



# Berowra

## Public School

# The Crest

Wednesday 31st October, 2012  
Term 4 Week 4

Phone 9456 1319

website - <http://www.berowra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au>

### MaDD NIGHT

We are indeed fortunate at Berowra...our teachers and students are spectacular!

We were entertained by our outstanding children at the MaDD Night last week. These children are led by our band of equally talented teachers. Many thanks to Liz Sheldon, Kelly Lukic, Ruth Wynn, Amanda Gillard, Sue Blackman, Mike Gordon, Sue and Eric Thorvaldson. Many thanks to our teachers who braved the cold to supervise the children in the classrooms and in the hall. Also, thank you to Ben B and Dan H for compering the evening and Jordan S and Callum W who helped backstage. Of course, this night would not have happened if not for Liz Sheldon's exceptional organisation and passion. This night showcased our amazing students and the variety of programs and groups available to Berowra students.

### ASQUITH GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL BAND

After our entertaining night on Monday we were again able to hear our school band play on the next day with one of the Asquith Girls High School Bands. Our band students spent the morning with the AGHS band and both school band conductors. The concert was an absolute success and both bands were a joy to listen to. Many thanks to both Liz Sheldon and Amanda Gillard for organising this event and thanks also to the band parents for their support during the day.

### WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

Last Friday was World Teachers' Day. This day is an opportunity for us to recognise the good work of all teacher as they guide and inspire young people through their education. Our children's future is in the hands of our teachers who play a significant role in supporting and shaping their young lives as they move into adulthood.

We are extremely lucky/blessed at BPS to have amazing teachers. These teachers go 'above and beyond' every day. I am very proud to be associated with the dedicated and professional teaching staff here. Please take the time to thank a teacher and reflect on the positive effects they have had on your life and the lives of your children.

### PAYMENTS AND NOTES

Could all outstanding payments for textbooks, Athletics, excursions, sports etc be sent to the office as soon as possible. All schools have a 'financial roll over' in November and it helps if all finance is up to date.

All notes for December activities will go home (and be uploaded onto our website) on 28<sup>th</sup> November due to our financial end of year 'roll over'.

All families will be aware of money due around this time as these dates/funds were included in your child's Term 4 Letter.

### TWILIGHT/ CAROLS CONCERT 2012

The Twilight/Carols Concert has been in our year calendar this year but unfortunately due to too many activities this event will not be happening this year.



To help with our class planning for 2013, please indicate below if your child / children will not be returning to Berowra Public School next year, and return this slip to the office or class teacher as soon as possible.

Alternately, phone the school office on 9456 1319.

Student Name/s .....

2012 class : .....

Parents Name : .....

## **YEAR 7 SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS**

Offers for selective high school placements are determined mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test (SSPT) results and school assessment. The SSPT will be held on 14th March, 2013. If your child is currently in Year 5 and you wish to apply for selective high school placement in 2014, you need to apply soon, using one of the following options:

1. Apply on the internet and submit your application on-line. Instructions can be found at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement) **OR**
2. Complete and return the printed application form (available from the school office).

## **KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION PROGRAM**

The Kindergarten Orientation Program, Ready, Steady, Go, is drawing to a close and I sincerely thank teachers, buddies, parents and our new Kindergarten students for their successful contributions. The teachers and I have enjoyed meeting our 2013 students and never cease to be impressed by the confidence, joy and enthusiasm they all display. Next Thursday will be the final day of the program. Parents and 2013 students are invited to the school hall for our Kindergarten Orientation on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 9:30am.

## **PLANNING 2013**

The 2013 planning process has now begun. Please let the school know as soon as possible if your child will be enrolling in a new school for next year (except Year 6). Likewise, if your child will be taking an extended summer vacation and returning to Berowra after 30 January 2013, you will need to complete an exemption form. These can be obtained from the office.

## **SURVEY REQUEST**

Many thanks to all parents who have returned your surveys to school; especially those who have emailed them back (a great way to save paper!). We value your honest feedback as it often guides decisions made in the school.

