



**Mid North  
Christian  
College**

Hope in  
the Living  
God

## **CHAPEL** **Term 1**

**Week 9 - Thurs 28 March**  
**Athletics Day**  
No Chapel

**Friday 29 March**  
Good Friday Public Holiday

**Week 10 - Friday 5 April**  
**Primary Chapel**  
Year 1/2

**Secondary Chapel**  
Year 10

## **CALENDAR**

### **Term 1**

#### **Week 9**

**Athletics Day**  
Thurs 28 March

**Good Friday - Public  
Holiday**  
Friday 29 March

#### **Week 10**

**Easter Monday- Public  
Holiday**  
Monday 1 April

**Ready For School**  
**9 - 10:50am**  
Wednesday 3 March

#### **Week 11**

**Last Day of Term**  
Friday 12 April  
Early Dismissal 2:05PM

### **Term 2**

#### **Week 1**

**Pupil Free - Staff  
Professional Development**  
Monday 29 April

**First Day**  
Tuesday 30 April

**Pupil Free**  
Week 6 Friday 7 June

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# **News** **Term1** **Week8**



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**22 MARCH 2024**

Dear Parents and Guardians

This week's "one another" encouragement is from 1 Peter which says,

"Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks the oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies – in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

1 Peter 4:9-11

We had a wonderful opportunity to welcome and show hospitality to families and visitors to our College on Monday at Open Day. I hope that your experience and those of our visitors was that there was a demonstration of this hospitality from all our staff and students. There are a few reminders in these verses that I love.

1. Because different people have different gifts; they can show hospitality in different ways. Some people are the talkers, while others are the servers. Both are just as important.
2. Our speech and our actions can be inspired and supplied by God. We don't have to rely on our own knowledge and strength to do this well. Greeting and serving people we don't know can be daunting, but God wants to help us in this task.
3. There is an encouragement to show hospitality with the right heart attitude (not all grumbling happens from the mouth; it can happen in your heart). It is hard to greet and serve cheerfully when you are tired, but often, we walk away from these events knowing that our smile has made someone's day.
4. All our hospitality should be done for the glory of God; not our own glory or the College's glory. As much as we want everyone to see what a wonderful place our College is, we want them to know that we exist for a much higher purpose than just being a great school. Our God is the One who has provided all that we have as a College, and He is our reason to live and He deserves all the praise and honour.

Next week, we will have another opportunity to show hospitality at our Athletics Day and maybe over the Easter weekend. We often have extended family and family friends join us for these times. As one verse in the Bible says, let us 'practise' hospitality. We might not always get it right, however, with God's help we can continue to improve to show hospitality not just to those we know well, but to also welcome and include the stranger.

**Rachel Richardson**  
**Principal**

## OPEN DAY

Open Day on Monday was a remarkable event that showcased some of our favourite areas of the College. Visitors and students embarked on a discovery trail through classrooms, with each classroom introducing a new learning area and activity.

The atmosphere buzzed with excitement, especially around the jumping castles, which were a favorite among the younger children. Mini golf turned out to be a massive hit, with participants of all ages trying their hand at the course set up on the oval.

Amidst all the fun and games, the food stood out as a highlight; from savory snacks to sweet treats, the culinary offerings from the Home Economics were nothing short of incredible.



Thank you to Jump Easy for the inflatables and games, the Board and Association for the BBQ and soft drinks, Mrs Dick and her students for the food, and all the teachers and students who put in extra effort to make this event run so well! It was an afternoon filled with joy, learning, and community spirit.

Monique Eggers  
**Head of Primary**



## NEW STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

Lisa Church

I was born and raised in Port Pirie, and while I enjoy travelling, Port Pirie has always been my home. I have worked in the Early Childhood sector for 16 years, spending some time in local kindys and managing a busy childcare centre. I am now working on upgrading my skills to include Primary teaching and am enjoying the company of older children and working with their families.

I have several roles at the College, including Student Services, Library teacher, and playgroups. I am enjoying combining my skills and interests into many areas of MNCC life.

