



St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

9th August 2018 Term 3 Week 3

2018

Dates to Remember

Term 3

August

Week 3

Friday 10th	Kindy excursion— Calmsley Hill Farm
	Primary Assembly— Year 5—2.15pm

Week 4

Tuesday 14th	Year 6 Voice of Youth Cluster final
Friday 17th	Infants Assembly— Year 2—2.15pm

Week 5

BOOK WEEK

Monday 20th	Author Visit— K, Yr 1—3 Juliette Maclver
	Character Parade 1.45pm School Playground

Tuesday 21st	Year 1 excursion— Wildlife World
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Thursday 23rd	Diocesan Athletics
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Friday 24th	Author Visit— Yr 4-6 Deborah Abela
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Week 6

Tuesday 28th	Father's Day stall
Wednesday 29th	Year 5 PD Night 6.30pm
Friday 31st	Fathers Day Breakfast Fathers Day Mass Primary Assembly— Year 4—2.15pm

September

Week 7

Monday 3rd	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Wednesday 5th	Primary Parent Workshop Geometric Reasoning & Multiplicative Thinking

Dear Parents

Last Friday the school celebrated the very important role grandparents hold in our families. It is also at this time that catholic schools all around Australia remember the feast of St. Joachim and St. Anne, the mother and father of Mary, the Mother of God. This year the feast was held on July 26th. It is also known as the feast day of Grandparents.

Once again the staff and I were delighted with the number of parents and grandparents that attended our mass, morning tea and open classrooms. For those that were unable to come the best way to describe the atmosphere was 'community at its best!' The weather was perfect and the school hall was 'packed to the rafters'. It would be accurate to say that the children were so very excited to show their grandparents around, 'walk' them through their learning and talk to them about their visit. It was lovely seeing their grandparents with them. At mass Father Bob reminded us that many years ago grandparents had a very special role to play in the rearing of children. Parents were supported by their wise advice and were comforted in the fact that they took on some of the roles and responsibilities. Today I can see numerous examples where our grandparents still play this critical role in supporting the family. Many grandparents now do the 'pick up and drop off' and we welcome grandparents who often attend school functions if the children's parents cannot. I am reminded daily of the affection the children have for their grandparents who love to recall their weekend visits. For some lucky families their grandparents live with them. We thank you grandparents for all that you do for our families and for the critical role you play. God Bless You Always!

THANK YOU

Thank you to all the grandparents, parents and visitors that attended our Grandparents celebrations last Friday. Thank you is extended to Ms Azar and the Stage 2 teachers for the organisation of such a beautiful mass and display in the hall. Thank you to Amariah Tamaro and her grandfather Mr Fred Aquilina and to Shanelle Wambeek and her dad Mr Beverley Wambeek for sharing with the community their beautiful reflections on Grandparents.

Special and heartfelt thanks to Mrs Monique Wehbe and her parent helpers for organising such an amazing morning tea. It would be fair to say that no one would have left the school hungry and in the words of one of our grandparents - it looked as if the school had engaged caterers. What parents and visitors may not know is that many of the items in this morning tea was lovingly baked, prepared and donated by the mother volunteers. Very little was actually shop bought and as everyone would know this takes significantly more time and energy. I cannot begin to thank these parents, and all parents who go to this extra effort, adequately. Please know that it is very much appreciated by all of us especially your children. Thank you to: Year 3 parents; Monique Wehbe, Noha Draybi, Josephine Romanos, Michelle Tamaro, Carol Wehbe, Maryanne Gereige, Rebecca El Khoury, Nina Wehbe, Julia Gittany. **Other grades;** Jacquie Sarkis, Nelly Azizi, Elizabeth Johnson, Diane Jaitani, Karima Malek, Kristal Moses.

CONGRATULATIONS!

God Bless you and your family
Bernadette Fabri
Principal

For all our grandparents who were unable to attend on Friday please find below the prayers we said for you.