## **CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS!**

Natalie S 3/4P – Grade 1 AMEV Piano exam - A

Edward R 3/4P – Finalist in the Sydney Youth Writing Competition with his narrative entitled “The Under House”

The Harriss family 3/4P – donation of 120 dinner plates to the school – now we don’t need paper plates for the Year 6 farewell and other school events.

## **NAPLAN EXPLAINED!**

We are holding a meeting for parents to explain the NAPLAN - National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2012 results and how these affect our students from K-6.

Come along and join us in the Year 6W classroom (next door to the staffroom) on MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER at 6:30pm.

## **BUSH FIRE ASSESSMENTS**

The NSW Department of Education and Communities has conducted bush fire assessments for NSW government schools in bush fire prone areas. These results have been validated by an independent external expert and have been reviewed in consultation with the NSW Rural Fire Service.

A small number of schools have been identified as a school at increased risk if a fire were to break out on a day when a catastrophic fire danger rating is issued for the area that the school is located in. **This includes Berowra Public School.**

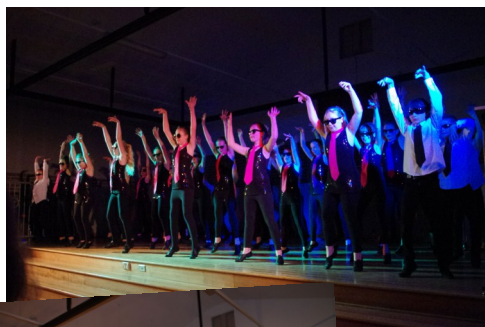
To ensure the health, safety and welfare of students and staff, the NSW Department of Education and Communities has determined that on days when a catastrophic fire danger rating is issued for the area the school is in, the school will temporarily cease operations for the day(s) the rating is current and alternative learning arrangements will be put in place.

Please ensure all your details are correct and up to date with the office. Could you please email the school your current email address and mobile phone numbers? I will need to send either emails and/or SMS to each family in the event of a ‘catastrophic’ fire danger rating.

## **RAINFOREST CREATURES**

Experience Taronga Zoo's stunning Wild Asia Rainforest Trail guided by volunteer researcher Heidi Greentree. Rainforest Heroes is a new, free iPad app that lets students capture their discoveries, on location at the zoo or from home, and then make a field report.

Find out more about the app: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/taronga-zoo-rainforest-heroes/id558373157?ls=1&mt=8>



Dance



Amped-Up



Sound Waves



Concert Band



Ensemble



Drama



Choir



## FITTER, HEALTHIER, HAPPIER

Go4Fun is a free lifestyle program being run across NSW towns. For 7-13 year-old children who are above a healthy weight, activities aim for a long-lasting and healthy approach to living and are suitable for both kids and their families. To make an enquiry: <http://healthykids.nsw.gov.au/campaigns-programs/go4fun%C2%AE-program.aspx>

**Di Bower**, Principal

**MaDD NIGHT** - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October saw the amazing production of our second ever M.a.D.D. night. This was a wonderful celebration of the Music and Dance and Drama talent at our school. Every performing arts group in the school performed, along with some talented soloists. We were entertained by rock bands, recorder groups, drama groups, dancers and choirs. What a range of talent – well done Berowra! Despite the very cool weather, we had a brilliant turn out of enthusiastic audience members – thank you. Special thanks also to all the staff who stayed back to make the night a success. This is a huge undertaking every year and without many, many helpers it would never happen. Thanks one and all!

