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Notices

Please click here to view Wakatipu High School's Student Notice Board.

Facebook Page

Please see our Facebook page for all the latest updates from Wakatipu High School, and take a look at our sports page for news on football, rugby, snow sports and more. Recent posts include news on this week's Scholarship results and photos and videos from today's Participation Day

Kia ora and welcome to the first full Wakatipu High School newsletter for 2019!

Today has been Participation Day which is a very special WHS day. The House marches this morning were outstanding - the level seems to get higher every year, and the day has gone really well. My thanks to Miss Peters, the Deans, student House Leaders and everyone who made the day a success - see below for some photos and links.

This is a big newsletter with lots of important information, enjoy:)

2018 Results - as a school we work hard to provide a great all-round education for our students, and central to this is student learning, progress and achievement. Each year we set goals and targets for student achievement and, while results are not confirmed for a few weeks yet, it is my pleasure to report to you on the highlights of our 2018 results at this time:

University Entrance (UE) - approximately two-thirds of our students go on to tertiary study and so UE is a critical qualification for those students and their families, and important for this school and community. Our target was for 103 students (ie 65% of Year 13) to achieve UE and we have currently got 101 students (64%) - a great result for those students and their futures.

NCEA Level 2 - is also a significant qualification which is important for young people and their futures, and accordingly it has considerable emphasis from the Ministry of Education, schools, students and parents. Once again this year we had an ambitious target of 172 Year 12 students (ie 90%) and currently 167 students have achieved this (87%) - another very good result by and for those students.

As a school we also work hard to ensure our Maori and Pasifika students achieve, and I am also pleased to report that 86% of Maori and 100% of our Pasifika students achieved NCEA Level 2 - fantastic!

NCEA Level 2 with Excellence - particularly for those with tertiary aspirations, this is an important achievement that can yield considerable financial scholarships and supports entry into courses and Halls of Residence. Our target was for 44 students (ie 23% of Year 12 students) to achieve this, and currently 42 students have done so (ie 22%) - a great achievement by those students.

NCEA Level 1 Endorsed with Merit or Excellence - this goal is about students achieving a quality Level 1 qualification, in part to help set them up for Level 2. Our goal was for 100 Year 11 students (55%) to achieve this and 99 students have!

Scholarships - are the pinnacle of academic achievement, and to gain a Scholarship is a great achievement and honour. Sitting scholarship is optional and undertaken by our top scholars, who work hard with their teachers throughout the year to prepare for them. We have just found out that 14 students achieved Scholarships last year, including two Outstanding Scholarships. This is a fantastic achievement - and our congratulations and thanks go to those students and their teachers, who are listed below.

You may recall that strategically our aim for 2018 was to 'move and maintain', ie do a good job of the move and transition into the new school and maintain our all-round education, including academic achievement. Last year was a big year for staff and students as they adapted and settled into the new school, and so it is really great to see these very good results and high levels of student achievement congratulations and thanks to students and staff alike!

Related, and you may have seen the article in yesterday's Mountain Scene, in total last year our students received over \$400,000 in tertiary scholarships! - absolutely amazing, and a testament to our all-round education.

Ākonga Passport - this year a key strategic focus is our Ākonga (Learner) Profile. This is a key part of our strategic plan and is a holistic view of what we want for our students in their time at WHS. It has four elements: Essential skills; Holistic Development; WHS's Values; and a Future-focused Qualification and Pathway. An exciting development this year is the introduction of our Ākonga Passport for junior students, which was presented to them yesterday. Junior parents, please see below for more on this important initiative.

Communication - make sure you're connected to us and what's going on:

Facebook - click here, a great way to keep up to date with what's going on at WHS.

WHS App - especially for new parents, this is a channel we'll use frequently, especially for important and urgent updates - head to the Google Play or Apple App store, and make sure you select the Alert Subscriptions you want to receive.

School Fees and Donations - the Ministry of Education periodically review their guidelines re what items and activities schools can charge for. Following the latest review we have updated our fees which means that course materials and compulsory workbooks will now be voluntary contributions (for which donation tax credits can be claimed).

