

Term 1:
3 March 2023

What's Happening at RPS

Rutherglen Primary School
Newsletter



DATES TO REMEMBER:

Mon 13th March
Labour Day Public
Holiday - NO SCHOOL

Tuesday 14th March
School Council Meeting

Monday 27th March
Curriculum Day

Wednesday 29th March
Rotary dinner catering

Student arrival
time at school

8:40am onwards

-staff

supervision starts

Morning bell is
at 9am.

As we finish off another week of Term 1, we are delighted to have our Foundation students at school full-time and congratulate them on the amazing job they are doing, though we are sure that a bit of tiredness will creep in as the term progresses. As we move into Week 6, we look forward to all that is happening across the second half of the term. Please keep abreast of events etc. via the weekly Bulletin, Compass posts and newsletter.

Staff are preparing for our Term 1 parent/teacher conferences on the 27th March, which we strongly encourage all families to attend. This is an opportunity to celebrate the progress and achievements of each student so far, share and establish goals around well-being, behaviour and learning for the rest of the semester and for families to share information about their child with the teacher to help support a successful year and a strong partnership between home and school. Conference bookings will open this Thursday coming and a Compass message will be sent out letting you know when these are open. We encourage families who are able to attend during the day or have flexible work arrangements to book the earlier sessions to enable parents/carers who work later hours to attend in the later timeslots.

Swimming Success!

Congratulations to Emily and Max Chandler on their success at the Regional Swimming Meet in Shepparton. Both Emily and Max made it through to the State Swimming Championships in Melbourne where we wish them all the very best.



As a whole school community we offer our thoughts and love to our Year 1-2 teacher Jo Moore and her family following the sudden passing of their young daughter Chloe. Jo will be away for a period of time as they come together as a family to support and care for each other in private.

Every day
COUNTS!



School success starts
with attendance

Regards, Karryn

WHO'S IN THE HOUSE?



Each fortnight we are celebrating at Assembly & in the Newsletter the number of full houses* each class has achieved over 10 days of learning.



EVERY DAY COUNTS

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PRIMARY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

SCHOOL IS BETTER WHEN YOUR CHILD IS THERE

Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates.

It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

Why Attendance Matters - when your child misses school the miss opportunities to ...



Learn



Make Friends



Develop Life Skills

20 or more absent days students in 2022 (%) ⓘ

For students in **Prep - 6**

41%

Your school

44%

Similar schools

44%

Network

44%

State

All schools in our Indigo/Wodonga Network have improved attendance as a goal in 2023



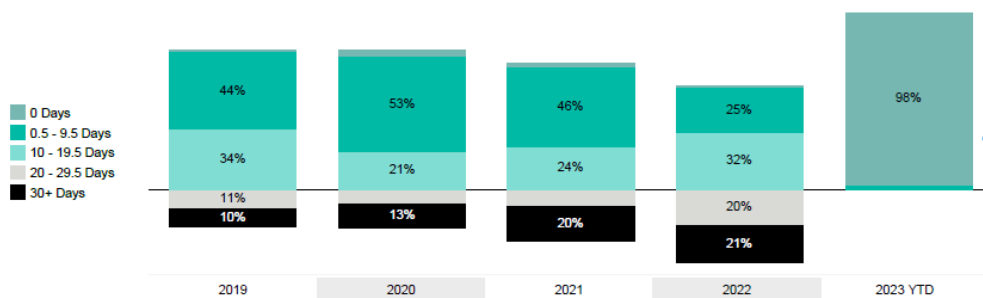
Absent day breakdown (5 years) ⓘ

For students in **Prep - 6**

Year level
All

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For students in **Prep - 6**