Mrs Sheldon

Thank you to all parents who have taken time to cover our **reading resources**. A few bags of books are still outstanding so please return them to the classroom as soon as possible. Thank you again

Mrs Pickering

## Diary Dates

### November

5 & 6	Mon & Tues	School Photo Days
5		NAPLAN Parent Session 6:30
19	Monday	P&C AGM 7:30pm in staffroom
20	Tuesday	Stage 1 Taronga Zoo excursion
22	Thursday	Kindergarten 2013 Orientation Day Band Information Evening 7:30pm library
24	Saturday	BPS Fair
27-30	Tues - Fri	Stage 2 Gibberagong excursion
30	Friday	Dance Party

### December

5 - 7	Wed - Fri	Stage 3 Broken Bay excursion
11	Tuesday	K-2 'Countdown to Christmas' Concert
12	Wednesday	Year 6 mini fete Christmas church service
13	Thursday	K-6 Presentation Day
14	Friday	Stage 3 Surf Education
17	Monday	Year 6 Farewell
18	Tuesday	Stage 1 & 2 Picnic Day
19	Wednesday	Last day of Term 4
20 & 21	Thurs & Fri	Staff Development Days

### January 2013

29	Tuesday	Staff return for Term 1 2013
30	Wednesday	Years 1-6 students return
30 - 1/1	Wed - Fri	Kindergarten Best Start testing

### February

4	Monday	Kindergarten 2013 start school
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The **School Reference Group**, which is a subgroup of the P&C, has been working on Exit Goals for our students. The Exit Goals were developed using the Positive Behaviour Engaged Learning program from the Department of Education and Communities. The Exit Goals will be displayed in the classroom and be used by the teachers as a teaching aim and to promote the school.

These are that we want our children to be:

Lifelong learners

Numerate

Literate

Technologically aware

Creative

Positive citizens

Empathetic

Engaged

Tolerant

Courteous

Resilient

Socially confident

Build positive relationships

Value themselves

Willing to try

Physically and emotionally healthy

The School Reference Group would like to hear your comments on the Exit Goals. Please let us know how you feel about the Exit Goals. Are they clear and self-explanatory? Are they the qualities you wish your children to have when they leave BPS? Are there any other qualities you would like to add/change?

Comments can be sent to Berowra Public School at the following email address

[berowra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:berowra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

Please provide comments by 18<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

#### **UNIFORM SHOP** - General information

- Opening times—MON 9–10am & THURS 3–3.45pm.
- Cash refunds unavailable.
- All returns need to have a returns form attached.

#### **BPS FAIR** - SATURDAY 24th NOVEMBER 9am - 3pm

1P is running a **Second Hand Clothing stall** at the Berowra School Fete later in the year.

We are now collecting second hand clothing to sell. If anyone has any second hand clothing they would like to donate to the stall, it can be dropped off in the designated container in the staffroom foyer.

All donations will be gratefully received.

We are collecting drinks for the **drinks stall** and are hoping that school families will add a box of cans (drinks) to their groceries in the coming weeks and hand them into KBlue classroom or the foyer near the staffroom, before

**LIBRARY** - Thank you for th fantastic response in re-turning overdue books. As we get closer to the end of the year and stocktake, it is so important to insure they have all been found.

Due to the amazing support of the Bookclub, the library has purchased some more wonderful books for the children to enjoy. They will be put on display this fortnight.

Annette Wood and Kelly Lukic

**DANCE GROUPS** - Congratulations to the girls' and boys' dance group for your fabulous performance of Men in Black at the MaDD night. You looked amazing and performed with energy and style. Thank you to Claire Smylie, Philly Smith, Jodie Buckle, Deb Ward and Vanessa Eliasson who worked together to make the ties for the costumes. Thank you also to all of the parents for organising all the other parts of your child's costume. They really did look great.

Our next performance for the year will be at the Berowra PS Fair on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November. We will be performing three items at 2:45pm in the school hall – Men in Black, Let's Get it Started and Jumpstart. The children will wear their Men in Black costume for all three dances, however they will take their sunglasses and ties off for Let's Get it Started and Jumpstart. More information will be sent home soon.

I am trying to find a video of Friday to Sunday, the boys and girls dance from last year. If you recorded this dance, I would love a copy.

