



*Excelling as a creative, innovative, can do community*

# Paeroa College Comment 22 November 2019

Paeroa College Dux for 2019 – Ruby Hodgson



## Coming Events

26 November  
Year 10 Parent Evening

27 November  
Year 8 Enrolled Students Day

2-5 December  
Year 9 Camp

4<sup>th</sup> December  
Rūmaki Parent Evening 5.30pm

12-15 December  
NZ Secondary School  
Touch Rugby

12 December  
Junior Prizegiving – Midday

12 December  
Last day for Year 9 & 10

13 December  
Last day for Year 11, 12 & 13

# Principal's Comment

Tēnā koutou katoa,

This has been an outstanding year for Paeroa College. Our moto “Excellence in Everything” underpins the ethos and philosophy of the school as we continue to strive to be exceptional in everything we do. The 2019 Senior Prize-giving was heartfelt and authentic and a significant highlight of my first year here with you. The hall was standing room only as we welcomed all of our invited and special guests, including our newly elected Mayor, Mr Toby Adams and Deputy Mayor, Mr Paul Milner. It was wonderful to have our Board of Trustees members, parents and caregivers, extended whānau ...and most importantly, our students...our taonga... all keen to celebrate the impressive achievements of our Senior students. It was an outstanding opportunity to honour the grit and determination of our young men and women and to acknowledge the effort, commitment and perseverance they have invested to make these achievements possible. For me, the real highlight was bearing witness to the support and care that our students demonstrated for one another. They were genuinely stoked as each award was presented to its deserving recipient.

I am delighted to report that we have successfully upheld the exceptional student outcomes the college is known for. The Ministry of Education emphasises success at NCEA Level 2 as the goal for every student in New Zealand. I am pleased to report that absolutely all of our year 12 students have earned their NCEA level 2 qualification and a substantial number have earned Merit, Excellence or Vocational Pathway endorsements. I am confident that in January, I will be able to report similar successes for our year 11 and 13 students. In addition to our academic success, we have retained a huge majority of our Year 13 students through their entire educational journey and they leave us with a clear pathway into work, further training or tertiary education. We have had a huge year for tertiary scholarships with over 40K awarded to our departing students, to date.

We have been unashamed in our dedication to provide our Māori students with additional opportunities to feel proud and confident in their heritage and to enrich our entire school community. The revitalisation of our Kapa Haka group, the deliberate focus on growing exemplary young men through our Te Ara Tapu a Tāne group and the initiation and planning to make a seamless rūmaki pathway available to our year 9 and 10 students are just some of the ways in which we continue to strive for the best possible outcomes for all our rangatahi.

As the school year comes to an end, we are beginning to look towards a fresh page which will be 2020. We intend to be relentless in our focus on continual improvement. Our community deserves this; our students deserve nothing less. After extensive consultation, 2020 will see a substantive revamping of our year 9 and 10 curriculum with an intentional focus on academic excellence, specialised teaching, high expectations and equity. We are excited to roll-out a revised curriculum that will see our junior students learning from subject specialists in both open-plan “modern” learning environments and more traditional classrooms. Our new junior curriculum has been designed to even more effectively prepare our students for the rigours

of NCEA. Please feel welcome to get in touch if you would like more information about our plans.

We have also extended our student leadership structure to include Prefects and 2 additional Head Student roles, as well as our traditional House Leaders. We have done this to expand the opportunities for our young people to grow and develop their leadership skills. Our students are outstanding and it is through practice and refinement that they will become their own best selves.

As I said to our students, the finish line is in sight. Hold your head high and finish well.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Amy Hacker  
Tumuaki/Principal

## Te Ara Tapu a Tāne

Earlier this term we had the privilege of taking the Te Ara Tapu a Tāne boys to Christchurch. We left early Wednesday morning for Auckland and had a smooth run despite the crawling traffic. This was the first time for many of the boys in an airport, on a plane and visiting the South Island. After some initial security concerns around a rouge pair of scissors we boarded our flight and experienced a bumpy flight into Christchurch.

First stop after collecting the hire vans and having lunch was Rangiora New Life School. JB Rawls who taught PE at Paeroa College a few years ago is a member of staff at the school and organised our group to be billeted with boys from his school. We attended a powhiri and the boys spent time playing basketball, volleyball and lifting weights with their new brothers.

