



NEWSLETTER

AFTER SCHOOL CARE: 5444 6666 (YMCA)

HOLY ROSARY WEB SITE: www.hrwhitehills.catholic.edu.au

MASS TIMES

Holy Rosary – Hamelin St

Saturday's 6pm Sunday's 10am

Weekday Masses – Tues - Sat 9.15am

St Francis Xavier – Strickland Rd

Sunday – 8.30am

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2023

Wed 15 th	Foundation Rest Day
Thu 16 th	Catholic Swimming Carnival
Fri 17 th	Billy Tea Bush Dance Day - POSTPONED
Sat 18 th	Marong Cup
Tue 21 st	Sacramental Program Meeting
Wed 22 nd	Ash Wednesday
Wed 22 nd	Foundation Rest Day
Fri 24 th	School Photo Day
Mon 27 th	Pupil Free Day – Staff PD
Tue 28 th – Fri 3 rd	Swimming Lessons (Gr 3 – 6)

MARCH 2023

Tue 28 th – Fri 3 rd	Swimming Lessons (Gr 3 – 6)
Wed 1 st	Foundation Rest Day
Fri 3 rd	PSG Meetings
Sat 4 th	McCarthy House Community Mass – 6pm
Wed 8 th	Foundation Rest Day
Fri 10 th	PSG Meetings
Mon 13 th	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wed 15 th	Foundation First Wednesday
Fri 17 th	PSG Meetings
Mon 20 th	Sacramental Program Meeting
Fri 24 th	PSG Meetings
Sat 25 th	Harte House Community Mass – 6pm

APRIL 2023

Wed 5 th	School Cross Country
Thur 6 th	Last Day Term 1 – 2.15pm dismissal

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We have a number of opportunities for parents to contribute to our school through volunteering. Volunteers are needed for the Marong Cup race day and also in the school canteen. The Marong Cup is an important day on the fundraising and social calendar for Catholic schools in Bendigo and we are in urgent need of more help.

Our school canteen is a very important service provided for the children, not only raising funds but also providing opportunities for the children to have a special lunch and parents a break from packing the lunch box. We are also looking for additional volunteers on either Thursdays or Fridays.

Volunteering is a great way to teach kids about empathy and compassion. And giving your time to help others feels good. Volunteering with your family can be fun. You might even find that doing an activity together can make your family feel closer.

Schools and families play very important roles in a child's overall learning and development, which is why it is imperative that both schools and parents form partnerships to better support students. When schools and families work in partnership, students hear that school is important from their parents and teachers and perceive that caring people in both environments are investing and coordinating time and resources to help them succeed. Helping out through volunteering model's participation to our children and builds community involvement. When families get involved, research shows that there are numerous benefits to children, their parents and their school. Please contact the office if you are able to help in either way.

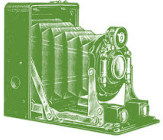
Our school Board will meet on Tuesday 7th March at 6pm. If you are interested in joining the Board, we have some vacancies and I would be happy to discuss the role within the school community.

Paul Wilkinson (Principal)



Check out our school Facebook page to stay up to date with the latest news!
<https://www.facebook.com/holyrosaryprimaryschoolwhitehills/>

SCHOOL NEWS



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our school photos will be held on **Friday 24th February**. Please ensure that children are in a clean summer school uniform, clean tidy hair with NO bright coloured jewellery, ribbons or headbands.

Photo orders will be online again this year. More information will be supplied as it becomes available.

BILLY TEA BUSH DANCE BAND – POSTPONED

Unfortunately, we have had to make the tough decision to postpone our Billy Tea Bush Dance Day that was planned for this Friday due to the extreme heat forecast. A new date will be communicated as soon as it's locked in.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - TUESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

For students making their Eucharist and Confirmation sacraments, our first information session will be held in the Rosarium next week on Tuesday 21st February beginning at 5.45pm. Please remember parent and candidate attendance is compulsory for participation in the program. A reminder email will be sent to families, if you have any questions, concerns or have not received any emails regarding the program please contact Jo Thurley.



Ps 51:3-1, 12-15.

PROJECT COMPASSION

The THEME of Project Compassion is 'FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS'. This phrase is a powerful affirmation that the good we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. It is also a call for all of us to play our part in making the world a better place by working together as sisters and brothers in finding long-term solutions to global issues.

