

St Peter's College

Grafton, Auckland, New Zealand



Catholic School for Boys in the Edmund Rice Tradition

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“I have come that they may have life – and life to the fullest.” (John 10)

Occasionally words of scripture spring out from the memory in response to events of life.

This quote from John's Gospel about life is one of these springboard moments.

On a personal level, the birth of a second granddaughter was a springboard moment about the miracle of life.

The other springboard moment was last fortnight where I felt the pulse of life within St Peter's College. The Saturday morning cage was full of games – both nail biters in terms of score (2nd XV lost 23-22, the U14 narrowly won). The St Peter's Army at AGS was huge, tribal and on the whole supportive and respectful of both teams – life.

After the game finished, the hall was full of the 100+ cast for Urinetown, the 30+ boys of the Young Vinnies who slept out on cardboard in recognition of the homeless of Auckland, the choir was practising under 'C' Block shelter.

It is one of the key indicators of a Catholic school. What opportunities are there for life among the students? Where is the evidence of life within the College?

A College like St Peter's has many life activities for its community –

- Sport (18 codes and 1000+ boys playing)
- Music (many groups and 400+ boys participating)
- Musical production (120+ boys)

As well as the tramping, the public speaking, the trees for survival, the portfolio and many others.

St Irenaeus said “**The Glory of God is seen in men alive**”. Life activity should be expected from a Catholic school – which has as a core tradition, the consistent ethic of life at every stage of life from the unborn to old age.

So not surprising these words spring out when many life giving things are happening in the College.

The task we have as a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition is to build life opportunities for young men – so that the aims of an excellent education are fulfilled.

In my view this should be the key indicator in the review of a Catholic school.

Unfortunately life activities are not presented on league tables or public pronouncements but they are available for the boys to partake.

I enclose a URL with links to a YouTube on social media – very good and worth watching: <http://sfglo.be/le>

Reminder:

- 1) Tickets for Urinetown from iticket.co.nz.
- 2) 75th Jubilee event 8/9/10 August 2014. Details from website. We are calling back all old boys for these events.

Congratulations:

- To those in the 75th Jubilee Music Concert. An exceptional standard.
- To those 80+ seniors entered for Scholarship exams at the end of the year.
- To the 265 boys year 7 – 13 who had perfect attendance (100%) in term 1, 2014. Names on window outside the Attendance Office

Another great fortnight. Enjoy the rest day courtesy of the Queen.

In His Peace

K F Fouhy
Headmaster

Upcoming Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesd	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
2 Jun	3 Jun	4 Jun	5 Jun	6 Jun	7 Jun	8 Jun
Queens Birthday	NCEA Senior Exams CZ Y7 Football @ Domain Cycling Committee Meeting @7.30pm Staffroom	NCEA Senior Exams Old Boys Meeting @Library 7pm	NCEA Senior Exams CZ Y8 Football @Domain Cycling Fundraising Evening @TBD 7pm Whanau Function @Pavillion	NCEA Senior Exams International Function@Marist College 3.45pm	1stXV v De La Salle @Cage 2.30pm 1stXI Football v Rangitoto @ Rangitoto 12pm	AKSS Cycling @ Airport
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9 Jun	10 Jun	11 Jun	12 Jun	13 Jun	14 Jun	15 Jun
CIE Senior Exams Middle School Exams PTFA Meeting @ Staffroom 7.30pm	CIE Senior Exams Middle School Exams Big Sing @Town Hall	CIE Senior Exams Middle School Exams Big Sing @Town Hall	CIE Senior Exams Big Sing @Town Hall	CIE Senior Exams	1stXV v Papatoetoe @ Cage 2.30pm 1stXI Football v Onehunga @ Onehunga 10am	

Important Upcoming Dates for the Term

3 - 6 June: Senior Mid-Year NCEA Trial Exams

9 - 13 June: Senior Mid-Year CIE Trial Exams

17 June: Y13 Parents Evening @Hall

18 June: Urinetown – Opening Night

20 June: St Peter's Day

23 June: Y12 Parents Evening @Hall

Bereavements

Kyle Mackenzie (11BOD) - Uncle passed away

Benjamin Russell (7TRE) - Grandmother's died

Bank Phanthet (13NOL) - Grandfather passed away

Joshua & Ben Crisp (11BOD) - Grandmother died

IRD REBATE TRANSFERS

If you have received a donations rebate from IRD, and are transferring the payment to your school fees, please email fees@st-peters.school.nz with your IRD number so that we can match up the payment with your account. Many thanks.