The boys spent two nights staying at their houses and enjoyed some new experiences. There were jet boat rides, unlimited wifi, Xbox, PlayStation, building go karts and a light festival.

We walked around Christchurch city centre on the second day and saw some of the damage from the Earthquake including the Cathedral. It was crazy to see the damage still present so long after the quake. Brighton Pier was another visit, where we walked the pier and enjoyed the beautiful view out to the ocean on a stunning day.

Where ever we went, we gained lots of attention and people would come up to ask who we were, where we were from and the purpose of our group. It was amazing to experience so much positive interest. I think they thought we were the young All Blacks especially with "SBW" leading the group.

We owe a massive thank you to Paeroa Rotary Club for their sponsorship of our trip and without their financial support we wouldn't have been able to provide the group with such an amazing experience.

Miah Williams and Tina Youngman





## Communicating with Us

The home-school partnership is key to your child's success at College. We pride ourselves on having an open and welcoming school wherein parents and whānau are encouraged to communicate in partnership with us. If there is something you would like to touch base on, there is no need to wait for HSP days. These formal interviews are the minimum meeting requirements. We welcome regular contact from you.

**If you would like to send a compliment** - please make contact with your child's teacher/ staff member. Compliments are gratefully received and go a long way toward building good relationships.

During the course of your child's time at College, it is possible that a concern may arise for you. If this does happen, we encourage you to communicate with us sooner rather than later so that we can work together pro-actively to support your child.

If your **concern is about your child's pastoral needs or wellbeing** - your first contact should be your child's year level Learning Leader who will work with you to support your child. They will also brief the relevant Deputy Principal who will ensure your child can access any relevant pastoral or medical services. The Principal will be notified if the issue involves significant wellbeing concerns.

If your **concern is about your child's teaching and learning**- your first contact should be your child's subject teacher. If this does not resolve the issue, or the issue is not confined to a single subject, please contact the year level Learning Leader who will work constructively to resolve the concern. They will also brief the relevant Deputy Principal. The Principal will become involved in those rare instances when the issue is not resolved to your satisfaction at this level.

## Rumaki at Paeroa College

Tēnā hoki tātou katoa

Rumaki: *To immerse ones self in a particular subject or area*

Next year Paeroa College will be establishing a rūmaki classroom within the domains of Paeroa College. This is a big step forward for the College as we look to engage with those of our students who want to be immersed within a Māori setting of learning.

The rūmaki will be open to all Yr 9 and 10 Students who wish to experience a learning environment based within Te Ao Māori. Being able to learn in a Māori environment has been a desire by many of our community and is seen as a way to ensure that the language, culture and identity of students is enriched and enhanced by adopting Māori based learnings and teachings.

We look forward to this exciting journey and engaging with our community as we begin to plan the implementation of rūmaki here at Paeroa College in 2020. If you would like more information or to express interest in your child being included in the 2020 rūmaki, please contact Deb Berry on email [deb@paeroacollege.school.nz](mailto:deb@paeroacollege.school.nz) or

Tūrou Hawaki! *(May the force be with you)*

## Senior Prizegiving

Senior Prizegiving was held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November and was a great occasion celebrating the success of our senior students.

Year 11	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nelson Thorne
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Naomi Smith
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Case Baxter

Year 12	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Breanna Doran
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kasey Bennett
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Amia Tissingh

Year 13	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Olivia Dustow
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	DUX	Ruby Hodgson





# Kapa Haka Hauraki Festival



After more than 20yrs in hiatus, Paeroa College finally returned to the stage, at the 46th Hauraki Cultural Festival which was held at Tirohia marae. In front of a packed house with standing room only, Paeroa Kapa Haka not only wooed the crowd, but they also filled the souls of many parents, community and kaumatua with joy as everyone was able to witness their own tamariki, mokopuna and descendants grasping and embracing Kapa Haka and excelling in the traditions of their ancestors.