This year the theme asks us to think about the great 'yes' that Mary spoke when the angel told her she was to become the mother of Jesus. She freely accepted God's invitation to take up a unique place in the history of the human family. The prayer Mary shared with her cousin Elizabeth says, "all generations will call me blessed". Her 'yes' is for all future generations. Hopefully, ours can be the same this Lent.

SHROVE TUESDAY - PANCAKES

Our Lenten season always begins with the Catholic tradition of eating pancakes on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. This celebration is a symbolic action that helps us to prepare for the following 40 days of fasting and abstinence. Therefore, next Tuesday all students will have the opportunity to participate in this special event throughout the school day. If you do not want your child to participate for any reason e.g. allergies or no sugar diet - you must inform the classroom teacher to ensure your child's dietary request is followed.

ASH WEDNESDAY - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION, FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

We will be attending a whole school Mass with the local Parish on Wednesday 22nd February at 9.15am. Grade 3 teachers and students will also be running the mass. Please remember this is a day of abstinence, we strongly encourage all our students to avoid eating meat on this day as a sign of respect for this significant event in our liturgical calendar. While abstinence is now optional on Friday's, it is good practice to refrain from eating meat (where possible) as it reminds students of the bigger picture that leads into Good Friday.

CLASS PARISH MASS – GRADE 5

This week our Grade 5 classes will be attending and actively participating in the Parish Mass on Friday morning at 9.15am

ABORIGINAL TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER NEWS

Today, February 13th, is National Sorry Day, the day Kevin Rudd apologised to First Nations people for the wrongs of European settlers. May we continue to work together for reconciliation and peace. We encourage you to find some quiet time in your busy day to pray a prayer of gratitude for the original custodians of this land.

PARISH NEWS

NO WEEKDAY MASS – WEDNESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY

There will be no 9.15am Mass on this Wednesday 15th February. Bishop Shane Mackinlay has invited representatives of the Diocese of Sandhurst to a Diocesan Assembly in Shepparton to be held on this day.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S PROJECT COMPASSION

Sandhurst Diocese will publicly launch Caritas Australia's Project Compassion in Hargreaves Mall Bendigo from 11.30 - 12.30 on Shrove Tuesday, 21st February. All are invited to come and share FREE PANCAKES as you enjoy ENTERTAINMENT by local students, followed by COMMISSIONING of School & Parish Representatives by Bishop Shane. You'll be showing your support of Caritas Australia and helping to make its great work known throughout the Bendigo region.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSION FUND (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) is a Victorian Government program that assists eligible families to cover the cost of school trips, camps and sporting activities. Any parents/carers who hold a valid means-tested concession card, a Gold DVA card or are a temporary foster parent, may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid directly to the school to use towards these items.

The CSEF form is attached to this newsletter or is available by clicking here to access our [Back to School site](#).

If you did not receive a CSEF payment in 2022, have had a new child start, or are a new family, please fill in and return the application form to the office as soon as possible. If you are unsure whether you are eligible, whether you need to reapply etc, please see Paula in the office.



SCHOOL SPORT **– WHAT'S HAPPENING?!** *Troy Coates (PE Coordinator)*



CATHOLIC SWIMMING CARNIVAL - Week 3

Date: Thursday the 16th of February

Time: 9:45am - 2pm **Where:** Bendigo East Swimming Pool

As there is a short turnaround from our carnival, students who are successful in representing Holy Rosary will receive a PAM note by Tuesday, 14th Feb.

Please note, year 3's are **ONLY eligible for 3 individual events- 50m freestyle, breaststroke & backstroke.*

AFL PLAYER 'COMMUNITY CAMP' VISIT - NORTH MELBOURNE - Week 3

On Tuesday, 14th February (9:30am -10:15am), North Melbourne players will be visiting our school and doing a Q & A with our Grades 3-6 students on the oval. Following this will be opportunities to get appropriate items, such as balls and football apparel signed.

SWIMMING LESSONS (GR 3-6) - Week 5

The Year 3-6 children will have their swimming lessons early in Term 1, from Tuesday 28th Feb - Friday 3rd of March (4 days). This will be at Gurri Wanyarra in Kangaroo Flat. Permission forms with further information will be released via PAM in the coming weeks.