In my spare time, I enjoy going on outings with my little family.



Belle Theron

Hi all! I'm from Jamestown and have absolutely loved joining the team here at Mid North this year. I've spent the last two years building my skills in supporting young adults in their journey through school and life by being heavily involved with our regional youth group, Rocky River Youth.

I'm passionate about developing my knowledge on the anatomy and physiology our wonderful Creator has blessed us with, and right now, the arrival of some cooler weather!

There is nothing I look forward to more than encouraging our youth to keep striving towards their goals and celebrating those hard-earned achievements or being there to help pick them up when they're feeling the bluer side of life.



## FOUNDATION - ESMART CLASS

This week Foundation students participated in an online story time with the eSmart team. Students from around Australia tuned into a story being read to them about being safe on their devices. Foundation students listened to the story about "Swoosh and Glide" being on their iPads and what five rules they should remember, such as being kind, safe, asking for help and making good choices. It was lots of fun and we are trying some of the ideas in class.

Corrina Ingles  
**Foundation Teacher**

## STAFF UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that we will have new bus driver joining us on Monday, March 25. His name is Richard Bearman and he will driving the bus for the northern run.

Rachel Richardson  
**Principal**

## SECONDARY VISUAL ARTS EXCURSION

On Wednesday Week 8, Mr. Peckover and Mr. Phillips took the Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 Art students on an excursion to the annual SACE Art Show in Light Square Gallery, Adelaide.

Students were amazed at the quality of work from other art students their age from all around South Australia, and came away inspired to incorporate various techniques and themes in their own artwork.

After a brief lunch, we then toured the local streets on foot to take in some iconic Adelaide street art and murals, in preparation for the Year 9/10s elective next term, when the class will be planning and collaborating on the design for a new mural above Room 9/10, inspired by the stylings of street art.

Josh Peckover  
**Teacher**

## VETAMORPHUS

This year, seven of our Year 11 students are enrolled in Veta Morphus, a nationally accredited VET qualification, offering a Certificate III in Christian Ministry & Theology as well as SACE credits. Joseph McComb, Maxwell Polden, Josiah Hawkes, Kiara Cagney, Isabelle Dick, Matilda Catt, and Annie Rossiter attended the first Veta Morphus retreat of 2024 at Mylor Adventure Camp, in the Adelaide Hills.

They were joined by over one hundred other students from across the state along with their peer group supervisors. It was an enjoyable weekend comprised of worship, games, activities, and Bible Engagement. Retreat 2 will be a Missions themed retreat, to be held in Adelaide in May.

Samarn Meach  
**Counsellor**





### INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY

On Friday 15 March, Samarn, Lauren, and I went to the Soroptimist International Port Pirie International Women's Day Luncheon. Soroptimist International is a global volunteer movement where women work together to transform the lives of women and girls across the world.

Women from all around the region met with one another and to celebrate the achievements that Soroptimist International have made a difference in women's lives. We got to learn about the amazing life of Her Excellency, the Honourable Frances Adamson, and how she has greatly impacted the rights of women on a government scale.

I greatly enjoyed the experience, not only because the food was delicious but also because it was a lovely atmosphere and amazing to hear all the stories from Her Excellency, the Honourable Frances Adamson.

Eliza Polden  
**Student Leader**



### NEWSLETTER HARDCOPY

If you would like to request our fortnightly newsletter in hard copy, please email our Promotions Officer.

[janae.nieass@midnorthcc.sa.edu.au](mailto:janae.nieass@midnorthcc.sa.edu.au)

### COLLEGE GARAGE SALE

As we replace furniture and clean out some storage areas of the College, we have decided to run a garage sale here at the College on Saturday, 23 March. We will have:

- A range of DVDs and books
- Old lockers
- Old student desks
- Science stools



## Garage Sale Saturday, 23 March 8AM - 2 PM

- A range of DVDs and books
- Lockers
- Carpet
- Student desks
- Stools
- Shelving
- Office chairs
- & much more!



