



2024

WEST END TE KURA Ō MŌRERE ENROLMENT

Welcome to West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere
This booklet contains general information which
will help you with starting at our wonderful kura.



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WELCOME MESSAGE



Hamish Hislop

Principal

Tena koutou katoa

Welcome to West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere.

My name is Hamish Hislop and I am proud to be the principal of our wonderful kura.

Our school is nestled in the western edge of New Plymouth's CBD, a city known for its natural beauty, cultural richness and vibrant community spirit. This unique setting allows our students to draw inspiration from the surrounding environment, fostering a deep appreciation for the world around them.

We believe that a localised approach to education lays the foundation for well-rounded individuals who are prepared to navigate an ever-changing global landscape. Our school curriculum is based on a sound foundation of literacy and numeracy woven through a focus on developing nga whenu kaha (Strong threads) of Kaitiakitanga, Ako, Whanaungatanga and Manākitanga.

We are committed to providing an educational environment that not only fosters academic achievement but also cultivates character, resilience, and a love for lifelong learning.

Our dedicated staff, supported by engaged parents and guardians, work collaboratively to create a vibrant, inclusive space where every student feels valued and inspired to reach their highest potential.

As you explore our school, I invite you to discover the myriad of opportunities and resources available to our students. Whether you are a prospective student, a proud parent, or a curious visitor, we hope this virtual space gives you a glimpse into the vibrant tapestry of life at West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere.

Thank you for considering us as a partner in your child's educational journey. We look forward to welcoming you into our community and to the exciting adventures that await.

Warm regards

Hamish Hislop - Principal West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere.





ABOUT OUR KURA

West End School was established in 1884 and then relocated to its present site in 1926.

Nestled near the centre of New Plymouth it provides quick and easy access to such features as the port, Ngamotu Beach, Coastal Walkway, Puke Ariki Museum, Library, Art Gallery, NP Aquatic Centre etc. A particularly attractive school, our buildings sit snugly at the top of four terraced levels, which culminate in a broad expanse of playing fields, and recreational areas. Many large mature native trees stand dotted around the grounds and are accompanied by small pockets of native gardens. Completing a park-like appearance is the Mangaotuku Stream (fenced) which winds its way through the bottom of the grounds and Te Repo, our Wetland.

Ko Taranaki te maunga
Ko Mangotuku te awa
Ko kurahaupo te waka
Ko ngati whiti te hapu
Ko Te Atiawa te iwi
Ko Tarawhata te puna wai
Ko Pukehe te pā tawhito
Ko West End Te Kura ō Mōrere



OUR VISION AND VALUES

Our vision reflects the importance of our school name, which was gifted to us in 2016 by Ngāti Te Whiti. Te Kura Ō Mōrere means the school of swings. Swings are strong when the threads which make up the rope are woven together. These threads make up our Taura Whiri (Values). We currently have 3 values and they are Ako, Whanaungatanga and Kaitiakitanga. We are adding Manaakitanga to the Taura Whiri. This is about respect and care.

NGA WHENU KAHA O TE AKONGA *THE STRONG THREADS OF THE LEARNER*



TE TAURA WHIRI

Te Taura Whiri make up the values we actively teach and practice at our school. These are also part of our school rewards system. We look for students who show these values and celebrate this in assemblies and newsletters.

WHANAUNGATANGA- *We are a family/ whanau*

AKO- *We are all learners and teachers*

KAITIAKITANGA- *We are guardians of our environments*

MANAAKITANGA- *We respect and care for each other*

MEET

THE TEAM



Hamish Hislop

Principal

Kia ora,

I have been the principal at West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere since 2022. I would like to welcome you to our wonderful school and hope your child enjoys their learning here. We have a great team of teachers who work hard to get the best outcomes for their students.



Peter Horne

Associate Principal- Senior School

Peter is the leader of the senior school at West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere. He works alongside the senior teachers to make sure the students have the best opportunity to extend their learning. He works closely with the Principal and the other Associate Principal to ensure that our curriculum is engaging and develops curious and actively involved learners. Peter is a Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) with Catherine. He works closely with the RTLB to make plans to best support student learning.