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Please ensure you phone the school by 9am if your son is going to be away or out of school for any appointments. We also ask that you send a letter with your son on return. Phone Mrs Alison Strong (Attendance Officer) on 524 8108 ext 7341

CONTACT DETAILS

Please log on to the SPC Portal: <http://www.st-peters.school.nz/SPC-Service-Links.aspx> to request a change of details. (see page 4 for information about our new SPC Portal).

Please be advised that due to safety concerns the front gate will be locked from 3.00 - 3.30pm Mon - Fri.

From Deputy Headmaster (Pastoral Care) Stephen Dooley

Partnership between school and home – essential for success

The key reason the Weekly Engagement Report was originally set up is to provide regular communication to parents about their son's progress. The feedback I am receiving is that you as parents highly value the system.

As a staff we have worked hard to set the criteria for scoring. Any intervention we give to students based on their scoring is designed to be progressive, aspirational and firm. If you have questions about your son's score please consider the 5 points below first, particularly points 4 and 5.

1. Remember the scores assess engagement (effort and attitude) NOT academic performance.
2. Acknowledge a high score with your son.

3. If a low score is received first ask your son "why". All students should have been told by his teacher the reason for obtaining a low score.

4. The scoring criteria (attached below) will be your best source of understanding your son's scores.

5. Please postpone emailing a teacher directly until you see a "pattern" of low scores. (Remember - if we are overly concerned about your son's pattern of scoring the Teacher, Head of Faculty or Head of Year will be in contact with you).

God's Blessings

Steve Dooley

Weekly Engagement Report Criteria for Scoring

5 **Excellent:**

- **Effort:** Consistently exceptional
- **Learning behavior:** Always on-task, outstanding, proactive
- **Attitude to learning:** Outstanding, engaged, enthusiastic
- **Homework:** Completed to a standard of excellence

4 **Above Average:**

- **Effort:** Consistent effort displayed
- **Learning behavior:** Consistently on-task and contributing
- **Attitude to learning:** Consistently positive
- **Homework:** Completed to a high standard

3 **Average:**

- **Effort:** Average
- **Learning behavior:** Satisfactory
- **Attitude to learning:** Reasonable
- **Homework:** Completed

2 **Concern:**

- **Effort:** Inconsistent
- **Learning behavior:** Can be off-task
- **Attitude to learning:** Variable
- **Homework:** Incomplete / less than satisfactory on one occasion

1 **Extremely Poor:**

- **Effort:** Minimal
- **Learning behavior:** Consistently off-task
- **Attitude to learning:** Poor
- **Homework:** Incomplete /minimal effort **more than once**,

0 **Absent:**

- Have not seen the student more than twice in the week

From the Assistant Headmaster (Middle School) Michael Mullin

Middle School Report

With only a week until the Middle School exams it is important to think about the best way to prepare for examinations. Here are a few tips that may help:

Make sure there is plenty of time to study, as mentioned plenty of times before it does not work leaving study until the last minute. Trying to get all that information into the brain the night before an exam is not the best way to study. Set out a timetable now for the study over the coming weeks and allocate enough time to study for each subject.

Remember to include breaks, studying for hours on end would put anyone to sleep. Doing concentrated spells with a 5 minute break in between will help to keep things fresh in the mind. Think about it this way, if you were training for a marathon, would you run for 24 hours a day? I hope not and so do not look to study this way either.

Organise the study space properly, making sure that you have enough space to spread out the textbooks and notes out. Get rid of all distractions, this means the games, television and xbox. Put all the books for each subject into piles, this way you will have everything you need in front of you.

Look up the SPC Net to locate the study guide and the exam timetable. This will direct the studying that needs to take place. Create mind maps or notes that are based around these topics. Writing out the work from the book in new ways and in your own words will help the brain to remember it far more easily. Also these are then good to go back and look over closer to the actual exam.