As a school we try and provide a great all-round education for our students, and even with the very generous support of the WHS Foundation, which supports the Awhi Fund, and the Branches Trust, this is a challenge with the funds we receive, especially as a Decile 10 school. Accordingly we would ask that parents please consider paying school donations and voluntary contributions as we rely on them to enable us to provide the all-round education that we all want for our students. Please note that donations can be made in any amount.

Buses - at the start of the year there is normally a period of settling and shuffling with buses, but thus far this year is going smoothly. We'll let you know if there are going to be changes.

Student Car Parking - senior students have been emailed information on the new system for car parking this year, which includes them need to register and display a sticker on their vehicle. Please see below for details.

Nathan Mikaere-Wallis - is presenting on the 'developing brain' on Thursday 21st February here at WHS. Nathan is always an excellent speaker - see below for details and how to get tickets.

Even though this first week is very different, it has been a very good start to the year. It is good to get the 2019 year underway, and it will be really good to settle to teaching and learning next week.

Scholarships

Massive congratulations to students who yesterday received news of scholarship awards in 2018!14 WHS Students achieved scholarship in 2018 (up from 8 in 2017) - with two receiving 'outstanding' awards. The pinnacle of academic achievement in New Zealand, sitting scholarship is optional and undertaken by our top scholars. Well done to all of these incredible students - and to our teachers who go above and beyond, dedicating their time and putting in an enormous amount of work throughout the year to support those undertaking scholarship.

WHS Scholarships 2018

Akane Suzuki - Design and Visual Communication (Teacher - Allan Birkett)

Akane Suzuki - Technology (Teacher - Justine Duncan)

Akane Suzuki - Japanese (Teacher - Distance Learning)

Lexi Rosemoore - Photography (Teacher - Abbey Brown)

Ami Ishibashi - Design - Outstanding (Teacher - Leslie Koehn)

Ami Ishibashi - Design and Visual Communication (Teacher - Allan Birkett)

Bianca Crichton - Biology - Outstanding (Teacher - Jim Gilbert)

Bianca Crichton - History (Teacher - Barb Kelly)

Gareth Harcombe (Yr 12) - English (Teacher - Millie Harris)

Mika Turnbull - Painting (Teacher - Leslie Koehn)

Zak Komene - Design (Teacher - Leslie Koehn)

Harriet Nickels - Photography (Teacher - Abbey Brown)

Ray Crawshay - Design (Teacher - Leslie Koehn)

Chester Rosie - Statistics (Teacher - Oded Nathan)

Participation Day

Today was WHS's annual Participation Day, which kicks off the year long house competition in style. Throughout the day all pupils took part in a range of athletic events, trying to score as many points as they could for their house. All had great participation and fun and we were extremely impressed with the high standard of behaviour of students throughout the day. See our Facebook page for more.





Ākonga Passport

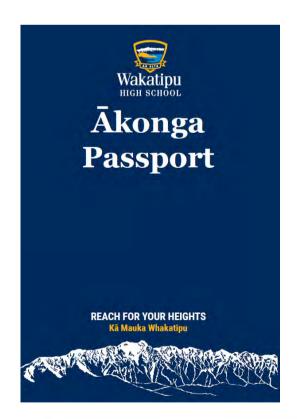
The Ākonga Passport is a system of positive acknowledgement for students that aligns with our Ākonga (Learner) Profile that details the skills (literacies and competencies), character qualities and qualifications/pathways that we aspire our students to learn, develop and achieve while at Wakatipu High School. Students will experience and develop the aspects of the Ākonga Profile through their classroom learning experiences, Āko Time and extra and co-curricular activities offered by the school.

The Ākonga Passport will acknowledge students in the following areas:

- Behaviours that exemplify the School Values
- LE (Learning Engagement, 3-weekly) Reports
- Participation in extra & co-curricular activities
- Service to others both within and outside of schoolDigital Certificate (Year 9) & Careers Certificate (Year 10)

Each section has points which students accumulate in their Passports. They strive to gain as many points as possible throughout the year, aiming for the different levels of the Passport - Bronze, Silver & Gold. Students reaching the required thresholds will be presented with the relevant 'Peak' during the year at our Excellence/Ad Alta Assemblies.

For more detailed information on the Ākonga Passport, please click here.