Many thanks must go to those involved who showed great commitment and dedication in achieving this. Whilst others were on holiday, the Kapa Haka rōpū (group) sacrificed their own holiday, to train and prepare for the upcoming competition. Four months of solid commitment paid off as a well polished performance was achieved. None of this could have happened without the dedication of the four Tutors and the many parents and helpers who worked tirelessly in the background. Many late nights of perfecting their bracket as well as very early starts just to ensure the Mana of the kapa was upheld.

Placing 2nd in the Hauraki section and 3rd overall, was a fantastic achievement for a group returning after such a long period of rest. A big mihi to Daniel Te Moananui who took out Kaitataki Tāne (male leader). An achievement that would have had his Nan smiling from above. Not only was this a sense of satisfaction and pride felt by all, but it was also a great day for the College, as we once again witnessed our tamariki perform to a very high level and standard. We are excited for what the future brings and excited to achieve even greater heights as we watch our tamariki bask in the practices of our tupuna (ancestors). To all involved in achieving success....Tūrou Hawaiki!



## Senior Art

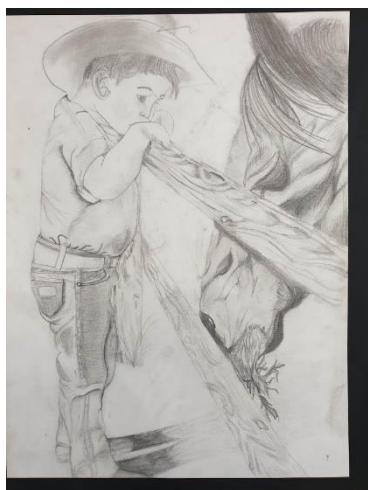
These students have used drawing methods to apply knowledge of conventions appropriate to painting. They have also developed ideas in a related series of drawings appropriate to established painting practice. Artworks displayed are 2 Visual Art achievement standards combined and worth 8 credits at level 2.

### Hollie Wilson Year 11



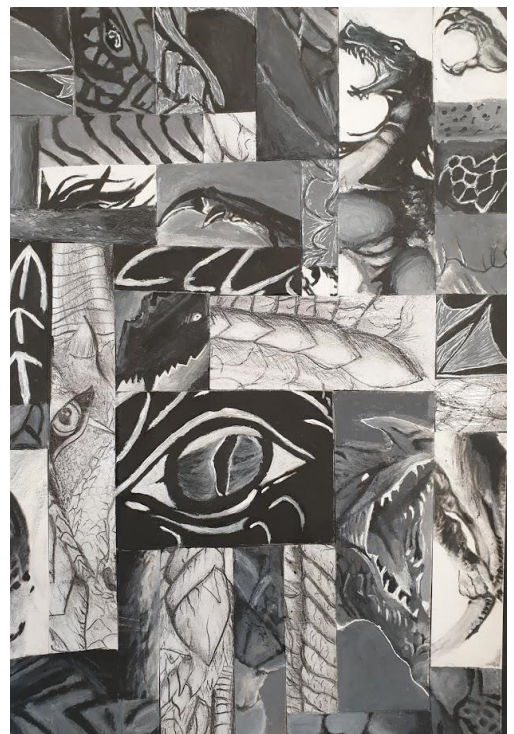
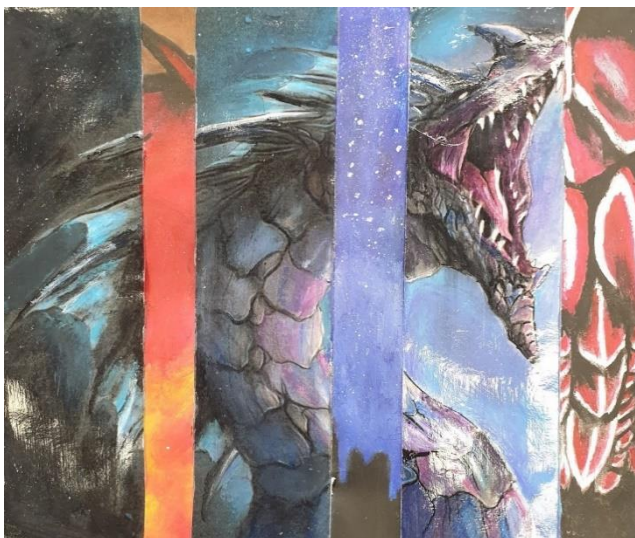
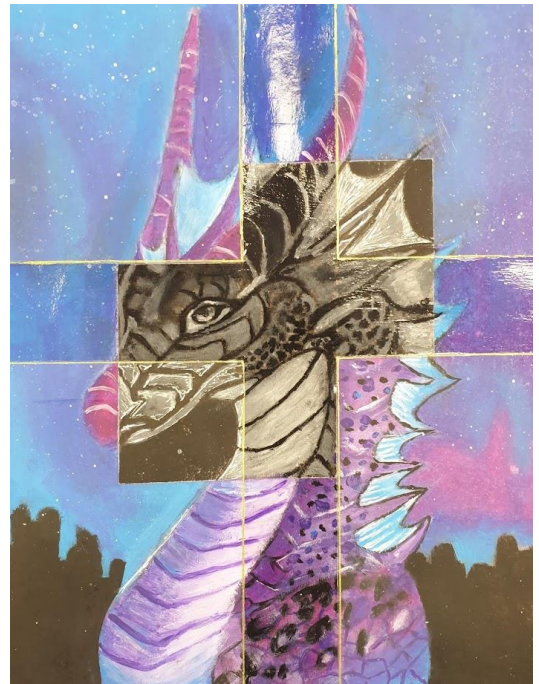


