## The Junction Journal

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From the desk of Mrs Larkman and Mrs Emmington

Hello to our Parents and Carers,

Before we welcomed our students back on Tuesday, the start of Term 3 saw our staff engage in professional learning where we continued to sift through the content of the new syllabuses and exchange activities and strategies to improve delivery of learning in the classroom. Engaging students in their learning and teaching them to self-regulate is an important aspect of very lesson taught. The Resilience Project is supporting us in guiding this learning.

Two highlights to begin the Term!

The first highlight of the week was our NAIDOC assembly. This was a celebration of the importance of all our elders in our community. Our students showcased their learning and their growing understanding of the rich culture and heritage of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. This learning is yearlong and woven throughout the 6 key learning areas. Our Aboriginal students also had the opportunity to attend NAIDOC celebrations at Newcastle High School.

The second highlight was of course our annual Athletics carnival held at Glendale this year. A huge thank you to the team who coordinated a great day. The carnival ran seamlessly, and I hear that some records were broken! Well done to all our students!

I (Connie) will be away for the month of August and Miss Harris will relieve for me as Deputy Principal. Mrs Ladkin will relieve as Assistant Principal Stage 1 and we welcome Miss Maddalyn Onslow onto 1H for the next 4 weeks. Enjoy the last few weeks of winter – see you at the start of Spring!

Connie Emmington, Deputy Principal

Cath Larkman Principal



Artwork by Auntie Michelle Earle commissioned by TJPS in 2018

We respectfully acknowledge that this newsletter comes to you from Awabakal land.

In communicating how we learn, teach and lead, we acknowledge and pay respect to elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal people as the traditional custodians of this land on which we are all privileged to live, work, and learn.

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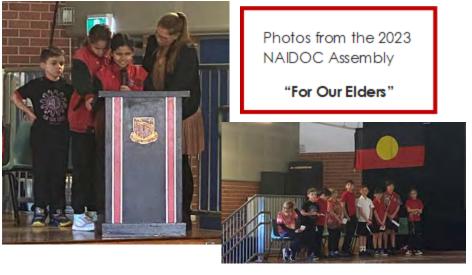
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#### **Upcoming Events**

TERM 3

Friday July 28 Aboriginal Cultural Day – Stockton PS

Wednesday August 2

Kinder 2024 Transition to school visit 12-1

Wednesday August 9

Kinder 2024 Transition to school visit 12-1

Thursday August 10

PSSA Basketball Boys & Girls Gala Day

Friday August 11

Newcastle Zone Athletics Carnival Glendale

Tuesday August 15

Year 5 Taster lessons Newcastle High 12-3pm

Tues-Fri August 15-18 Canberra Excursion

Wednesday August 16

Kinder 2024 Transition to school visit 12-1

Friday August 18

Ten Pin Bowling Inclusion Excursion

Wednesday August 23

Year 6 Taster lessons NHS 12-3

Kinder 2024 Transition to school visit 12-1

Kindy 2024 – Parent information session 4-5pm

Thursday August 24

Book Parade - Kindy 2024 welcome

Monday August 28

Book Week Performance K-3 Way too Cool

Wednesday August 30

Kinder 2024 Transition to school visit 12-1

Thursday August 31 K-2 Sports Day

Friday September 1

Father's Day Event

Tuesday September 5

Premier Band Day

Wednesday September 6

Indigenous Literacy Day Concert Band Day

Kinder 2024 Transition to school visit 12-1

Thursday September 7

Newcastle Water Talks

Wednesday September 13

Kinder 2024 Transition to school visit 12-1

Friday September 15

Grandparents Day - Library Book Donation

Wednesday September 20

Kinder 2024 Transition to school visit 12-1

Thursday September 21

Run for Resilience

Friday September 22

Final Day Term 3

Monday October 9

Students return (no staff development day)