Catherine Cooper

Associate Principal- Junior School

Catherine is the leader of the junior school at West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere. She supports new students with their transition to school, works alongside the junior teachers to ensure programs focus on individual learning needs. Catherine is also a SENCO at our school and finds ways to support or students to have great learning outcomes at school.



Christine Hurrell and Tracy Hill

Office Administrators

Christine and Tracy are our two wonderful office administrators. They are the people you would have first met when you arrived at our school. They can help you with most questions and get you in touch with the people you might need to see.

SCHOOL STAFF 2024

2024 Staff

PTeachers :

Senior Syndicate Classroom Teachers :

<u>Room 13</u>	Becky & Gary Bruckner	Year 5 & 6
<u>Room 14</u>	Jo Ross	Year 5 & 6
<u>Room 15</u>	Warren Smart	Year 5 & 6
<u>Room 1</u>	Carri-Anne Stone	Year 4 & 5
<u>Room 2</u>	Jeff Cocker	Year 4 & 5
<u>Room 3</u>	Charlotte Syme & Wendy Kitto	Year 3 & 4
<u>Room 4</u>	Sarah Thomas	Year 3 & 4

Junior Syndicate Classroom Teachers:

<u>Room 11</u>	Anita Smith	Year 2 & 3
<u>Room 12</u>	Belinda Baldwin	Year 2 & 3
<u>Room 7</u>	Kim Ramsey	Year 1 & 2
<u>Room 8</u>	Chanelle Prentis	Year 1 & 2
<u>He Kākano</u>	Rachel MacAvoy	Year 0 & 1

(Part Time Teachers :

Gary Bruckner (Classroom Release)
Janet Muggeridge (Classroom Release)
Diane Smith (Reading Recovery)
Matua Peter Taylor (Kaiarahi I Te Reo)

·SUPPORT STAFF

Office Administrators
Teacher Aides

Christine Hurrell & Tracy Hill
Christine Hucker
Linda Leighton
Edwina Rowlands
Trish Potter
Sonja Johnston
Anna Lightfoot
Anna Rawiri

Caretaker

Rhyss Taylor

Cleaners

Crest Clean



INFORMATION

Enrolment Zone

To manage the enrolments and the space available within our school we have an enrolment zone. This means that students who live inside our zone automatically are entitled to attend our school. If you live outside of our zone you must apply for a place. We have two out of zone enrolment periods. The first in September for the start of the following year and one in July for the second half of the year. Information of our zone can be found on our school website.

School Structure

Two syndicate teams operate at West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere Senior classes are led by Associate Principal Peter Horne, and junior classes are led by fellow Associate Principal Catherine Cooper. Supporting the work done by the classroom teachers are additional Part Time teachers, and Teacher Aides who further provide valuable learning enhancement opportunities for all our students.

Parent Involvement

Positive and supportive school-community relationships are enjoyed by the school with hardworking and competent Board of Trustees and Fund Raising & Social Committee members operating in tandem with staff members to enhance the quality of education that our students receive. Significant numbers of parents ably support us in a myriad of ways both in and out of the classroom. i.e. sports coaching, accompanying us on trips and Outdoor experiences, providing 'hands on', in-class assistance etc. We are fortunate to have this level of parental support, it is a credit to the many who so unselfishly give of their time and energy.



School Curriculum

While our major focus as a school is the delivery of the 'rich' NZ Curriculum, sports, music and cultural opportunities and structured lunchtime activities are recognised as a special feature of West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere life. Seasonally the school coaches and provides regular weekly games for teams in netball, basketball, touch and hockey, with rugby played as part of interschool sports exchanges. Many teachers participate as part of a structured lunchtime duty programme in the teaching of choir, minor games and garden club, ukulele/guitar etc. which give pupils extra options to gain both enjoyment and educational opportunities in a less formal learning context. In addition we have an active Kapa Haka Roopu that performs at local competitions and school based events.