**Please note: Foundation - Grade 2 swimming lessons will be in Term 4 (Start of December).*

NEW FOOTBALL JUMPER DESIGN

Congratulations to Lily McKee for designing our new football jumpers for Holy Rosary. The challenge was set last year to our Grade 5 students to come up with a new design. We have now moved away from the St Kilda colours to our new double blue design that will stand out at the football carnivals. We can't wait to wear them for the first time in Term 3. Well done Lily and thank you Grade 5 students.



CHOIR AND INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM

Now that COVID restrictions have lifted, I am excited to reignite a choir in the school. Some students have already expressed their interest in being involved in these programs which is great and notes have been sent home to be signed.

Choir is open to students in Grades 3-6 and will run throughout the year. Rehearsals will be in the music room on Thursday afternoons at 2.15pm. Performances will be in school time, mostly at assemblies and school masses.

If your child has expressed an interest in the instrumental program, this will run as one 20-minute session per week on a Wednesday at 2.15pm for a term. Instrumental sessions will rotate throughout the year, two instruments per term. As I can only take small groups for these sessions, your child will be put on a waiting list and will be notified when their name comes up, so they may not get to have a go at their chosen instrument until later in the year, or possibly even next year, depending on how many students wish to have a go.

As always, I'm looking forward to making music and having lots of fun with our Holy Rosary students throughout the year, and watching them grow and develop their skills and confidence. - Elizabeth Teed (Performing Arts)



PASTORAL CARE

Welcome to week 3, the term is flying with our students loving being back in the classroom and on the yard with their friends. It is a busy week with the school swimming carnival and visits from North Melbourne Football Club. These events are a great opportunity to chat to your child about their week, what was different, did they feel challenged and how they managed to face this challenge and have fun or just the pure excitement of participating in new activities with their friends.

We have a new delivery from **food share** for our pantry on Tuesday. Please feel free to ask your child's teacher to pack a bag of groceries to be brought home, or the food share pantry can now be accessed by families as needed - fridge, freezer and pantry goods.

Second hand uniform is available for a gold coin donation with items in all sizes available, second hand uniform can be accessed in the Rosarium. If you have any items you would like to donate please drop it into the office and members of the Grade 6 HR Services Leadership team will sort and organise for other families to use.

LOCAL SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR KIDS

If you are aware of families or children who have parents with a mental health condition, Bendigo Health are offering a support program for children aged 8 - 12 years to learn about mental illness and mental health. If you would be interested in the program please see the details below:

Kids with Confidence is a program for children who have a family member who has a mental illness. The aim of the program is to teach kids about mental illness and mental health. The kids will be supported to learn, build supportive relationships and have fun.

The program will be held after school, once a week. Suitable for primary school children aged 8 – 12 years

Where: 8 Olinda St. Bendigo

When: Wednesday afternoons during March 2023

Times: 4pm to 5.30pm

Cost: Free

For registrations & inquiries please call 5454 7612

Have a wonderful week and enjoy the sunshine.

- Megan Gerrish (Pastoral Care, Wellbeing and Compliance Leader)



How Can We Help?

In the Pastoral Care / Wellbeing Team we would like to offer any support that we can, whether it be emotional, physical, spiritual or mentally. We can assist with support relating to your child or needs your family may have at the present time.

We may assist with

- Practical Help (Meals, groceries etc)
 - A Listening Ear
 - School Attendance
- General information & advice, with links to outside agencies & community support

Megan Gerrish (Pastoral Care Leader)



BUS STOP CHANGE – MYRTLE STREET

Please be advised that the school bus will have an altered route beginning MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY due to upcoming roadworks, The MYRTLE ROAD stop will divert to COLLINS PARK (on Strickland Street), the bus will then continue down Strickland Street and turn left into Ironstone and right into Station street. This will be in place for 6 weeks minimum or possibly longer depending on roadwork completion.

If you require further information please call the school or Godkins Bus Lines.

CYBER SAFETY

Safer internet day was held last week with a focus on connecting, reflecting and protecting ourselves while online. Online safety is something as parents and teachers, we need to consider each and every day. Remembering the following will help our children be safe digital citizens.

Connect safely and with purpose – by keeping apps and devices secure and using social media in positive ways.

Reflect before we act – by taking a moment to consider how what we do and say online may affect others.

Protect ourselves and others by taking action – by telling family, friends or colleagues about eSafety and how we can help.

