

School Notices Yard Supervision:

Morning: 8:30 - 8:55am Afternoon: 3:20 -3:35pm

Bell Times:

School Begins 8:55am Recess: 11:10–11:30am Lunch: 1:30 -2:20pm Finish: 3:20pm

Student Absences:

Please phone the office by 9:00am if your child will not be at school on 57 521808.

Or mark absence on PAM.



Term 1

Friday 27th January Wednesday 5th April

Term 2

Wednesday 26th April

Term 3

Monday 10th July Friday 15th September

Term 4

Monday 30th September Wednesday 20th December

MASS TIMES

Myrtleford

Saturday @ 6:00pm Sunday @ 9.00am

Bright

Sunday @ 11:00am

St Patricks Whorouly

Last Sunday of the Month @ 5:00pm



St. Mary's Primary School Newsletter

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MARIA DOHERTY

On Tuesday most teachers attended the farewell memorial for our much-loved Maria Doherty. Here is one of the many speeches made, all speeches carried the same theme of immense kindness and care.

"Maria joined the St Mary's staff way back in 2006. It was obvious then that she had a real passion for teaching as she genuinely cared for children. She had a special talent in supporting those who had difficulty in learning and Maria had a natural empathy for these children and finding ways to support them with dignity and care.

Maria has had a long battle with cancer, but when she could she was keen to get to school. She was a kind and caring person who never complained. She always gave her best to her teaching and we will miss her enormously. May Maria rest in peace knowing she brought light, kindness, and happiness to all those around her while she was with us."

St Mary's staff and children will hold our own memorial in a couple of weeks, planting a tree with a plaque in our front garden as a tribute to Maria.

MASS ON SATURDAY EVENING

I encourage families to attend Mass on Saturday evening at 6pm as we celebrate St Mary's being a Primary school for 100 years. Mass will be followed by a light supper. It will be very special to have our children at Mass as we celebrate this milestone. We look forward to having two and three generations of former and present students.

P & F MEETING

I am so excited!! For many years we have not been able to get the P & F established again after Covid, but we now have 15 names on the list, with some grandparents also joining. Woo Hoo!! Our next meeting will be on the Monday 27th March at 4:30pm in the meeting room in the office area of the school. Thank you to all those who have popped their name on the list to join.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attending school every day is one of the most important things students can do for their education.

Here are some reasons why attendance at school matters:

Every day is an opportunity to learn new things:

Every day at school, teachers introduce new ideas, concepts, and skills that build upon what has been learned previously. Missing a day of school, means missing out on something that is crucial to understanding future lessons.

Regular attendance improves academic performance:

Studies have shown that students who attend school regularly tend to perform better academically than those who do not. This is because regular attendance helps students to stay on track with studies and keep up with classmates.

Developing good habits:

Regular attendance helps students to develop good habits and skills that will benefit them throughout life, such as punctuality, responsibility, and commitment.

Making friends:

School is also a great place to make new friends and socialize with peers. Regular attendance ensures that students have the opportunity to build relationships and participate in activities with classmates

Preparing for the future:

Regular attendance sets students up for success in the future. Good attendance habits can help students to succeed in secondary and tertiary education and future career, and in life in general.

Missing new concepts may also cause anxiety for students as they are not quite sure of the learning they have missed, and this makes grasping the new learning more difficult.

So, as you can be seen, attendance at school matters enormously. Remember to make school a priority and attend every day, unless sick. Education and future success depend on regular attendance at school.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to Burgerville, Myrtleford Pharmacy and Steve McLean Myrtleford Plumbing who supported the school through advertising and allowing St Mary's to have a double page in The Myrtleford Times to showcase the school's success and celebration of 100 years in educating Myrtleford and district students. The article has some lovely photos of present-day students and our six staff members who have all returned as adults to work at St Mary's.

Many thanks also to Rob Miotto and Carter Holt Harvey for supplying the school free of charge the bark which has rejuvenated many of the garden beds across the school. Also, a huge thank you to Craig McPherson for supplying road base for the Junior Learning Area again free of charge. The St Mary's community are very grateful for the incredible kindness and support from our locals.

Have a great week, *Kitty*

St Mary's Primary is committed to students experiencing a sense of inclusion that is respectful of their giftedness, abilities, culture and contexts. Our student's experience learning and teaching in a child safe environment that is engaging and liberating.

SIGNING YOUR CHILD IN & OUT & LATE TO SCHOOL PROCESS

All Children who arrive at school after 8:55am or leave school before 3:20pm MUST be signed in/out at the office.