## Selwyn Taiawa-Tukerangi Year 11





Vincent Lucero Year 11





# YEAR 10 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

**DATE:** Tuesday 26th November

**TIME:** 6.00pm

**LOCATION:** Paeroa College Library

## EVENING AGENDA:

- Give an introduction to NCEA qualifications.
- Explain the timetable structure at Year 11.
- Outline the subjects available to Year 11 students in 2020.
- Opportunity to ask questions you may have to do with Senior School.

Contact Details: [tinay@paeroacollege.school.nz](mailto:tinay@paeroacollege.school.nz)

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# Year 9 Work Day

On Friday 15th our year 9 students embarked on a day's work in the 'real' workforce. We had students partake in all sorts of activities and all those that participated had a great day. The skills they were able to learn ranged from digger driving, to packing sausages. We want to say a huge thanks to all of our community who opened up their work places to our students and appreciate the extra effort it would have taken. We definitely can't offer this sort of opportunity without you and we truly are grateful and we hope you enjoyed our people as much as we do.



# Student / Parent / Caregiver Information

## Student Services

Parents / Caregivers please note the number to text to advise the school your child is absent is **021 157 4615 - This is for TEXT only**

## To All Parents and Students

Please be reminded, when your child has an appointment or is leaving school for specific reasons, could you please contact the student centre to advise them of this, or send a note or copy of any appointment to school with the student. When a student is leaving school, the person collecting the student **must** come to the student centre to sign the student out unless prior arrangements have been made.

It is **only** Year 13 students that have the privilege of leaving the school grounds at lunch time. Year 13 students **MUST** still sign out if leaving the school grounds.

### Medical Information



The Doctor will be here on Wednesdays from 9.00am – 11.00am. If you require an appointment, please see Ms Berry at Student Services

Our school nurse Margie Goldsworthy will be here Tuesday – Thursday 9.00am -3.15pm.

## School Fees

Just a reminder that ALL fees need to be paid if you have not already done so. To keep on top of your school account, the school has an AP system where you can set up an automatic payment into your child's account. This can be as much or as little as you would like. Please note: Some of these fees are payable within certain time frames.

The account number is: Payable to Paeroa College BOT

Account 03 1572 0004693 00

Particular – please make sure you have the student's name in this part.

Code – the student's school number – this can be given to you by contacting the school.

## School Yearbook

We are hard at work putting together our Paeroa College Yearbook. This magazine comes out in Term 4 and is an important way to remember the good times and achievements of the year. As a courtesy, the cost of the yearbook (\$30.00) has been placed onto your school account. Please contact Debbie Gould, Executive Officer, if you do NOT wish to order a Yearbook for 2019. This cost will be automatically paid if your account is in credit.