Year 4: Emily

For the Father of the Church, Pope Francis, our Bishop, Vincent and our priests, Fr Bob, Fr George and Fr Michael: that God will bless them and strengthen them as they do his work on earth

We pray to the Lord **All:** Lord hear our prayer

Year 4: Frank

For the gift of our Grandparents, parents and special friends who are an example of your unconditional love for us: that their lives will be filled with your grace as they continue to love and care for us.

We pray to the Lord **All:** Lord hear our prayer

Year 4: Aoife

For all those who have lost their homes and livelihoods because of war or civil unrest: that they may find peace of mind and a safe place to live.

We pray to the Lord **All:** Lord hear our prayer

Year 4: Feima

For all those who are sick and suffering, especially our grandparents: that they will find peace, comfort and healing through you.

We pray to the Lord **All:** Lord hear our prayer

Year 4: Biaggio

For all those who have died, especially our Grandparents: that they may enjoy the eternal rewards of Heaven.

We pray to the Lord **All:** Lord hear our prayer.

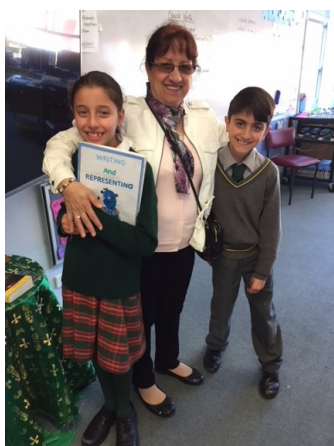
GRANDPARENTS MASS – WHY I LOVE MY GRANDPARENTS?

I love my grandparents because:

- They always keep me safe and happy
- They cook for me what I like
- They listen and wait for me to come on the weekends
- They play with me at home and in the park
- They take me to places
- They give me beautiful gifts on special occasions
- They tell me stories about Sri Lanka and its history
- They are proud of school work and creativeness
- And teach me the right things of life

The most important thing is their hugs and kisses and they are the most important people in my life.

Shanelle Wambeek 4B



Good morning St Patricks and thank you for this opportunity to speak about what Grandparents day means to me. For those who don't know me, my name is Amariah and I am in 3T. My brother Jacob is in 5C and I have a baby sister Aria.

It would be most appropriate for me to begin by explaining a little about my Grandparents. My Nunnu Fred is a caring, clever and funny man who makes the best tasting hamburgers in Parramatta. His best quality is his patience and this can be seen when he teaches us how to play card games and spends hours in his garage making my cousins and I beautiful wooden toys and gifts.

My Nunna Jo is the most thoughtful person I know and spends hours telling me funny stories and showing me photos of my Mum, aunties and uncle when they were growing up. Nanna is the best cook, has taught me how to complete crosswords and teaches me awesome dance moves like the Macarena. I am certain that no one has seen a Maltese Nanna move the way she can! Anyone who knows Nanna Jo knows how much effort she puts into decorating her house for celebrations like Christmas, Easter and Halloween. Her special traditions like our school holiday sleep overs are special events that my cousins and I look forward to.

Nunna and Nanna have 9 grandchildren and manage to remember each of our interests. Nanna knows I love reading and will often surprise me with a new book for us to share. She knows Jacob likes to eat and always makes extra of every meal so that he can take some home. Nunnu and Nunna phone us for no reason at all just to see how our day was and take the time to listen to us even when I am sure I have been talking for a little too long. It is the daily, little things that shows me how much we are loved and I believe them when they say that we are all their favourites.

I appreciate my grandparents and perhaps like many others here today, I also have grandparents in heaven. My Jido and Bibe will always fill a special place in my heart. Although I can not see them or phone them to tell them about my day, grandparents are just too difficult to forget. I remember Jido's funny jokes and Bibe's delicious cooking. It is these memories that we celebrate today.

Grandparents are wise. Grandparents are patient. Grandparents are thoughtful. Grandparents know how to say just the right thing at the right time.

On behalf of my fellow classmates I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the grandparents who have joined us today. For all the games you play even when you are tired, for all the books that you read and re read over and over again, for all the sometimes food that you sneak in a little more often than you should and for making your grandchildren feel like they are the most special people in the world, we thank you.



