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The past couple of weeks have shown that Australians are very generous when confronted with a need. Most Australians are able to identify with the victims of the Victorian bushfires, and the support has been astounding.

In the Primary School, we invited students to bring in something they would want if they were a child who had lost everything. We were overwhelmed with a truckload of toys to cuddle and to play with. In addition, over \$1000 was raised. In the Secondary School, and at the Duncraig Campus, various events brought a similar response.

A columnist in *The West Australian*, Ross Gittins, wrote, "Our caring is highly selective. People with problems get wonderful treatment provided their problems make good TV footage. People with un-photogenic problems get ignored." There's some truth in his comment. It is easy to show compassion for those with whom we identify, or who are likeable or loveable; far more difficult to serve people who are less endearing.

We try to teach students the meaning of service and the link between service and sacrifice. The word *service* is not much used these days. People often think of it as demeaning. But service means helping others without seeking anything in return. Service doesn't choose to help only people we like.

As a school, we do not support generally fund-raising activities which reward students with prizes. We encourage students bring \$1 they earned by doing extra chores at home than \$5 given by parents.

Service costs – in time, money, effort, even ego. Our school crest includes the bowl of service overlaid with thorns, symbolising that service has a cost – sometimes a high cost.

Christ told of this in the story we often call "The Good Samaritan". He modelled it by healing and speaking with people, by washing his disciples' feet, and by his death.

We are constantly seeking ways to serve others in the local community. If you see a need that our primary students might address, not just by fund-raising, but by action and interaction, please let us know.

Thank you for helping us to *serve God and serve one another.*

Dr Phil Ridden
Head of the Primary School

Whole School Information

Key Dates 2009			
Mon—Wed 23—25 Feb	Yr 8 Boys' Camp	Mon 9 Mar	Dry/Wet Trades
Mon 23 Feb	Primary Wet Carnival Yr 4-6 Yr 12 Leadership Training (A/S)	Tue 10 Mar	CAS P&F Meeting
Tue 24 Feb	CAS	Wed 11 Mar	VET CAS
Wed 25 Feb	VET CAS	Thu 12 Mar	Seniors House Debating
Thu—Fri 26—27 Feb	Swim Camp	Tue 17 Mar	CAS Yr 6 Camp Meeting
Fri 27 Feb	Pre Primary Language Screening	Wed 18 Mar	VET CAS Yr 4 & 5 Camp Meetings
Mon 2 Mar	Labour Day Holiday	Thu 19 Mar	Yr 7 Immunisation
Tue 3 Mar	CAS	Tue 24 Mar	CAS
Wed 4 Mar	VET CAS	Wed 25 Mar	VET CAS
Fri 6 Mar	Arts @ Lunch (Music) <i>Dove Tales</i>	Thu 26 Mar	Secondary Interschool Swimming Carnival Seniors House Debating
Mon—Fri 9—13 March	Primary Parent Interviews	Fri 27 Mar	<i>Dove Tales</i>

Procedure for Grievances

If you have concerns about your child's progress or welfare, you have a responsibility to address it. However, it is important that you address it with the right person—someone who can do something about it—and that you do so as an inquirer, not an accuser! There is a protocol to follow.

In the **Primary School**, the matter should first be discussed with the teacher involved or in whose class the incident occurred. General issues about your child's progress or welfare would normally be directed to your child's class teacher.

If you feel the matter has not been satisfactorily resolved, then you should talk with one of the Deputy Heads or the Head of the Primary School.

In the **Secondary School**, there is a flowchart which gives an indication of the procedure to follow with concerns about Secondary students' learning and care. This can be found on Page 7.

Whole School Information (cont)

Term Dates 2009

Term 1	Term ends on Thursday 9 April
Term 2	Wednesday 29 April—Friday 3 July
Term 3	Reporting Day Tuesday 21 July Students return Wednesday 22 July—Friday 25 September
Term 4	Tuesday 13 October—Friday 4 December.

Term Dates 2010

Term 1	Friday 29 January—Thursday 1 April
Term 2	Tuesday 20 April— Friday 2 July
Term 3	Reporting Day Tuesday 20 July Students return Wednesday 21 July-Friday 24 September
Term 4	Tuesday 12 October-Wednesday 8 December

Parents accessing the School Handbook

For on-line access to school policies and procedures, go to <http://www.ststephens.wa.edu.au/handbook/>

The user name and password are as follows: Username: parents Password: tco99

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the school for a copy of a specific policy or ask to access the policy using a computer at school.