## Important Contact Details

### **Senior Leadership Team**

Principal – Amy Hacker	<a href="mailto:amyh@paeroacollege.school.nz">amyh@paeroacollege.school.nz</a>
Deputy Principal – Andrew Cameron	<a href="mailto:andrewc@paeroacollege.school.nz">andrewc@paeroacollege.school.nz</a>
Deputy Principal – Miah Williams	<a href="mailto:miahw@paeroacollege.school.nz">miahw@paeroacollege.school.nz</a>
Deputy Principal – Tina Youngman	<a href="mailto:tinay@paeroacollege.school.nz">tinay@paeroacollege.school.nz</a>

### **Learning Leaders**

Year 9 – Corrie Anderson	<a href="mailto:corriea@paeroacollege.school.nz">corriea@paeroacollege.school.nz</a>
Year 10 – Letitia Voss	<a href="mailto:letitiav@paeroacollege.school.nz">letitiav@paeroacollege.school.nz</a>
Year 11 – Denise Grimmer	<a href="mailto:deniseg@paeroacollege.school.nz">deniseg@paeroacollege.school.nz</a>
Year 12 – Karen McLean	<a href="mailto:karenm@paeroacollege.school.nz">karenm@paeroacollege.school.nz</a>
Year 13 – Bianca Till	<a href="mailto:biancat@paeroacollege.school.nz">biancat@paeroacollege.school.nz</a>

Absences – extn 201 or dial 1 at the prompt or TEXT 021 157 4615

Accounts / Executive Officer – Debbie Gould [debbieg@paeroacollege.school.nz](mailto:debbieg@paeroacollege.school.nz)

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Learning support &

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# Community Notices

## Unwanted Bras

Ladies don't send those unwanted bras to the landfill – send them to paradise.

Paeroa College is now a drop off point for your unwanted bras. The Uplift Project set up by Liz Baker in 2005 sees her collating unwanted bras and sending them to the ladies in Fiji.

Many women in the Pacific Islands often live without a bra. A new one is usually beyond the reach of most women, when their priority is to feed and educate the family.

Please drop them into the front office at Paeroa College.

## Summer Holiday Work Available



**BLUEBERRY COUNTRY LTD**

229 Central Road South, RD6, Ngatea, NZ

Phone 07 862 7552

## **SEASONAL VACANCIES FOR CAFÉ & FIELD STAFF.**

100 acre Blueberry Orchard is located on Central Road South, Ngatea.

Season for public commences late November 2019 and closes to the public early March 2020.

Orchard is open to the public 7 days, 8am to 6pm.

(Closed ONLY Christmas Day)

We are seeking applications for this season's café & field positions.

Successful applicants will be offered rostered days and hours.

**Student holiday rosters available.**

Position involves customer service, register operation, food preparation/handling and cleaning duties.

Cafe staff are responsible for registration and weighing of Pick your Own sales within the orchard.

Other routine field duties include parking control & orchard work.

Applicants must be available weekends and public holidays.

If you have an enthusiastic and cheerful personality, are well presented, reliable and enjoy being busy, we would like to speak with you.

Contact..

Vicki Quinn

Cafe Manager

Mobile.. 0211157981

email.. [colin.quinn@blueberry.co.nz](mailto:colin.quinn@blueberry.co.nz)

## Abide Leadership Training Weekend:

November 29th - December 1st

Our last leadership training weekend for 2019 is coming up shortly. Abide camps are for youth aged 13-18 and are for all youth not just those who lead at camp. We believe camp is one of the best places to learn and grow, so if that is your desire register today.

<https://www.kvcc.org.nz/page/leaders-camps/>

## Recycling Mobile Phones

As we are coming to the end of the school year, we'd like to remind schools with any unwanted/lost property phones that we are still collecting phones and would very much appreciate your support.

The Mobile Phone Appeal has raised well over three million dollars for the New Zealand Charities.

We have had a very successful year with Sustainable Coastlines our hardworking awesome charity.

With 69% of New Zealand's rivers deemed unsafe for swimming after rainfall due to contamination, this is important work that we hope you can support and promote through the collection of old and unwanted phones in your school.

To donate phones simply pack securely in a box or small jiffy bag.

At the bottom of this page is the freepost label you can use to send phones into us. Just print, tape or write the freepost address to the package and drop to any NZ Post Store free of charge.