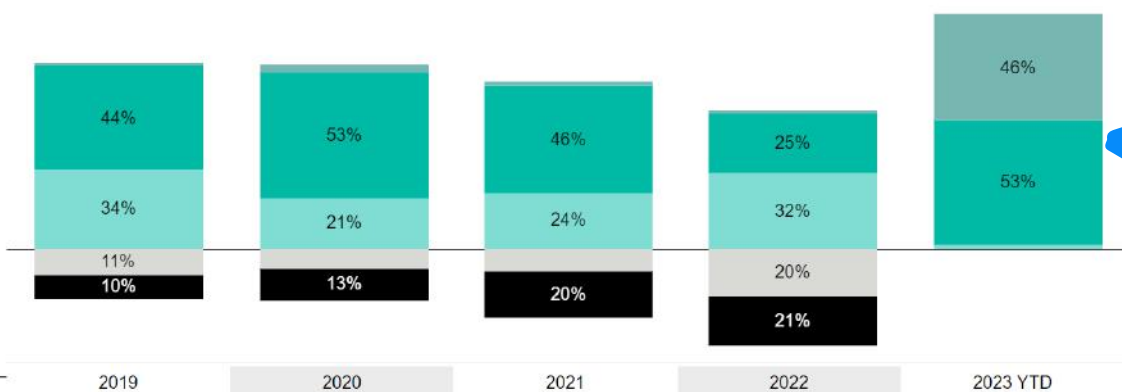
From our newsletter 2 weeks ago



Absent day breakdown (5 years) ⓘ

For students in **Prep - 6**

0 Days
0.5 - 9.5 Days
10 - 19.5 Days
20 - 29.5 Days
30+ Days



Two weeks later



Respect

Responsibility

Integrity

Empathy

RPS Values Awards acknowledges students who display our school values and expectations by the choices they make in their daily actions

Week 4 & 5

Foundation

Mabel Congdon - always demonstrating your respectful listening skills in the classroom and contributing thoughtfully to class discussions. Well done Mabel!

Jensen Gemelli - showing empathy towards your classroom peers. Thank you for helping and supporting us to begin our day Jensen! Great work!

Year 1-2

Xavier Giannone - being a focused and hard working learner. You are always willing to have a go and give your best effort to anything you try. Well done Xav!

Clementine Duncan - being a responsible learner. Clem, you listen to feedback about how you can improve and always try to keep growing as a learner. Well done!

Sylvia Keaveney - trying really hard with your writing and not giving up easily when it's a bit challenging. Well done Sylvia, keep up the great learning!

Rory Campbell - your fantastic effort with your home reading. You are showing great responsibility as a learner to improve your reading.

Ella Donaldson - showing empathy by playing with younger children and helping them when they're not sure what to do. We all appreciate your kind heart and friendliness.

Flynn Baskett - showing empathy and respect by helping others when they need a friend. Thanks for being so fun, caring, genuine and playful in our class community.

Year 3-4

Will Donaldson - showing Integrity by keeping on task, making sure you're doing the right thing and ignoring distractions when you're supposed to be working. Keep it up, Will!

Tyler Collis - consistently showing Integrity to make Wise Owl choices by being on task every time and not getting distracted. Well done Tyler!

Will Lindsay - always being a responsible learner both in the classroom and playground; always organised and ready to learn in a timely manner. Keep up the great work Will.

Emily Chandler - always being a responsible learner both in the classroom and playground; great work continuing to look after our equipment. Keep up the great work Emily.

Year 5-6

Chelsea Sutton - consistently showing our school values, and your completing work to an outstanding level. Well done, Chelsea! Your writing piece shows how hard you have been working to achieve your best.

Max Knowles - stepping up your efforts in completing your work. It is also fabulous to see you contributing more and more in our discussions.

James Donaldson - being a respectful and responsible classroom learner. You set a fantastic example for everyone around you, well done James!

Blair Livingston-Laing - managing your emotions and frustration when times get tough, and being able to bounce back with a positive attitude. Keep it up Blair!

Max Chandler - ploughing through your learning tasks in a positive and dedicated manner. Max you should be admired for your ability to avoid any distractions and your determination to be successful. Well done Max!

Sienna While-Smith - for transitioning into RPS and adapting so well into our classroom routines and school expectations. Well done Sienna for always staying on task and trying so hard in all areas of learning. You are a supportive member of our class!

