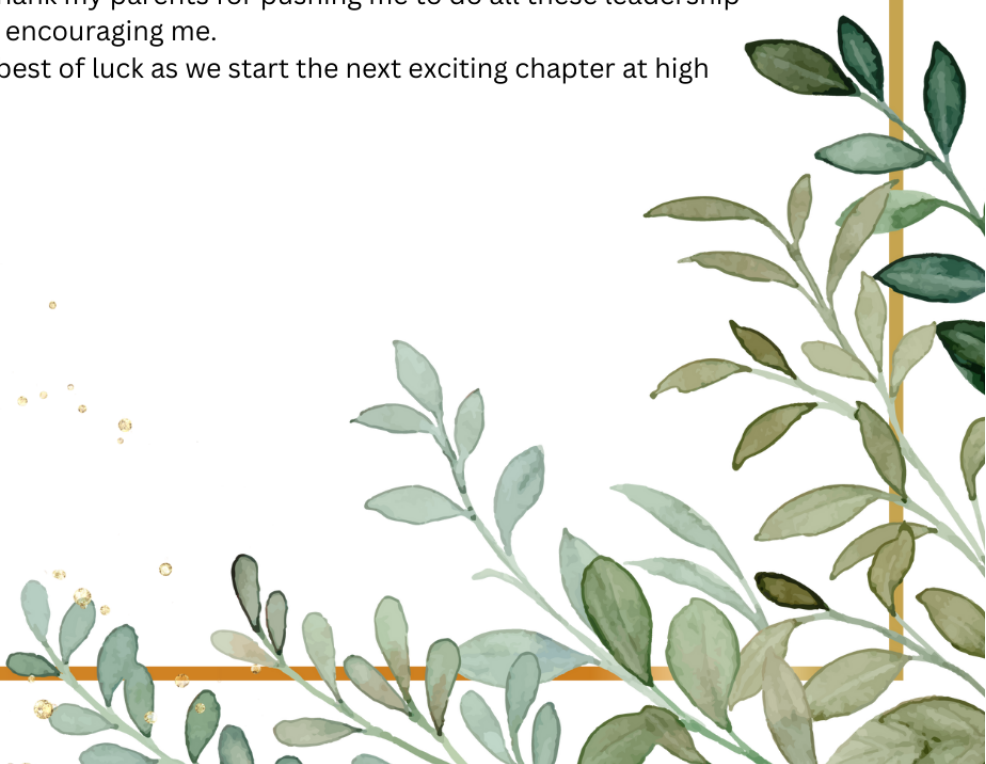
Whilst lots has changed, Mr. Murray has always been a very consistent and dependable school principal. Thank you, Mr. Murray. I really hope the new school building is finished soon so you have less to worry about.

What I think I will remember the most about KG is the people, especially my friends. I was lucky enough to start 3-year-old Kindy with many of my friends. It is strange to think we won't see each other most days next year but I know our friendships and neighbourhood connections will keep us in contact.

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I would also like to thank my parents for pushing me to do all these leadership roles and for always encouraging me.

I wish all of you the best of luck as we start the next exciting chapter at high school.







Graduation Speeches

Jack H

Graduating from Grade Six, wow. I still remember walking up the asphalt steps at the front of the school on my first day of school, I was so excited to be in big school. Now here we are, graduating from primary school. I mean, how the heck have we gone from playing with wooden trains and making wooden train tracks and not knowing how to count to five to graduating from primary school with all this knowledge to help us later in life!? Science will help us understand how the world works, math will help us through sticky situations where we need to work out a problem, reading will help us read letters to talk and communicate, Italian will help us understand a foreign language so we can communicate even further, and so, so much more. Most of all, we've all had friends to talk to and play with. The school has changed so much over these seven years, we added a tree house, we improved our top playground, three portables were scattered around the school, the main building is currently being replaced, and many, many more kids have joined the community, just as we're leaving. But as Mr. Murray always says, once a K.G kid always a K.G kid.



HELPERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS WATERING



Dear Parents,

We need helpers to water the vegetable gardens over the Christmas holiday period. The watering period would be from December 20, 2023 to February 2, 2024.

If you have a day or two spare and would like to help, please return the slip below indicating the date/s that you have available.




Thank you,

Ian Jones

I / We would like to help on the following day/s. Please write your name in the square/s.

My / Our name/s: _____

Child's name and class: _____

SAT.	SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THU.	FRI.
		18 DEC.	19 DEC.	20 DEC.	21 DEC.	22 DEC.
23 DEC.	24 DEC.	25 DEC. 	26 DEC.	27 DEC.	28 DEC.	29 DEC.
30 DEC.	31 DEC.	1 JAN.	2 JAN.	3 JAN.	4 JAN.	5 JAN.
6 JAN.	7 JAN.	8 JAN.	9 JAN.	10 JAN.	11 JAN.	12 JAN.
13 JAN.	14 JAN.	15 JAN.	16 JAN.	17 JAN.	18 JAN.	19 JAN.
20 JAN.	21 JAN.	22 JAN.	23 JAN.	24 JAN.	25 JAN.	26 JAN.
27 JAN.	28 JAN.	29 JAN.	30 JAN.	31 JAN.	1 FEB.	2 FEB.



