

# ST. FRANCIS OF THE FIELDS

Newsletter No. 10 – June 8, 2023

(Term 2 - Week 7)

The Jaara people are the traditional custodians of the land on which we live. They have lived here for thousands of years We commit to working for Reconciliation and justice for all Aboriginal people and to learning more about the Jaara

#### "To Live, Learn and Grow in God's Love"

.St Francis of Assisi

Reminders

Thursday 8 June Palmers Gym – Fdn – Yr 1 P&F Meeting @ 7.30pm Friday 9 June 2P & 2HI Mass @ 11 45am Assembly @ 2.45pm Monday 12 June King's Birthday Holiday Wednesday 14 June Palmers Gym – Yr 2 School Advisory Council meeting @ 6pm Thursday 15 June Palmers Gym Fdn - Yr 1 Friday 16 June Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass @ 11.45am Friday 23 June Vinnies Winter Appeal – Casual Clothes Dav End of Term 2. Finish @ 2.30pm Monday 10 July Start of Term 3 Friday 21 July Fdn BW & Fdn M Mass @ 11.45am Friday 28 July PUPIL FREE DAY - NCCD/Wellbeing Staff PD

#### Tuckshop 2023 – Term 2 Week 7

Thurs 8 June 12.30 – 3pm Bec O'Sullivan Friday 9 June 12.30 - 3pm Renee Jet Bec Foster Chantal Bennallack Week 8 Thurs 15 June 12.30 - 3pm Nicole Villani Friday 16 June 12.30 - 3pm Leah Pollock Amy McLennan Nicole Emmerson Jess McKinlev Week 9 Thurs 22 June 12.30 - 3pm Chelsea Mazzarino Friday 23 June 12.30 - 2.30pm Tandy Jackson Sarah Giffard Chelsea Baker Hollie Warren

**Weekend Maintenance** 

 10-11 Jun
 Wright (5ZC), Stuart (3M)

 17-18 Jun
 Loorham (3GB), Hand (4FT)

 24-26 Jun
 TERM 2 Holidays

 1-2 July
 TERM 2 Holidays

 15-16 July
 Butcher (3M), Arundell (4FT), Millar (5K)

 24-25 July
 Stubbins (3C), Purvis (4Z)

"True progress quietly and persistently moves along without notice."



Dear Families,

Most businesses have a vision statement posted somewhere in their office, website or reception area. A vision statement defines a reason for being. It embodies your philosophies, goals and ambitions. It's what you are about.

Attempting to operate without a vision, you run the risk of wandering, and not achieving what you set out to achieve. The Hebrew Scriptures remind us "Where there is no vision, the people perish" (Jer 31).

Jesus told us about his vision – the reign of God - and then in all he said, and in all he did, he walked the talk of that vision. Throughout his life, Jesus touched the lepers, healed and spoke to those considered cursed because of illness or disability. He treated women as people, not property. He ate with public sinners and tax collectors. He put people before the law. He placed those pushed aside at the centre of his concern. Always he saw the person and not their baggage; their potential not their past. If we are to walk the way of Jesus, then we need to buy into his vision- do as he did; talk as he talked, and this means becoming a face of justice in the world - to stand and walk with the poor, the unemployed, the homeless and displaced, the sick, the lonely.

While we cannot fight every battle, and move on every front, our hearts each day are called to justice. We should never find ourselves standing alongside and watching as unjust events and issues pass us by. If we wish and expect to be treated with justice, then we are called to be people of justice ourselves. Together we have the vision, we are all sent to live this vision. How each of us lives this vision is our individual mission.



#### King's Birthday Holiday - Repeat

I hope all families enjoy the King's Birthday Holiday on Monday 12 June.



#### **New Reports**

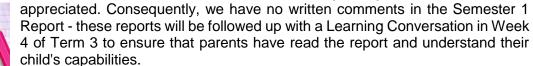
STUDENT

PROGRESS

REPORT

As many would know we have had a Reporting Team made up of parents and staff members who have reviewed how we report to our community. The Reporting Team surveyed the Advisory Council, the Parents & Friends community, the parent community and our staff. The findings showed that our community would like more opportunities to speak with the teachers at Learning Conversations. Subsequently, we are now holding Learning Conversations at the start of Term 1, 2 & 3.