### LETTERS SENT HOME

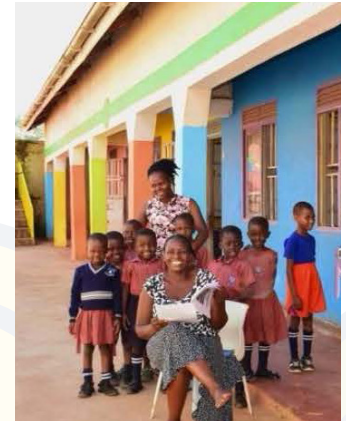
- SRC Excursion
- Harmony Day
- SACE Art Show Excursion
- Year 4 HASS Excursion
- Rite Journey Mentor Letter
- Year 6 T-Shirt Note
- MNCC Child Safety Code of Conduct
- Athletics Day F - Yr 2 Early Dismissal
- Rite Journey Prospective Mentor Letter



## MNCC Mission Connect Group

Helping MNCC to link into Mission via fundraising, information, and involvement.

# MNCC Mission Connect Athletics Day Fundraiser Athletics Day Fundraiser Thursday 28 March



### Raising money for Gershipon Christian School, Uganda

Our Athletics Day fundraiser will help provide school lunches and pay teachers at Gershipon Christian School. This school is in one of the poorest areas of Kampala. Ps Jonah, who helped setup the school, visited us as guest speaker at our Primary and Secondary chapels recently.

### Sports day Food for sale:

- Hot drinks
- Cans of soft drink
- Sausage sizzle
- Zooper Doopers
- Recess items & Bake Sale (slices, cupcakes, etc).

### Bake Sale:

We need your help! Can you volunteer to help on the day? Are you able to make food to sell? Do you know someone who might like to help?

The Food provided would need a label with ingredients listed (preferred no nuts) and things not needing refrigeration. Please have your baked goods individually wrapped or cut into serving size portions.

If you think you may be able to help, contact John Polden 0458501387 or Dianne McComb 0414709908

# SU Camps and Youth Events 2024 - South Australia



**Internship - Info Night** Monday Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7-8:30pm  
SU HQ: 14 Adele Ave, Kidman Pk  
More info and registrations [here](#)

**Melrose Easter Camp** March 29<sup>th</sup>-April 1<sup>st</sup> Melrose  
More info and registrations [here](#)

**SA Mountain Biking Camp**  
April 19<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Thomas Hill Centre, Mt Crawford  
More info and registrations [here](#)

**GENIS Fathers and Sons Camp #1** May 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>  
The Range War Memorial Hall  
More Info and Registrations [here](#)

**Boys and Daughters Camp**  
May 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>  
Wirraway Homestead, Strathalbyn  
More Info and Registrations [here](#)

**Big Week Out** July 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>  
Berean Aboriginal Church  
More Info and Registrations [here](#)

**SA Teen Girls Camp** Oct 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>  
Woodhouse  
More info and registrations [here](#)

**GENIS Camp SA** Oct 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>  
Mylor Baptist Campsite  
More info and registrations [here](#)

**GENIS Fathers and Sons Camp #2** Nov 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>  
The Range War Memorial Hall  
More Info and Registrations [here](#)

For general inquiries get in contact with Hamilton McNicol: 0432 913 250

## Hope Youth Bible Fellowship

Discover who we are in Christ from the book of Ephesians

Sat 17th Feb	(Port Pirie Baptist Church)	You are Blessed in Christ
Sat 23rd Mar	(Light House Uniting Church)	Pray for Maturity in Christ
Sat 4th May	(Port Pirie Anglican Church)	Know Your Identity in Christ
Sat 1st Jun	(Port Pirie Baptist Church)	Be Empowered by Christ
Sat 29th Jun	(Bonfire at Napperby)	Be United in Christ
Sat 3rd Aug	(Light House Uniting Church)	How to Really Live in Christ
Sat 31st Aug	(Port Pirie Anglican Church)	How to Imitate Christ
Sat 21st Sep	(Port Pirie Baptist Church)	Humble Relationships for Christ
Sat 19th Oct	(Light House Uniting Church)	How to Stand Firm for Christ
Sat 30th Nov	End of Year Celebration!	