MINIBEAST

DIORAMA EXPO!



The Preps, 1s and 2s have been working hard on their minibeast dioramas and loved sharing them with the 5/6s and parents at our expo. Thanks to everyone who came to see their marvellous creations!



Bairnsdale Secondary College

BAND PERFORMANCE

On Tuesday, the Bairnsdale Secondary College Band visited our school and performed for us. They played a range of songs from classical music to Disney songs and even the Nutbush! It was a great chance for students to learn more about a range of instruments and to experience live music.



CHOC BROWNIE ENERGY BARS



COOK TIME
30 Minutes



SERVES
12



SUITABLE FOR
Family Friendly

if you are looking for a delicious & versatile breakfast or snack bar that is perfect for when you are on the go, then this is for you! Based on the cliff energy bars, they are decadent, portable and nutritious.

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups Oats (rolled)
- 1/2 cup Pitted Dates
- 3 Tbsps Cacao Powder
- 3 Tbsps Maple Syrup
- 1 Tbsp Honey
- 1 cup Coconut Sugar
- 1/2 tsp Sea Salt
- 1 tsp Vanilla Extract
- 1 tbsp Coconut Oil
- 1/8 tsp Baking Soda
- 1/4 cup Dark Chocolate Chips
- 1/2 cup Water

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 180C.
2. In a blender or food processor, add the oats, dates, cacao powder, maple syrup, honey, sugar, salt, vanilla, coconut oil, baking soda, chocolate chips and water.
3. Blend on high, stopping and stirring and pulsing until the mixture is smooth.
4. Empty batter onto a parchment paper lined or greased cookie sheet.
5. Spread into a large rectangle about 1/3 to 1/2 inch thick. Note the batter may not fill the entire cookie sheet.
6. Bake for 10-13 minutes or until tops are no longer sticky.
7. Remove from oven and allow to cool before slicing. The pieces can be slightly molded too so you can round out the edges of the bars if desired.
8. Store in the fridge for up to 1 week, or freeze for up to a month.

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Broadband Initiative

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To support students that do not have access to internet at home, the Australian Government has committed to providing up to 30,000 families with free nbn-powered broadband internet at home for one year.

You may be eligible for the School Student Broadband initiative (SSBI) if you:

- Have a school-aged child
- Have no active **nbn** connection or have not disconnected in the last 14 days
- Live in a premise that is serviced by the **nbn** network.




Scan the QR for more information.

To check your eligibility:

 Contact the National Referral Centre on 1800 954 610 (Mon-Fri, 10am-6pm AEDT)

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Ultra Violet (UV) Water Treatment The safest and the best



At Eltham Swimming School, water safety is always our priority.

And that means developing water safe swimmers, using safe water.

We invest heavily in our water quality. These days many facilities attempt to 'disguise' how they treat their water. If you have heard of 'SALT' or 'MINERAL' water treatment, think 'CHLORINE'. You cannot legally swim in a commercial pool if it is not treated with chlorine, and that is because it is unsafe.

Our Victorian Health regulations require chlorine. 'Salt' and 'Mineral' pools make chlorine on site (from the salt, etc). But if something goes wrong during the process, you could be in a pool with **no chlorine** and therefore be in an **untreated pool**.

At Eltham Swimming School, we use ULTRA VIOLET LIGHT plus low chlorine. It is the best and the safest way to treat water.

How does it work?

Ultra Violet light has a bad reputation when it comes to UV protection (sunscreens, etc). However for sanitising water, it excels!! We keep it totally enclosed in a large stainless system (as pictured) where it works its magic. The pool water is completely sanitised each time it passes through our UV chamber and then treated with low chlorine.



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Intensive Swimming Program January 2024

All ages
4 mths –
teenagers,
adults
all standards



Fast Track Swimming Lessons 5-Day Intensive Program

30 minute lessons
Cost: \$90 per swimmer

FAMILY LAST NAME:

PARENT NAME/S:

MOBILE NUMBER:

EMAIL:

5 Day Program (Morning sessions only)

Thursday, 11th January
Friday, 12th January
Monday, 15th January
Tuesday, 16th January
Wednesday, 17th January

Swimmer Name	Date of Birth	Preferred Time	Current swimmer at ESS?	New swimmer? Your level?
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If you currently attend Eltham Swimming School, we have your Level. For new swimmers, please check our Levels at <https://www.elthamswim.com.au/swimming-lessons/assessment-levels>

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WHATS ON?

Fun tennis for all ages and abilities. A great way to make new friends and an awesome introduction to tennis with the help of experienced coaches.

WHEN AND WHERE?

Day 1: Tuesday 9th January 9:30am-12:30pm
Day 2: Thursday 11th January 9.30am-12:30pm
Day 3: Tuesday 16th January 9:30am-12:30pm
Day 4: Thursday 18th January 9:30am-12:30pm

All clinics will be @ UC tennis club, located on Challenger St, Diamond Creek

HOW MUCH?

1 Day: \$40 Per Student
2 Days: \$70 Per Student
3 Days: \$90 Per Student
4 Days: \$115 Per Student

HOW TO ENTER?

Message Jarryd Wildsmith on 0452581804

- The name/s, age and contact info of the participants

Spots are limited so book early!!



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