



ST JOHN'S NEWS

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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents,

Following is an update on school funding, a welcome to our new Parish Administrator and some encouragement to support our Year Six mini fundraiser tomorrow.

We are approaching decision time in relation to funding of schools in Australia. Changes to amendments are being considered as a result of a concerted and sustained campaign mounted by Catholic school leaders, parents, in particular, and by teachers and staff. I thank everyone who actively challenged our political leaders to fully consider and take action based on the full picture and implications of funding. The new model is being debated as this newsletter is being written and it seems that many of the changes suggested by the thousands who protested are being considered as part of the new legislation. Our preference is full community consultation before it goes to parliament. Attached to today's newsletter is a template letter from our Director of Schools, Peter Hamill encouraging the appropriate senators to consider their position prior to this evening's vote. You are encouraged to sign and send the letter to the nominated politicians.

No matter what the result, families who are challenged financially by school fees can approach me confidentially. **Financial difficulty should not prevent any child from receiving a Catholic education.**

In other news, our Parish Family Mass was very well attended by our school community last week. Father Delmar, the Provincial of the Scalabrinians, said mass with us. Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two did a fabulous job as hosts for the night. Please note there is no Parish Family Mass this weekend as was previously advertised.

We welcome our new **Parish Administrator, Father Reinaldo Vassoler** who is a member of the Scalabrinian Order. Father Reinaldo replaces Father Tiziano and has already met with me to express his support for our goal of building and sustaining positive links between our school and Parish. We look forward to working with Father Reinaldo.

Finally, Year 6 have organised a special Mufti Day tomorrow. A Mufti Day involves your child coming to school in their own selection of clothing tomorrow. In return, a \$2 coin or a gold coin donation will be collected which will go towards the purchase of Year 6's gift to the school at the end of the year. The gold coin donation will include a cup cake for each child who supports the event with extra cupcakes on sale for 50c from the canteen.

Best wishes for the week ahead

Mark Bateman Principal

KINDER ENROLMENT NEWS:

Kindergarten enrolment interviews are currently being conducted for 2018. Parents who may have missed any information concerning enrolment are asked to submit their application as soon as possible in order to be considered for 2018. Application forms, dates and transition to school information are all available on the school website.

Siblings are offered places in round one of enrolments followed by new families who have attended interview with Mr Bateman. Parents of siblings may have an optional interview with Mr Bateman. Please contact the school office to make an appointment or go to <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/>

DIARY

Week 10 Term 2 Mon 26 June	Week 10 Term 2 Tues 27 June	Week 10 Term 2 Wed 28 June	Week 10 Term 2 Thurs 29 June	Week 10 Term 2 Fri 30 June	Week 10 Term 2 Sat/Sun 1/2 July
Core Values Award Assembly 8:45 Celebrating NAIDOC Week at St John's	Yr 3 & 4 Eagle Tag Gala & Rugby League Day		Yr 5 & 6 Eagle Tag Gala & Rugby League Day	LAST DAY OF TERM	
Week 1 Term 3 Mon 17 July	Week 1 Term 3 Tues 18 July	Week 1 Term 3 Wed 19 July	Week 10 Term 2 Thurs 20 July	Week 10 Term 2 Fri 21 July	Week 10 Term 2 Sat/Sun 22/23 July
Term 3 Commences					

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 30th June

Last Day of Term

Monday 17th July

Term 3 Commences

Thursday 27th July

Athletics Carnival – Sydney Academy of Sport
First Communion Introduction Evening 7pm

Friday 4th August

Grandparents & Special Friends Day

AWARDS



Please note: Awards will be given out as follows:

FRIDAY MORNINGS – 8:45am Kindergarten – Year 2

FRIDAY AFTERNOONS – 2:40pm Year 3 – 6

STRENGTH & GENTLENESS will be presented on MONDAY mornings during Prayer Assembly