The above information is also included in the Secondary Student Work Record.

Uniform Shop

We would like to thank all our volunteers for all their help in the Christmas holidays, we are very grateful for the time you put in. If you would like to volunteer to help in the Uniform Shop please phone 9306 7181.

We are now taking second hand uniforms for sale.

Students who have not yet tried on a blazers are asked to come to the Uniform Shop as soon as possible.

Uniform Shop hours are Tuesdays 12.30 - 4.00pm and Thursdays 8.00 - 11.00am.

Year 8 Family Picnic

Please see the last page for this invitation.

Piano Player Required!

We are seeking a parent to play the piano to accompany singing at the Primary Worship on Fridays from 2.50pm on a rostered basis. Please contact the Primary Office on 9306 7111.

Pick up after school

School closes at 3.20pm. Parents are requested to pick up your children promptly

Uniting Church Pancake Day

A BIG thank you to all the students, Mums and Dads who came early to be part of our Pancake Breakfast. A special mention to our Year 12 Captains and the willing staff who made the morning run so well. While the final numbers are not in yet we have raised just over ... **\$1,000**



Whole School Information (cont)

Music Opportunities

If you missed the last round of ensemble sign ups and instrumental tuition it's never too late to join.

The following instruments are available for tuition: Trumpet, trombone, clarinet, flute, fife pipe, Alto/Tenor/Baritone saxophone, violin, viola, cello, double bass, electric bass, piano, percussion, drums, classical guitar, classical / contemporary / musical theatre voice.

Forms for instrumental tuition can be collected from the music office.

Secondary Ensembles available for beginner to advanced students are available for the following groups:

Instrumental Groups	Vocal Groups
Jazz Big Band	Music Major Vocal Group
Concert Band	Divas Devine
Junior Concert Band	Vocal Workshop
Stage Band	Male Barbershop
Classical/Flamenco Guitar Ensemble	Female Barbershop
Primary Acoustic guitar ensemble	Year 7 Choir
Saxophone Ensemble	Year 6 Choir
Clarinet Ensemble	Year 5 Choir
Percussion Ensemble	Year 4 Choir
Fusion Flutes Ensemble	Junior Sing Thing
Primary Strings Ensemble	Senior Sing Thing
Junior Strings Ensemble	
Secondary String Ensemble	
Chamber Ensemble	
Funk Soul Rock band	
Classical Funk Band	
Year 7/8 Band	
Primary Rock Band	

Please contact Mr Shannon de Bie on 9306 7342 for further information, or email debiesh@ststephens.wa.edu.au

For all primary groups please contact Mrs Debbie Pattison on 9306 7175, or email pattisd@ststephens.wa.edu.au

Primary

Parent Teacher Interviews

The parent teacher interviews take place next month, Monday 9 March to Friday 13 March. Please find the Interview Schedule at the end of this newsletter on Page 10. Please print off and return to the class teacher so that you can book a time for an interview. Please contact the Primary Office on 9306 7111 if you have any queries.

Secondary

House Drama Festival

Auditions have taken place and casts have just begun rehearsing for the competition. If your child is involved, they are expected to attend all after school rehearsal each Thursday from 3.30pm-4.30pm. Parents are invited to watch the performances, which will take place in the Technology Hub at lunch on the following dates:

30 March- Makaria

31 March- Parresia

1 April- Charis

Thank you for your support and if you have any queries please call Ms Emma Leadon on 9306 7324.

Secondary

Implementation of Year 10 Community Service

From 2009, it will be a requirement of the Western Australian Certificate of Education (Yr 12 Graduation Certificate) that all students complete a minimum of 20 hours community service. St Stephen's is implementing this Community Service Program with our Year 10 students this year.

Community Service may be initiated by parents, students or the school, or a combination of each. The service may be provided, either in or out of school time, individually or collaboratively, through one or multiple activities, as part of the school curriculum or as an extracurricular activity.

Our students already have many opportunities to become involved in programs which are operating within our school, such as the environmental club, the Bethany Tour, mentoring younger students.