Wednesday October 11

Primary Band Day

Mon-Fri October 16-20 & 23-27

Stage 1 Intensive swimming Program

Monday October 16

Band Fest Week

Friday October 27

Year 5 Leadership Workshop 1

Wed-Fri November 1-3

Year 4 Great Aussie Bush Camp

#### MORNING TEA IN THE YARNING CIRLCE - NAIDOC 2023













#### 2023 School Staff

Principal - Mrs Cath Larkman Deputy Principal - Ms Connie Emmington

#### Kindergarten

KC – Mrs Jody Cooper KE - Miss Jo Ellis – Assistant Principal Early Stage 1

KG - Mrs Sarah Griffiths

#### Stage 1

1B - Miss Tess Barns/ Mrs Amy Blackmore 1H - Miss Angie Harris – Assistant Principal Stage 1

1L - Mrs Aleisha Ladkin

1/2A - Mrs Amy Lalic

2MC - Mrs Nina McLeod/ Mrs Nicole Jones 2/3A - Miss Alison Smoother (year 2)

#### Stage 2

2/3A – Miss Alison Smoother (year 3) 3LC - Mrs Holly Lynch/ Mrs Phillipa Campbell 3/4B - Miss Lucy Bourne

4F - Mr Brad Ferguson

4L - Mr Rob Low - Assistant Principal Stage 2 4N - Miss Lily North

#### Stage 3

5FW - Mrs Kate Farrell/ Mrs Sarah Wilson 5S - Mr Nick Savage

5/6K - Miss Kate Spring

6L - Mr Matthew Liles - Assistant Principal Stage 3

6R - Mr Michael Radnidge/Miss Gemma Doran

#### Learning and Support

Ms Connie Emmington - Coordinator Mrs Claire Edwards Mrs Michelle Morrison Miss Sara Willoughby/ Ms Hannah Titchmarsh – Library Miss Alison Tonkin – Music Mrs Linda Whiteside – Counsellor Mr Luke Sparksman – AP C&I Miss Olivia Smith – Flexible Learning

#### School Learning Support Officers

Mrs Di Edwards Mrs Nicole Harrison Mrs Theresa Koitka Mrs Emma Lovegrove Mrs Pam Parkes Mrs Belinda Scorgie Ms Sevi Celik Mr Jack Ward

#### Information from the Front Office Team...

Money Collection

The school is beginning the transition process to a new finance system, School Bytes. This means that the online payment link on the school's website is now inactive until Tuesday August 1. Please refer to page 5 of this Newsletter for information on accessing the new system.

The school also accepts cash, (exact amount only), cheque or we have EFTPOS facilities in the office. (Please note that the school EFTPOS facility is only available for school payments and not P&C – such as the Uniform Shop).

Any cash payments to come straight to the office, this includes: - Band fees, School books, Excursion money etc. Any money that is sent to school must be in a sealed envelope/bag with your "Child's name and class" on the front and details of the event you are paying.

There is a "Payments" slot at the front counter in the school office – students are to post payments in this slot.

#### **Absences**

Any absence from school must be explained. The Sentral Parent Portal is a great way to advise the school of student absences, or alternatively phone the school, send an email or write a note. Each day at around 10am, the school sends out an SMS alert to parents of any child who has an unexplained absence for that day. Please refrain from using class apps like Class Dojo to explain absences as the teacher may not be at school or they are teaching and unable to read the Dojo message before 10am.

#### Extended Leave

If you are going away and leave is over (5) school days, you must complete an "EXTENDED LEAVE FORM" from the office prior to your leave. Leave forms submitted are subject to approval by The Principal.

#### Late Arrivals / Early Leavers

School hours are from 8.55am to 3pm. The first assembly starts at 8.55am. If children arrive later than 8.55am, they need to present to the office to provide late arrivals information to office staff. A 'Purple Partial Slip' is then taken to the class teacher. Similarly, if children leave early for the day, parents must buzz the intercom at the Union Street gate to admitted into the office. Admin staff will phone the classroom for your child to come up to the office. Please be aware of early departures in recess and lunch breaks as it can be quite difficult to locate your child in the playground.

#### Medication at School

The office is only able to administer 'prescribed medication' to students. This means medication that has been prescribed by a doctor. This medication must be left in the package provided, clearly labelled with the child's name and dosage. If medication is required, a parent will need to come to the office and complete a Student Health Condition Support for Prescribed Medication form.