Strength & Gentleness	
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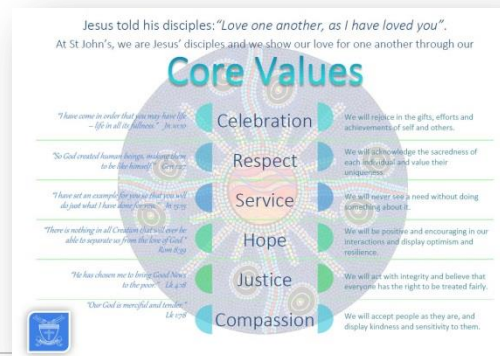
KB	Liam F Gibson G Emery H	2G	Aurelia B Chloe O Lucas P	4R	Airell "AJ" D Piper M	Sport Charlize K (5/6L) Jimmy H (3D)
KJ	Benjamin L Noah M	2N	Joshua B Jasmine C Indiana G	4SC	Gabriella B Oliver L	Library
1G	Ayrton D Jack K	3D	Chloe Co Aurora P	5/6DF	Joshua B Jade C Eva C	
1JB	Valentina B Tyler J Crystal L	3NG	Jonathan B Josh S Erin W	5/6L	Vanesa H Ryan L Sophie M	Music Lewis F – 2N Charlie S – 4SC
2C	Fin H Marcus H Antonio Z	4B	Holly D Cameron G Alessia M	5/6O 5/6B	Lucia R Isabella S Olivia B	

CORE VALUES AWARDS

Congratulations to the following children who have been nominated by their peers and teachers to receive the Core Values Award for Term 2. These children are recognised for their discipleship – for displaying gospel values in the way they live their lives and the way they interact with everyone around them.

The awards will be presented at our Monday morning Assembly in Week 10.

Kindergarten	Alessia G	Celebration, Respect & Compassion
Kindergarten	Riley H	Celebration & Compassion
Year 1	David M	Service & Justice
Year 1	Matilda B	Respect, Justice & Compassion
Year 2	Jake D	Celebration, Respect & Compassion
Year 2	Neeve S	Celebration, Respect & Compassion
Year 2	Olivia B	Celebration, Respect & Compassion
Year 3	Xavier S	Respect, Service & Hope
Year 3	Joshua S	Respect
Year 4	Edie P	Respect & Compassion
Year 4	Thomas S	Hope, Compassion & Respect
Year 4	Maurice J	Respect, Service, Hope & Compassion
Year 4	Finn M	Celebration
Year 5	Max B	Celebration, Respect, Service, Hope & Compassion
Year 5	Connor W	Celebration, Respect & Service
Year 6	Joseph M	Celebration, Service & Justice
Year 6	Isabella S	Celebration, Respect & Service
Year 6	Monique R	Respect, Service, Hope, Justice & Compassion



SPIRITUAL NEWS

SCHOOL PARISH MASS

One of our Core Values is **Celebration** and our community really did live that out on Saturday night at the Parish School Mass. The Kinder, Year 1 & Year 2 children did a wonderful job of their ministries and they were very ably assisted by their older siblings.

Thank you to everyone who came along and made it such a great celebration of our faith. A special thank you to the parents who helped out with music and hospitality!

SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION (FIRST EUCHARIST) – SAVE THE DATE

This sacrament is available to all children in Year 3 and above who have been Confirmed and made their Reconciliation. The Introduction Evening for parents and children will be held on Thursday 27th July (Week 2) @ 7pm in St John's Church Narrabeena.

Further information will be sent home to Year 3 parents in the coming week and will be posted on the Faith page of our Weebly.



NAIDOC

NAIDOC week is celebrated in the first week of July but as we will be on school holidays we will be celebrating it at St. Johns in Week 10.

The aim of the week is to celebrate and promote a greater understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and culture. This year's theme aims to emphasise and celebrate the unique and essential role that Indigenous languages play in cultural identity, linking people to their land and water and in the transmission of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, spirituality and rites, through story and song.

On Monday of Week 10 we will be celebrating NAIDOC week by playing Indigenous games. **Please ensure ALL students are wearing sports uniform on this day.**



CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Congratulations to Ava Hodge and Ella Dunstan who represented the Diocese of Broken Bay at the Catholic State Cross Country Carnival at Eastern Creek on Friday last week. The girls had the added honour of flag bearing for Broken Bay during the opening ceremony. Ava came in 27th which is a commendable effort over a tough course. Ella came in third in her event and will now compete at the PSSA Cross Country Carnival at Eastern Creek later in the year - this is an absolutely outstanding effort! Well done Ava and Ella, we are very proud of you!