Alternatively, you can courier the phones directly into our Auckland warehouse at the below address.

### Mobile Phone Recycling Appeal

Unit6/30 Fleet St

Eden Terrace

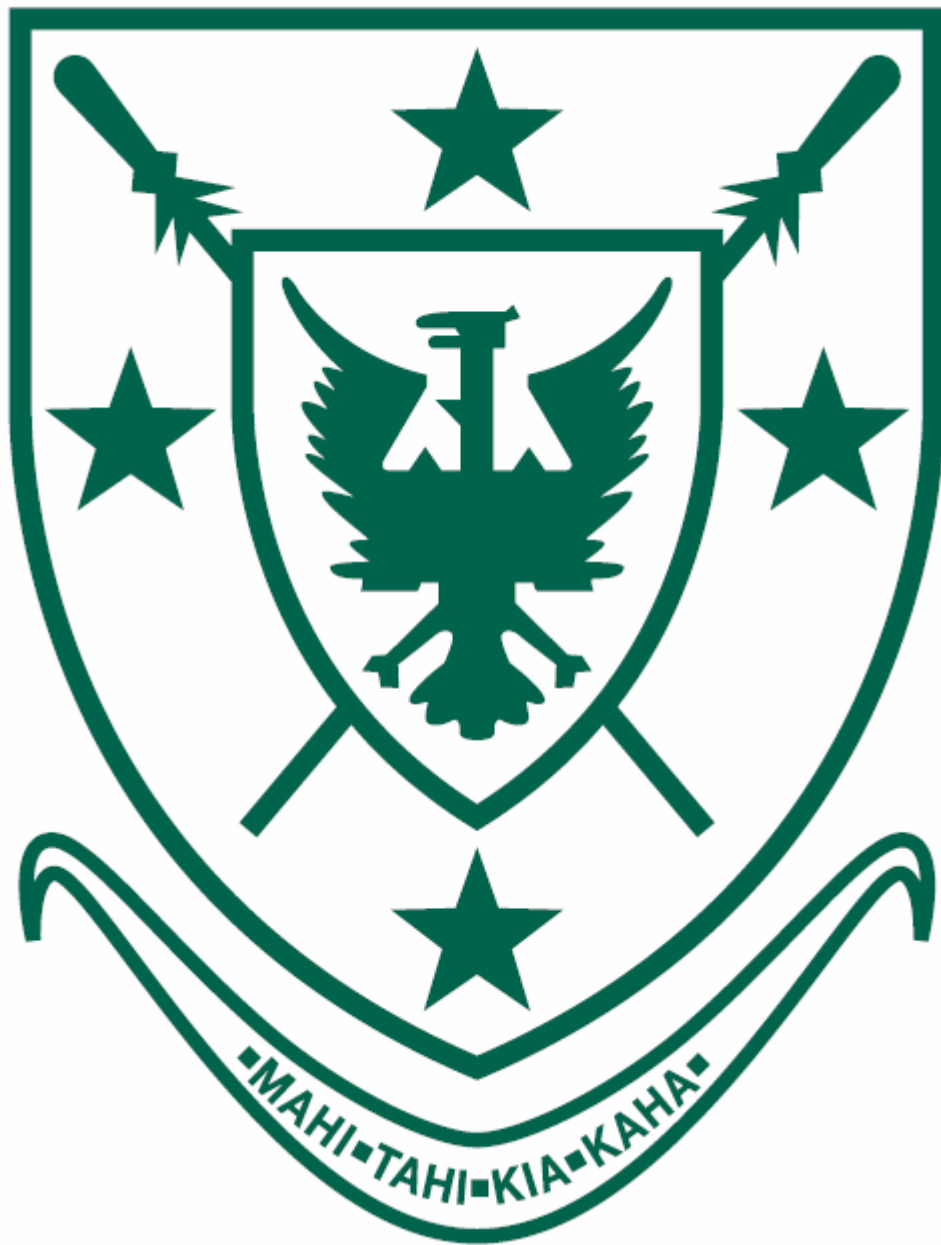
Auckland 1021

Mobile Phone Recycling Appeal

Private Bag 208004

Highbrook Manukau 2161

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