If for any reason, you need to take your child out of school during school hours, please come to the office to sign your child out.

STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school for any reason, it is vital that you notify the school prior to 9am, giving the reason for the absence e.g. If your child is sick, attending an appointment, family holiday etc.

- Mark absence on PAM.
- Send a note with your child on their return to school, or beforehand
 if you know in advance
- School answering machine is on out of hours, so you can leave a message 57521808



SCHOOL NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH	
Friday 10 th	St Mary's Whole School Mass for Centenary 9:30am
Saturday 11 th	S Mary's Centenary Mass 6pm followed by light supper
Monday 13 th	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 22 nd	School Photos
Monday 27 th	Asembly at School 2:30pm
Monday 27 th	P & F Meeting 4:30pm St Mary's Board Room
Wednesday 29 th	O & M Divison Tennis Wangaratta
APRIL	
Monday 3 rd	Asembly at EMPAC 2:30pm
Wednesday 5 th	Easter Raffle Drawn
Wednesday 5 th	Hume Region Tennis – Wangaratta
Wednesday 5 th	End of Term 1 - 3:30pm finish
Thursday 6 th	Pupil Free Day (Staff PD)
Monday 24 th	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 25 th	Anzac Day PublicHoliday
Wednesday 26 th	First Day Term 2
Wednesday 26 th	Reconciliation Parent Information Evening 6:30pm McMahon Building



SCHOOL PHOTOS WEDNESDAY 22ND MARCH, 2023 - ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Annual school photos including sibling photos will be taken by Arthur Reed Photos on Wednesday $22^{\rm nd}$ March 2023.

There is no need to return any forms or money to school.

Unique image codes will be issued to all students on/after photo day so families can register online to view images when they become available in the webshop. Registration is simple, just follow the 3 simple steps on your child's personalised flyer once you receive it and remember to add the codes for all your children attending this school.

Even if you registered last year, it's important that you do again this year using your child's 2023 image code to link their images for the current year with your contact details.

When images are ready to view and in the webshop, all parents who have registered will be notified by SMS and email.

Once registered, please wait for notification that 2023 images are online to view before making your purchase.

WEEK 4 & 5 BIRTHDAYS AND STUDENTS OF THE WEEK











Week 5
Students of the week



CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

You can access information about the Child Safe Standards and St. Mary's commitment to the implementation of these standards, including resources, policies, procedures and links, via the school website (www.smmyrtleford.catholic.edu.au).

CATHOLIC IDENTITY NEWS





ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL CENTENARY YEAR

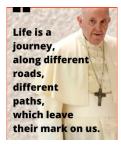
Our school was officially opened and classes started on March 11th, 1923.

All St Mary's families, past and present are welcome to join us for one or both of our Centenary Masses.

- Whole school Mass on Friday March 10th at 9.30am
- Official Centenary Mass Saturday March 11th at 6pm, followed by a light supper. (The Official 100 Years Anniversary).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday October 6th students will return to the 'olden days' with games and an olden time dress up day. Saturday 7th October 'Celebration Day' starting at 10am. Past and present students, staff, parish members and families will come together for a reunion, school tours and pasta lunch.



Pope Francis

PROJECT COMPASSION

Each family has received a Project Compassion box for their donations, which can be sent into your child's classroom when it has been filled. All boxes need to be returned to the school with donations by the end of this term.

2023 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Reconciliation (Year 3 and above)

Parent Information Evening: Wednesday April 26th at 6:30pm in the McMahon Centre Reconciliation Celebration: Tuesday May 23rd at 6:30pm St Mary's Church

Confirmation and Eucharist (Year 4 and above)

Parent Information Evening: Tuesday 25th July at 6:30pm

Confirmation and Eucharist Masses

Saturday September 9th at 6pm St Mary's Church Sunday September 10th at 9am St Mary's Church

A letter went home to students in Years 3 and 4, if you have an older child who would like to receive the Sacrament, please let me know.

Have a wonderful week, Jo Bennett (REC)

PRAYER



We pray that all people will have just access to the necessities of life, especially water.

May we, in our support for Project

May we, in our support for Project
Compassion this Lent, do all we can to
become a source of hope for those
who thirst.
Amen.

JUNIOR NEWS

FOUNDATION

Congratulations to the Foundies for another great week of school! We will no longer have Wednesdays off, and it will be fantastic to get into the routine of attending a full week.

