

Special points of interest:

- St Joseph's "Significant Man" Day
- Blessing the Classrooms Invitation
- School Uniform and Hair



Hello Everyone,

We have had a busy two weeks since our last newsletter, with so much opportunity for our students to show what they are made of and what we believe in. Many of our students truly shine as **Nga whetu** of Pompallier Catholic School. From taking leading roles in our Liturgies at special celebrations, to giving swimming a go (even though that may not be their strength) is what we love about the kids at Pompallier Catholic School. These are the students who we like to use as role models for others to learn from. They are the students who give things a go, live their values and respect those around them as well as the space they live in, they know their turangawae wae, where they stand. It is my hope that all students who leave this school are strong in their knowledge of themselves as "Christ People". This inner strength and knowledge is made of their spiritual well being, their physical well being and their mental well being as young people of God. Looking to the academic side, we have high expectations of our students, we expect them to give things a go even if they find some things challenging. We believe in acknowledging the progress that every child makes in their academic learning. This is why we celebrate different aspects every fortnight at assembly with certificates. This is one reason why so many people disagree with national standards reporting, because it can have a negative effect on a child's confidence in their learning progress. As a Catholic school we believe in social justice, equality and every child's dignity and sacredness. By labelling a child as a failure, we are going against these principles. So we will report using standards and levels as we always have, but we won't label a child in a way that impacts negatively on their dignity. Not every child can or will achieve set standards, just as there will be many who exceed set expectations; what we value is the progress that every child makes on their own learning journey, we value that they are able to set realistic goals to improve their learning, we value that they have attitudes of wanting to learn and improve at their own pace and we value that our students feel comfortable and happy to take risks in their learning. We can report against national standards, but we choose to do so in a way that makes our students feel positive and proud of their progress. First and foremost—we need to respect our students' dignity, as we expect them to respect others as "Christ People". So once again the national standards debate is gaining momentum around education circles and we are still trying to align what we believe in with what we are expected to deliver, this is a work in progress. I am interested to hear

what you have to say on this subject, so if you like, flick me an email or pop in for a chat to air your views.

Classroom Snapshot Folders

As I said last newsletter, our Classroom Snapshot Folders will include an interim report against the national standard and I will add bits of information as the weeks go by; well what I have just spoken about is part of this information. Also, at this time in the term, teachers are expecting students to be well into their learning at school. This includes homework being completed and handed in, it includes classwork being delivered to a high standard and a focused attitude in the classroom. We have plenty of opportunities at Pompallier for all sorts of fun and different experiences, but there is the expectation of knuckle down and focus when teachers expect this within the classroom. Teachers are all in the process of using what students are producing, saying and achieving in class to make their OTJ's to report to you on your child's progress. This means, we expect students to come to school ready to learn every day. What could you do to help? A good breakfast before school and a positive start to their learning day helps us at school more than you know! Doing everything for your child at home doesn't help their Self Management skills either—so let your children pack their own bags, make their sandwiches and teach them to ask you to sign their homework books, don't ask them —these are all good habits to be learning from age 5!

THANK YOU to our STAR parent community

Once again I would like to say thank you to all you awesome people out there who "Gimme5" and more. We have recently had a cake stall, working bee, swimming sports, central zones and so many of you have helped in some way for one and more of these events. I know "thank you" are just two little words, but I sincerely mean them and I know all our students and staff feel the same way—we appreciate all the little and all big things that you do for us. There are so many of you to name—so I won't do that—but thank you all, from all of us!

School Uniform

We are still wearing summer uniforms until the end of term. There are still 5 weeks left this term, so no winter shoes and socks are allowed to be worn until Term 2. We do expect students to be wearing black sandals and NO JANDALS. Another note about hair—we can arrange for your child's hair to be cut at school if you have difficulty making an appointment—it will cost \$15. Let me know if you are unable to arrange for your child's hair to be cut—all students know who is expected to have a hair cut as they have been

told either by myself or their teachers. We have been going through a lot of nail polish remover at school as students are coming to school with painted finger and toe nails. This is an unnecessary expense to our school, and we ask you as parents to please supply your own remover if your child has a habit of painting their nails on weekends. They are expected to have clean nails on a Monday through to Friday. Thank you once again to the majority of parents who remind and encourage their children to respect the school rules.