Absences

It would be helpful if ALL absences were notified via a phone call to school prior to 9.00am. Our Phone No. is 758 9331 / 027020604266 OR via our HERO app

If the office is temporarily unattended, a message can be left on the answer phone. Should children not arrive and there has been no reason phoned in, you will be contacted to clarify the situation. As you will understand, contact from home for each absence is critically important. Please make every effort to keep the school office notified of any changes to home address, phone numbers, emergency contacts etc.

A reminder that legally, school aged children are required to be at school daily. West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere children with patterns of 'at risk' attendance or late arrival will receive a letter from the school to make parents aware of the situation and truancy services will be contacted.



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Arrival at School

8.15am is the earliest permissible arrival time, with 8.30-8.45am being the preferred time slot.

Please ensure your child is arriving sufficiently prior to 8.55am to enable him/her to appropriately prepare for the school day. Late arrivals frustrate all, particularly the classroom teacher and only serves to embarrass the child themselves. Students arriving after 9.00am must go to the office prior to going to their classrooms.

Assemblies

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES generally occur once a fortnight on a Friday afternoon 12.20pm – 1.00pm.

TEAM ASSEMBLIES occur every other Friday for Senior school and Junior school. All school and team assemblies take place in the hall, which is situated beneath the Administration building. Included during assemblies are notices, recognition of our 'Te Taura Whiri' Values and meritable work and behaviour, presentations, school singing, etc.

Bell Times

8.55am	school starts
10.00-10.10am	in-class "munch-crunch"
11.10-11.30am	morning interval
1.00-1.50pm	lunch break
3.00pm	school finishes

School Board

Chairperson : Mrs Hilary Takarangi

Members: Mr Michael Ellem, Mrs Sandra Powell, Mr Craig Thorne,

Mr Mark Dickie, Mrs Rachael Symons, Mrs Kristine Craddock, Mr Hamish Hislop (Principal),

Mr Peter Horne (Associate Principal & Staff Representative)



INFORMATION

Bikes and Scooters

Owing to congested road ends and entrances to the school, we do not actively encourage our students to bike to school, but for the few who do, provision is made for their bicycles and scooters to be stored in stands within the grounds.

It is the responsibility of all bike & scooter owners to ensure that all bikes & scooters are locked while at school and also that cyclists wear helmets while biking to and from West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere

For safety reasons, all bikes must be wheeled along both Davies Lane and Bonithon Avenue before and after school. Our preference is that skateboards are only brought to school on special events such as Wheels Days.

Cell Phones

We do not allow the use of mobile phone at school, however if they are required to be at school they must be handed into classroom teachers for safe keeping at the beginning of the school day. Any child who does not hand in their phone will have to have it stored in the office and a parent will be contacted to pick it up.

Communication

Our school office is open from 8.00am-4.00pm each day. Christine Hurrell and Tracy Hills will be able to help you with any questions you have. If you have a question about your child's learning please contact the classroom teacher. We use a digital platform called HERO to share newsletters, learning progress, reports ect. This is free to download and you will be given a login via your email address.