This week we continue to consolidate the 8 sounds we have learned in class and are having lots of fun learning how to put them together in various ways to make many words! We are carefully working on the correct letter formation of each, with an extra focus this week on the letters m, n and h which are all similar.

In maths we continue to practise subitising numbers - the children are learning that they can 'see' numbers in many different ways with fingers, tally marks, tens frames, pictures, etc.

YEAR 1

In Literacy, students have been practising the correct letter formation of the letters that start with a 'C' curve (c, o, a, d, g, q). There are lots of resources online that support the handwriting progression of your children. We have been using 'Links for Literacy', you can view the video on this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X_Gr64YM4jM. Students enjoy practising their handwriting skills throughout the week, particularly in The Big Write. Last week the prompt was 'My Home'. Here are some snippets of what was written:

'An igloo is a penguins home to rest and eat fish and the mummy goes swimming and hopping they lay eggs and they belly slide and they talk funny.'
By Lara

'I am getting a new house and it is next to my Granddad.
I am moving out of the house.
I was born in that house.'
By Tom

'I have got barbie cubby house. Inside is a barbie doll house. It has barbie wallpaper. It has a barbie couch.' By Shayla 'I live in a house it has three bedrooms. Me Lily and Bailey live in the same room I have a cubby house and we play restaurants in it. It is so much fun.'
By Sophie

'It snows at my house'
By Reid

HOMEWORK

Students have a spelling homework sheet to practise their words. Over the last fortnight we have learned about the 'voiced' and 'unvoiced' /th/ sound as in 'feather' and 'thumb. On the bottom of the word list, there are five extra 'BOB words' which are high frequency words that appear in your child's writing as an area to work on. In class we call these a 'Heart Word' (a word that has an unusual sound feature to learn by 'heart'), we have been learning: was, my, that, you, who, she, the. In addition to the above, reading at home is encouraged. We have been learning about 'fluency' and how to make our reading nice and smooth with some expression. The yellow home reader books are collected and signed by the teacher each week.

In Maths Number, students have been using Essential Assessment on their ipads. They have continued to learn about groups of two and counting by twos. We have used number lines for skip counting, MAB blocks for place value and played games. In Maths Measurement, students have measured one another with unifix blocks, measured using string and categorised longest to shortest.







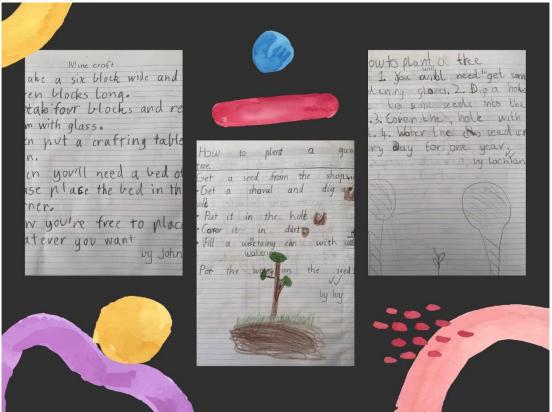
LETI has brought out so many talents amongst the students. We have Scientists, Artists, Actors, Musicians, Environmentalists and Builders in the JLC! Well done to Lewis Matthews on completing the design and creation of his own 'Monkey Stick' musical instrument.

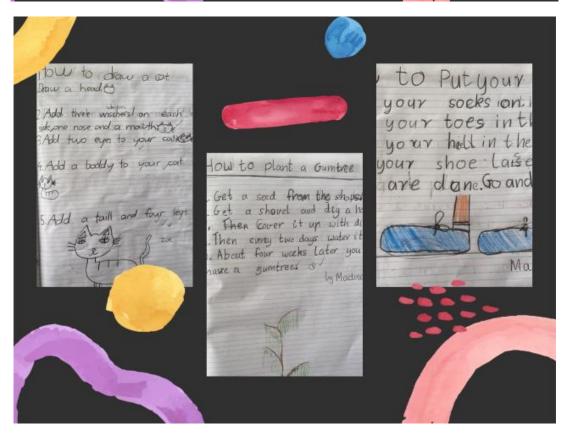


YEAR 2

In Literacy, the Year 2 students have continued to use our skills and strategies learnt in phonemic awareness and phonics lessons when we are reading and writing. The students have been exploring the development of their sentence structure and have been demonstrating these skills in their writing.

Examples of our written work:





In Maths, we have continued to name, write and draw numbers to 1,000. We have started to complete time tasks, including revision of telling time to the ½ hour and are beginning to work with time to the ¼ hour and counting by 5 minute increments.

Have a great week, Ashley, Sonia, Carolyn, Sandra and Jo.