Mrs Paton

While Mrs Paton is away, it is a good time to organise a surprise farewell without her knowing about it! As many of you will know, she is having a special birthday in April and when she comes back from her holiday, she will be retiring at the end of the term. The plan is to farewell her on the last day of term 2 (15th July). For this special day we would like to collect some stories of her many years at PCS. She has taught some of you who are now parents within the school; and or someone in your family. Please share some of your stories with us about the funny, special, wonderful, exciting things that you remember about her as a teacher. We would like to collect these before she comes back at the end of May. You can tell or email myself, Mrs Phillips or a BOT member some of your ideas—we want to make this an amazing celebration of a lady who has given almost 40 years to our school!

PRODUCTION

We are planning a whole school production for towards the end of term 2. It is about the story of *Joseph and his amazing coat*. Mrs Robinson is directing this and we are all starting to get a little excited about it. If you have any hidden talents in the drama area—please let us know so we can call on your expertise!

Blessing our Classrooms

Next Tuesday is the big day when our newly renovated classrooms will be blessed and visited by Bishop Pat Dunn. Obviously we are very proud of these areas and want to put our best foot forward for our guests, so we will be learning a couple of songs for the day. We are very lucky to welcome Steve Marsden onto our team, who is helping us with Kapa Haka and Waiata. For this day we are also asking the parent community to bring a plate to share on the day for lunch. The invitation is attached to this newsletter and we would love you to come if you can.

Please also remember that we would love you to come to our St Patrick's Day Mass on Thursday and our liturgy and "Significant Man" day to celebrate St Joseph's day on Friday this week. We love to have our community around for these special celebrations and we know it makes our students' day when you are there!

God bless, Michele Mill

Special Character Column

This is another social and busy week for celebrations and school events related to the liturgical year.

The first of these celebrations will be **Saint Patrick's Day** tomorrow

(Thursday 17 March). There will be a Mass in the morning and RE lessons in the classroom that relate to St Patrick and his life. The children are allowed to wear green to school as St Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. Don't forget the homework for St Patrick's day—every child is expected to share a fact about St Pat in class on the day. And as is traditional at



PCS there will be a green treat at lunchtime for the whole school.

Saint Joseph's Day actually falls on



Saturday, however we will celebrate this day on Friday (18 March). This day is important to our school because our parish is named after St Joseph. On this day we invite the significant males in the children's lives to join us for the celebration beginning with

a short liturgy at 11:30am followed by a sausage sizzle and games organised by the students.

Prior to the liturgy the children will be making Lenten bracelets. The beads will represent the different times and stages of Lent with a prayer for each.

There will be a Pot Luck tea at church on Sunday at 5.30pm to celebrate St Joseph's Day as a parish. Please join in this if you are able. The following Sunday (27th) will be our morning tea. Please bring a plate to share after Mass. If you are a parent in the **Pukeko** room, please could you help with serving the morning tea and cleaning up after.

Thank you to Debbie Covich who is coordinating this!



Blessings on your path, Jonathan McDonald

NOTICE BOARD



Reach high, for stars lie hidden in your soul.
Dream deep, for every dream precedes the goal.

Pamela Vaull Starr

Kaimānga:
Food for
thought



Pompallier Catholic School SWIMMING SPORTS RESULTS

The swimming sports was an awesome day, with students who know how to have fun, support one another and show sportsmanship. There is always a competitive air between the house groups—but we do try to keep this friendly! The students won the "Pepper Cup" once again! No further comment....

Marcellin 461 Chanel 419
McAuley 389 Maria 280
were the results from the day—
well done Pompallier !