EXCITING EXPERIMENTS

Year 5 and 6 had a fantastic Science Day on Wednesday. Mr Casenave, Jerome's Dad from 5/60 came to St John's to show us some really cool science experiments. He explained the states of matter and experimented with the properties of solids, liquids and gases.

He showed us experiments such as mixing bicarbonate soda and vinegar to make a balloon blow up; and talked about how it changes. Pablo brought in dry ice, which is Carbon Dioxide and added water which caused a really cool cloud of gas. This is an example of a solid changing to a gas when a liquid is added. When he created a soap film, we could see a bubble form with the gas floating out when it popped. Both classes really enjoyed being inspired to learn more about science.

Thank you Pablo.



MAKE-UP EAGLE TAG RUGBY LEAGUE CLINIC

Tomorrow (Friday 26) Years 3-6 will be having a make-up clinic for one of our washed out days. Please make sure that students are wearing appropriate mufti.

Did you know that this week's school rule is **Be Respectful - Care for your Belongings**.

Did you know that 3D are learning about sustainability and how the 3R's (reduce, reuse, recycle) can help us to care for God's Creation at St Johns?

Well, the two things came together this week when we looked in the Lost Property bins...



*Today we went to lost property and there were so many containers with no name and they will just go in the bin. The good thing is that people are bringing in plastic containers instead of plastic bags because plastic bags go in the bin and plastic containers are better for God's creation. Plastic containers can be reused unlike plastic bags.
Liam S*

There were about twenty containers with no name on them. If they have no name on them we just throw them away to landfill. Jasmine

At St John's we care for God's creation by using plastic containers that can be reused. But we found containers with no names! Which means it goes in the bin!!! People should put their containers in their bags instead of leaving them lying around. Chloe B

Please check that your containers have at least your family name on them. If your children come home without containers, please ask them to look for them. We cannot send plastics to St Vincent de Paul, etc. If the items do not get claimed, we eventually have to throw them out.

We cannot continue to live in a world with so much waste!

Year 6 Fundraiser



“Mufti Day + CupCakes”

Friday 23rd June - week 9

Year 6 are fundraising to pay for the Gift they want to give St Johns at Graduation.

* All children are invited to wear **Mufti** on Friday 23rd June and receive a yummy **Cupcake** at recess - Cost is only **\$2 pp**

* Anyone who wishes to buy extra cupcakes, they will be for sale for 50c each.

* Please bring in your **\$2** next week and hand it to your Teacher.

* Gluten free and egg free cakes are available on the day (just let your Teacher know)

All children from Year 3-6 will have bought home a letter about taking part in a survey for research being carried out by Peer Support Australia next term. We ask that you complete the permission form and return it to your class teacher.

CANTEEN

IMPORTANT NOTE: Canteen is CLOSED every THURSDAY

W10 Term 2 Mon 26 June M Hayes MA Bell	W10 Term 2 Tues 27 June L Rourke G Ferris	W10 Term 2 Wed 28 June S Forrester K Thompson	W10 Term 2 Thurs 29 June CLOSED CLOSED	W10 Term 2 Fri 30 June CLOSED FOR CLEANING	<p>CANTEEN CLOSED THURSDAYS</p> <p>We require 2 volunteers each day to operate the canteen.</p> <p>If anyone would like to join our group of canteen volunteers, click here or email cendrine@heartfelthampers.com.au</p> <p>Canteen Coordinator: Cendrine Lambert(0435030903)</p>
W1 Term 3 Mon 17 July	W1 Term 3 Tues 18 July	W1 Term 3 Wed 19 July	W1 Term 3 Thurs 20 July CLOSED CLOSED	W1 Term 3 Fri 21 July	
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LIBRARY NEWS



We have lots of new books in the library if you are able to help with covering them we will provide the contact you need. Just pop into the library or ask at the office and we will send home a bag with the books and contact.