ART & STEM

Logan Saunders - improving your effort in STEM and ART by consistently modelling our school values. Well done, keep up the great learning, Logan!

Lachie Hawkey - continuing to use your learning time wisely to complete your research about Biomes in STEM. Congratulations, keep up the great learning, Lachie.

SWPBS

Positive Behaviour in the Playground



- Keeping body parts to ourselves
- Returning equipment
- Being sun smart

Hunter Mills, Phoenix Schilg, Taylor Hurley, Will Torney
-returning equipment

- Valuing our equipment and the environment
- Keeping our school clean
- Speaking politely
- Listening to others

Elijah Daye, Olli Lehman - playing nicely with the chess set
Orin Foot, Charlie Ramadge - playing nicely with others
Madame Geard - for playing with us at recess from Rio and friends

- Playing in the correct spaces
- Playing fairly
- Being an upstander

Jedd Prescott, Flick Watson - playing fairly and taking care of his friends
Darcy Miller, Sylvia Keaveney, Xavier Rasmussen - playing in the correct spaces
Jack Frampton, Matilda Brown - playing fairly

- Being inclusive
- Taking care of others

Noah Waite, Dalton Yeats -taking care of others
Erica Harder, Sylvia Keaveney, Rory O'Malley, - including others

Pride of
RPS...

Sienna While-Smith



2023 CALENDAR

TERM 1

Fri 10th March - Year 5-6 lawn Bowls Comp @ R'Glen

Mon 13th March - Labour Day Public Holiday - NO SCHOOL

Tues 14th March - School Council Meeting 6:30pm

Tues 21st March - Harmony/NO Bullying Day - wear something ORANGE

Mon 27th March - Curriculum Day + Parent Teacher Conferences 12pm - 6pm

Thurs 6th April - Last day of Term 1 - 2:30pm finish

TERM 2

Mon 24th April - Term 2 starts

Tues 25th April - ANZAC Day - march and service

Wed 3rd May - Cross Country

Fri 12th May - Athletics Day

Thurs 25th May - School Photos

Mon 5th June - Year 1-2 - The Twits @ Wang Performing Arts Centre

Mon 5th - Thurs 8th June - Year 3-4 Camp 15MCC

Fri 23rd June - Last day of Term 2 - 2:30pm finish

TERM 3 - 2023

Mon 10th July - Term 3 starts

Fri 15th Sept - Last day of Term 3 - 2:30pm finish

TERM 4 - 2023

Mon 2nd Oct - Term 4 starts

Mon 6th Nov - Curriculum Day

Tues 7th Nov - Melbourne Cup public holiday

Sat 11th Nov - Remembrance Day service

Wed 12th Dec - Year 6 Graduation

Thurs 13th Dec - Year 5 Windsurfing

Fri 14th Dec - Year 6 Windsurfing

Mon 18th Dec - Presentation Assembly

Tues 19th Dec - Whole School Pool Fun Day

Wed 20th Dec - Last day of Term 4 - 1:00pm finish



New or amended dates

WE'RE NOT JUST WRITERS AT RPS, WE ARE...

AUTHORS

One of our school-wide goals this year to improve student writing.
Since the start of the year we have ...

Established our Writing Community and set up the Writer's Workshop

How to take BIG ideas and narrow them down to the most important things - like taking a photo of one moment and helping the reader see it too

Looked at what makes good writing and what great writers do

The WOW of writing can be achieved in smaller, more powerful pieces

Revisited or learnt about the 6 + 1 Traits of writing

Learnt that great writing is not about writing pages and pages, that don't engage the reader

Revisited or learnt that writing is process

Discovered that great writing comes from things that matter to us, that is from our heart, that sparks our interest, that we know a lot about

We use the **6 + 1 Traits of writing** - these are the elements that makes **good quality writing**. The +1 is publishing

6 + 1 Writing Traits Poster Set



On the next pages you will see some of the things we have been doing school-wide with our writing.