If anyone would like to donate sandpit toys to our junior school, please drop them off at the office. Our special character team is working hard on keeping our younger students happy in the sandpit!

BAPTISM

Our Baptism candidates will be formally presented to the parish community on Sunday 27th, before they are Baptised in April. We look forward to supporting them in this significant Sacrament.

Notice from the Special Character Team

Toy and Book Fair

FRIDAY 1ST OF APRIL

START SORTING OUT YOUR BOOKS AND TOYS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE

(CHECK WITH YOUR PARENTS FIRST)

HAND THESE IN TO THE ROOM BY THE LIBRARY

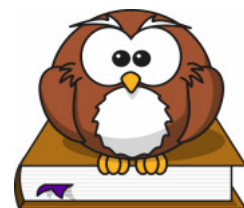
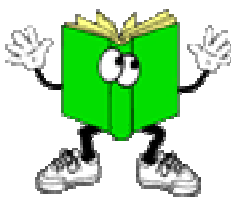
BRING YOUR MONEY FOR THE FAIR ON

FRIDAY 1ST APRIL— TO BUY BOOKS AND TOYS

YOU CAN ALSO DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER .

**THERE WILL BE PRIZES FOR:
"BEST DRESSED"**

(WE ARE FUNDRAISING FOR SAND PIT TOYS)



REMINDER

Please send in your signed CYBERSAFETY forms if you have not yet done so. This is an essential part of our record keeping. If you have lost yours, please ask Helen for another or download one from our website.

Thank you !

Whangarei Heads School
FUNKY
major prizes
GREAT
Fishing & Diving Competition
• FAMILY DAY OUT
• FUNKY FRESH FISH AUCTION
Sunday **27** March 2011
91.6 **MORE FM** NORTHLAND
Check our website for details: funkyfishing.co.nz
Ticket Prices ▶ Senior \$20 ▶ Junior \$5 ▶ Snapper Team Ticket \$20
Ticket Outlets ▶ GoGo Expresso ▶ Top Catch ▶ Stirling Sports ▶ The Deck ▶ Parua Bay Gas ▶ Taurikura Store

Dear Parent or Guardian

POMPALLIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL has recently registered for the Starship School Swap Phones for Rewards programme.

The "Phones for Rewards" programme enables students to play a valuable role in a nationwide fundraising campaign for Starship's Air Ambulance Service, while also increasing their awareness of environmental issues, community giving and having some fun along the way. The good news is that our school gets to benefit too.

The programme works by our school co-ordinating the collection of as many old mobile phones as possible. These phones are donated to the programme and then Starship Children's Hospital, together with its recycling partner, can turn these old phones into cash to help children from all around the country.

Depending on how many phones our school collects, there are some exciting rewards we can claim, including interactive whiteboards, projectors, PCs, books, handycams, sports gear and cameras.

Your child may be asked to collect unwanted mobile phones from family, friends, the local community or other contacts. Any make or model of phone is acceptable – as long as permission is sought from the phone's owner first.

The more phones our students collect, the more rewards we can earn for our school.

We look forward to your child's/children's participation in this worthwhile programme.

Please note that if any sim cards are left in a donated phone- they will be lost and will not be able to be returned.

Yours sincerely

Michele Mill, Susan Wintraecken and Brenda Aspin



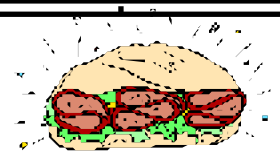
The following Students competed in the Central Zones against 6 other schools yesterday. 21 of them have made it to the next round of **Far North Swimming Champs**. Their names are highlighted. This competition is on Wednesday 23rd April.