Be well rested, it is vital that you are getting at least eight hours a night of sleep. What one eats is also very important, keep away from junk food and opt for a bowl of nuts instead. Students need to fuel their body while studying, so make sure that what you are eating will be helping, rather than hindering the study and always drink plenty of water along the way.

Good luck for all the preparation and I hope that the exams go well for you all.

Music

Thank You

A big thank you to everyone involved in the 75th Jubilee Concert at St Benedict's last Friday. It was a fantastic night, gathering three Catholic schools, St Peter's College, St Mary's College, and Baradene College. It highlighted the depth of the musical excellence of our soloists and musicians over a variety of styles. Also the dedication of our students and the support from our parents. We were grateful to be invited by St Benedict's parish and Monsignor Paul Farmer, and would like this to become our annual celebration of music with invited guests. Special thanks to Aniselina Aholelei and Ian Soong and their teams of helpers.

National Concert Band Festival

The St Peter's College Senior Concert Band will compete at National Concert Band Festival, held at Baradene College, Victoria Ave, Remuera, 9.30am, Saturday. The awards ceremony for this festival will be at 3pm on Sunday.

Music Ties

Music ties will be awarded at a senior assembly on June 18th, to boys meeting an exceptional level of commitment. Criteria will be set for this.

GUIDANCE COUNSELLING

Guidance Counselling is available during school hours. Any students requiring confidential appointments or a parent wanting to refer their Son, can reach Mrs Kersten in the Careers Department. Contact details are:

dkersten@st-peters.school.nz

General News

Young Vinnies Retreat

The day had come where we would experience the way of the homeless. Nearly everyone turned up and we had roughly around 30 students there. Our Vinnies leaders were **Sam Bailey, Rueben S'ua and Jackson Simpson**. We also had some help from the St Vincent De Paul team and our teacher leaders were **Ms Rose, Mrs Ryan and Mr Neville**.

Firstly we had a meeting where we were told what this retreat was about and we were put into 3 groups: 'The Homeless Avengers', 'I love Ian' and the 'Super Homeless'. Secondly we were told to find anything we could around the school to make homeless shelters. The variety of things found ranged from shopping trolleys to pieces of cardboard. After we had our shelters made we had a simple dinner of bread with spaghetti and beans. Then we separated into two groups: the older students watched a video and had to make up skits and posters about it. The year 7/8s were given a bag belonging to 'someone' and we were told to write a profile on the person using the contents of the bag. Then we were asked to choose from the bags who we thought was homeless. We answered the question and choose a bag. But to our amazement afterwards we were told that every bag belonged to a homeless person. Next we all learned about the different types of homelessness. After that, the leaders and staff with the help of St Vincent De Paul put on some hot cocoa to warm us up for what was going to be a rough night. It was very difficult to fall asleep as it was such a strange experience. I don't know how long the others managed to sleep for I personally had about 3-4 hours sleep.

We woke up at the crack of dawn and set off to Mt Eden and every group had turns of carrying a very heavy cross up the mountain. Additionally members of the group had to take turns being blind-folded and have ear plugs stuck in their ears. We were told to reflect during the walk about what the homeless have to suffer every night. We were up on the mountain top in time for sunrise which was beautiful. We walked back down and came back to the school for a surprise cooked breakfast.

The things that I learned from this retreat was that you should never judge someone by the way they look. Many people do that with the homeless people, the stereotypes are horrible and for me to experience one night of which most of them experience every night helped me to throw away the stereotypes. Overall I loved this experience and I would like to thank everyone who was part of it. I would like to encourage people to come next year as I feel it was a very rewarding experience.

By **Daniel Neville**

"Make it Home"

A group of Year 12 St. Peters students attended the Auckland Transport "Make it Home" on Thursday 22nd May .

Students watched on as a mock car crash left a young girl dead and the learner driver in prison.

The simulated crash scene at Manukau's Vodafone Events Centre today was designed to show the dangers and consequences of careless driving.

The learner driver in the scenario was illegally driving with four passengers and became distracted by a mobile phone when he crashed, killing the female passenger.

Paramedics and police took part in the demonstration that went through various scenes from the police station, court room and eventually, the surviving passengers reflecting on their own responsibility in not preventing their friend driving illegally.