Thank you,

Kelly Lukic

#### **CANTEEN** - Canteen Roster

Thursday 1/11	G Smith, P Smith
Friday 2/11	L Peltonen, V Eliasson, T White
Monday 5/11	S Parker, P Smith
Thursday 8/11	C Stone, H Stephenson
Friday 9/11	G Gates, K Last
Monday 12/11	M Triebel, R Persson

#### **Uniform Shop Roster**

Thursday 1/11	S Horner, H Anstice, J Clayton
Monday 5/11	Renei, G Blackwood, K Ross
Thursday 8/11	S Williams, R Stoner, G Smith
Monday 12/11	V Eliasson, J McKendrick

the fair. We are looking for cans of Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Fanta, small bottles of water and Kirks band drinks. Thank you to all parents for your support.

**Trash 'n Treasure** - Feeling a toy purge coming on? Running out of room in your kitchen cupboards? Now's the time to sort through your belongings and hand on past treasures for sale at the Fair.

From Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November we will be accepting donations for our Trash 'n Treasure so please bring all items to school and remember: please do not include manchester, excessively worn or damaged items.

Due to a lack of storage space at school please do not bring your items before the collection dates. If you cannot hold onto your things until that time you may contact me to arrange a suitable alternative. Likewise, if you are able to provide storage **PLEASE** let me know. Thanks for your generosity.

Gaby Smith (0438546259)

#### **I CAN'T WRITE A POEM**

It's so impossible.  
Voices spinning round my head.  
Have not written anything.  
The bell is just about to go.  
Many people finished only I'm not.  
I can only think of all my favourite things.  
My mind is full of questions, like are there aliens?  
Or are fairies real?  
Oh no, the bell, my head is all a buzzing, it's as bouncy  
as a flea.  
I walk up to my teacher and oh, to my surprise  
I've written a poem.

By Elly

#### **I Can't Write A Poem!**

Thinking, thinking, thinking.  
I can't think of *anything!*  
Maybe my sister?  
Nah, that's too hard.  
My pen is running out of ink.  
My paper is all crumpled up.  
Still thinking, thinking, thinking.  
It's boiling hot.  
Our principal gets to play with dogs.  
Everyone is noisy!  
"Time's up!"  
Nooooo!  
I've written hardly anything!  
In fact, *nothing!*  
What am I going to do?

By Renee

Thank you to those people who have already purchased their **ride armband vouchers**. The cost of a ride armband voucher is \$25 for 4 hours of unlimited rides between 11am and 3pm. Payment may be made by cash or cheque made payable to 'Berowra Public School P&C Association'.

You can also buy ride armband vouchers at any time up to the week before the fair by collecting a form from the school office or on the website and returning to school, with payment, on a money collection day.

As vouchers must be brought to the fair in order to collect pre-purchased ride armbands, all vouchers purchased by current school students will be distributed in the week before the fair to minimise the chance of the vouchers being misplaced at home. If at any stage you want to check whether or not you have already paid for your vouchers, the school office has a list of orders which have been processed.

Please support our school and ensure a great day by purchasing a ride armband voucher for you children!

### **A selection of poems from 3/4P**

#### **I Can't Write a Poem**

I don't know how to.  
It is so boring.  
I do not like it.  
There are too many distractions.  
My pencil is blunt .  
I forgot it.  
It is too hot.  
Too many flies.  
I'm still bored.  
What is the time?  
"Is time up?"

By Liam

#### **I Can't Write a Poem!**

I can't write a poem.  
I never could!  
Getting words to rhyme just  
isn't my thing!  
I can't be bothered to get my pencil.  
It's as blunt as any rounded edge!  
The classroom is soooo, noisy!  
Oh no!  
My teachers coming around to see  
our work!  
I scribble something down.  
Anything!  
Can't be bothered.  
I'm just going for a quick nap!  
Good night!  
Wait... it's morning  
Oh, well!

By Natalie

#### **I HATE FLIES**

I hate flies, with their little red eyes.  
With their wings they do  
very annoying things.  
They're just so ANNOYING!!  
I just hate flies so much.  
AHHH one just landed in my ear.  
They buzz around making the loudest sounds.  
OMG, I HATE FLIES  
SO MUCH!!

By Max 3/4P

**NAPLAN EXPLAINED!**  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November  
6:30 to 7:30pm  
6W classroom,  
next to staffroom  
All welcome

## Student's Email

All students enrolled in public schools have an email address:

User.name@education.det.nsw.au

Children know their logon(user name) and their password.