Book Week Parade



Next term in Week 6 (August 21-25) we will have our school Book Week Parade. The holidays may be a good time to get crafty and start thinking about your costume many parents like to prepare early to avoid a last minute panic. Students are encouraged to dress up as a book character of their choice or to create a costume around the Book Week them of, 'Escape to Everywhere'. The students will wear the costume while parading with their class in front of the

whole school. During this week we will also have the Scholastic Book Fair where students can purchase books.

Fr Vogt Writing Competition

Each year at St John's we have a writing competition which was started in 1999 in memory of Father Vogt who was the Parish Priest at St John's when the church was being built.

Entries for the competition will be accepted from now until Monday 31st, July. The competition winners will be announced during Book Week celebrations. The theme for Book Week this year is "Escape to Everywhere."

This week in library all students received a copy of the entry form for the Father Vogt writing competition there is also a copy attached to the newsletter as well as the success criteria for each stage.

Holiday Borrowing



Books may be borrowed from the school library over the holidays if your child has no overdue books.



Term 3 Afterschool Robotics St John's Narraweena on Tuesday Afternoons

TIME: 3.15pm to 4.30pm

COST: \$250 for 10 week program

DATES: 18 July -19 Sept

GROUPS: Yrs 2 to 6

*Learn to code using Lego Mindstorms robotics motors, sensors and software.
Beginners and experienced students welcome!*

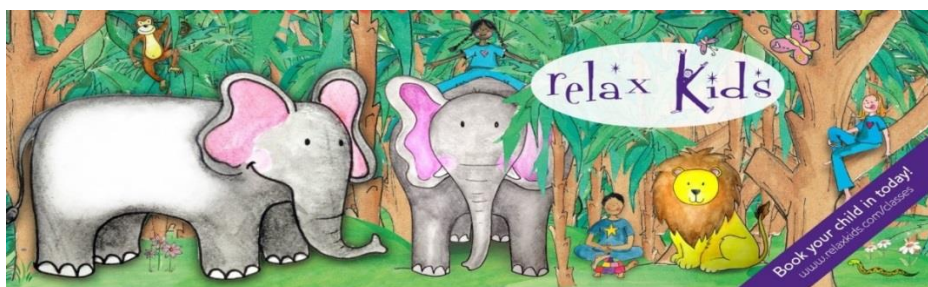
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COMMUNITY NEWS



RELAX KIDS PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Monday 26 June at 6.30 in the St John's School library.

If you would like to come along to get a better understanding of the program, and to hear the latest Relax Kids news, please register at the below link.

Enrollments are now open for Relax Kids for Term 3, so if you think that the program may be suitable for your child, or are unsure if it is, please join us on the 26th of June.

For further information or to book your child into a class for next term, please contact Elizabeth Byrne on 0413786588 or by email at Relaxkidssydney@gmail.com.

[HTTPS://WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/NS3WG5M](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NS3WG5M)





The P&F Gazette

News and info from YOUR Parents & Friends Association

You are cordially invited to the St John's



7pm, Saturday 19th August at the Dee Why Bowling Club

Tickets are only \$25 each & they're selling fast

Don't miss out – book now on Qkr!

BYO food/nibbles, drinks at Club Prices

This is your chance to enjoy an amazing evening out (yes you deserve it!) as well as support our major fundraiser for the year. There will be raffles and silent auctions and and yes, even trivia. But most of all it will be loads of fun and a great way to bring our community together. Can't wait to see you there! ☺

Hint: Remember that you can nominate a specific table group in the comments section of your Qkr! order.



Some Qkr! things that are good to know ...

- **Having trouble signing in? Contact the Mastercard Help Desk on 1800 689 562**
- **Qkr! now has a thumb print identification feature if this is enabled on your smart phone, if you have any difficulties enabling this contact the Help Desk number above**
- **It's really easy to cancel a lunch order should the need arise**
 - So long as you put through the cancellation before 8.30am on the day, your Qkr! account will be credited, and the amount can then be used on future lunch orders. Please note: Cancelling before the 8.30am cut off time is essential.
 - Simply sign in to your Qkr! account and scroll to the 'my receipts' section
 - Select the eReceipt for the order you wish to cancel
 - You will see a red circle containing the "minus" symbol beside your child's photo. Tap this, and a pop up box will appear asking if you wish to proceed. Tap 'Yes'
 - If your eReceipt contains food orders for more than one child, you will need to cancel one by one.