We are hoping that all students will complete their service by the end of Year 10. However, if students do experience difficulty, the deadline is the end of Semester I in Year 11. This will afford students the dedication that is required for Years 11 and 12.

Full details of the program have been outlined in a letter sent home via students to all Year 10 parents during week 3. Should you have any further queries, not covered within this letter, then please do not hesitate to contact Mr Brett Roberts – Deputy Head of Secondary for Learning and Curriculum.

Year 11 Students—Community Service

Students who have completed their Community Service over the Christmas break are requested to take their log book to their homeroom teacher to record the hours and then bring to Mrs Dorney in Secondary Admin.

Year 12 Proficiency in English Letter

Parents of Year 12 students are reminded to return the letter given out on 8 February indicating your child's proficiency in English and giving permission for publication of Award Information. Please return to Secondary Administration as soon as possible.

Special Examination Arrangements – Years 11-12

St Stephen's School wants each student to perform in examinations to the best of their ability. Students with physical or learning disabilities may apply for extra time in Year 11 and 12 examinations. These applications must be made in accordance with the Curriculum Council Policy, "Special Examination Arrangements – TEE." A copy of the Policy and Guidelines is available from Mrs Dorney in Administration. For internal examinations, ie St Stephen's semester examinations, applications must be forwarded along with the appropriate support documentation to Mr Brett Roberts (Deputy Head of Secondary – Learning & Curriculum) by the end of Term 1 every year, so that they can be considered for approval and proper supervision arrangements made if approval is granted.

Please note that for the actual Tertiary Entrance Examinations (TEE), the Curriculum Council decides who is eligible for extra time on an individual basis. The school does not make this decision. All students who are granted special exam conditions for the TEE will sit their examinations at a venue other than St Stephen's as determined by Curriculum Council.

Reports and Exams

Secondary Interim Reports will be posted to Year 11 and 12 families on 6 March and Years 8-10 on 9 April. Parents please don't forget to sign and return the tear off slip on the bottom of the report and have your child return the slip to their homeroom teacher.

Following the issuing of the Interim reports, there will be **compulsory** Parent/Teacher interview evenings for both Year 11 and 12 students. For Year 11 and 12 parents, this is your only opportunity for a formal interview with your child's teachers for 2009. The Year 12 evening will be held on Wednesday, 1 April and the Year 11 evening will be on Wednesday, 8 April. Times will be advertised closer to the date.

Year 8-10 Parent / Teacher interviews will be held on the Pupil Free – Reporting Day on 21 July 2009. The Semester 1 reports will only be available for pick-up by parents, on this day. Further details will be advertised closer to the date.

Dates to keep in your diary for Semester 1 are:

Year 11 and 12 exams will take place during Week 6 and 7 of Term 2 (2-12 June).

Year 10 exams will take place during 24 – 26 June.

Secondary

Career Information

Careers in Wildlife – the Perth Zoo are hosting one-day seminars during the April and October school holidays. These seminars are ideally suited to secondary students 15 years or over who are interested in learning about the variety of careers available working with animals. The program includes:

- behind the scenes tour of Perth Zoo and in-depth look at the work of zoo keepers
- guest speakers from tertiary institutions and conservation organisations
- tips on making contacts and 'getting your foot in the door' to competitive and exciting careers working with wildlife.

Cost per student is \$50.00 (inc GST). Dates are 22 April 2009, 23 April 2009, 8 October 2009 and 9 October 2009. Registration forms are available from Ms Johnson in the Careers Office.

Expression of Interest: Nursing and Midwifery Career Information Day – The Department of Health is hosting a Nursing and Midwifery Career Information Day on Monday 6 April. This event will give students information specific to the nursing and midwifery profession, highlighting the variety of opportunities available. Educational facilities and major teaching hospitals will be present to answer questions and provide a hands-on approach, whereby students can participate in activities like taking vital signs (pulse, temperature, blood pressure), birth simulation and CPR. Guest speakers will provide first hand accounts of their experiences as a nurse or midwife. If your son/daughter is in Year 10, 11 or 12 and interested in attending this event please contact Ms Johnson in Careers via email johnsoa@ststephens.wa.edu.au by Wednesday 25 February. As this is an invitation only event with restricted capacity, it is important that only those students who have an interest in Nursing or Midwifery as a career attend.