This was followed by a discussion of the thoughts and emotions raised by the re-enactment and an exhibition containing issues surrounding driver licensing and road safety.



Year 12 students at Auckland Transport's "Make it Home" event.



Young Vinnies Retreat - boys walking on Mt Eden

General News

Library News

"It's s-s-so c-c-cold Miss! Can we come in?" Yes, winter has finally hit us and our library is welcomingly warm!

Our library is now online!!! Students and staff can now check out our library resources/books/catalogue online and reserve or request books via the internet!

Students continue to avidly devour books with 15 boys having read/borrowed 20 or more books each so far this year and 2 boys have read 50 plus books!


Our library hosts many meetings and school-related functions and as I write this newsletter there is Scholars' meeting taking place.

We've continued to buy newly released popular fiction, replace older "well-read" books and fill in the gaps in some series and are happy to buy books students recommend.

Please REMEMBER to return/renew overdue books.

Happy Reading!

The Library Ladies



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**EDMUND RICE LIBRARY OPAC
(ONLINE PUBLIC ACCESS
CATALOGUE)**

DID YOU KNOW.....you can log into our Library from home and view and request books from our online catalogue.

Just go to <http://library.st-peters.school.nz:2000/ais/AccessItLibrary> and follow the instructions on the home page.

EDMUND'S SHOP SHOP OPEN HOURS

Please note:

The Edmund's Shop **will be closed from Tuesday 27th May and will re-open Monday 9th June**, so if you need Uniforms, Stationery or Sports Uniforms please keep these dates in mind.

Usual Open hours:

**Monday-Thursday
(during school Terms)**

**For Parents: 9:30am-2:00pm
For Students: Interval & Lunch
time only**

Friday (during school Terms)

**For Parents: 8:00am-12:30pm
For Students: Before school
8:00am-8:30am & Interval only**

PARKING ON SITE

Due to the construction of the new teaching block parking on site has been severely restricted. Over 50 staff are now unable to park within the school. Parking along the driveway, around the gym and in front of the hall has been allocated specifically to staff. If parents have appointment at the College please ensure you park in the Visitors spaces in front of the technology block and not in staff parking. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

1st XV Secure Back to Back Wins

The 1st XV recorded a deserved 15 – 10 win against Auckland Grammar. The 1st XV dominated proceedings early however were unable to gain a score board advantage as a combination of handlings mistakes and missed penalty attempts meant the score remained at 0 – 0 for the majority of the first half. Late in the half Jordan Trainor found his range with a penalty kick. This was promptly backed up by an expertly taken solo try to Year 11 openside **Aleks Dabek**. **Trainor** slotted the sideline conversion for St Peter's to take a 10 – nil lead into half time.

Early in the second half First Five, **Dion Fraser**, sliced through and fed a well-timed pass to **Dabek** who in the process of scoring under the posts had the ball knocked out of his hands. Grammar then played their best rugby to claw their way back into the game. With 15 minutes to play the score was locked at 10 - 10. The 1st XV's determination and resolve shone through as they gained the ascendancy back and winger **AJ Lam** was rewarded with the match winning try.

Forward leaders **Romero Tagi and Leroy Jack** were impressive. While the halfback, first five combination of **Lisati Milo-Harris and Dion Fraser** were influential.

In the televised game against Tangaroa last weekend the side struggled in the first half against a physical Tangaroa pack. Turning at half time into a strong wind the side found themselves with a tenuous 10-5 lead. The side responded with 25 unanswered points. This included tries to **Darren Kellet and Luteru Tolai**. **Trainor** kicked superbly into the wind adding two penalties and conversions. Final score 30 – 12.

The side have their first home game of the season against De La Salle on June 8th.



Above: Loose forwards **Taina Fox Matamua, Josh Plummer and Aleks Dabek** prepare for a scrum

1st XI begin season with three straight Wins

The 1st XI lead the Senior A competition after recording three straight wins against Rosmini – 1 - 0, Takapuna – 5 – 1 and Liston – 4 – 2. Captain and striker **Myer Crane** has led the way with 5 goals. He has received excellent service from the dominant mid-field combination of **Connor Cahill-Fahey, Eli Jugum-Sullivan and David Hull**.