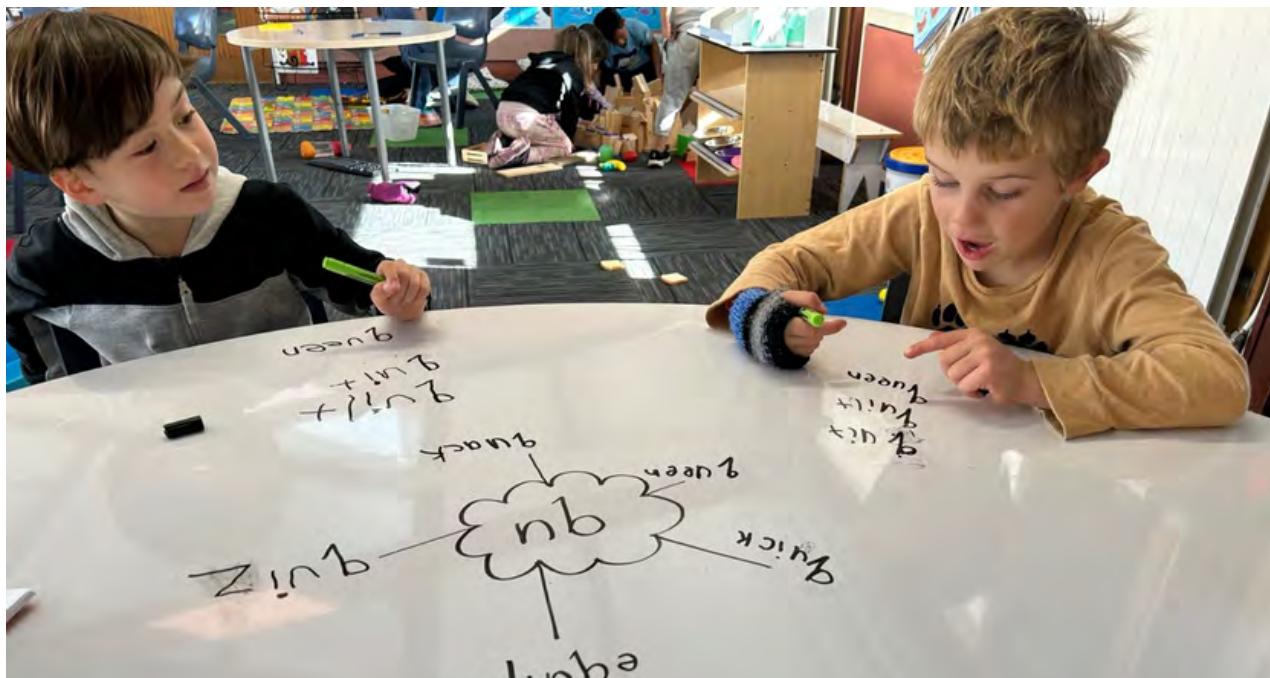
Our school website has all the basic information about our school and a link to past and current newsletters.



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Behaviour Support

All teachers and staff focus on building students self esteem and empathy through teaching positive behaviour expectations with students. All the staff have been trained in the Incredible Years program, which focuses on nurturing children's social, emotional and academic competence. This forms the basis for our behaviour management system. We celebrate students who show our school shared values (Te Taura Whiri) by recognition in assemblies and by rewarding students with bronze, silver and gold wrist bands. This encourages the majority of students to make good choices and have a positive attitude at school. Sometimes there are factors which can cause negative behaviour. These might be traumatic experiences, something has not gone well in the class/playground, physiological challenges, lack of food or warm clothing or many other reasons. We support students with their big emotions through calming strategies, restorative conversations, listening and sharing advice. We also at times need to contact whanau to help with finding solutions. Sometimes with more serious behaviour issues we work with the Resource Teachers of Learning and Behaviour (RTLB), Te Mahau Learning Support, external agencies to develop behaviour and safety plans. The school can legally stand-down, suspend or even exclude students from West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere if the Principal decides that the child's behaviour is harmful and dangerous. We do not want children to miss out on their right to education. We will always try and find solutions to support children with their behaviour. We are advocates for all our students.



INFORMATION

Food and Drink

For what are obvious nutritional reasons, morning teas and lunches are not to include fizzy / energy drinks (water being the only option), iceblocks of any description, lollies, chocolate bars. We would appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Please do your best to ensure you provide a balanced nutritious lunch that your child is going to eat and enjoy.

'Munch Crunch' takes place around 10am and is a time for our tamariki to rehydrate and refuel eating 'real food', ideally fresh fruit, veges, nuts etc. We are hoping that West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere parents will take an active role in the growing awareness of how food, especially sugar, affects growing bodies.

Fundraising and Social Committee

The Fundraising & Social Committee meets regularly throughout the year for the planning of social and fund-raising activities. Membership is open to all interested parents. We desperately need more parents to help with activities to help fund exciting resources for the school. The committee have supported the school with funding junior swimming lessons, senior rewards day and the development of the sandpit.

School Donations

For 2024 our Board of Trustees is once again involvement in the Government's donations scheme thereby freeing up our parents and whanau from this potential cost. There will continue to be some payments for 'optional activities outside the curriculum' that will need parent payment. Parents will be notified of these as they occur.