MIDDLE NEWS

RELIGION

As we begin our second week of Lent, we have started to talk about how we are preparing for Easter by this special Lenten time. We've been talking about the good things we can do for others. Thank you to the students and families who have been bringing in some coins to donate to our Project Compassion boxes for Caritas. Every little bit helps.

In our Project Compassion this week, we found out about Laxmi who lives in a very poor area of Nepal.

NEW FURNITURE FOR MLC

We have finally received our new furniture in the Year 3/4 area. New tables, chairs, bag/book tubs and couches arrived last week and are making our learning area look fabulous! We also have some new flexible seating options for students and our area is looking amazing!



ROUTINES/GREEN HOME READER DIARIES

Most students are coming into class each morning and getting themselves ready for the day, unpacking their bags and setting their tables up for the morning session.

The green Home Reader books are expected to be brought to school each day, Mrs Humphreys 34JH will be collecting these books each Friday and they will be returned to the students each Monday. Please just add any weekend reading completed when they are returned each Monday.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS YEAR 3/4 HUMPHREYS

I (Julie) sent home an email last week to 3/4JH families to request times for the Parent/Teacher interviews that didn't happen, due to my absence. Thank you to the parents who have made contact with me via email re making a time to meet. If you haven't yet done so, please do so at your convenience. Thanks, Julie

NAPLAN - YEAR 3

After the long weekend, NAPLAN will be held for our Year Three students. All students have been made familiar with the format of the testing and have had practice sessions to get them used to what is expected.

More information can be found at

https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/for-parents-carers

We wish to remind families that these tests are held for students across Australia in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. We wish to make the NAPLAN experience as stress free as possible.

MRS DOHERTY'S MEMORIAL

Many of the staff attended Maria Doherty's memorial service on Tuesday and it was lovely to hear the children speaking about their memories of Mrs Doherty earlier in the week. Many of the Year 3/4 students have had Mrs Doherty teach and support their learning over the past few years. It was a beautiful service to remember Maria.

Have a good week, Julie, Anna, April and Lucia.



SENIOR NEWS

Just like that, Year 5 and 6 head off to Ballarat in search of gold!! - and other discoveries about colonial Australia. Using Team App, we will keep families updated with photos over the course of the excursion. Remember a message will be sent via this platform informing you of our arrival time back at the bus stop.

NAPLAN

Year 5's have been working with Mr Corcoan and Miss Lamb to familiarize themselves with the NAPLAN layout and to ensure everyone feels comfortable with what to expect. If there are any concerns regarding NAPLAN please don't hesitate to contact the school so we can provide extra information or support where it is needed.

READING AND VIEWING

Over the past two weeks we have been very focused on our Inquiry unit, immersing ourselves in events in Australia from the 1850s so we are prepared for camp. We have learnt about experiences for early white Australians both convicts and free settlers, the Gold Rush and Eureka Stockade. We have read many texts but also watched informative clips created by BTN and the National Museum of Australia. We have also been able to play a Gold Rush game in groups of 4 which was very enjoyable and created lots of discussion.



MATHS

In Maths we have been focused on times tables and addition, fluency, place value and problem solving skills. Our individual whiteboards are a wonderful resource for mental maths fluency and they have been creating a fun and healthy competition during our warm-up activities. Students also continue to work on the personalised learning goals on Essential Assessment.



BLUEARTH

This week we revisited the game Barry to further develop our teamwork and strategy skills. The red team was quick to develop a strategy of short sharp passes and to leave only a few people defending. This proved very successful and after some team discussions the yellow team was able to take a similar approach and go on the offensive, working more effectively as a team.

RELIGION

Unfortunately we will miss the School Centenary Mass held this Friday to commemorate 100 years of learning at St Mary's. However, we encourage the students to attend the community Celebratory Mass on Saturday at 6:00pm.

We concluded our oral presentations about the History of Religion in Australia and gained many insights into the events and major changes from the late 1700s to the present.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 5 - Nathan Sacco and Milla Corcoran Week 6 - Neve Creswell and Corey Sacco

Have a great week, think of us enjoying life in the 1850s.

Gab, Hannah and Ruth





PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

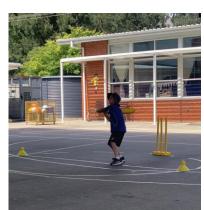
Students have been developing their cricket and basketball skills in PE so far this term. They have engaged in skills and drills sessions, followed by modified versions of cricket (T-20 Blast) and basketball (Fast 5's). It has been pleasing to see their skills and confidence grow in these two sports over just a short period of time.