Best wishes

Bel, Pip, Gen, Russell & Caroline

Kinder 2018 Parent/Principal Interview

Booking Instructions

1. Log on to www.schoolinterviews.com.au



2. Enter EVENT CODE: **j5yjp**
3. Enter your full name, email address and the name of your child. Press **GO**

A screenshot of the booking form on a light green background. It contains the following fields:

- Email:
- Parent's full name:
- Book for: students
- Student's name: ✘

At the bottom center is a green 'Go' button.

4. Select an appropriate timeslot for your interview. Please note: your child **does not** need to attend.
5. Check the details you have entered and select **FINISHED**
6. You will be emailed a confirmation of your appointment. Please diarise this as missed appointments are difficult to reschedule.
7. Please bring any reports from specialists you may have for your child. eg/ Speech Therapist, Occupational Therapist.

Thursday 22 June, 2017

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Despite what you have heard in the media last night and today, we are still hopeful for a last minute change of heart by one or more of the Senate cross benchers. I urge you, if you are worried about your school's future, to email the following text to:

Senator Jacqui Lambie
senator.lambie@aph.gov.au
Ph: Parliament Office (02) 6277 3063
Electorate Office (03) 6431 2233
Senator Nick Xenophon

senator.xenophon@aph.gov.au
Ph: Parliament Office (02) 6277 3713
Electorate Office: 1300 556 115
Senator Brian Burston
Pauline Hanson's One Nation

senator.burston@aph.gov.au
Tel: 1300 498 639

But you need to act now. The Bill is currently being debated in the Senate and the vote will happen before midnight tonight.

Again, my thanks to every parent who has been advocating for our schools.

EMAIL SUBJECT LINE – PLEASE DON'T WRECK CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Dear Senator

When Catholic education first raised concerns with the Turnbull Government's *Gonski 2.0* funding package, Minister Birmingham said there was 'a lot of exaggeration' about the impact that it would have on schools like mine.

According to the Education Department's own calculations, Catholic schools across Australia will be \$4.6 billion worse off. That cut will be felt by Catholic school communities across Australia.

So, it is pretty clear that Catholic education wasn't exaggerating.

For about 200 years Catholic schooling has been provided in Australia out of a sense of mission, and from a desire to make a faith-based education as accessible and affordable as possible to the community – not for profit.

Our Catholic school system distributes funds across schools to meet the special, individual needs of each school community – including extra support for new or small schools and other disadvantaged students. The system also smooths out the costs across the system, minimising fees.

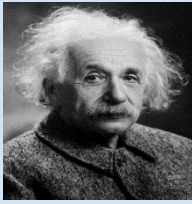
The Turnbull Government proposes to focus on individual schools. Funding will be based on school socioeconomic status (SES) scores, which paint broad-brush pictures about the ability of parents to afford fees and do not reflect the true circumstances of local communities. This is despite the Gonski Review's call for these scores to be replaced 'as soon as possible'.

Ask yourself: Why after 50 years does the legislation need to be passed in such a rush? Is it solving an educational issue or a political one? Please vote against this Amendment to the AEA so it can be fully researched and debated by all politicians and stakeholders.

Yours sincerely

Get those brain cells working and start sharpening up those trivia skills!

SAVE THIS DATE ...
lock it in your calendar



ST JOHN THE APOSTLE FUNDRAISER TRIVIA NIGHT

SATURDAY, 19th AUGUST
DEE WHY BOWLING CLUB
223 Fisher Rd North, Dee Why

7.00PM-11.00PM

*Money raised will go directly towards improvements to
the school children's playground*

TICKETS ON SALE NOW ON Qkr!

(8 people per table)

BYO food/nibbles, drinks at Club prices

If you do not have a table, fear not, we'll ensure you're allocated to a table with new friends to have fun with on the night! Just mention in Qkr "table needed".