Apprenticeship Opportunities – Skill Hire are currently recruiting for their mid year intake of Apprentice BRICKLAYERS and CARPENTERS. Applicants must have a keen interest in a trade qualification within the Construction Industry and have completed Year 11 or 12. Interested applicants should contact Skill Hire on 9447 1900 or email their resume to perthoffice@skillhire.com.au.

University Open Days – Edith Cowan University has announced it's Open Days for 2009 - Joondalup Campus 19 July and Mt Lawley Campus 2 August. These days may seem like a while away but we all know just how fast the days, weeks and months can slip by so please mark these important dates in your calendars. More dates will be advised as they are announced by the individual institutions.

University E-News – Do you want reminders of important dates and events for the various universities delivered straight to your inbox? Most universities offer a free subscription to an e-news publication which will allow you to keep up-to-date with key information and events at the university throughout the year. I would encourage any student who is considering going to university to subscribe to this invaluable service. Visit the individual university websites (you'll find links to the websites in the 'Careers' section on the School's Intranet) to find out more information and to subscribe.

Rotary Youth Exchange Program

The Rotary Youth Exchange Program has offered thousands of Australian's an opportunity of a lifetime to spend 12 months in a foreign country with board and accommodation offered by host families. The program has consistently offered students significant cultural experiences, including opportunities to learn a new language and develop interpersonal, leadership and ambassadorial skills.

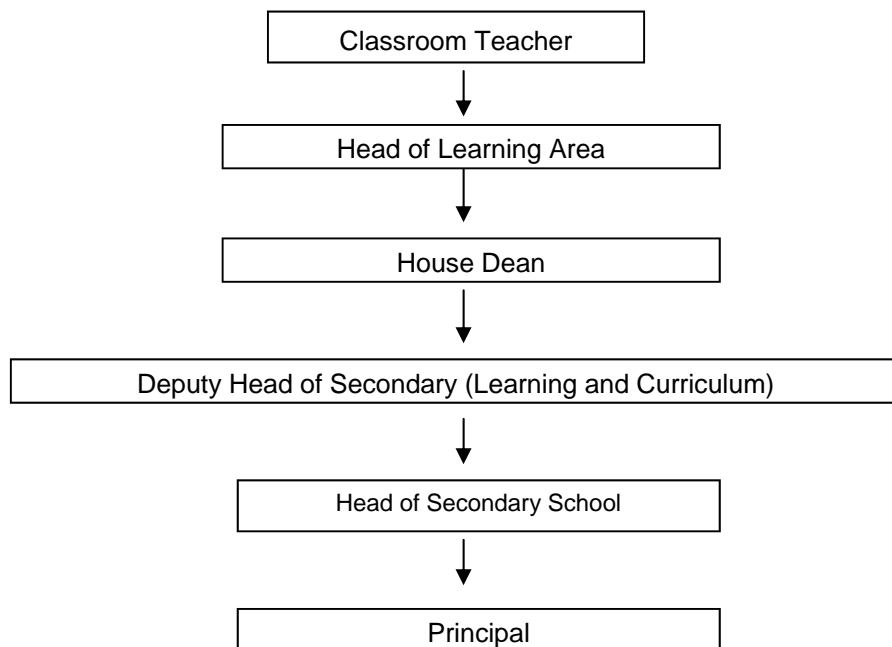
Students interested in this Program need to be between the ages 16 and 18 years at January 2009, and preferably those who completing their TEE in 2009. For further details see Mrs Kim Dorney in Secondary Admin or phone her on 9306 7148.

Academic Task Force (Education Consultants) offer TEE help in Maths, Physics, Chemistry, English and Literature. Go to their web site: www.academictaskforce.com.au or contact them direct on 9317 4421 for more information.