INFORMATION

Kapa Haka, Te Reo & Tikanga

Early in the new year, interested Year 3 – 6 tamariki will have the opportunity to join our Kapa Haka Roopu. Expertly led by Kaiako Matua Peter Taylor and valued staff and parental assistance these tamariki will be encouraged to extend their knowledge of both Te Reo and Tikanga Maori. The group, where possible, performs at our local Inter School Kapa Haka Competitions.

Matua Peter supports staff in their classrooms with delivering te reo and tikanga lessons. Teachers are also improving their understanding of te reo and attend regular professional development in becoming better with their language skills.

Parents are welcome to support our school with sharing their te reo skills. We value the support of our whanau and our hapu and iwi.

Personal Property

Please ensure ALL items of clothing and property, which regularly accompany children to school, are clearly named. Our hassles would be much fewer and the finances of some families much healthier were this to be done. Property that is found at school and which is un-named, is stored outside Room 7. Please feel free to rummage through it when you are visiting the school - you may be pleasantly surprised with what you recognise. At the end of each term, unclaimed items are recycled.

NB. NO toys or items of personal value are to be brought to school.



INFORMATION

Newsletters

Newsletters will be posted on our app HERO. These will also be published on our school website. Please make sure you read these newsletters as it contains important information and upcoming events.

Sun Safety

To minimise the risk of our students developing skin cancers in later life, approved bucket style hats (NOT caps) are to be worn during the summer terms while playing or working outside. It would be advisable to parents to give your child an added layer of proven sunscreen protection prior to coming to school over the hotter months. Children eat their lunch in shadier areas, which also helps to reinforce positive awareness of smart sun safety behaviour. Please endeavour to ensure that children leave for school during summer, wearing a hat. Those children not wearing the correct bucket style lids will sit outside interval/lunchtimes under a designated shade area.

Swimming

When and where possible, senior classes are timetabled to swim daily throughout February and early March. Our school pool is no longer in use and senior team students use Devon Intermediate's pool with our junior team classes yet again scheduled to receive instruction at the NP Aquatic Centre early Term 2.

As instructional swimming is part of the school programme, we have an expectation that all children will be active participants. Please ensure that your child brings their togs to school each day. Non swimmers are required to supply a parental note.



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Traffic Safety

For the protection of all, we urge children and parents to safely use the various pedestrian crossings dotted around West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere and Devon Intermediate School when crossing St Aubyn Street and Devon Street West.

West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere students are to take extreme care when using these both before and after school. In addition, each afternoon, Senior Leadership personnel supervise our students using our Belt Road Kea Crossing with a school patrol team operating between 3.00-3.15pm daily. Added to this, the Devon Street West top pedestrian crossing is supervised by Senior Leadership personnel each morning (8.15 – 8.45am) and covered in the afternoon (3.00-3.15pm).

The 2012 New Plymouth District Council redevelopment of Davies Lane has provided our school community with a much safer and attractive transition entrance to our school site.

A reminder, vehicle access in and out of Davies Lane is restricted to residents only.

West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere parents are required to park legally and safely in surrounding streets and if required “walk in” with our students. Please do your bit to keep all our staff and students safe.

Be warned!! New Plymouth District Council Officers do regular patrols and ticket offenders.

We work closely with the Lets Go team. Often student leaders give away prizes to students who are coming to school on bikes, scooters or walking. Let's Go is part of the New Plymouth District Council and are focused on enabling a safer network for people to ride or walk into schools.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

All children have high, yet realistic expectations placed on them, to consistently perform to their best level whether this be relating to their personal attitude, behaviour or work habits. Irrespective of their age our West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere learners have personal ownership of all these three important areas central to success at school and life. All are expected to display a positive attitude and to try.

Additional to this, we have a focus on the development of our 6 Learner Competencies actively promoting our students as Thinkers, Communicators, Investigators, Challenge Takers, Self-Managers and Team Players.