Why it's important to
Connect. Reflect. Protect.
this Safer Internet Day

Almost half

of children were treated in a hurtful or nasty way online in the past year¹

26%

of children have treated someone in a hurtful or nasty way online in the past year²



1 in 10

children have been the target of hate speech online³

30%

of teens have been contacted by a stranger online⁴

47%

of 14 to 17 year olds have received a sexual message from someone in the past year⁵

Many parents of 14 to 17 year olds aren't aware their children have viewed potentially

harmful content⁶

67%

of adults have had a negative experience online in the past year⁷

30%

of LGBTQ+ Australians experience online hate speech — double the national average⁸

32%

of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples* also experience hate speech — double the national average⁹

ATTENDANCE

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. At Holy Rosary we work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

The importance of arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with the school principal. - Megan Gerrish (Pastoral Care, Wellbeing and Compliance Leader)

LEARNER DIVERSITY: PROGRAM SUPPORT GROUP “PSG” MEETINGS

Welcome back to 2023! The Program Support Group (PSG) Meetings are scheduled meetings that provide collaborative discussions between school, home and external therapeutic support for students with additional needs within our school. These conversations support the set goals and adjustments that are developed, to guide and reinforce the learning that takes place within the school setting.

As we move forward into 2023, careful consideration and thought has been put in place regarding the scheduling of PSG meetings, to ensure they align with the new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA) for teachers. The EBA will impact on teachers' workloads and your access to teachers outside of school hours. Therefore, PSG meetings will take place each Friday during Term 1; beginning in week 5 through to Week 9. In addition, meetings will now run for 35 minutes to allow parents, teachers and the Learner Diversity Leader to discuss the student's personalised learning plan (PLP) with an emphasis on the student's goals that have been put in place to support the learning for your child. – Mandy Antoniadis (Learner Diversity Leader)

STUDENT NEWS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Students who are celebrating their birthdays this week are; Caleb Cross, Liam Gladman, Miley Ellerton, Gabriella Giavon, Evie Kristiansen & Lenny Polglase.

Happy Birthday to you and we hope you have a wonderful day.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Students of the Week	
FJM	Chaz
FMM	Clementine
1CV	Lilah
1GS	Willow
2JH	Emma
2SD	Senna
3CW	Ruby
3OG	Luciana
4BD	Stella
4LS	Cooper
5DL	Madeleine
5JO	Sienna
6DW	Harper
6MG	Harry

P&F NEWS

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are once again looking for additional parent volunteers in our canteen.

This year we will be looking for volunteers for the following times:

Thursdays	9:00am - 11:00am (1 volunteer) – Younger children welcome
Fridays	9:00am – 12:00pm (2 volunteers)
	10:30am – 11:45am (1 volunteer)
	1:30pm – 2:30pm (2 volunteers)

Please note, volunteers must report directly to the school office to sign in and must provide a copy of their WCC or VIT card and other necessary volunteer paperwork. **Volunteers DO NOT need to hold a Food Handling Certificate.**

If you are able to volunteer in our Canteen this term, please contact Laura Prange on 0438 079 982 or Tamara McIntosh on 0413 473 174

VOLUNTEER ROSTER

DATE	TIME	VOLUNTEERS
FEBRUARY 2022		
Thur 16 th February	9.00am – 11.00am	Ash M
Fri 17 th February	9.00am – 12.00pm	Danielle B & Volunteer Needed
Fri 17 th February	10.30am – 11:45am	Tam F
Fri 17 th February	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
Thur 23 rd February	9.00am – 11.00am	Andrea P
Fri 24 th February	9.00am – 12.00pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed
Fri 24 th February	10.30am – 11:45am	Volunteer Needed
Fri 24 th February	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Volunteer Needed & Volunteer Needed

WINTER JACKET SPECIAL ORDER

Perfect for the cooler weather, this winter jacket is made from crease-proof and water-resistant microfibre with a cotton lining. This jacket can be worn over school jumpers or short/long sleeve polo shirts during playtime and lunchtime.

Sample sizes are available for viewing in the Holy Rosary Uniform Shop on a Friday morning. Cost for each jacket will be \$45.00.

Orders can be placed by returning the form from last week's newsletter with payment to the school office. We are also looking into adding the jackets to Flexischools to allow online ordering, however this is not available yet.

All orders are due by Friday 24th March. Jackets will be sent home as soon as possible after they are delivered (likely early Term 2). - *Debbie & Janet (Holy Rosary Uniform Shop Committee)*



MARONG CUP

Tickets now available!