The written curriculum information in our reports was less well received, though the general comments were



<u>Please note that we will send the Semester 1 reports home at the end of first</u> week of Term 3.

The Semester 2 report will have written comments as we will not meet for a Learning Conversation with the parents.

#### **Before & After School Concerns**

I am concerned by the number of students who are arriving incredibly early for school. We also have many children wandering around after school, unsupervised, waiting for their siblings to finish sport training. Last week an accident occurred on the playground and the child was rushed into school for first aid. If parents would like children to remain after school hours please use After School Care to ensure your child's safety.

#### **School Advisory Council Meeting**

All Council members are invited to attend our next School Advisory Council meeting on **Wednesday 14 June** at 6pm in the staffroom.

#### End of Term 2

Term 2 finishes on <u>Friday 23 June at 2.30pm</u>. This means that all children need to be picked up at 2.30pm from school. The school buses will be leaving at that time. YMCA After School Care at St. Francis of the Fields will be operating from the earlier time of 2.30pm until 6.00pm.



Please note that Term 3 begins on Monday 10 July.

Enjoy a safe and relaxing holiday.

#### Keeping our community safe - Repeat

As a community we need to ensure the health and safety of our children and staff. To assist please do the following:

- 1. If your child is unwell please keep your children at home.
- 2. If your child has covid symptoms please use a RAT test to check for covid.

Where a student or staff member is identified as a positive case, please take the following steps:

- 1. Parents/carers should inform the school by phone or written notification if a student tests positive to COVID-19 (via a PCR or rapid antigen test).
- Students and staff who report a positive result are recommended to isolate for a minimum of 5 days and not attend school until their symptoms have resolved.



I appreciate your support in our endeavours to keep our students and staff safe from illness.

#### **2024 Enrolment Process**

All families will receive an email on Friday 9 June confirming if their child has been enrolled into St. Francis of the Fields Primary School for 2024. All unsuccessful applicants will receive a phone call from the principal.

#### **Parents & Friends Meeting**

Everyone is invited to attend the P&F Meeting tonight @ 7.30pm in the staffroom. We look forward to seeing some new faces.

#### Assembly

**5W** will lead our next school tomorrow, Friday 9 June from 2.45pm in the Shed. All parents, grandparents and guardians are most welcome to attend.

Christ has no hands but yours.

Juni Molawy

Tim Moloney Principal



### **Children's Chatter Matters!**

In order to prepare for the language & learning demands of the school environment, children need ample time and opportunity to engage in meaningful interactions with their family.

We encourage you to set some time aside each week so that you can get the most out of your interactions with your child. In a busy household, sometimes the car is the best place for these focused activities. The key ingredients for a creative interaction are a time, a place, a willing talking partner or audience and an engaging topic or activity.

Below we have Language Learning activities to try at home.

Focus: Story grammar, telling narratives.

Developing the students' ability to retell or construct a story verbally has huge implications for their growth in writing and reading narratives. wordwall.net/resource/28041380

<u>Activity 1</u>: story grammar structure Story grammar is important as it helps students to understand narrative texts. In this game the student needs to place each of the story grammar elements in the correct order.

<u>Activity 2:</u> continue the story! In this activity students are provided with a range of story starters. Have the student continue on with the story. Be as creative as you would like!





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### This month on SchoolTV -A SPECIAL REPORT: Mobile Phone Separation Anxiety



The use of mobile phones and technology in schools has been a highly debated topic internationally, including in Australia. Almost all states and territories in Australia, have implemented full bans on mobile phones during class, recess, and lunch times, while allowing students to carry their phones during travel to and from school.

Critics argue that there is no evidence supporting the effectiveness of such bans, but this is a mischaracterisation. Studies have shown the positive impacts of mobile phone bans in schools. One study conducted in 2016, found that banning mobile phones led to an increase in student performance, with test scores improving by 6.4% of a standard deviation. Similar studies from Spain and Norway also supported these findings.