Amariah Tamaro 3T



Honour Award

The Honour Award is awarded to the child who demonstrates outstanding behaviour shown in the Student Charter

3L	Louis Wehbe	Clio Encarnacao
3T	Thomas Aguilera	Lucia El Hani
4B	Jake Buxton	Christian Barakat
4G	Anthony Wehbe	Carl Cauan
5C	Lorenzo De Guzman	Mary-Jo El-Sabbagh
5T	Zachery Khattar	Gabriella Mendoza
6P	Laurice Behan	Stephanie Saab
6W	Eddie Batti	Zoe Borger

st patrick's award

The St Patrick's award is given to the child who lives their life through Faith in Action

3L	Jacob Wehbe	Danielle Tannous
3T	Matthew Draybi	Isabella Bousimon
4B	Sheoni Perera	Isabella Chivers
4G	Olivia Gebrael	Claire Scanlon
5C	Jayden Farah	Alani Grohs
5T	Camran Nasrulla	Lacey Bond
6P	Liam Abdallah	Eliza El Bayeh
6W	Christian Moujalli	Sienna Volante

World Youth Day 2019 - Our Very Own Pilgrim

Dear Parents,

As part of the WYD 2019 initiative the Diocese holds a number of Fundraising events to support the pilgrims. The main one being the Diocesan Raffle. Thank you to the parents who have returned their sold tickets, **all tickets sold or unsold need to be returned to the school by 21st September, 2018.**

If you wish to purchase tickets they are available for sale in the office.

I would like to take this opportunity to express how grateful I am for the support of the St Patrick's community in this Diocesan Fundraiser for World Youth Day in 2019.

Mrs Louisa Daou



DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA
FUNDRAISING RAFFLE FOR WYD 2019
TICKETS \$2ea

1st Prize: Mazda2, 5 Door Automatic, Registered
Supplied by **PerwinCosmos** (02) 4732 2777

2nd Prize: **COSMOS** \$2000 Gift Card
Donated by **Cosmos** - can be used on any Cosmos coach tour for travel in 2019. This value prize cannot be used towards any WYD 2019 pilgrimage. The value cannot be transferred to cash

3rd Prize: New iPhone X **SECURE/AGILITY**
Donated by **Secure Agility** (INTEGRATE TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS)

4th Prize: New iPhone X

5th Prize: New iPhone X

6th Prize: Apple iPad Mini
Donated by **Campion College Australia**

7th Prize: Cash Prize of \$500
Donated by **Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu**

8th Prize: \$500 Westfield Gift Card
Donated by **Automated Control Solutions**

9th Prize: Apple Watch
Donated by **Catholic Church Insurance**

10th Prize: \$100 Event Cinemas Gift Card
Donated by **The Catholic Foundation**

DRAWN at LIFTED LIVE on 27th October 2018

For tickets and further information please contact **Michael Mendota** MMendota@parr.catholic.org.au
Privacy: All information collected will be securely stored and protected by the Diocesan Fundraising Office. The Privacy Declaration: www.parramatta.catholic.org.au for the full declaration.

CONGRATULATIONS - DIOCESAN ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all the children that represented the school at the Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival this year. It is a wonderful opportunity for young athletes to endeavour to attain their personal best. Congratulations to the following children who now progress to the Diocesan Athletics Carnival.

Luke Takchi 200m & 800m—Luke recorded the fastest time in the 800m on the day—placing him in 1st position.

Maria Khoury 100m
Caitlin Maroun 200m
Jesse Sabat 100m



This carnival will take place on Thursday 23rd August.

Best Wishes!!

On the 7th of August, the Parramatta Diocesan Athletics Carnival was held at Blacktown International Sports Park. I was one of the lucky students who had qualified to represent the Cumberland Zone.

On the day we had to arrive to school before 7.15am to go by bus to Blacktown Park. Once we arrived there we met students representing other schools from the diocese. The racing events were held at different times during the day starting with the junior relay to the senior relay. The relays were the first event of the day. While we were waiting for our events, we could watch students from other schools running in their event or we could enjoy something from the canteen.