HELP NEEDED

To make this event a successful night, we are in need of donations for raffles and silent auctions. If you, your family members or friends know of any businesses who could help out (eg. restaurants, beauticians, travel agents, hotels, sporting clubs etc) please contact the school office. Thanks.

Great prizes to be raffled and
silent auctions



Which table will be
champion on the night??



FATHER VOGT MEMORIAL WRITING COMPETITION ENTRY FORM 2017



Name: _____

Class: _____

Each year at St John's we have a writing competition which was started in 1999 in memory of Father Vogt who was the Parish Priest at St John's when the church was being built.

Entries for the competition will be accepted from now until Monday 31st, July. The competition winners will be announced during Book Week celebrations. The theme for Book Week this year is "Escape to Everywhere."

Please tick the categories in which you wish your entry to be judged. Entries should be edited and published either in clear handwriting or typed. Please give your work a title. Poems can be illustrated by hand or by using a computer.

CATEGORIES	PLEASE TICK	PLEASE TICK
Kinder - Best piece of writing- narrative	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kinder - Best illustrated poem
Yr 1 & Yr 2 - Best piece of writing- narrative	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yr 1 & 2 - Best illustrated poem
Yr 3 & 4 - Best piece of writing- narrative	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yr 3 & 4 - Best illustrated poem
Yr 5 & 6 - Best piece of writing- narrative	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yr 5 & 6 - Best illustrated poem

Kinder narrative - 100 words or less

Yr 1 & 2 narrative - 350 words or less

Yr 3 & 4 narrative - 600 words or less

Yr 5 & 6 narrative - 950 words or less

- Entries should be given to Ms Sheehan, OR emailed to: kylie.cardow@dbb.catholic.edu.au
- Entries must have the entry form attached OR if your entry has been emailed it should also have your name, class and categories you are entering
- Closing date - Monday 31st July.

Entries must be **your** original work and should be on A4 paper.

Please sign to acknowledge that it is your own work

Good Luck, everyone.

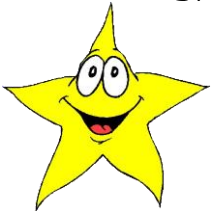
Fr Vogt Writing Competition Success Criteria Early Stage 1

- Choose an interesting topic to write about
- Include a 'sizzling start' – get the reader's attention using sound, action or dialogue
- Use descriptive words
- Check that your writing makes sense
- Include capital letters and full stops
- Check your spelling is correct
- Type or write your work neatly



Fr Vogt Writing Competition Success Criteria Stage 1

- Choose an interesting topic to write about
- Include a 'sizzling start' – get the reader's attention using sound, action or dialogue
- Give your writing a beginning, middle and end
- Use show don't tell– instead of 'I was nervous' try 'As I waited in the queue my stomach started to flutter'
- Use Tier 2 words – instead of using big try large or giant or enormous
- Check that your writing makes sense – remember to proof read
- Punctuate your work
- Check your spelling is correct
- Type or write your work neatly



Fr Vogt Writing Competition Success Criteria Stage 2

- Choose an interesting topic to write about
- Include a 'sizzling start' – get the reader's attention using sound, action or dialogue
- Ensure you have an orientation, complication and resolution
- Use show don't tell– instead of 'I was nervous' try 'As I waited in the queue my stomach started to flutter'
- Include descriptive language – metaphors, similies
- Use Tier 2 words or 'wow' words – instead of using big try large or giant or enormous
- Use a variety of sentences
- Check that your writing makes sense – proof read
- Punctuate your work
- Check your spelling is correct
- Type or write your work neatly







Fr Vogt Writing Competition

Success Criteria Stage 3

- Write an imaginative text
- Include a 'sizzling start' – an engaging beginning using sound, action or dialogue
- Ensure you have an orientation, complication and resolution
- Use show don't tell– using the 5 senses
- Include descriptive, engaging and entertaining language
- Use figurative language – idioms, similes, personification etc.
- Use Tier 2 words – instead of using big try large or giant or enormous
- Use a variety of sentence types – simple, compound and complex
- Ensure you have a cohesive story
- Use correct punctuation and spelling
- Proof-read your work
- Type or write your work neatly









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WHEN

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WHERE

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