For parents concerned about mobile phone separation anxiety in their children, it is important to acknowledge it as a real issue and discuss the negative effects of phone addiction, such as sleep problems and mental health issues. Gradually introducing phone-free periods at home, setting clear expectations and boundaries and modelling healthy behaviours can help your child cope. It is also crucial to establish a support network and seek professional help if needed. Implementing mobile phone bans in schools allows for better focus on teaching and learning, minimising distractions and interruptions.

This Special Report will help address mobile phone separation anxiety and provide guidance on supporting your child's wellbeing during this transition period. We hope you take a moment to reflect on the information offered, and as always, we welcome your feedback. If this raises any concerns for you, a loved one or the wellbeing of your child, please consider seeking medical or professional help.

Click on this link to view the Special Report

<u>https://sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.schooltv.me/wellbeing\_news/special-report-mobile-phone-separation-anxiety</u>

Regards, Grace Scalora - Deputy Principal - Pastoral Wellbeing

#### RE News..... Vinnies Winter Appeal

On **Friday 23 June**, we are having a fundraiser for the local Vinnies St Therese's Parish Conference. Students can wear casual clothes and make a donation to the Vinnies Winter Appeal. All donations can be made through CDF Pay.

Vinnies Winter Appeal				SVinnies	
Strength and support	Clothing and essentials	Food in tough times	Help when bills are due	A place to rest and recou	
Your support helps dedicated volunteers to work with people living in poverty, and provide assistance when life is tough.	Together we can provide basic essentials such as blankets, clothes and tolletries to resolve dignity in times of need.	Your donation can provide money for groceries, reducing hunger and removing a major stress for families.	You can help us provide financial support with household expenses to families who are strugging to make ends meet.	Your donation enables us to help people like Jenny and her family find a safe place to sleep when they have nowhere else to go.	

Please click on the Fundraising Events link in CDF Pay and select the 'Vinnies Winter Appeal' fundraiser tab. You can enter and pay whatever amount you wish to donate. Please do not send cash to the school.

Donation envelopes for the Winter Appeal are available from our local conference. Please see Lisa Hitchcock for more information.

#### **National Reconciliation Week 2023**



The theme for National Reconciliation Week 2023, **Be a Voice** for **Generations**, encourages all Australians to be a voice for reconciliation in tangible ways in our everyday lives – where we live, work and socialise.



Last week, our FIRE Carriers led our many National Reconciliation Week activities and were certainly a voice for reconciliation in very significant and tangible ways within our school community.

Thank you to our FIRE Carriers for their leadership and sharing their passion for reconciliation, to the Assisi Kindergarten children and teachers for our fun visits and shared learning about Aboriginal cultures, to our families that joined



us in our journey of reconciliation and to Troy Firebrace and Michael Chisolm for working with our community with such generosity in sharing their many talents, knowledge, experience and wisdom.



Our fundraiser for the Opening the Doors Foundation raised \$1000 to support Aboriginal students to participate fully and equally in education. Thank you to everyone for their generosity. Your donations will be used to help the Foundation empower and support Aboriginal families. The

Foundation is Aboriginal-led and listens to the diverse needs of Victorian Aboriginal families.











#### Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

**On Friday 16 June,** we will celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with a Liturgy at **11:45 am**. All students from Foundation - Year 6 will attend the liturgy.

On this feast, we celebrate the love of Jesus through the image of his loving and tender heart. If we see the heart as a symbol of love, we can experience Jesus Christ the greatest lover of all. His human heart broke open with love – especially for those who were suffering. Through the opening of his heart, we can find the very essence of God. Such is the love that has captured our hearts.

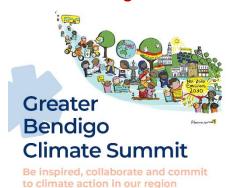
We invite our families and community to join us for Mass and for a cuppa afterwards.



Loving God, your love for us is merciful and compassionate. Help us to grow a heart that is filled with goodness, gentleness and understanding so that we may speak words of kindness and act with justice and compassion. May our lives be full of generosity and love so that we might be a Christ-like presence in the world. We ask this prayer through Jesus, your Son.

Amen

#### **Greater Bendigo Climate Summit - Earthcare Team**



The Greater Bendigo Climate Collaboration is a project that brings together all sectors of the Greater Bendigo community to collectively achieve net zero emissions in Greater Bendigo by 2030. The collaboration wants to see Greater Bendigo become a renewable energypowered economy.