Though it was a windy and cold day, I must say it was a great experience. We all loved spending our day at zone and at the end of the day we left with a big smile on our faces.

Christiana Kalouche 5T



Information regarding Naplan Readiness Online -

Last term Years 3 and 5 completed the **NAPLAN (National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy)** This was a pencil and paper test.

In August/September 2018, schools in NSW will be participating again in a readiness test of NAPLAN online. This will include Years 3 and 5 at all diocesan schools. The purpose of this is to ensure that schools and school systems are ready for the digital version of NAPLAN which will begin in 2019. **Results of this testing will not be made available to schools.** Year 3 and 5 children at St Patrick's Parramatta will sit for the online test on the following dates:

Year 5 Writing: 27/8/2018

Year 3 and 5 mixed discipline test (omnibus): 29/8/2018

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all the children who received their SRC badges and House Captain badges last Friday. Our apologies goes to Keenen Rosauero on the misspelling of his name on screen. We wish all these children the best as they undertake their new roles.



HOPE

This Term and last Term, Year 3 and Year 4 were given the opportunity to explain what Hope means to them and how they can have hope to strengthen their relationship with God.

Hope is one of the words that can have many meanings. What it means to me is to never stop believing in your faith and keep hoping until you get what you pray for. I don't mean keep hoping until you get your favourite toy, I mean keep hoping and praying for the sick or the poor.

I have gone past our school hall and have seen beautiful, talented and unique drawings and artworks of what hope means to Year 3 and Year 4 students. It is so unique how each of the students can explain what hope means to them in a single piece of work. I hope after you read this, you will ask yourself 'What does hope mean to me?' and 'What are some ways I can grow closer to God by having hope?'

Thank you Stage 2 teachers and students for your beautiful contribution towards our Hope Display at St. Patrick's Primary, Parramatta. All students are welcome to take a tour up to the hall to see this beautiful and inspiring display.

Madison Younes 4G.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY (Monday 3rd September)

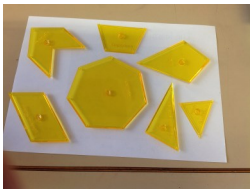
Dear Parents,

On Monday 3rd September the school will be holding a Staff Development Day. On this day the staff will be undertaking professional learning in the area of Religious Education in particular the use of the scriptures to unpack the 3 levels of meaning for Reconciliation. Children do not attend on this day.

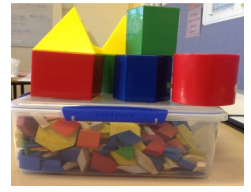
Important Information regarding GALA days

After feedback over the years regarding Gala Days the school is looking to providing more children with an opportunity to attend by sending more teams. We feel that whilst the Gala Days are competitive the main aim is for children to be part of the fun, gain more skills, meet new friends and be part of a not so serious competition. In light of this Mr Baird and Mr Younis will be looking to send teams made up of as many children that want to go, within the given restrictions of course. Next year the children may be asked to nominate their preferred event - this will assist even further. It is hoped in doing this we expose many children to this fun event rather than a select few. The start of this concept was to be the Touch Gala Days this term.

The complication we now face is that the date of the Gala Day has been changed by CEDP - totally out of our control - but it has landed on the same day as the Year 3 excursion. The buses have been booked and everything arranged with excursions taking the priority. CEDP have apologised for the sudden change. This will mean that this year the Stage 2 Touch Gala Day will involve only Year 4 students. Year 3 will get this opportunity when it is presented again in 2019.



PARENT WORKSHOP - GEOMETRIC REASONING AND MULTIPLICATIVE THINKING - PRIMARY



Wednesday the 5th of September at 7pm.

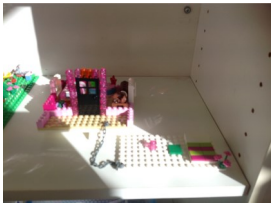
All parents of our Primary students (Years 3 -6) are invited to attend a parent workshop on Mathematics. If you would like to be participate in solving challenging Maths problems that involve thinking multiplicatively and using reasoning skills in Geometry then join with the staff and other parents as we work together on the rich tasks similar to those done by our students. A letter will be sent home next week with more details on the workshop.