Mark your calendars - the 2023 Marong Cup is coming up **THIS Saturday 18th February!**

The full range of kid's activities will be back and we can't wait to see everyone back for another fantastic year!

(Please note, we are only able to accept cash payments. Concession Price tickets are only available on the day)

Marong Cup - February 18th 2023	
Adults \$15	Kids Rides
Concession \$10	(All Day Pass \$15 or \$10 if pre purchased at school)
Children (16 & under) Free	

VOLUNTEERS: This year Holy Rosary has been tasked with two jobs; Kid's Snacks & Slushies and the Gourmet BBQ. Extra hands are also always appreciated at the Lawn Bar (RSA required)

Any adults who volunteer their time will receive free entry!

Please contact Tamara McIntosh on 0413 473 174 if you are able to volunteer any of your time.

KIDS ENTERTAINMENT AREA

FREE KIDS RIDE PASSES: This year all our Foundation students are eligible for a Free Kids Ride Pass (adult supervision required)!

Simply drop into the school office to claim yours!

Add in a FREE Volunteer ticket and you could have an amazing day out for no cost!



Laser Tag
Meltdown
Disney Cars Giant Slide
Rock Wall
Cha Cha
Kahuna Giant Water Slide
Shark Escape Water Slide
Pig Train
Swinging Chairs



From 12.00 – 4.00pm
4 Hours of Rides for Only \$10
(\$15 if purchased on the day)

Please bring Bathers/Towels for Kids Using the Water Slide

SPORTS NEWS

HOLY ROSARY NETBALL CLUB

We are planning for our Netball Club's 2023 Winter Season with the BSNA. The season will commence on the 18th March, playing Saturdays on the indoor courts at the Bendigo Stadium.

We are looking for kiddos who would like to join our Grade 2/3, 4, 5 and 6 teams! Please get in touch via holyrosarynetball@gmail.com if you'd like more information!

Please note, for our Foundation, Grade 1 and Grade 2 kids, information for our NetSetGO! program will be shared later in Term One. – Ben Dillon (Club President)



GOLDEN CITY SOCCER CLUB IS LOOKING FOR NEW PLAYERS

Golden City is an inclusive, family friendly club and are looking for players from all age levels and experience to play this season starting in April. All are welcome!

There are teams for all age levels and abilities, including all-girl teams at most age levels and have 42% female membership in juniors. Soccer is a great sport for girls and the FIFA Women's World Cup will be held in Australia and New Zealand in 2023.

The junior season starts after the Easter school break and runs for 16 weeks. Junior games are played on Saturday mornings on small-sided pitches with modified rules to make the games inclusive, engaging and fun. Training takes place once a week at our home ground, Shadforth Park, Fenton Street, North Bendigo.

Register at <https://registration.playfootball.com.au/common/pages/reg/WelcomeRegPlus.aspx?entityid=7336>

Or get in touch for further information by email goldencitysc@gmail.com or Facebook page or visit www.goldencityfc.com

INFORMATION

FOR PARENTS

MULTI-SPORT

PROGRAMME

Programmes run weekly on one day a week for one hour.

This term we will focus on the following sports:

- ✓ Soccer
- ✓ Basketball
- ✓ Tennis
- ✓ Golf
- ✓ Cricket
- ✓ AFL
- ✓ Netball
- ✓ Athletics

This weekly programme gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings – giving them confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.

For Prep – Grade 6 students.

\$144 FOR A 9 WEEK PROGRAM

Sign up anytime and only pay for the weeks remaining in the term. \$16 per weekly 60 minute session.

School: Holy Rosary Primary School
Day: Tuesday's
Start Date: 7th February
End Date: 4th April
Time: 3:30pm - 4:30pm

BOOK EARLY & SAVE

Book before February 6th and receive 1 free lesson!

Website: kellysports.com.au/bendigo
Contact: Beau Cross
Email: beau@kellysports.com.au
Phone: 0428 326 924
Facebook: Kelly Sports Bendigo

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KELLYSPORTS.COM.AU

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/carer details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

☐ Foster parent under a temporary care order* **OR** ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

**Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card

Is this an application for special consideration (no CRN needed)? Yes ☐ No ☐

Student details

Student's surname	Student's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DFFH will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the DFFH and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____ Date ____/____/____