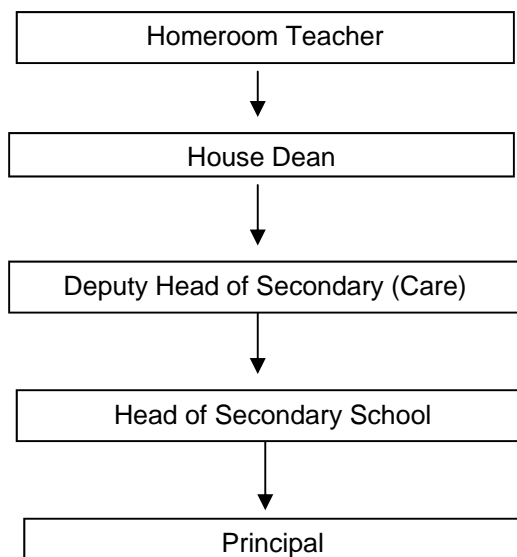
Secondary (cont)

Flow Chart indicating communication protocol for Secondary Parents/Students/Teachers

Student Learning Concerns (Academic Progress)



Student care and wellbeing and/or other concerns



Community Notices

St Stephen's Uniting Church Carramar: A church meeting is held at 9am each Sunday in the Primary Forum. All are welcome to attend. The Minister is Rick Williams, phone 9306 7338 (w) or 9309 6681 (h).

Duncraig Uniting Church invites you to an Ash Wednesday Worship Service on 25 February, 7.30pm at the Church Centre, 29 Wandoo Road, Duncraig. The service will observe the early church tradition of the imposition of ashes. You are cordially invited to join us for this worship service which will mark the beginning of Lent. Minister: Rev. Sonny Rajamoney

Doves Netball Registration Day takes place on Thursday 26 February in the Red Block area in the Primary School (outside the Year 3 and 4 classrooms) from 8.15—8.45am and 3.15-3.45pm. Registration forms will be given to each child prior to the day. Any queries, please call Jill Johnson on 0400 270 510.

Karate is now back in full swing for 2009, but it is never too late to start! Beginners and experienced people are welcome to come and check out our program. Quality experienced instruction is offered in an exciting and fun environment. Phone Ben Mettam on 9243 3554 for more information.





Easter Camp is on again from the 9 – 13 April. This year there will be some differences. We are opening the age group up to cater from Year 8 right through to age 23. To cater to this wider age group the camp will be in two different streams each with their own speaker. This means that everything is aimed at the right level and your child will be mixing with people their own age. We have moved to the new location of Woodman Point. This campsite has new activities to try out and best of all its right next to the beach. The weekend is packed with fun as well as time to relax. This is a chance for your child to meet youth from other school and churches. If you're interested and want more information you please check out the Uniting Church website www.wa.uca.org.au/ click on the Uniting Youth tab up the top, then scroll down until you see *Easter Camp 2009 – Ark it Up!* Or you can call the Uniting Church Centre on 9260 9800.

Quinns Rocks Blue Light dates for 2009 are as follows: 7 March, 4 April, 9 May, 13 June, 4 July, 8 August, 12 September, 17 October, 14 November and 12 December. The disco will be held at the Gumblossom Hall, Tapping Way, Quinns Rocks. For further information, please contact Senior Constable H.Kelly, North West Metro Alcohol & Drug Unit by email howard.kelly@police.wa.gov.au, telephone 9406 2208 or fax 9406 2240.

This fortnight's Bible Reading: please click on <http://www.lectionarystudies.com>

Canteen Roster—if you can help, please call 9306 7132,

		8.30-11.00am		11.30am—2.00pm	
Monday	23-Feb-09	Babe		L Scott	
Tuesday	24-Feb-09	T Oliver	D Markovic	Babe	
Wednesday	25-Feb-09	H Weybury	L Saunders	Sue Dredge	
Thursday	26-Feb-09	M Kirkby		S Overstone	
Friday	27-Feb-09	B Lang		Vicki Prescott	
Monday	2-Mar-09	LABOUR	DAY	LABOUR	DAY
Tuesday	3-Mar-09	H Gribben	C Mader	HELP NEEDED	
Wednesday	4-Mar-09	Sharon carter		HELP NEEDED	
Thursday	5-Mar-09	L Fraser		HELP NEEDED	
Friday	6-Mar-09	T Oliver		S Safe	
Monday	9-Mar-09	Amy McAllum		Danielle West	
Tuesday	10-Mar-09	C Mader		HELP NEEDED	
Wednesday	11-Mar-09	H Weybury	L Saunders	HELP NEEDED	
Thursday	12-Mar-09	HELP NEEDED		A Res	
Friday	13-Mar-09	HELP NEEDED		Vicki Prescott	