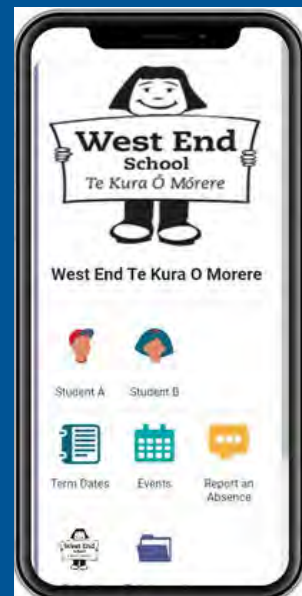
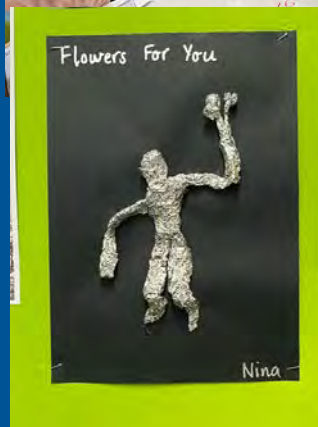
As a staff we endeavour to accept only that which we believe to be a child's top effort.

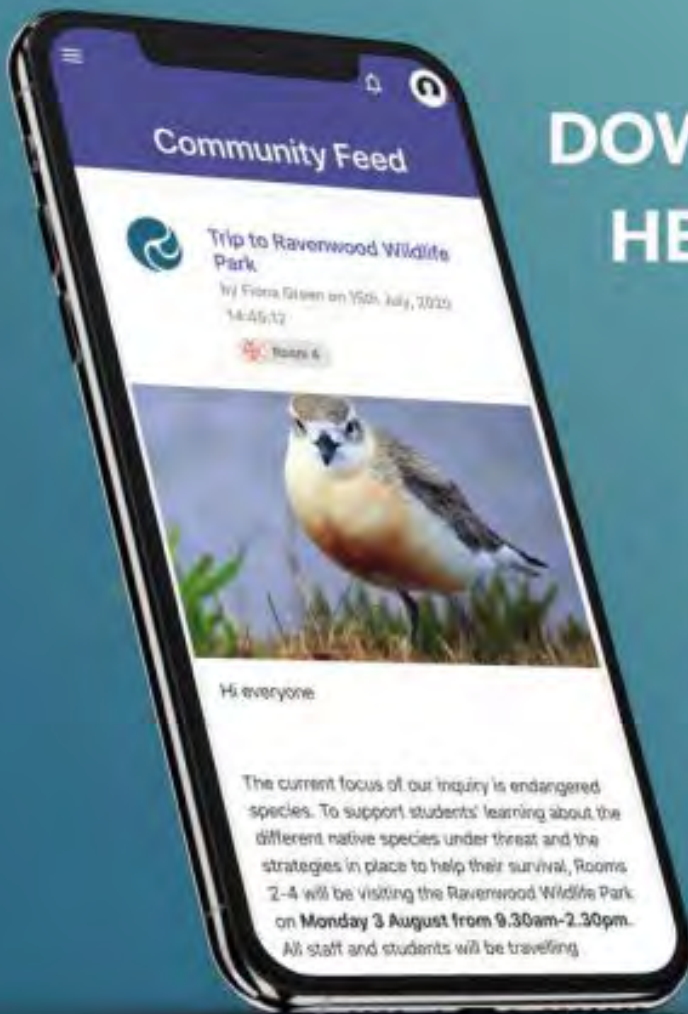
A successful education involves an active partnership of both home and school where respective roles are valued and supported and complement one another.

REPORTING

In 2024 we will begin real time reporting. This means that we will not be sending home a mid year paper report or an end of year report. Instead we will be continually reporting to whanau through our HERO app. This will include posts on specific learning achievements and assessments, progress within levels in reading, writing and maths, examples of work and achievement of learning goals.

This is a change to traditional school reporting. We are confident that you as a parent will get a more accurate and timely report on your child's learning. We encourage parents to give constructive and positive feedback when possible.

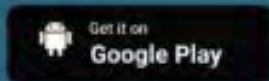
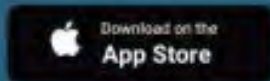




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Log in to customise your account and view:

- Student learning stories, progress and goals
- School notices
- Surveys and Trip Permissions
- School term dates
- School calendar
- Absence notifications
- Navigation to other school-related webpages and more!





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