The 3-4s work shows how they took a big idea or topic and using the **funnelling technique** narrowed it down to one moment - one snapshot to then write in detail in the drafting phase before revising. This is part of the **writing process**.

All classes F-6 did the playdough activity which helps students understand that **writing is a process** - as writers we come up with an idea, we narrow it, we draft (write) it, we get feedback and review it to revise (by making changes, by adding, by taking away) - 5-6's drafts show this process well. We then might draft more and revise again before we move on to other parts of the process. These student's writing pieces show that idea that powerful and engaging writer does not always mean pages and pages of waffle that loses or bores the reader.

5-6 WRITING

Drafting

Mel & Andrews 80's party
 I Look out the car windows, partica
 acellerater in one hand and
 the other on the car handle,
 Ready to go. All I see are a
 bunch of misfit 80's characters.

~~As we walk down the path,~~
 I see a man, in a purple suit
 and Green wig, its the joker, he
 shakes my hand and I relize
 I know this guy, it Andrews!
 I see ~~Travis~~ ^{Someone} in a fitness suit
 and lots of other people that I
 couldn't reconize were there,
 but they didn't look normal at all!

This whole party is a giant
 Colourful 80's Game of Guess who?

I look out the car window, particle
 accelerator in one hand. All I see are a
 bunch of misfit 80s characters. I see a
 man in a purple suit and green wig, it's
 The Joker. I see someone in a fitness
 suit, and lots of other people that I
 couldn't recognise were there, but they
 didn't look normal at all!

This whole party is a giant, colourful
 80s game of Guess Who.

By Flick Watson

Revising

Publishing

I dived down the slide feeling
 the cold water rushing past
 my face. I felt amazing, I was
 enjoying myself until I
 reached the end. Boom!

Crash! Some annoying kid
 was standing at the exit and I
 bowled head first into his
 legs. Next thing you know, in
 came the waterworks. He had
 really hard legs.

By Max Palmer

Annoying Kid water!
 I dived down the slide Felling
 the cold water rushing
 Pass my Face I Felt like it
 was going to take an hour
 I Felt amazing it was enjoying
 myself ~~when~~ I reached the end
 boom crash some Annoying
 kid was standing at the exit
 and I bowled head first into
 his legs. Next thing you know
 in came the waterworks
 he had really hard legs

Draft about dog narla/My Angle, and teddy
 If my Dog narla comes inside and my
 door is wide open stuff goes wild.
 My little Angle Has a big mouth so if
 she sees A BIG teddy she grabs
 it and runs off with it. I always go
 and steal it back But she grows bigger
 and then runs away with my teddys
 She thinks its a game until i find
 every single teddy is on the couch
 or on the floor she watches me as
 i clean it up. As i finish she looks
 At me and i look at her she
 gives me the puppy eyes, and when
 she dose that she wants something
 so i Be nice and give her a
 new teddy to destroy while she
 throws it around.

If my dog Narla comes inside and my door
 is wide open, stuff goes wild. My little
 angel has a big mouth so if she sees a BIG
 teddy she grabs it and runs off with it. I
 always go and steal it back but she
 growls, bites me, then runs away with my
 teddys. She thinks it's a game until I find
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 her. She gives me the puppy eyes, and
 when she does that she wants something.
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By Savannah Barnes

The Rollercoaster of Death By Will Torney

Mrs Bayley (our teacher) decided that we should watch a video of a rollercoaster on YouTube to help us with our writing. I thought it was going to just be a regular, fun ride but I really didn't know what was coming! We put the blinds down, laid down on our backs on the floor and got ready to enjoy the ride.

As the ride started, everyone was nice and calm but as we got higher and higher I started to get anxious. As we got to the very top I felt sick, uncomfortable, unsafe and I did not feel calm or happy.

As we got to the end of the ride I felt so relieved because I was finally out of that torturous experience.