The Greater Bendigo Climate Collaboration invited members of the wider community to attend the Greater Bendigo Climate Summit, on Saturday, May 27, at Ulumbarra Theatre, to learn how they can respond to climate change and create rapid change in Greater Bendigo.

St Francis of the Fields was invited to the summit to present. Students from the St Francis of the Fields Earthcare Team Annie Rowe, Lahni Tyrrell, Lily Hearps, Adley Booker and Sienna Raco shared what we do at our school to be a sustainable community and to live a sustainable life

as individuals, learn about and tackle ecological challenges, how we work together to reduce emissions and what we would like all in the community to do to reach the target of net zero emissions by 2030.

Congratulations to Annie, Lahni, Lily, Adley and Sienna on their passion for sustainability and tackling ecological challenges and their excellent presentation at the Greater Bendigo Climate Summit. The students' presentation is shared with you all in today's newsletter.



#### **Sacramental program - Confirmation & First Eucharist**

The program to prepare students for Confirmation and First Eucharist began last week with the Family Information Nights. The candidates from Year 3 and above will begin preparation in cluster groups next week. Thank you to all the families that were able to come along to the information nights, for leading the cluster groups and for supporting their children on their continuing faith journey.

All families should have received an email from Sally Jennings, St Therese's Parish Sacramental Coordinator, with the calendar and Week 1 Cluster Group information.



Please contact Sally Jennings at <u>kpsacraments@outlook.com</u> or Lisa Hitchcock at <u>lhitchcock@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au</u> if you would like more information about the program or if you did not receive an email.

Loving God, Pour out your blessing upon our beloved children, that during this time of Sacramental preparation they may grow closer to you, and come to know your special love for them. May this time of preparation be a time of blessing for our families and our community, and unite us all in your great love. Amen.

#### **Sacramental Program - Confirmation and First Eucharist**

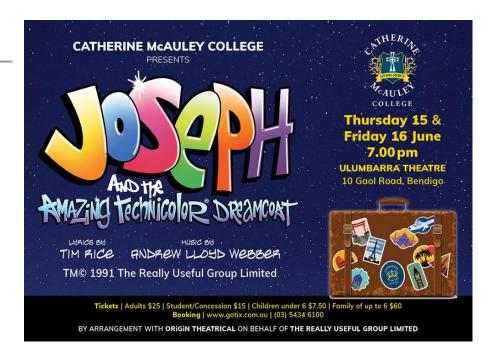
The Sacramental preparation program for Confirmation and First Eucharist will be starting **next week**, from 12<sup>th</sup> of June.



Families will need to attend one of the Parish Masses **this weekend** to make their commitment and to collect their program books.

An email with the Cluster group allocations has been sent out. If you have not received an email, or would still like to enrol in the Sacramental program, please contact Parish Sacramental Coordinator, Sally Jennings at email: <u>kpsacraments@outlook.com</u>

#### Lisa Hitchcock Catholic Identity Leader



#### Maths News..... Round 2! Here we go!





Maths Explorer and Maths Games will be held across the day on Wednesday 14th June for Year

3-6 participants and on Thursday 15th 10am for 5ZC & 5K. Best of luck to our students!

#### **Regional Maths Conference**

Last Friday, almost 130 teachers enjoyed a day of professional learning on mathematics learning and teaching. Presenters travelled from Maths Association of Victoria, Melbourne to share the latest research into teaching maths in engaging and challenging ways.

A special thanks to our very own Mr Kerrins, who presented a workshop. Mr K is known for his passion when teaching maths with purpose and fun!

A huge thank you to our staff who worked hard to organise the conference. And to Fiona, Donna and Deb, your catering as always, was outstanding! Thank you!

Kate Ellis

Numeracy Leader









#### Oasis News.... Grade 5 FEAST Program

The grade 5 students this term have been really busy learning about food waste in Australia and the impact this has on our community. As a result, we are compiling a 'School Cookbook' that includes lots of family favourite recipes. This week we made 'Fast Fritters' and there was a lot of excitement in the air, especially when we got to sit down and eat them at the end.