We hope to see you there!

Message from our STEM Leaders....

A big thank you to all the great builders from Year 5 who made amazing structures with Lego last week. Our Makerspace is a great place for students to let their imagination run wild! Here are some photos of all their creations.

Liam and Stephanie.



How would you like to win \$500 and your very own iPad? Keep reading! We have fabulous composers here at St Patrick's, and now we want to show off your talents to the world! The competition is open from Kindergarten all the way to Year 12 and winners can also have their work published in the Write 4 Fun hardcover book that your myriad of fans will be able to purchase!

Here is what you have to do!

1. Compose a poem (16 lines or less) or a short story (500 words or less)
2. Enter online at <https://www.write4fun.net/>
3. Go to: enter competitions > poetry and short story competition > complete your details and submit your entry!

Unsure what to write about? Well, that's easy. Write something you would love to read! There are some great examples on their website if you need some inspiration, or check out the brilliant poems and stories in our library!

The competition is one entry per student and entries close on August 31st.

Happy Writing!

Mrs Stojanovski



SRC Morning Tea

On Thursday, 2nd August, all the Semester One SRC had a thank you party hosted by Miss Azar, Mrs Standing and Miss Fabri. We had a great time eating our snacks, going through the great ideas everyone suggested and discussing our

favourite part of being SRC. Of course ours has to be knowing the leaders the class saw in us. In the end, we all took a photo to remember the great time we had being SRC. We all would like to say to the Semester 2 leaders, good luck and have fun!

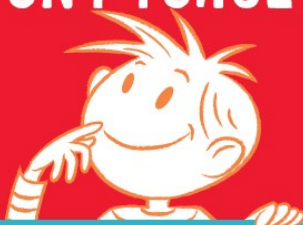
By Brooklyn, Scarlet, Zac and Elias Year 5



Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthday in the coming

week: Christina Brown, Lawrence Wahbe, Aaron Neroy, Levi Jaitani, Raymond Joe Khoury, Marie Rahme, Mary-Jo El-Sabbagh, Thomas Kougellis, Joshua Manago, Daniel Jurisic, Olivia Moussa, Chiara Banzato

DON'T FORGET!



SCHOLASTIC
Book Club
 orders are due:
10th August

As of 2018 we will no longer accept cash/cheque for Book Club in the office. All orders will need to be processed through the LOOP platform. If you require help completing your order please contact Mrs Jones in the office on 8832 4600.

PRIVACY NOTICE

Information required to determine the *Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA)* for schools

This notice is from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to advise you that ACARA has requested your child's school to provide ACARA with information about you and your child. Your school may disclose to ACARA information such as your child's gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, residential address, parental occupation and parental education.

This information is disclosed to ACARA under the *ACARA Act 2008* for one or both of the following purposes:

- formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance; and
- assisting government to formulate policies in relation to education matters.

ACARA will not disclose this personal information to any third party. If you do not want your school to provide this information to ACARA, please advise your school within seven (7) days of receiving this notice.

Further information about ACARA can be obtained from the ACARA website at www.acara.edu.au.

BOOK WEEK 2018 "Find your Treasure"

During Week 5 (20-24 August) our students will be celebrating Book Week. This year's theme is

"Find your Treasure"



We will be celebrating this week with a variety of special activities including competitions, a Book Character Parade and Author Visits.

Author Visits for the Students :

Juliette MacIver Monday, 20th August Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3

Juliette is the award - winning author of *Marmaduke Duck*, *Tom and the Dragon*, *Little Queen Alice's Palaces*, *Toucan Can*, *The Frog Who Lost his Underpants*, *The Moose Goose*, *Gwendolyn* and *Henry Bob Bobbalich*

Deborah Abela Friday, 24th August Years 4, 5 and 6

Deborah is the popular author of the *Max Remy Superspy* series, *Jasper Zammit (Soccer Legend)* series, *Ghost Club* series, *The Remarkable Secret of Aurelie Bonhoffen*, *Grimsdon* and *New City*.