6:30pm - 8:30pm      \$2 per person      All High School Youth are welcome  
For more information email [hybfpp@gmail.com](mailto:hybfpp@gmail.com) or call Mark (0421 227 764) or Keren (0457 383 157)





### Youth Week Art class: Georgia Ellie Art & Design

Admission: Free

Ages 13+

Sun, 24 Mar 2024 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM ACDT

Port Pirie Regional Arts & Tourism Centre

Georgia is one MNCC's Old Scholars and a local artist who loves to teach and share the joy of creativity.




Register your interests at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/youth-week-creative-art-class-tickets-849181955087?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl>







<p>About Us</p> <p>Melrose Easter Camp is run by a body of believers from the Mid North Region under the guidance of Scripture Union Australia. Our vision is to bring the Truth of the Gospel to the next generation and encourage them in relationship with Jesus.</p> <p>  @melroseeastercamp   @melrose.eastercamp         </p>	<p>  Willochra Campsite              Diocesan Road              Melrose, SA         </p> <p>  March 29th - April 1st 2024         </p> <p>             Early Bird \$140              Ends February 9th         </p> <p>  Standard \$150              Ends March 8th         </p> <p>             Late fee \$170              Ends March 22nd         </p> <p>  Grades 7 - 12         </p> <p>  Register at:  <a href="https://brushfire.com/sua/camp/566771">https://brushfire.com/sua/camp/566771</a> </p> <p>  Sarah 0490 241 665              Ben 0476 257 186         </p>
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## Melrose Easter Camp 2024 (MEC)

MEC is a youth camp for student Year 7-12 running Friday - Monday over the Easter long weekend. It's a camp full of great speakers, live worship, games, activities and amazing food.

Held at the Willochra Campsite, Melrose and run by the combined churches of the Mid North Region under the guidance of Scripture Union Australia. It's a great way to grow in your faith and have a lot of fun!

Late Registrations close 22 March.

# Foster Care



**Do you have spare time on week-ends?  
Or maybe free time in the school holidays?**

**Did you know that you could apply  
to become a Respite Carer?**

*If you would like to know more about  
the difference Respite Carers can make  
to a child please contact us.*



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# YOUTH WEEK 2024



## Check out the gym with Evan

### 24Fit Port Pirie

#free #port pirie

Florence Street (Woolworths complex)

**Session 1 - Monday 18th March 3:30-4:30pm**

**Session 2 - Tuesday 19th March 3:30-4:30pm**

**Session 3 - Wednesday 20th March 3:30-4:30pm**

Booking essential. Limited places. Max. 15 people.

Book via the QR code or contact us on 0429 670 702.

**\*\*\*\* prizes \*\*\*\***



**SAYW**  
SA Youth Week  
15-24 March 2024







# SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS

## PORT PIRIE



**MULTI DAY**  
**18 - 20 APRIL**



**SINGLE DAY**  
**19 APRIL**



**GOALKEEPING**  
**18 & 20 APRIL**





## 7. THE DISCIPLES WERE RADICALLY TRANSFORMED

Before the resurrection, Jesus' disciples were confused and fearful. They fled when Jesus was arrested. Three times, Peter denied knowing him. As Jesus breathed his last on the cross, only a handful of disciples stuck around.

But then something changed. The disciples were transformed from frightened followers to fearless founders of a brand new way of life. They preached with boldness, performed miracles, and defied great opposition to take the gospel across the known world. Paul's transformation was especially amazing: he went from zealously persecuting Christians to becoming Christianity's chief proponent.

Something must have happened to turn the lives of these disciples around so dramatically. That something was Jesus' resurrection.

## 8. WITNESSES WILLINGLY DIED FOR THEIR CLAIMS

Many people have died as martyrs throughout history, sacrificing their lives for what they believed was true. However, almost no one dies for something they fear is false or know is a lie.