The side have a top of the table clash against Kings on Saturday. Get along and support the team. 12.30pm kick off.

Duathlon Success

Last week 10 boys represented the school at the AKSS Duathlon Champs. There were some excellent performances.

Timothy Kwok and Sam Pendreigh – 1st Senior Boy Team

Timothy Magness and Pierce Sheridan – 1st Intermediate Boy Team

Liam Back – 2nd Yr 8.



Above: Supporters play their part at the Grammar game



Above: **Leroy Jack** sets to claim a lineout

Sport (continued)

Central Zone Cross-Country

Last Thursday (22nd May) saw 13 keen St Peter's distance runners competing in the annual Central Zone cross-country event at Lloyd Elsmore Park in Pakuranga. The conditions were good and overall our runners performed to an excellent level. A special thank you to all the Parents who came out to support our runners. Notable achievements are listed below:

Junior Grade: **Liam Barry** (2nd place), **Alexander Mildenhall** (6th) – field of over 70 runners

Intermediate Grade: **Pierce Sheridan** (7th place) – field of over 50 runners

Senior Grade: **Sam Pendreigh** (2nd), **Eamon McArdle** (5th) – field of around 20 runners

Team Results (Top 3 runners per school): Juniors (4th), Intermediate (5th), Senior (3rd)

We look forward to the next meeting (Auckland cross-country) on Thursday the 5th June at St Kentigern's College. Any students who are keen to join the distance running squad, feel free to join in the morning practice runs each Tuesday and Thursday at 7am meeting at the school gym. If you have any questions, please contact Mr Jakub Kalinowski (jkalinowski@st-peters.school.nz).

AKSS Pukekohe Race 1

On Saturday May 10th, a handful of SPC cycling boys competed at the Pukekohe Park Raceway.

There were approximately 200 entries overall, with some schools committing large numbers of riders to the racing.

Results for SPC were as follows –

U13 Boys: 1st - **Aidan Merrick**

U16 Boys: 12th - **Liam Powell**
15th - **Josh Hipkins**

U17 Boys 5th - **Tim Magness**

U19 Boys 6th **Timothy Kwok** (unofficial time due to timing chip malfunction)

Congratulations

Dominic Rankin-Chitar - Selected to trial for the NZ Waterpolo School Boys team.

Jacob Gordon - For placing second at the AKSS Individual Orienteering Champs.

Thadeus Gillard Yr 7 - got a scholarship (worth \$800) for Karate and became a brown belt.

Sean Wilson 12RICE - has been selected for the Gymsports NZ Trampoline Team, to compete at the bi-annual Indo Pacific Championships in July at Sun City in South Africa.



Above: Aidan Merrick gains first place in U13 boys

AKSS TTT - SPC Race 1 Results

Sunday morning, 18th May dawned cool clear skies and dry roads, perfect conditions to start the 2014 AKSS Team Time Trial season.

SPC had 7 teams participating, a number of whom were riding in their very first race.

Senior A placed a very credible 8th, Junior A 10th. Junior D managed to crack the 30 minute time.

Special mention to the new Year 7 boys. There were some very excited, nervous young boys (& parents) before the race.

Photo credits to Mr Kevin Barker, our awesome teacher in charge. Full results below.

Senior Boys Category

Senior A: placed 8th - **Timothy Kwok (c), Max Rodhouse, Tim Magness, Liam Fox, Elliot Rhodes**

Junior Boys Category - (under 16's)

Junior A: placed 10th - **Liam Powell (c), Jayden Kuijpers, Josh Hipkins, Hugh Barlow**

Junior D: placed 23rd - **Reuben Webster (c), Luke Ransley, Aidan Merrick, Brodie Cox**

Junior C: placed 28th - **Thomas MacKenzie-Bowie (c), Maxi Yeatman-Biggs, Elliot Marshall, Alex Arnold**

Junior E: placed 34th - **Sam Russell (c), Matthew Gravestock, Sam Turner, Lachlan Brown**

Junior F: placed 35th - **Chris Fernandes (c), Hunter Sharp, Caelan Boyd, Maxim MacKenzie-Bowie**