#### **Grade 4 River Detectives**

This term the Grade 4 students have been learning how to care for our precious waterways. In particular, we have been testing our waterways to ensure that we are maintaining a healthy creek system.

Some of the things that the students have been testing is the Turbidity, which is the colour and clarity of the water. The amount of Phosphorus in the water, the PH, which is the amount of Hydrogen in the water and the temperature.



Our results are very pleasing.

We are also part of a Monash University study aimed at testing the amount of herbicide and pesticides that are in our water. This means that we have to collect a sample of water every month and send it off to Monash University for testing. We will share the results of this study when we receive them towards the end of the year.





#### PE News.....

#### **SSV State Basketball Team Trials**

We have had a busy week with our fabulous students! Harper  $\oint$  Sienna trialing in the 3rd  $\oint$  final stage for the girls side  $\oint$  Tate in the boys. We are eagerly awaiting the results of the trial, but couldn't be more impressed with how our students have relished the opportunity to play alongside the best in the state and have some expert coaching! Well done for taking on this Challenge and for your exemplary attitude you have displayed throughout.





#### SSV State Girls Football Team Trials

Our girls (Ava Hope  $\rightarrow$  Etta Place) finally received the news on whether they had progressed through to the final stage of the trials. At this point anything was a bonus, as the experience this far had been so wonderful, with lots of learnings and fun along the way. We are very proud of our girls' efforts and conduct throughout the trials and we wish Etta all the very best as she competes today in the final trial! It is a Gala day of football in Melbourne and we Can't wait to hear the result.

#### SSV State Boys Football Team

On Sunday the 28th of May, Jedd Willis went down to Melbourne to trial in the third round for the SSV footy team. Jedd competed fiercely and has done an absolutely outstanding job to make it to the final 100 boys in the whole of Victoria! While he didn't progress through to the next stage, we hope he understands the enormity of his efforts and just how impressive this result is.

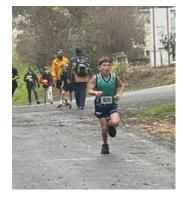
#### **Regional Cross Country**

Of the 8 students that qualified, only 6 were able to take part due to Sienna Raco being in Melbourne for SSV basketball trials and Hamish Baker out with illness. Nonetheless, we had 6 OUTSTANDING performances! Proud is a word we use a lot in PE, but there really is no other word to best describe our students- we are so incredibly proud of their commitment and effort they have put into preparing themselves for this event. Congratulations to all 6 students, and all the very best to Jed, Solly  $\Rightarrow$  Milanke who have made it through to the State Championships!!



#### **Results:**

Jed Willis	4th
Zara Grieve	19th
Solly Baker	8th
Darcy Rodda	21St
Elliot Kelly	31St
Milanke Haasbroek	1St







#### Missing Year 6 Sporting Team uniforms - Repeat

If you have seen any of these items around the house from older siblings that may have represented our school, we would love to get our hands on them. If found, please return to Mrs Coates.



#### **PE Award**

Each assembly week, we present a tuckshop award.

The Criteria for receiving these awards is very straightforward. Students demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship, effort and attitude will be the prime Candidates for these awards. **Congratulations:** Zara Grieve | Solly Baker | Maddie Edgley

#### **Sporting News**

Parents, if you news that should be shared in the newsletter, please let me know by emailing dcoates@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au or sending it directly through to newsletter@sfstrathfieldsaye.catholic.edu.au

Danielle Coates → Shannon Dillon PE Coordinators



#### **Bendigo Braves – Free Tickets**

Click on this link below to secure free tickets to the remaining Bendigo Braves home games on the dates listed below. Please utilise this code for Free Tickets. BRAVES-INSCHOOL11 They have 3 home games to go June 18, June 23 and July 15.

https://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=BRAVE23



### Frank's Little Friends Playgroup

Every Tuesday during school term. 9:00am – 10.30am. Gathering in the Community Centre Please see our FB group "Franks Little Friends" for updates. All welcome!



#### **Uniform Shop**

The Uniform Shop is now cashless. All in-store payments are to be made using EFTPOS.

To assist the Uniform Shop staff, when ordering uniform online, **please add your child's name and class** in the 'Any Notes' section when you are selecting items. This cannot be done at the payment stage of the order.