Section	Action	Points
1. School Values	My behaviours and actions exemplify our school values	1 card (10 stamps) = 1 point
2. Essential Skills - Competencies (LEI Reports)	My LE reports reflect my commitment to learning.	3.2 average = 1 point 3.5 average = 2 points
3. Holistic Development - Self and Social	I participate in and learn from extra and co- curricular activities.	One-day event/activity (eg Centra Otago Spelling Quiz) = 1 point Season/term involvement in a team/group (eg Junior Netball) = 3 points
4. Holistic Development - Active Citizenship	I give service to others.	One day/event (eg Clean up the Bay) = 1 point Ongoing service over a team/ season (e.g Netball Coaching) = 3 points
5a. Essential Skills - Digital Literacies (Yr 9)	I develop my digital skills to maximise my learning in a digital environment. (Digital Certificate)	Bronze = 1 point Silver = 2 points Gold = 3 points
5b. Future- focused Qualifications & Pathways (Yr 10)	l explore pathways that align with my skills and passions. (Careers & Pathways Certificate)	Bronze = 1 point Silver = 2 points Gold = 3 points



Parking

We'd like to update WHS parents and Caregivers that, commencing from Monday 11 February, we have contracted Parking Enforcement Services, who currently patrol and monitor all of Remarkables Park, to monitoring car parking at school. As part of this they will be ticketing illegally parked cars.

With this new system, as per staff vehicles, student cars parked at school must display a parking sticker on their windscreen. To receive a sticker students must come to Student Services and register their vehicle (i.e. car's make, model and number plate).

Please note that even cars displaying stickers that are parked illegally (eg parked on a footpath, blocking access routes etc) will be ticketed. If students are in any doubt about what is illegal parking, please refer them to the following NZTA resource: Where not to park.

Please also note that it is still permissible to for students and visitors to park on the grass to the right of the Playcentre, within the orange safety fence area - but not over the footpath or on the grass verges.

International Arrivals

We are delighted to welcome 11 fabulous new internationals to our school this year, and we started them off this week with an amazing tour on the Earnslaw. A wonderful potpourri of nationalities: Argentinean, Columbian, Chilean, Japanese, Korean, Thai, French-Polynesian, German and Italian. Welcome to WHS!



WHS Represented at Crux Water Quality Forum

A group of students attended the recent Crux Water Quality Forum to hear local decision makers in discussion with independent freshwater scientist Dr Mike Joy. The students helped facilitate the event and also fielded questions from the audience.

One audience member asked Dr Mike Joy what we could all do as individuals to improve the quality of our water. "Make a lot of noise" he said. "Keeping putting as much pressure on your local and national politicians as possible. It's the only thing that is really going to make a difference. Substantial change needs to come from the top. From Central Government."

Certainly the quality of our local freshwater is an issue our young scientists are well-placed to tackle. Let's hope they do!

Jennifer Smart, Acting Head of Learning Area - English and Jim Gilbert, Head of Learning Area - Science



New York Jazz Academy

Over the summer break, Year 12's Eliot Allemand was lucky enough to head to the United States to take part in a workshop at the New York Jazz Academy. Below is an excerpt from Eliot's wesite.

"I just came back from a week at the New York Jazz Academy where I got to meet some incredible musicians from all over the world. I was the youngest of 8 students who worked with famous Jazz artists to extend their knowledge of Jazz music. We had gigs all over New York City and got to play many concerts throughout the week. I also participated in a "jam session" which took place in a popular Jazz bar in the heart of Times Square. Musicians came from far and wide and played together whatever songs they wanted. During the week I got to establish friendships with people from Australia, China, Japan, United States of America, Chile and more. This was a truly exceptional experience and I am proud to have been a part in what was one of the weeks I will remember forever."

A truly amazing experience. Well done Eliot!







Eliot with saxophonist and pianist Daniel Bennett

Eliot with Chris Bulock of jazz band 'Snarky Puppy'

Music Happenings

There have been a few things happening for the music students over the break. The band Haven played at the New Year's Eve gig in Queenstown as part of their winning prize from the battle of the Muso's in 2018. Murphy's Law played at the Gibbston Valley concert as one of the starting acts for the main show. An amazing experience for both groups and thanks to Rockformation and the Youthbooth for making these events happen.

There will be other performances by the high school bands happening on the Village Green via Rockformation over the next few weeks with the one next Friday 15 Feb between 4.00pm and 7.00pm.