Tarlynne Sage	Cole Carey	Ryan Aspin
Sage Watson	Shannon Edwards	Danielle Wintraecken
Aaliyah Dane	Ryan Johnson	Trent Buckingham
Jack Hewitt	Connor Maskell	Jade Cassidy
Jenny Crene	Greer Carey	Waikotahi Pitman-Going
Jackson Aiono	Jake Aspin	Kaaiwa Pitman-Going
Teagan Davis	Madison Sloane Murray	Cheyenne Blucher Jackson
Daniel Clay	Marlon Harris	Ben Walters
Georgia Buckingham	Beverly Thomson	Cailee Stewart
Niskyla Pritchard	Nathan Edwards	Monica Peeters
Anthony Wihone-Pihema	Ashley Ujdur	Caleb Ujdur
Aleeshia Ujdur	Elyza Marsden	Quiahn Pritchard
Zac Shanks	Aaron Hartnell	Kobie Scutt
Tahlia Foster		

CENTRAL ZONES

Some of our students out and about giving things a go. They took part in the Allens triathlon on the weekend in Whangarei - all finished and were presented with medals so real "shining stars". (More students from PCS took part who are not in the photo)

Because of our St Joseph's Day sausage sizzle—we will not be having Subway on Friday. You are however, able to order SUBWAY for THURSDAY lunch!



PTFA—FIRST CAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

Thank you superstar mums from Pukeko and Piwakwaka rooms— you did a sterling job at the cake stall and raised \$850!!!! Thank you to all the parents and GRAND-PARENTS who baked to make this the success it was—there were so many delectable to choose from!!! Some of us were even booking their favourites on Facebook the night before!

House points won:

Marcellin	960	Maria	920
McAuley	840	Chanel	1110



March 2011

April 2011

June 2011

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
14	15 Central Zones Swimming	16 Newsletter	17 St Patrick's "Green Day" Mass	18 St Joseph's "Significant Male Day"	19 St Joseph's Day	20 Pot Luck Tea at Church 5.30pm
21	22 Blessing our reno- vated classrooms with Bishop Pat	23 Mangonui Swimming Zones	24 Rippa Rugby Y3-6 Teams	25 The Annunciation Mass Assembly Stations of the cross 7pm	26	27 PCS Morning tea Duty at Mass
28 Harold Caravan at school this week	29 Duffy Role Model assembly	30 Newsletter	31	1 Stations of the Cross 7pm	2	3 Daylight saving Ends
4 T.O.D.	5	6	7	8 Assembly Stations of the Cross 7pm	9	10
11	12	13 Newsletter	14	15 Whole school Mass 9am Stations of the Cross 7pm	16 School Holidays	17 PALM SUNDAY
18 Holy Week Begins	19	20	21	22 GOOD FRIDAY	23 Holy Saturday	24 EASTER SUNDAY
25 Anzac Day Easter Monday	26	27	28 St Peter Chanel	29	30	1
2 TERM 2 BEGINS	3	4 Chanel "Green" Day	5	6 "Young Mary" Play \$3	7	8 Mother's Day

As always we try to keep you informed well in advance of what's happening around school—I hope this little calendar helps us all to remember what is happening at our busy school. We usually send out a flyer, when appropriate, as a gentle reminder, and sometimes this is 24 hours before. Please note the days that support your child's faith journey and help them to attend celebrations that are not necessarily during school hours.

Do you want us to EMAIL your newsletter to you? Send an email to this address: office.pompallier.school@xtra.co.nz with "PLEASE EMAIL NEWSLETTER" in the subject line and we will email the latest newsletters every fortnight! You can also keep up to date with the latest newsletter online on our webpage www.pompallierschool.org.nz

Method of Payment

If paying directly into our account, for our records, please ensure that you state your child's name and camp it is for.