Netball By Chelsea Sutton

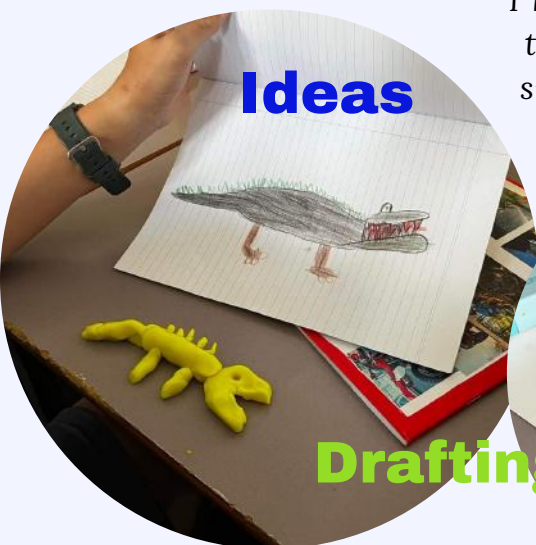
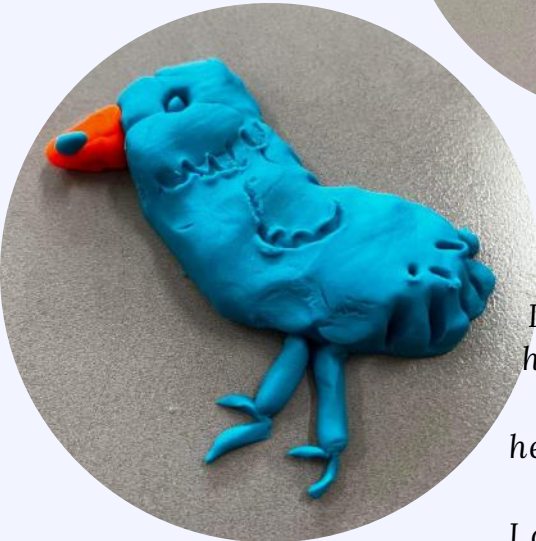
I hear the loud whistle going off. My heart is beating really fast to receive the ball. When I do receive it, all I hear is people screaming out my name "CHELSEA! CHELSEA! CHELSEA!"

I don't know who to release the ball to. I remember I have 3 seconds to release the ball and instinctively I pass then sprint like a cheetah to the goal ring, to get ready to drive.



CRU v Magpies By Max Knowles

It was the third quarter and I was exhausted! With 45 seconds left in the game, the Magpies brute was winding up for a shot. I went in for a tackle and somehow I tripped him. He started swearing and got red-carded! Thankfully it wasn't me.



CONGRATULATIONS!

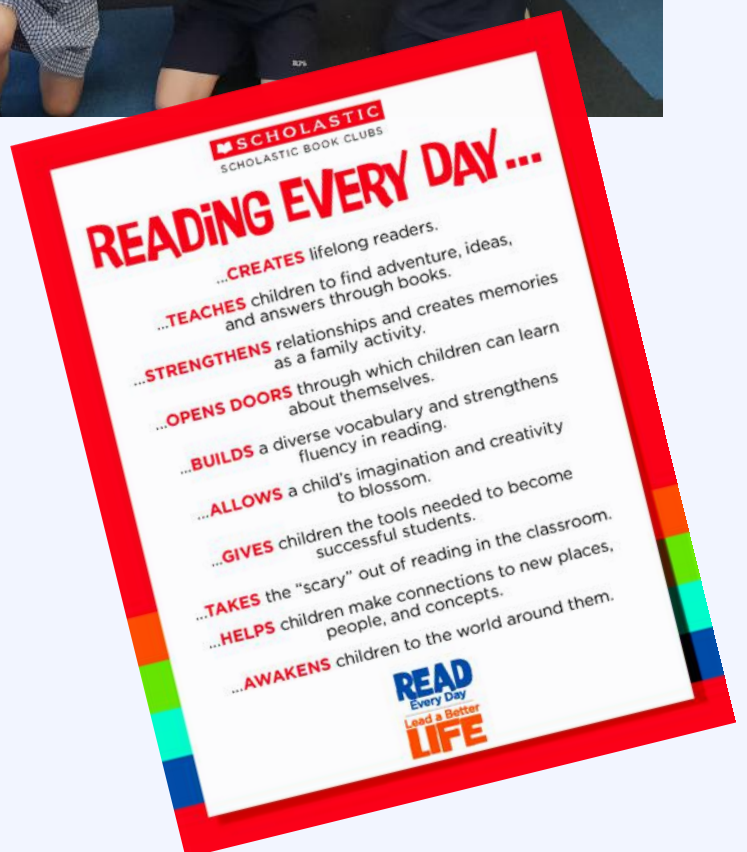
Year 1-2s
on reaching **25**
nights of home
reading.