Parents may like to help children access their email account at home. This will allow children to print their work at school.

All school students now access their student portal, from home and at school,  
from a new URL: <http://student.det.nsw.edu.au>

## COMMUNITY NEWS

Dementia Carers Support Group - If you care for a relative, neighbour or friend with memory loss or care for an elderly person and need support or information join us at 2:30pm on Thursday 8th November at Berowra Community Health Centre. The cost is free and afternoon tea will be provided.

PowerHouse Discovery Centre Open Day on Saturday 10 November 10am-4pm at 172 Showground Rd, Castle Hill.

General admission \$8 adult, \$5 child/concession \$25 family

Lectures, behind the scenes tour, writing workshop, displays & demonstrations, make & do activities & lots more.

For further information phone 9762 1300 or visit

[www.castlehill.powerhousemuseum.com](http://www.castlehill.powerhousemuseum.com)

## BPS Photo Day



### Monday 5th November

- All classes (except 4/5C) are having class photos and should wear full summer uniform
- Rock bands (8:30am), choir (8:50am) & drama (9am) also wear summer uniform

### Tuesday 6th November

- 4/5C, recorder groups (8:45am), dance groups (9:20am) & Year 6 are to wear full summer uniform
- Band wear band uniform & bring instrument at 8:30am and bring school uniform to change into later
- PSSA teams and Zone team bring sport short/skort and rep shirt will be given

## CLASS MERIT AWARDS

KB	Caiti F, Liam C, Caitlin J, Max D, Eveline, Luke M
KR	Natalia G, Liam C, Charlie L, Max D, Imogen B,
KY	Liam N, Tim C, Emily L, Kamden H
1A	Ryan J, Neve R, Kiana L, Tyler B
1P	Bella A, Kai V, India H, Kaitlyn K, Zara G
2K	Cody L, Lindley R, Caitlin S, Naomi D, Caleb S, Rachel W
2W	Layla W, Anna J, Aleisha C, Stella M, Diarmuid C
2/3B	Zac B, Nia D, Andrew S, Olivia B, Lachlan B,
3M	Ewan B, Cameron R, Alex G, Lachlan B
3/4P	Natalie S
4S	Rachel W, Stephanie D, Brody M, Lachlan M, Tim D, Chloe M
4/5C	Daniel L, Freya S, Isabella E, Daniel M
5G	Sara N, Jack I, Nick B, Charlotte S
6A	Daniel H, Jacob Z, Hannah P, Jordan S, Taylor M, Caitlin E
6W	Brendan G, Ben B, Rachel W, Andrew M, Edward B, Alec L

# 2012 YEAR 6 FAREWELL

## 17 December 2012

THIS YEAR'S  
THEME IS  
"HOLLYWOOD"



# Countdown to Christmas

You are invited to attend our K-2 "Countdown to Christmas" play on Tuesday 11th December.



This year we will be performing our spectacular play twice on the one day to allow all parents, friends and grandparents to be able to fit in the hall. Please choose the concert that suits you best. The first one will be at 10am and the second one will be at midday.



**When:** Tuesday 11th December

**Time:** 10 am or 12noon

**Where:** Berowra school hall

Thanking you,  
K-2 teachers



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we're celebrating with...

**FREE BIRTHDAY CAKE!**

Before 11am when you mention this ad!

**FREE KIDS ENTERTAINMENT**

**11:00am Bill Bells Magic Circus**

**12:30pm Live Music**

**ALL DAY: Recycled Robot Workshop**

**CREATIVE BEROWRA MARKET**

**9am - 2pm, Sun Nov 11**

**Berowra Public School**

## Beautiful Berowra School Photography Competition



The **final day** for photos to be submitted in the Beautiful Berowra School Photography Competition is this **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**. The prizes in this competition are fantastic. If one of our students places in the top five, our school will receive a **\$400** cash donation. Each of the top five student finalists will win a **\$600** voucher towards the purchase of a camera.