#### In the Office

OFFICE HOURS: 8:30AM TO 3:15PM

School Email: thejunctiop.school@det.nsw.edu.au

SCHOOL SECURITY ph: 1300 880021

Office Team Mrs Dianne Edwards Mrs Amanda Brake Mrs Angela Bowen Mrs Kathy McInnes Mrs Lesley Janissen

General Assistants Mr Tom Jervis Mr Darren Ray

In the Community P&C News

P&C Contact email
Jessica Ryan, President
president@junctionpandc.org

UNIFORM SHOP ONLINE ORDERING! www.tjpsuniform.com

Secondhand Uniform Donations Donations accepted are bomber jackets, polo fleece jumpers, red polo shirts and black sport shorts. We are unable to accept donations of white shirts or tunics.

Email the Uniform Shop:

tjpsuniformshop@gmail.com

PLEASE ASSIST WITH DELIVERY OF

UNIFORM ORDERS BY PUTTING

YOUR CHILD'S NAME on the order

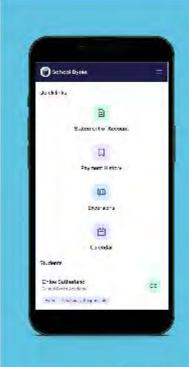
(in the NOTES section)

Please ensure that your Child's name is clearly marked on all items of clothing

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## **AVAILABLE NOW!**

We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to a more flexible and simplified way parent/carers can make payments





#### The Parent Portal

- · Easily make a payment online
- Download your receipt
- · Sign and return permission notes digitally
- · Use any credits on your account to make payment
- View your complete payment history
- Request a refund





Register for the Parent Portal via the QR Code or visit

https://portal.schoolbytes.education







## The Junction Public School

Kindy 2024 Transition

#### Transition to school

A wonderful opportunity for future students to prepare for school by attending our transition program one day a week.

Commencing July 26th every Wednesday during Term 3 from 12-1pm.

Parents are welcome to come along, join in and meet our staff and other families.

Please RSVP to the email address below to book your place.

#### Information Session:

August 23rd 4-5pm

Book Week Parade: August 24th

#### Orientation Dates

9-11 am

November 8th November 22nd December 6th

#### Personal Tours

These are available by appointment year round. Meet our staff, ask questions and hear about all the great opportunities TJPS has to offer.

For more information and to RSVP please Contact: Jo Ellis Email:jo-anne.ellis@det.nsw.edu.au Phone: 4963 1343







#### Let's Make Music

Information about Band, Strings and Choir Ensembles





#### **HOT CHOCOLATE**

It is definitely that time of year again, when the resolve to get out of bed on these cold mornings wanes and we see a decline in attendance at rehearsals. So to all those who persist through the winter months and brave those crisp mornings, there will be a reward. Next week, a hot chocolate will warm you after rehearsals, before you head off to class.





## **Coming Up in the Library**



#### Coming to The Junction in August for K - 3

Students in K - 3 are invited to come and join Marley and Henry in a celebration of the way books and the 2023 CBCA Shortlist can inspire every individual on their journey of personal growth and development.

WAY TOO COOL! explores the CBCA Children's Book Week theme: READ, GROW, INSPIRE, a highly interactive musical adventure!

Due to an upgrade in the administration system, notes for this performance will go home next week.

Cost \$8.50

#### **PROGRAM**

This semester, students from K-6 will be undertaking an inquiry project on Sustainable Gardens.

#### Why the Library?

The school library is the learning hub of the school:

- shared space for students and the school community
- builds deep knowledge and understanding, not just collecting information
- collaborate across the school and work with all students
- Teacher Librarians are trained in the research process

Learning will make links across multiple Key Learning Areas and incorporate the Cross Curricular Priorities of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures and Sustainability.













#### BOOK WEEK

#### Book Parade - Thursday 24 August at 9:20am

Students are invited to dress up as their favourite book or book character. We would love for parents and friends to join us from 9:15 for our book parade.



#### The last date to purchase Book Club is Friday 4 August

Cash will no longer be accepted. Please see the information for LOOP or online payments.