Elke Milhinch, Verity Cooper, Tiahn Heard, Will Spence, Matilda Brown, Logan Saunders, Charlie Chappell, Nikaela McInnes, Ruby Rasmussen, Xavier Giannone, Orin Foot



Evie Marsh, Demi Joyce, Georgia Wilkinson, Ella Donaldson, Charlie Ramadge, Hunter McIntyre, Scarlett Milvain, Sylvia Keaveney



STEM



STEM F-2

The students have been very excited learning about life cycles of insects and they started with a butterfly using pasta to represent the different stages.

3-4's have been learning about animal features and their function. One of the tasks was to sort plastic animals into the different ways they move, such as fly, hop, walk and swim.

5-6's continued investigating Biomes, and more specifically simulating how the amount of water and light affect plant growth. They planted grass and will monitor its growth over 4 weeks under varying conditions.



ART

All students have been learning how to activate and use watercolours. Year 3-6 also experimented with 4 different techniques to create special affects using watercolours.

While F-2 were exploring using watercolours.

Smile Squad is coming to this school

Dear families,

The Smile Squad team from Albury Wodonga Health are coming to our school soon.

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program.

This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services.

Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

OR use the below QR code:



Please complete and submit the consent form by 17th of March 2023.

The Albury Wodonga Health Smile Squad look forward to seeing you soon.

Kind regards,
Smile Squad

WINNERS



Congratulations to the Summer Poster Competition winners, whose art work will be on display at Gelatina from next week:

5/6 unit

Winner - Cody Kleinert
runner-up: Ellie Pertzelt

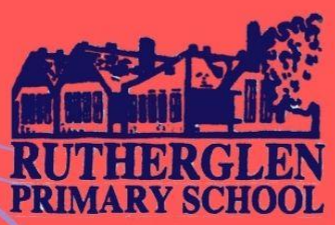
3/4 unit

Winner - Amelia Colvin
runners-up: Violet Pfeiffer & Blair Prescott

1/2 unit

Winner - Elke Milhinch
runner-up: Nikaela McInnes
Foundation

Winner - Harry Briggs
runner-up: Freddie Densten



de Will Lindsay 3/4Z



de Isabelle Claessens 5/6M



de Logan Hurley 5/6G



GALLERIE D'ART

Celebrating students who entered into the Summer Poster competition.

de Jake Pivita-Hogan 5/6M



de Flick Watson 5/6G



Community News

RUTHERGLEN KYOKUSHIN

KARATE CLASSES

ALL AGES WELCOME
FUN. FITNESS. DISCIPLINE

FIRST TWO CLASSES FREE

SATURDAY MORNINGS 9AM
MASONIC LODGE HALL
154 HIGH STREET

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RUTHERGLEN KYOKUSHIN KARATE

Could \$500 help with next year's back to school costs?

Learn tips and tricks to grow your budget and saving skills. Save for 10 months. Get up to \$500 of matched savings for school expenses. Just in time for 2024.

Must meet all eligibility criteria:



- Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment*
- Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
- Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible



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lake hume Cycle Challenge

Sunday 12th March 2023

enter now

Pick a ride that suits you:

- 80km/988m Bethanga Beast
- 65km/870m Sandy Creek Loop
- 40km Tallangatta Trail Tour
- 15km Klewa River Family Ride

FREE post-ride sausage sizzle and soft drink.

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