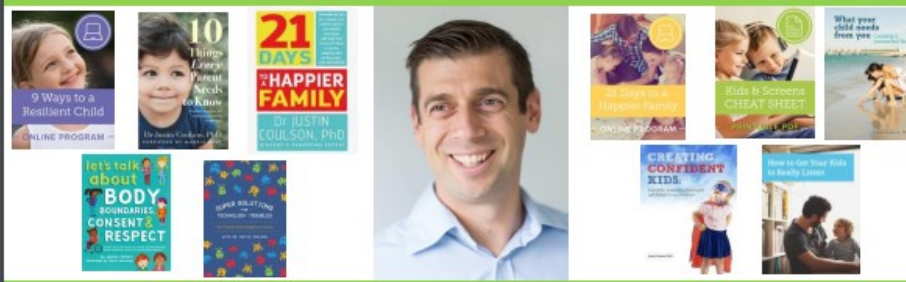
The Book Character Parade:

Parents and friends are invited to attend the parade on **Monday 20th August at 1.45pm** to be held in the school playground. Each child is asked to come dressed as a literary character from a book that they treasure. They should carry a sign noting the **title** of the book and the **name** of the character they are depicting and ideally **know** a little about their character.

The Premier's Reading Challenge:

The Challenge closes on 31st August. Students are to finalise and upload their Student Reading Records by this date. Thank you to parents for your kind assistance with this matter.

10 Things Every Parent Needs to Know



Back by popular demand! Raise your children in positive ways!

Simple and effective strategies for the main issues parents confront in everyday family life. Justin shares his secrets of effective attention, communication and understanding; how to discipline effectively and set limits; and how to manage hot-button issues such as sibling conflict, chores, school and screens – yet still have fun as a family.

Our guest speaker for the evening is:

Dr Justin Coulson

Author, Parenting Expert, International Speaker and Father of six (Yes, 6!) beautiful girls

Register FREE now: www.prc.catholic.edu.au

Monday, 27 August 2018

Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm start (approx. 2 hours)

Term 3 – PRC General Meeting will be held prior to our speaker session

at Corpus Christi Catholic Primary, 90 Andromeda Dr, Cranebrook NSW

Tea, Coffee and light snacks will be provided and a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!

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Call Charles Lukasik on 02 9683 1116

Oakhill College Tour

We warmly invite all prospective students and families to attend an Oakhill College Tour on Thursday, 16 August 2018.

From 9.30am – 11.30am, the morning provides a great opportunity see how the College inspires students to aspire to greatness. Explore our beautiful grounds and facilities at the College and meet the Principal, Brother



Parish Youth Group Junior Credo: EDGE

- for children in Yrs 4-6

Fortnightly on Fridays - 5pm-6pm (school terms only) at

St Patrick's Cathedral Cloister Hall.

Email Mindy for more info: credo@stpatscathedral.com.au

Junior Credo Edge is a Parish based Ministry run by

St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta



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Our **VISION** is to be a child centred faith community within an innovative, interactive learning environment.

Our **MISSION** is to –

Live out the Gospel Values in a visibly Catholic tradition

Nurture students for Christian Leadership

Create a range of learning experiences which allow children to progress at their own level

Assist our students to develop into independent thinkers with a deep sense of responsibility and justice

Lead each individual towards reaching his/her potential

Generate a sense of community and compassion in which all Experience belonging.

Opportunity for all

MASS TIMETABLE FOR ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL PARRAMATTA

Weekend Masses

Saturday	8.00am, 6.00pm (Vigil)
Sunday	8.00am, 9.30am (Family) 11.00am (Solemn), 6.00pm

Weekday Masses

Mon to Fri	6.30am, 12.30pm
Public Hol	8.00am

Pastoral Team

- Bishop of Parramatta Most Rev. Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM CONV**
- Very Rev Fr Robert Bossini
 - Fr Michael Gitau
 - Rev Deacon Willy Limjap
 - Margaret Gale (Sacramental Coord)
 - Milli Lee (Parish Admin Asst)
 - Patricia Preca (Parish Secretary)
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