Adam Davis (PE)

CRICKET









BASKETBALL









HUME REGION SWIMMING SHEPPARTON

Congratulations to the St. Mary's swimming squad for their outstanding performance at the division swimming carnival today. It was an ideal day with great conditions, and we were proud to see our squad of 16 students, one of our largest groups ever, compete with such enthusiasm.

The effort of every swimmer was exemplary, and we were thrilled to see all the students perform exceptionally well in the pool. The camaraderie and support for each other were also commendable and truly inspiring. Well done to all the swimmers and their coaches for their hard work and dedication, which has led to such a fantastic result for St. Mary's.

In addition, we are excited to announce that the Hume region swimming championships will take place this Wednesday. We wish all our talented swimmers the best of luck as they prepare for this next level of competition. We have no doubt that they will continue to represent St. Mary's with pride and sportsmanship. Go, St. Mary's!









Book Club Flyer 2

Book Club Flyers were sent home on Tuesday with

If you wish to buy some book the orders need to be in by Friday 17th March.

Thank you to the families who are supporting us by purchasing books. The3 money raised is going to purchase new books for the library.



EASTER RAFFLE

St Mary's Easter Raffle Lots of prizes to be won \$2.00 per ticket Raffle drawn Wednesday 5th April

Each family is asked to donate an Easter item for our annual Easter raffle.

Easter-themed gifts, chocolate, toys, or other Easter hamper items are most welcome.

Donations can be left at St Mary's office before Monday, 3rd April, 2023.



COMMUNITY NEWS



School Crossing Supervisor (Myrtleford)

Are you looking for a position that benefits the local Community? Support the children in our community!

A rewarding opportunity exists at Council for a casual school crossing supervisor Myrtleford.

How you'll make a difference

Make a difference to our community by supervising our school crossings during school terms in the morning and/or the afternoon to assist students and families to travel safely to and from school.

Our ideal candidate

To be successful in the role, applicants will have:

- Sound communication skills
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Experience working with children or the general public
- The ability to follow road safety procedures and laws
- The ability to get to the school crossing (sometimes at short notice)

Applicants will need to meet the physical requirements of the position as well as undergo a police check and have (or have lodged an application for) a Working with Children Check (WWCC).

Training will be provided.

Apply now

Casual position, based in Myrtleford Flexibility with number of shifts Band 1 Alpine Shire Council Enterprise Agreement

For more information visit:

https://www.alpineshire.vic.gov.au/council/careers/current-vacancies/schoolcrossing-supervisor-myrtleford-0



FOR THE GAME!

Myrtleford Auskick Centre

Memorial Oval

Saturday Mornings From 22nd April 9am to 10:15 Coordinator Steven McLean Ph- 0400400374

play.afl/auskick



2ND APRIL

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

9.00AM - MYRTLEFORD 11.00AM - BRIGHT

6TH APRIL

HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 6.00PM - BRIGHT

7TH APRIL

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
10.00AM MYRTLEFORD ECUMENICAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Starting at St Mary's Church, via other Churches in Myrtleford, finishing at the Myrtleford Piazza with an Ecumenical Service.

10.00AM - WHOROULY (LAY LED SERVICE) 3.00PM - BRIGHT

8TH APRIL

SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT 7.00PM - MYRTLEFORD

9TH APRIL

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD 9.00AM - MYRTLEFORD 11.00AM - BRIGHT



wines and accommodation

Mega Raffle

Funds will support education and health programs in Timor Leste

(2023)







CSEF FLIGIBILITY

Below are the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 - General eligibility

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or carer of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- · on the first day of Term one
- · on the first day of Term two
- a) be a holder of one or more of the eligible financially-means tested cards OR be a temporary foster parent,
 and:
- b) submit an application to the school by the due date.

For the list of eligible financially-means tested cards refer to the CSEF Policy; https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/policy

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with the above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Special Consideration

A special consideration category exists for

- · Families on a bridging visa, temporary protection visa, in community detention or are asylum seeker families
- Students in temporary out of home care arrangements, including statutory kinship care

For more information, see https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/guidance/eligibility

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/carer concession card being validated successfully with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (30 January 2023) or term two (24 April 2023).

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents/carers so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

Complete the PARENT/CARER DETAILS section.

Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.

If you are claiming as a temporary Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.

If you are seeking special consideration, mark this in the form and provide a copy of the relevant documentation.

- 2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
- Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2023 closes on the 23 June 2023.