# Book Club LOOP for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit: www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP





#### SCHOLASTIC & Book Club

#### **GRANPARENTS DAY**

We will be holding our annual Grandparents Day book donation on Friday 15 September in the Library from 12pm.

The Library has purchased some books and you are able to donate towards the cost on the day.

A label is placed in the book with the donated child's name and they are the first to borrow the book.

More details on our grandparents day will be available closer to the date.



The library team looks forward to another amazing Term with TJPS students!

#### THE JUNCTION P.S LIBRARY Semester One, 2023 LOANS BOOKS BORROWED IN SEMESTER 1 BORROWERS NSS Top 5 borrowers for Semester One: On Wednesday 24 May at Tlam, students at The Junction P.S. joined with 2.3 million other students to L. Harriet M (4F) - 91 books participate in the National Simultaneous Storytime. Orla W (3LC) - 73 books 3. Violette A (5S) - 63 books Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by Liam J (6R) - 60 books an Australian author and illustrator, is read Molly B (4L) - 51 books simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Top Teacher borrower: This year we heard Rebecca Young read her book The Mrs Mcleod Speedy Sloth. POPULAR BOOKS GRAPHIC NOVELS FICTION JUNIOR FICTION NON FICTION FIRST NATIONS BAING PELGENEISS Aaron Blabey **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** The Library staff have been busy purchasing books from last years Run for Reading fundraiser. We are looking for volunteers to help cover the books. No experience necessary - on the job training and snacks to be provided. If you are interested in helping please email Miss Willoughby at thejunctio-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au **NEW BOOKS** SCHOOL

#### TJPS NAIDOC 2023

Last Wednesday, TJPS celebrated NAIDOC Week 2023 with our wider community. This year's theme, 'For Our Elders' was celebrated throughout Term 2 with deep learning happening in classrooms from k-6. We looked at honouring our elders through oral communication and exploring family and local histories, artworks focused of portraiture, as well as learning traditional Aboriginal games. We enjoyed celebrating this learning as well as all the other amazing areas of Aboriginal Education happening in our school. We have been lucky throughout this learning to engage with, and learn from Mr Nathan Towney (UoN), Dr Ray Kelly, Aunty Mandy Kelly and Aunty June Rose (local Elders) in Term 2 to supplement and support our leaning. Rod Lake (Yamuloong), Aunty Belinda Wright (Newcastle High School) and Liam Begnell (Didge Tutor) were with us on the day and helped contribute to our special NAIDOC celebrations as well as many ongoing initiatives around the school.

Our Assembly was superbly led by our amazing TJPS students from Stage 1 to Stage 3, having the confidence to speak in front of the entire school and extended community. We are continually blown away by how amazing our students are at performing, speaking and showcasing their work on the big stage at days like these. Mrs Ladkin and Mrs Lalic worked closely with these students and deserve a special thanks for all their behind-the-scenes work.















What a glorious fun filled day our students had at our Athletics Carnival on the 20th July at Hunter Sports Centre Glendale! It was great to see so many students participating in each event and the wonderful sportsmanship shown by all students. There was lots of cheering and team spirit from all houses, and Treharne were the overall house winner on the day.

We have many athletes here at The Junction Public School and this was very evident with the results on the day. All students should be proud of their efforts. A huge congratulations to the 43 students that will represent TJPS at the Zone Athletics Carnival on Friday 11th August back at Glendale.

These students are Samuel D, Gus B, Oscar R, Lola C, Freya C, Nahni S, Harvey S, Knox V, Ethan B, Isabella Y, Evie B, Maisie W, Logan L, Rashed A, Bowen F, Lyla B, Lola T, Nina C, Lachlan D, Carter F, Thomas B, Eva C, Madison B, Ella H, Kaelan M, Odin B, Zach W, Matilda S, Indiya K, Ava M, Marthen M, Ruben K, Easton B, Rosa D, Charlie B, Elkie B, Miles C, Lucinda M, Cooper S, Willow O, Reggie R, Edison K and Lila B.

A further congratulations to Eva C who has set three new school records in the 11 years Girls 100m, 200m and Long Jump.