Alison Price, Head of Learning Area - Arts



Musical Programme Advertising Opportunity

WHS is excited to announce that this year's WHS Musical is DUSTY The Original Pop Diva. The students have already begun rehearsals and we are well on our way.

Our musicals are always very popular with students, families and the local community but support is always needed to help create a high quality event. We are offering local businesses the opportunity to advertise in our 2019 musical programme. This a great way to support your community and advertise at the same time!

The Musical dates are the 3rd - 6th of April 2019. There will be a total of 4 shows with an audience capacity of approximately 350 patrons per night.

We offer:

- A full page (A4 portrait) colour advertisement in the programme, with an advertisement on Memorial Centre foyer screens, and 5 complimentary (opening night only) tickets for \$500 +GST.
- A half page (A4 portrait) colour advertisement in the programme, with an advertisement on Memorial Centre foyer screens, and 3 complimentary (opening night only) tickets for \$350 +GST.
- A quarter page (A4 portrait) colour advertisement in the programme, with an advertisement on Memorial Centre foyer screens, and 2 complimentary (opening night only) tickets for \$200 +GST.

The advertisement must be a high-resolution JPEG or PDF file.

Specifications are:

- Full page 297mm x 210mm
- Half page 148mm x 210mm
- Quarter page 148mm x 105mm

The image file must be supplied by Monday, 25th of February to mparker@wakatipu.school.nz. Please supply an email address for invoicing and complimentary tickets. Advertisements will not be added unless full payment is received by Friday, 1st of March.

We look forward to hearing from you and any gueries are welcome.

Monica Parker, Arts Coordinator

Volunteers Needed for Musical

his year's musical, Dusty The Original Pop Diva, is based on the life and career of Dusty Springfield. The cast, band and teachers have begun their rigorous rehearsal schedule and are on track to mesmerise audiences at Queenstown Memorial Centre from the 3rd to the 6th of April. Remember to save the dates!

We are always looking for parent and student support. In particular, we need some volunteers to assist with Set and Costume. If you are handy with a needle and/or sewing machine, interested in set design or enjoy sourcing props, please contact Monica Parker at mparker@wakatipu.school.nz.

Reminder for Cast and Band

All cast and band members need to frequently check the link to Teamup for any last minute changes at https://teamup.com/ksb6bu7tw6649rqqq5 and remember to join the Musical 2019 Classroom for updates.

Monica Parker, Arts Coordinator

Luma 2019

Luma is on the minds of all of the Year 9 Hard Material students. Luckily Mrs Lund teaches all three classes this semester and has launched the project this week.

Students will be working on lanterns/light vessels and using high tech lighting solutions which have been donated by the Luma Directors. Mrs Lund has also been working since September with the primary schools who are also producing a project based Scheme of work which has launched this week in Remarkable primary school, Shotover and Queenstown Primary School. Prototypes have been made and now students will have a few months in timetabled lessons to create some stunning pieces, the best of which will be exhibited in Luma 2019 which opens over the Queens Birthday weekend.

Rebecca Lund, Teacher in Charge of Hard Materials





Mountain Biking - National Downhill Series Round 1

Congratulations to the following students for some impressive results in the first round of the NZ National Downhill Series held at Dome Valley in Auckland. Riley Adlam 3rd U17 Men, Max Caulton 4th U17 Men, Will Adamson 8th U17 Men, Jess Blewitt 1st U19 women, Alex Barke 6th U19 Men. Great start to the national race season for all riders in some super competitive fields. Well done!

Cricket - U15 Otago Girls Cricket tournament, Whanganui

Paige Loggenberg & Caitlin Hollyer were selected and played for the Otago U15 Girls cricket team during the holidays. They both did Queenston proud and over the 4 days of tournament; Paige scored 97 runs overall (HS 34), took 1 wicket, 1 catch and 2 runouts (one incredible direct hit from the boundary); Caitlyn took 2 wickets and a runout. Otago unfortunately lost their games against Christchurch, Northern Districts, Auckland, Wellington and Central Districts. They played off against Northern Districts on the last day and ended the tournament with a nail-biting win.