Left: Senior A sprint to the finish

Below: Junior D waits to start



75th Jubilee Celebrations on 8th, 9th and 10th of August 2014

For a copy of the registration form and programme details click here:
www.st-peters.school.nz/getmedia/cee3d95e-75ed-40fc-9a6c-a5e958803575/SPC-75th-Jubilee-Registration.pdf.aspx

or contact:

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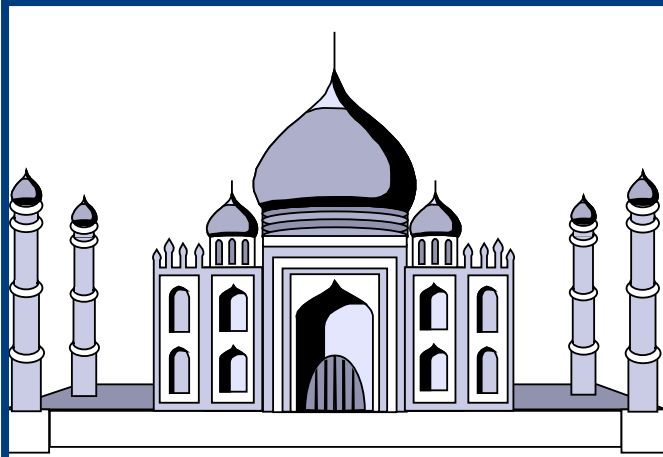
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Notices (continued)



St Peter's College India Trip Quiz Night

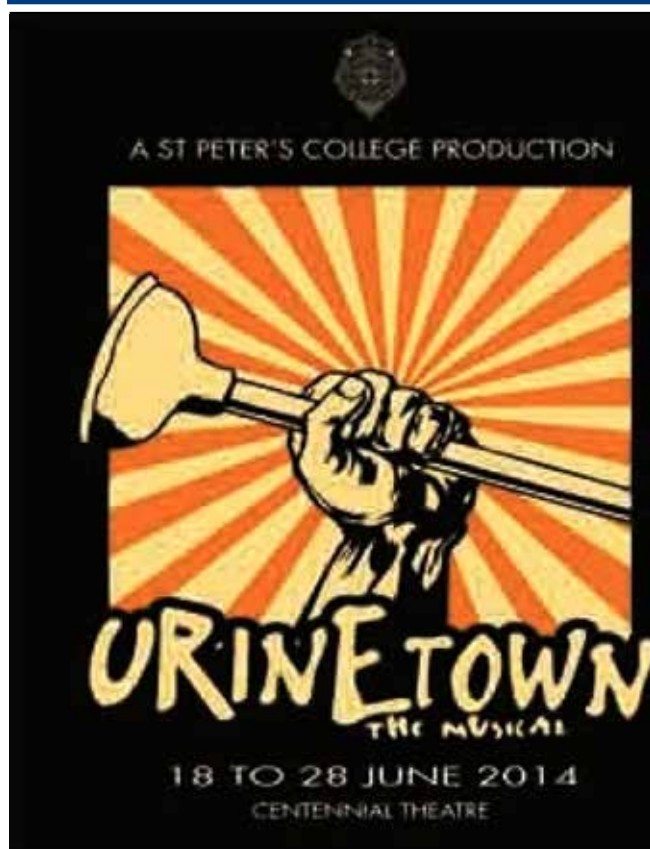
7pm Saturday 14 June 2014

St Peter's College Hall

Tickets \$20.00

Contact: cconroy@st-peters.school.nz

Licensed Cash Bar (eftpos available)



URINETOWN: 18th – 28th June 2014,
Centennial Theatre, AGS, Mountain Road,
Epsom

What is Urinetown?

"In a city that has been afflicted with a terrible drought, business tycoon Caldwell B. Cladwell has made his fortune through bribery and the monopolisation of all public toilets. With a brutal police force maintaining law and order, it's not a place to get caught short! Risk it and you will be sent off to a place no one returns from - the infamous Urinetown.

The city needs a revolution and every revolution needs a hero... however unlikely.

An epic tale of greed, corruption, love and revolution set in a time when water is worth its weight in gold".

Tickets are now available now from iTicket:

<https://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2014/jun/urinetown-the-musical>

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