Thank you to all our parents/carers and community that attended our carnival this year. We thank you for your support and help on the day. It is so great to have our community back at our carnivals again!

































































































































































#### Newcastle High School 2023 NAIDOC Celebrations

On Tuesday, Newcastle High School invited our students from Years 4-6 along to join their 2023 NAIDOC Celebrations. Our children engaged in a variety of activities throughout the day, had a delicious BBQ lunch and finished the day with a special assembly where they were asked to dance!

Thanks Auntie Belinda and all of the wonderful NHS staff for organising such a wonderful day:)















#### Premiers Spelling Bee Competition

In Term 2, Stage 2 and 3 participated in the Premiers Spelling Bee Competition and had their class spell offs. Atiksh was the overall Stage 3 winner and Oliver was the Stage 2 winner. Congratulations to both of these students! These students will go on to compete in the Premiers Spelling Bee Regional Finals in Week 5 this term. These finals will be held over Zoom. Goodluck Atiksh and Oliver!

Stage 2 class winners were:

2/3A- Nikola L & Alex K

3LC-Heidi H & Max DG

3/4B- Flo F & Sophia S

4F- Alexander W & Angus B

4L-Seth F

4N-Lylah P & Oliver L



Stage 3 class winners were:

5/6K- Nicholas R & Atiksh P

5S-Logan L & Mayra P

5FW- Otto L & Ethan W

6R-Ayden T & Thomas B

6L- Chelsea M



#### Boys PSSA Soccer

On Monday July 24, the boys soccer team played a nail-biting Round 4 game against Kotara South Public School. The boys started the first half in great form and threatened the goal on multiple occasions. However, Kotara South fought back strongly and managed to score the first goal. Our boys didn't drop their heads and continued to play their best soccer, eventually levelling the scores with a long-range goal scored by Emile. The scores remained level at 1-1 until full time, so the game went into extra time. The scores were still even nearing the end of the second half of extra time and with just 30 seconds left on the clock, our team was awarded a direct penalty kick. A composed Emile stepped up and slotted the goal into the top left corner of the net to seal the victory for our team.



The boys again worked well as a team and displayed fantastic sportsmanship throughout the game. Thank you to the parents who coached, transported and supported the boys on the day. Good luck to the boys in their Round 5 match against Wallsend South Public School.

#### Library - Guided Inquiry Design

Our students have begun a Semester of learning in Guided Inquiry Design. It accomplishes five kinds of learning:

- 1. Information literacy
- 2. Learning how to learn
- 3. Curriculum content
- 4. Literacy competence
- 5. Social skills

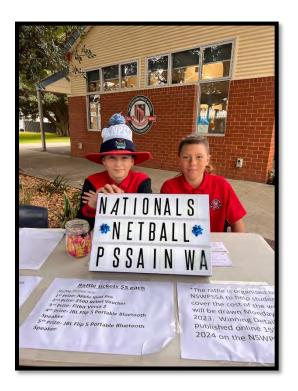
This guided Inquiry will centre on learning in our gardens, Wiki Yantiin Koba and the Yarning Circle as students learn about native plants and animals and how to care for our environment. We partner with Mr Rod Lake from Yamuloong to support our learning.



### **BIG Thanks from Eddie**

A big THANK YOU to everyone who purchased raffle tickets to support Eddie to compete in the first ever NSW Boys Netball Team. Eddie's team will compete at the week-long School Sport Australia Netball Championship in Western Australia in Week 9.

Just a reminder that the raffle is organised by NSWPSSA to help students cover the costs involved and will be drawn Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023. Winning Details will be published online on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 on the NSWPSSA website.



### COMMUNITY MESSAGE BOARD

#### P & C News

Happy Term 3 everyone!

We are officially into the second half of the year! What a massive first half of the year it was, with lots of wonderful events throughout.

Most recently, the P&C hosted the Family Movie Night at Event Cinemas Kotara. This was a huge success, raising over \$1500 for our school community. Thank you to our volunteers who assisted with the smooth running of this fun family event.