Orders will be processed on Monday's, Wednesday's & Friday's.

Opening hours – Monday 8.30 - 9.30am Wednesday 2.30 – 3.30pm Friday 8.30 – 9.30am

## Year Level - Unit Newsletters

Click on these link to view the Term 1 Unit newsletters.

Foundation - <u>Foundation Unit Newsletter</u> Year 2 - <u>Year 2 Unit Newsletter</u> Year 4 - Year 4 Unit Newsletter

Year 6 - <u>Year 6 Unit Newsletter</u>

#### YMCA – After School Care

Unfortunately, again due to low numbers, YMCA ASC will not be operating their full day care program for our Pupil Free Day tomorrow, Friday 26 May.

The YMCA operates an After-School Care Program at St Francis of the Fields Primary School. The program operates every school day for children aged 5-12 years. The YMCA also provides care on days of school closure.

Families can contact the service on 0459 988 313 or visit 'My Family Lounge' where you can register your child in advance for any bookings. any questions please contact <u>stfrancis@ymca.org.au</u>.





Year 5 - Year 5 Unit Newsletter

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#### **Community News....**



### **JUNIOR GIRLS** FOOTY 4 FUN WITH AFLW STARS



#### (AF) play.afl

Want to experience football with AFLW Players Kerryn Peterson & Kodi Jacques? This is your opportunity! Footy 4 Fun includes football activities, photo and autograph opportunities, giveaways and a BBQ for all participants. This FREE event is open to all girls aged 5 - 12 years old.

GOLDEN SQUARE FOOTBALL CLUB



Boys & Citits aged 4-12 years ora. General Information: We believe in giving children opportunities to do the things they love and enjoy in a supportive and encouraging environment. Our friendly staff are passionate about working with children. They are provided with training on behaviour management techniques, first aid and activity planning/delivery.

What do you need to bring: Appropriate clothing, jacket or sweatshirt, hat, drink bottle and food for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea

#### Food:

Please bring plenty of packed food and drink for morning tea/lunch/afternoon tea, Lunch will be from approximately 12.30pm to 1.30pm each day.

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Programme activities: Programme activities are adapted to suit children of all ages and children may be grouped by age depending an numbers. Programme activities may vary without notice dependent on weather conditions and programme numbers.

#### Payment details:

YEARS

Payment aerais: Payment is required up-front within 2 hours of your booking. A receipt will be issued when a completed booking is received. All details will be included on the receipt.

Please note: Every care will be taken to ensure the safety of your child/ren and their property. However, organisers of Kelly Sports accept no liability for any loss or damage to his/her property whilst on the programme.

Can you conquer the almighty challenge that the Kelly Sports Mini Golf Madness challenge presents? Get yourself ready for 18 holes of crazy, mini golf fun & entertainment with prizes & challenge games also included in today's activities! FULL DAY: \$50 Mon - Fri, 8:30am - 5:00pm

Please Note: The Theme listed is the main activity for the day. Each day will also include other orts & games the kids will love. Our full daly schedule & additional program information can be found on the booking website





MINI GOLF MADNESS



FUTSAL FRENZY Come prepared to show off your fast feet & scoring provess at today's Futsal Frenzy! The kids will get a taste of what our local indoor soccer/Futsal competition entails, with Kelly Sports & Futsal Australia running proversient Extend remembling a morning Futsal competition

NINJA WARRIOR Come olong today and channel your inner ninja in our giant obstacle courses. Show off your flexibility, speed & agility in what is sure to be an action packed day. Who will become the ultimate ninja?

KS SESSION: \$60

8:00am - 5:30pm \*early/late pick up option



snoot and dribble your way through the day and show of your skills in our basketball challenge activities & tournament! off

HALF DAY: \$35

8:30am - 12:30pm OR

1pm - 5pm



Our little superstars will show off their skills in the Kelly Sports Olympics today. The kids will be split into teams and work together to try & top the medal tally in many running, jumping, throwing & team-based events.



AMAZING RACE Come along today and show off your team work & problem solving skills. How quickly can weave your way through our challenges? Hidden prizes will also be included in today's Amazing Race!



\*FULL WEEK DISCOUNTS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE

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