Snow Skiing - Junior Freeride World Tour

Cameron Marshall and his family spent a month away in Europe during the holidays where Cam competed in two Junior World Freeride events. One in Switzerland, Verbier where he place 3rd; a massive achievement on the world stage. They then travelled to France, where he competed in Les Arc and placed 15th. He lost his line at the bottom of the run which would of cost him points but still was a great run. It was a fantastic experience for Cam and gave him a real insight into the world stage of Freeride. Thanks Cam for the following trip report: "A highlight on that Swiss run was coming off the last feature and it was a pretty cool feeling. You get only one run and you can only look at it from the bottom, no practice runs. You climb up for 30 minutes for a 1.5 minute run. My aim for this year is to do well in the 3 NZ tour stops this year. Doing well means scoring good competition points in all the events to increase my chances of getting selected for the Junior World Championships. While you can apply to enter, if you do not have enough points then that reduces your chances of competing on the World Tour. I am currently working on trying to get full sponsorship from Elan".









Rowing - South Island Club Champs

Last weekend the Wakatipu Rowing Club took 51 High School rowers to the South Island Club Champs at Lake Ruataniwha in Twizel. To compete against 1,272 other South Island based rowers, with some outstanding results. Twenty three A finals, 5 gold medals, 1 silver and 1 bronze. With only 2 weeks off over Christmas, these rowers have been putting in many hours of training on Lake Hayes; some up to 9 times a week. The South Island Club Champs gives the rowers a good gauge after the holidays as to how they are placing against their rivals coming into the major Secondary School events. The South Island Secondary School Champs at the beginning of March in Twizel and the Maadi Cup (Nationals) at the end of March in Cambridge.

Results

Gold

Oliver Herron, Oliver Bisley: Boys U16 Double Sculls Enzo Wilson, Oliver Herron, Oliver Bisley, Lucas Erskine, Alex Thomson (cox): Boys U16 Coxed Quad Sculls Louic Billoud, Charlie Campbell: Boys U17 Double Sculls Jessie Heal, Louic Billoud, Rohan Key, Charlie Campbell, Alex Thomson (cox): Boys U17 Coxed Quad Sculls Oliver Herron: Boys U17 Single Sculls

Silver

Enzo Wilson, Ed Forrest, Sam Rogers, Lucas Erskin, Alex Thomson (cox): Mens Intermediate Coxed Quad Sculls

Bronze

Gigi Thomson, Charlotte Woods: Womens Novice Double Sculls Enzo Wilson, Lucas Erskine: Mens Intermediate Double Sculls

Alexa Peters, Sports Coordinator

WHS Mobile App

Upcoming events and important dates now available on the WHS App Calendar





You can now get information on our important upcoming events on the 'Calendar' section of our WHS App. It's free to download and use for iOS and Android devices. Once you have the app on your smartphone or tablet, simply hit 'Calendar' to view important upcoming events. You can also tap on the three bars in the top left to bring up the menu, then use the 'Alert Subscriptions' option to select what groups, years, or subjects apply to you. The WHS App is recommended for both students and parents.

Push Notifications

The app allows you to select alert groups so that you only get notifications relevant to you such as:

- Whole School information alerts
- Sports and activities reminders
- Year level events
- House announcements
- Buses updates, such as lateness or breakdowns

This feature will help ensure that you receive only messages that are applicable to you.

Other Features

The app also gives you quick links to:

- Report your child's absence
- Log into the WHS Portal
- Access the school notices
- Read the latest newsletter
- Quick link to the school website
- Check upcoming calendar events
- Contact the school

Date	Event	Who
Monday 11 February	Normal School Timetable Begins	Everyone
Wednesday 20 Febraury	Extra Curricular Expo	Everyone
Tuesday 26 February	NCEA Parent Evening	NCEA Students
Wednesday 27 February	Otago Polytechnic Presentation	Seniors
Wednesay 27 February	Gifted and Talented Parent's Evening	G&T Students
Saturday 2 March	Greenstone Camp Group 1 in	Year 9's
Monday 4 March	Linclon University Presenation	Seniors