On Wednesday 28 June TJPS held a Beanie day in support of The Mark Hughes Foundation. Special thanks to Alison Cheek for bringing this event together, and to Ange LeRougetel for securing the quest of honour – Mark Hughes himself!

We have some very exciting things planned for the remainder of the year so please keep an eye on Sentral and our socials for all the details.

Next week, Tuesday 1 August we are looking forward to welcoming all TJPS parents to our 'Winter Social' at Modus Brewery. Come along and meet the P&C committee and chat with other parents from our school community. The evening will begin at 5pm, with a brief meeting to follow at 6pm.

On 30 August the P&C will host an Interrelate Family Evening Seminar - 'Tricky Talks'. This will be held in the new hall, with two sessions to choose from – 6pm & 7:15pm. Cost is \$41.50 per family. Event details and ticket purchasing information to follow.

'Donuts with Dad' is back! Friday 1 Sept 8am-9am we welcome you to a Father's Day celebration in honour of all the Dads, Grandfathers, Uncles, Father figures and special people in our lives. All family & friends of TJPS are invited to join us. Dougheads Donuts will be available for pre-order on Flexischools in the coming weeks. (HOT TIP: brush up on those handball skills, word is there may be a game or two happening on the day!)

AND NOW... The BIG one! We are pleased to announce our major fundraising event for 2023 – the 'Kindness Colour Run'! Throughout Term 3, all TJPS students will participate in the Premier's Sporting Challenge, as well as continuing their work with the Resilience Project. All students will have received sponsorship cards by now so please get behind our kids to raise important funds for our school. In celebration of all their hard work we will conclude the term with the 'Kindness Colour Run' on 21 September. This is set to be an epic occasion, and we will be calling on lots of volunteers to make the day a success. If you have been wanting to get involved in a school event, this is the one!

I'd like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the ongoing commitment from the P&C committee, and the tireless work of the many volunteers who make it all happen behind the scenes. There is a lot of work involved in bringing these events to life and you are truly appreciated.

| IJPS P&C Team |               |
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## kindness colour run



**PUT IT IN YOUR CALENDAR** 

## **21 SEPTEMBER 2023**

This is an event for the whole school, including parents & carers, to come together and celebrate the kids achievements in the Premier's Sporting Challenge and in the Resilience Project.



This is also our major fundraising event for the year.
We need lots of volunteers and community support!
Contact the P&C if you can help out.
More details about the day coming soon.



BROUGHT TO YOU BY TJPS P&C

#### Welcome to The Resilience Project

**PARENTS & CARERS** 

This year, we are excited to bring The Resilience Project (TRP) into our school community

#### WHY?

Current research tells us...

## Why mental health matters

One in four Australian adolescents will experience mental health problems this year

Nearly two thirds of them will



One in seven primary school students are also likely to experience mental health problems this year.

Source: National Survey of Mental Health and Wellbeing, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Australia's Youth: Mental Illness

#### EVIDENCE-BASED

The Resilience Project's School Partnership Program has been independently evaluated by both The <u>University of Adelaide</u> and <u>The University of Melbourne</u>. Click the links or scan the QR

code to find out more about the impact the program has on emotional wellbeing and behavioral changes.



#### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Resilience Project is committed to teaching positive mental health strategies to prevent mental ill-health and build young people's capacity to deal with adversity.

We will be implementing their evidence-based **Teaching** and **Learning Program** throughout our classrooms, staffroom and school community.

Teachers and students will engage in weekly lessons and activities around the key principles of **Gratitude**, **Empathy**, **Mindfulness** (**GEM**) and **Emotional Literacy** to build resilience.

#### WHAT CAN BE DONE AT HOME?



To learn more about The Resilience
Project and get involved from
home, you can start exploring the
ideas, activities and resources
which bring Gratitude, Empathy
and Mindfulness (GEM) to life on
TRP@HOME.

The Imperfects podcast, led by Hugh van Cuylenburg, Ryan Shelton and Josh van Cuylenburg, is all about how perfectly imperfect we all are. Hugh, Josh and Ryan chat to a variety of interesting people who



bravely share their struggles and imperfections, and we all learn some valuable take-aways we can apply to our own imperfect lives.

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