Berowra Village Shopping Centre is inviting students to share their view of 'Berowra' as seen through their eyes. The region of Berowra is rich in natural beauty, history and culture. Can you capture that in one photograph?

**How to enter:** Take a photograph of beautiful Berowra. Place your photo in a self-addressed envelope and put it in the barrel which will be located out the front of Coles at Berowra Village Shopping Centre. Photos may also be submitted electronically on a CD or emailed to Centre Management – [ssartor@rhcretail.com.au](mailto:ssartor@rhcretail.com.au)

**Closing date:** Students need to submit photos by this **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2012**.

The top 15 entries will be displayed out the front of Coles from 7<sup>th</sup> November until 7<sup>th</sup> December, where customers will vote on their favourite photo. Customers who vote have the chance to win two \$500 Coles gift cards.

Winners will be announced on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Good luck!

**NEW STALL HOLDERS WELCOME**



**Arcadia  
Public School**

**Markets**

*Taste, browse, play, shop,  
socialise and more  
at this  
vibrant community event!*

**Saturday 17 NOVEMBER 2012**  
8am - 3pm

*A treasure trove for Christmas shopping*

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION VISIT:  
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For more information contact  
**Fiona Lisle**

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during school terms

P: 0425 261300  
E: [thelislles@gmail.com](mailto:thelislles@gmail.com)



## Guitar & Bass Guitar Lessons at school in 2013

**BPS rock band "Amped Up" Band Director**

**Mike Gordon will be commencing  
Guitar & Bass Guitar tutoring in 2013.**

**All lessons before school.**

**XMAS Holiday lessons also available**

**Please contact Mike on – 0413-034 080 or email  
ampedupband@musician.org**

## St Luke's 26th Model Train Exhibition

The 26th Annual St Luke's Model Train Exhibition will entertain everyone. About fourteen model railway layouts will be on display. This will include our unique U-Drive layout (Penguins' Halt). Other model attractions include a 1:76 scale working steam locomotive hauling its passenger train on the St Luke's club layout (part of a display of high speed trains), as well as two remarkable Lego displays. There will be other layouts presented by visitors as well as club members, juniors and seniors.

Other entertainments at the exhibition include a Sausage Sizzle, Devonshire Teas and, especially for the children, a free jumping castle, free face painting, and \$1 plaster painting.

When?

Sat 10 November:	Exhibition	9am to 5pm
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> November:	Church Service	9.30am – 11am
	Morning Tea:	11am
	Exhibition	12noon – 4pm

Where?

St Lukes Anglican Church  
155-157 Galston Road  
Hornsby Heights

For additional information phone 9476-3189

**ALL WELCOME!**



**EPILEPSY ACTION AUSTRALIA It's time....2organise!**

With the end of this school year looming we're looking ahead to 2013 and would like to introduce the School Term Planner to your school community.

The School Term Planner has been designed by two mums with the busy family in mind. It is a calendar, planner and organiser all in one! The School Term Planner shows all dates and school holidays term by term and provides each family member with a colour coded space to write in their important notes, dates and activities. No one will ever forget a thing again!

The School Term Planner from 2organise is available now and costs \$19.95. We would love you to promote it in your school newsletter or on the school notice board because for each sale, Epilepsy Action Australia will receive \$10. That means that your school community will be helping us to raise funds to support and educate children (along with their family, teachers and carers) with epilepsy.

To purchase the School Term Planner, please use the link <http://www.epilepsy.org.au/merchandise> and hit the click here button.

Orders must be received by 26th of November 2012 to ensure delivery before Christmas.

Thank you for your support.

Please email Helen if you have any questions about this promotion at [hroche@epilepsy.org.au](mailto:hroche@epilepsy.org.au)

**Epilepsy Action Australia provides education and support services to people with epilepsy across Australia. We have developed a wide range of materials, information and training for school age children and teachers. If you have a student with epilepsy at your school and would like to hear more about how we can help, please get in touch on 1300 37 45 37 or take a look at the resources on our web site; [www.epilepsy.org.au/online-academy/](http://www.epilepsy.org.au/online-academy/)**

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