Wakatipu High School Foundation Business Partnership Programme

The success of Wakatipu High School Foundation depends on the strength of its partnerships – with our schools, our community and business leaders. The WHSF Business Partnership Program is comprised of a dynamic group of local companies and professionals who, through their financial support, share in its success. Partnering with WHSF is a great way to invest in our schools and promote your business. Outstanding schools help strengthen the entire community including the business community. If you would like more information on how your business can participate in this vital

programme, please contact: Chris Duffy (Trustee): chris.duffy@crowehorwath.co.nz +64 3 450 1801 Josie Debenham (Executive Officer): josiedebenham@gmail.com + 64 22 037 8993

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narrative on how our day-today interactions with children and young people,

significantly the younger years, plays a critical role in defining later outcomes

Tour Dates - South Island

Feb 18 - Timaru Boys High School, Timaru

Feb 19 - Waitaki Boys High School, Oamaru Feb 20 - Otago Boys High Scool, Dunedin

Apr 08 - Kiakoura High School, Kiakoura Apr 10 - Nelson College, Nelson

Apr 11 - Regent Theatre, Hokitika Facebook: @nathanwallisxfactoreducation







A full programme of events starting at 1:30pm

Feature Mile Races at 2:00pm

Trophies to both gender winners.

Limited lanes means some events will be graded.

Entries: priority entries via email or on the day by 1:00 pm Minimum age 12 years old. Meet Entry Fees: Registered Athletes \$8 Unreg. \$12 Mile Race additional \$5.00

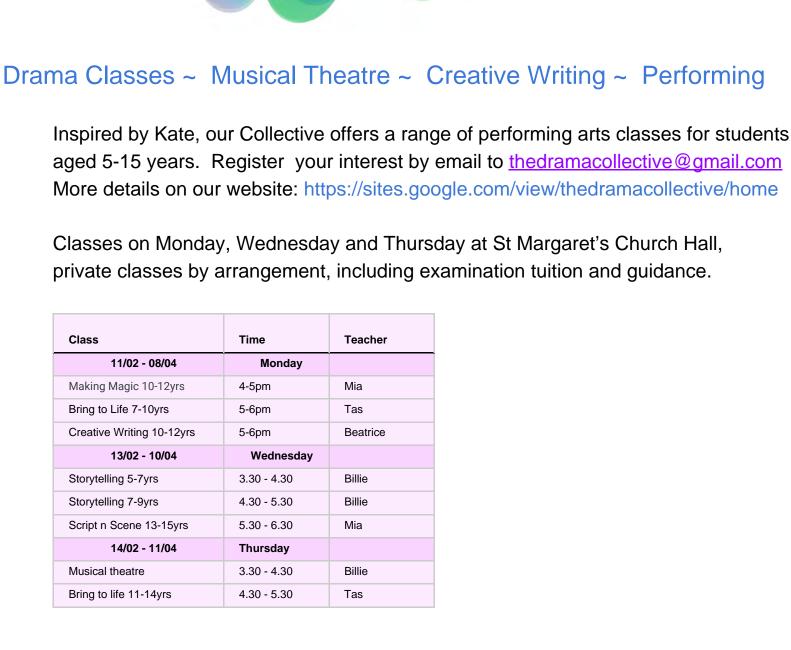
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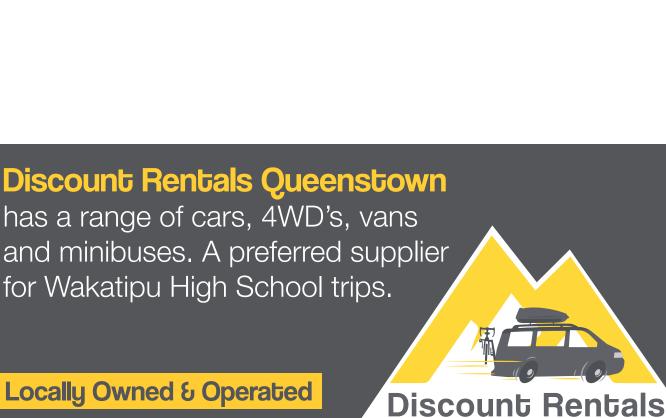
Public and spectators welcome.

Academic Drawing Course



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The Porters, owners of Queenstown Park Station, invite the community to a 2019 Open Day for a Recreational Fun Bike Ride on

clear signage provided.

Register to participate at

or for enquiries call 021 991 899.

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on to Chard Farm

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