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YEAR 8 FAMILY PICNIC

**Have you heard this name mentioned and that name mentioned and would like to put some names to faces? Starting to feel a little out of the loop now that they're in Secondary School? then...
Come along and enjoy some afternoon tea and take this opportunity to meet your Year 8's new friends and their families**

DATE: Sunday, 29 March

TIME: Between 2 and 5pm for afternoon tea

PLACE: **MAWSON PARK, HILLARYS**

BYO: Everything!! (bring along sports equipment)

**SIBLINGS, GRANDPARENTS, TEACHERS
ALL WELCOME!**

Any Queries Call: Natalie Davenport
0419 959 496 or

Nikki Parker
0409 318 488

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!!

ORAL REPORTING FOR PRIMARY PARENTS 2009

The Primary School has three main ways of reporting to parents. In priority order, they are Workbooks or work samples are sent home regularly (*Dove Tales* weeks).

Interviews are held with parents. You may negotiate times to talk with staff as needed. However, staff also make themselves available for two formal reporting times per year. That is the focus of this letter.

Written reports are provided each semester. You are invited to an interview with your child's class teacher. **Interviews are to 10 minutes.** If there are major issues to discuss needing more than 10 minutes, you should arrange an alternative time for a longer interview.

Below is a schedule of when each teacher is available and a form on which to request an appointment time. We will provide an appointment as close to your requested time as possible. **We encourage you to arrange interviews during school hours if at all possible.**

Monday 9 March – Friday 13 March

Miss Hort	Tue 9.40-10.40am & 1.30-3.30pm, Wed 1.30-2.30pm	Wed 11 March 4.00-8.00pm
Mrs Robinson	Mon & Wed 1.30-2.30pm	Wed 11 March 4.00-8.00pm
Mrs Holland	Tue 11.20am-12.30pm Wed 1.20-2.30pm	Wed 11 March 4.00-8.00pm
Miss Oliver	Mon, Tue, Thu 3.30-5.30pm	Wed 11 March 4.00-8.00pm
Mrs Clay	Wed & Thu 11.30am-12.40pm	Wed 11 March 4.00-8.00pm
Ms Winkler	Thu 1.20-2.40pm, Fri 11.20am-12.40pm	Wed 11 March 4.00-8.00pm
Miss Palmer	Mon 2.00-4.00pm	Wed 11 March 4.00-8.00pm
Mrs Wilkinson	Mon 2.00-4.00pm	Wed 11 March 4.00-8.00pm
Mrs Loxton	Tue & Thu 9.40-11.50am,	Wed 11 March 4.00-8.00pm
Mr Pestell	Mon 9.00am-12.30pm	Wed 11 March 4.00-8.00pm
Mr Jackaman	Mon 9.40-10.50am, Tue 11.20am-12.40pm	Wed 11 March 4.00-8.00pm
Mrs Thaug	Tue 11.30am-12.30pm, Wed 9.40-10.40am	Wed 11 March 4.00-8.00pm
Miss Budworth	Thu 9.00am-12.30pm	Wed 11 March 4.00-8.00pm
Mr Sloan	Fri 9.40am-12.30pm	Wed 11 March 4.00-8.00pm

Interviews with other specialist teachers can be arranged, if required, through the office. With the exception of the Pre-Primary class, we encourage you to have your child present at the interview (but not siblings!)

This is optional, and is left for you to decide with your child. If you have an interview in school time, please collect your child from the classroom just prior to your interview time or arrange for your child to report for the interview at the appropriate time.

Please complete the section below of this sheet and send it to School with one of your (Primary) children.

I would like to meet with the following teachers near the times indicated below:

TEACHER	CHILD	DAY	TIME
<i>e.g. Mrs Sweetie</i>	<i>Ernest Fowkes</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>2.00</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

The following will be completed by teachers and the form returned to you:

Appointments have been arranged with these teachers at the times shown. If these times are not convenient, please phone the Primary School (9306 7111) to arrange an alternative time.

TEACHER	DAY	TIME
<i>e.g. Mrs Sweetie</i>	<i>Thursday 27 March</i>	<i>2.15</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____