Ten of Jesus' twelve disciples were martyred for their faith — the only exceptions being Judas Iscariot, who committed suicide, and the apostle John, who died of old age. What got them killed was their eyewitness testimony that Jesus rose from the dead and now reigns as Saviour.

To avoid being beheaded, crucified upside-down or sawed in half, all Jesus' closest companions had to do was retract their claims about his resurrection. If they had doubts or had knowingly lied, surely some of them would have recanted to avoid such a cruel end. Instead, they died as martyrs, providing further evidence Jesus really did conquer the grave.

## 9. JEWISH BELIEVERS CHANGED THEIR DAY OF WORSHIP

Before the first Easter, the Jews had been observing the Sabbath for over 1,300 years. More than just a custom, it was part of God's sacred law that they must rest and worship on Saturday, the last day of the week (Exodus 20:8-11). As faithful Jews, Jesus and his disciples also obeyed the Sabbath.

But everything changed after Jesus' resurrection. Suddenly, the Christian community began meeting on Sundays, the first day of the week. Their rationale was simple: Jesus' tomb was found empty on the first day of the week, as every gospel writer had affirmed (Matthew 28:1, Mark 16:1-2, Luke 24:1, John 20:1).

By changing the day of the week on which they practised Sabbath, these Jewish believers were declaring publicly that the Messiah had arrived and was risen. Their confidence to break with centuries of tradition and fashion a new weekly calendar is further proof that Jesus really did rise again.

## 10. CHRISTIANITY SPREAD LIKE WILDFIRE

Just before he ascended, Jesus told his followers, "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8). And he was right: the early church moved out in waves across the Roman Empire, their message spreading like wildfire.

The movement had every reason to fail. Their claims sounded far-fetched. Their leaders were beset by weakness and failure. They were hunted by the state and often chased out of town. Yet Christianity kept spreading — within a few generations reaching as far as India, Spain, Persia and North Africa.

Wherever followers of Jesus went, they cared for the poor, defended the outcast, fought against injustice, and told the world of a hope beyond the grave. The message of the risen Saviour still resounds today. Jesus' resurrection changes everything.

How will you respond this Easter?

### READ MORE



# 10 REASONS TO BELIEVE EASTER REALLY HAPPENED

Jesus Christ is arguably the central figure of history. This Easter, 2.4 billion people will celebrate his resurrection. But how do we know if Jesus really did rise from the dead?

Christians believe Jesus is not merely a dead hero, but God in flesh and the living Saviour. The apostle Paul wrote, "if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith" (1 Corinthians 15:17).

Jesus' resurrection really matters. Consider 10 reasons that Easter is not a legend or a fairy tale, but true history.

## 1. JESUS REALLY DIED

Some have suggested that Jesus merely fell unconscious on the cross and later revived in the tomb. But there is no way he could have survived crucifixion. The Romans invented crucifixion not just for torture but for capital punishment. The soldiers attending Jesus were trained executioners.

Crucifixion forced its victims to lift themselves up to draw breath. If they stopped doing this, they died of asphyxiation. When the guards found Jesus, he had stopped moving, making it certain that he was already dead (John 19:32-33).

It's not just the New Testament authors who affirmed Jesus' death but many non-Christian writers from the ancient world too — including Thallus, Josephus, Tacitus, Lucian of Samosata, Mara Bar-Serapion and Celsus.

## 2. THE GRAVE WAS SECURE

Another theory is that Jesus' disciples stole his body and lied about him rising from the dead. In fact, the Jewish leaders predicted this and asked Pilate to post guards at Jesus' tomb to prevent such a conspiracy (Matthew 27:63-64).

In doing so, ironically, they helped foolproof history for us. The Roman soldiers stationed at Jesus' tomb were highly trained and disciplined. If they fell asleep on the job, they faced the death penalty.

On seeing an angel move the stone to reveal an empty tomb, the guards were terrified and immediately reported what had happened. The Jewish leaders then bribed them to claim the disciples stole the body (Matthew 28:11-15). In other words, everyone knew the truth: Jesus' grave was secure.

## 3. THE BODY WAS MISSING

The best evidence for Jesus' resurrection is, of course, the empty tomb. After the guards saw that Jesus' body was missing, a group of women observed the empty grave, followed by John and Peter. When Peter stepped inside, he saw Jesus' burial clothes neatly folded (John 20:6-7). It was hardly a scene consistent with a grave robbery: who would take the time to strip the body — and even fold the linen?

Some have suggested the disciples visited the wrong tomb and mistakenly concluded that Jesus had risen. But why would Jesus' followers launch an entire movement without first verifying the one claim on which it all hinged?

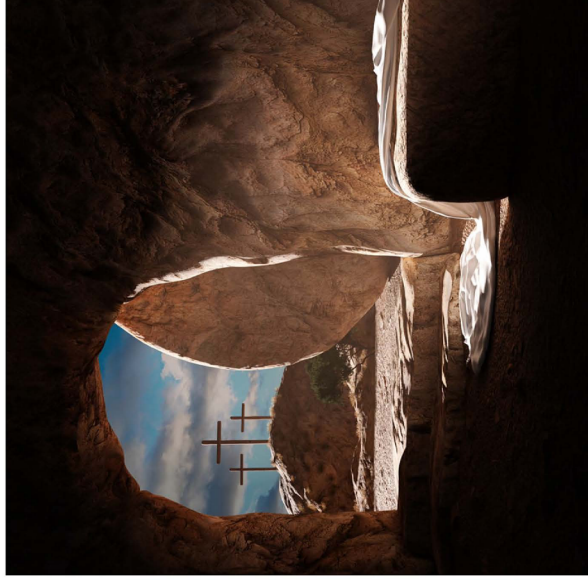
Also, if Jesus' body was in a different tomb, why didn't the authorities recover it and parade his corpse in public to disprove the unruly Christian movement once and for all? The reason is simple: Jesus' body really was missing.

## 4. HUNDREDS SAW JESUS ALIVE

Around a dozen people bore witness to Jesus' empty grave. Far more significant is that hundreds of people saw him alive.

Jesus appeared first to Mary Magdalene and several other women, followed by Peter, then two disciples on the road to Emmaus. He also appeared to large groups of disciples on many occasions — including in a locked room, on the beach for breakfast, and at his ascension.

The apostle Paul writes that some 500 people saw Jesus back from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:3-8). Paul wrote these words around A.D. 53, just 20 years after Jesus' resurrection, when most of the witnesses were still alive. Paul was telling his critics: "Ask them. See for yourself that what I say is true."



## 5. THE KEY WITNESSES WERE WOMEN

It is striking that some of the first witnesses of the empty tomb and the risen Christ were women. In the ancient Near East, the testimony of women was considered less reliable than that of men. In fact, a woman's testimony was often not even admissible in court.

If the gospel writers were spinning tales about Jesus coming back from the dead, they almost certainly would have portrayed men as key witnesses, lest they undermine their own story's credibility.

The fact that all four gospel writers portray women as key witnesses to the resurrection (Matthew 28:1-10, Mark 16:1-11, Luke 24:1-11, John 20:1-18) strongly suggests the writers were being honest, and simply recording events that really happened.

## 6. THE RESURRECTION ACCOUNTS VARIED

Skeptics say the inconsistencies between Matthew, Mark, Luke and John prove the Easter story was made up. For example, the four writers disagree on who was with Mary Magdalene that morning, whether the women went before or after dawn, and if one or two angels were at the tomb.

Actually, a closer look suggests the opposite.

Four matching narratives would look suspicious, like they had colluded to fabricate their story, or all copied a single dubious source. The same is true today: criminal investigators assume witnesses with identical accounts collaborated to tell a lie or were coached by an outsider.

However, divergent but compatible accounts provide strong evidence a story is genuine. And the gospel accounts are compatible: Mary was accompanied by a large group of women, though not all writers mentioned every one. The women left for the tomb when it was dark and arrived when the sun had risen. Two angels were present, though one played a prominent speaking role.

Far from sowing doubt, the four varying accounts found in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John read like true history.