(Particulars = Child's last name, Reference = Kids Camp)

Amount Paid: \$ _____

- Cheque
- Cash
- Direct Bank Payment to: Holiday Camp Lonsdale, National Bank, Kaitia, No. 08 0337 0064456 50

Parent/Guardian Declaration

I understand that, whilst all practical care will be taken, neither Lonsdale Camp or the camp staff & leaders will be held responsible for injury or damage/loss of property. In the event of serious injury I understand that I will be contacted immediately at the numbers I have supplied, and I authorise Camp Personnel to seek appropriate and proper medical attention, for which reimbursement may be required. If necessary I will collect my child if it is not appropriate for them to continue staying at camp. I understand that this information will be retained only for the purposes of running camps, and that I may request to see or update this information at any

Parent's/Caregiver Name: _____

Signature: _____

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Children's Holiday Camps

Autumn camp
April 17th-21st, 2011

Theme: Superheroes



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For ages 8-12

Register before 3rd
April for early-bird
price of \$90

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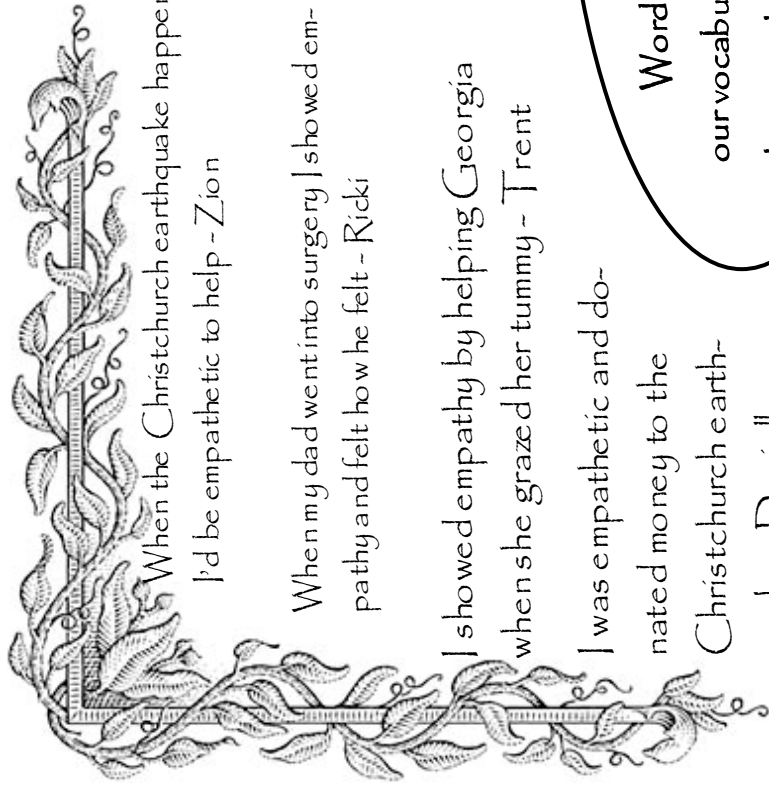
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When the Christchurch earthquake happened I'd be empathetic to help - Zion

When my dad went into surgery I showed empathy and felt how he felt - Ricki

I showed empathy by helping Georgia when she grazed her tummy - Trent

I was empathetic and donated money to the Christchurch earthquake - Danielle

I show empathy when I donate money to all the tragedies around the world - Mystique

I showed empathy by giving my friends lunch when they didn't have any - Shannon

When the Japan tsunami happened I showed empathy by donating money, food and water to help them survive through their hard time and I gave new supplies - Bradley

One day my friend forgot his lunchbox I felt empathy for him and I gave him some of my lunch - Cole

When Lucy B.M. started school at Pompallier I showed empathy and let her play when she didn't know anyone because I know how it feels - Aaliyah

I showed empathy to my sister when she got a graze. So I show empathy and I gave her a plaster - Ryan

Word-of-the-week is one of the ways we increase our vocabulary. Having an awareness and understanding of other people's feelings is an important part of the PCS values and here are some of the ways TUI have shown empathy

When I see someone getting beat up I show empathy by telling someone - Ryan A

I showed empathy to my little cousin when she grazed her elbow - Anna

Empathetically I donated \$2.00 to the quake fund for Lyttleton - Jack

I showed empathy to my brother when I carried him home when he had sprained - Connor

Ricki didn't have any refill to do his word-of-the-week so I showed empathy and gave him some more of my refill - Pita

I show empathy by helping my friends when they are hurt because I know how they feel - Leah

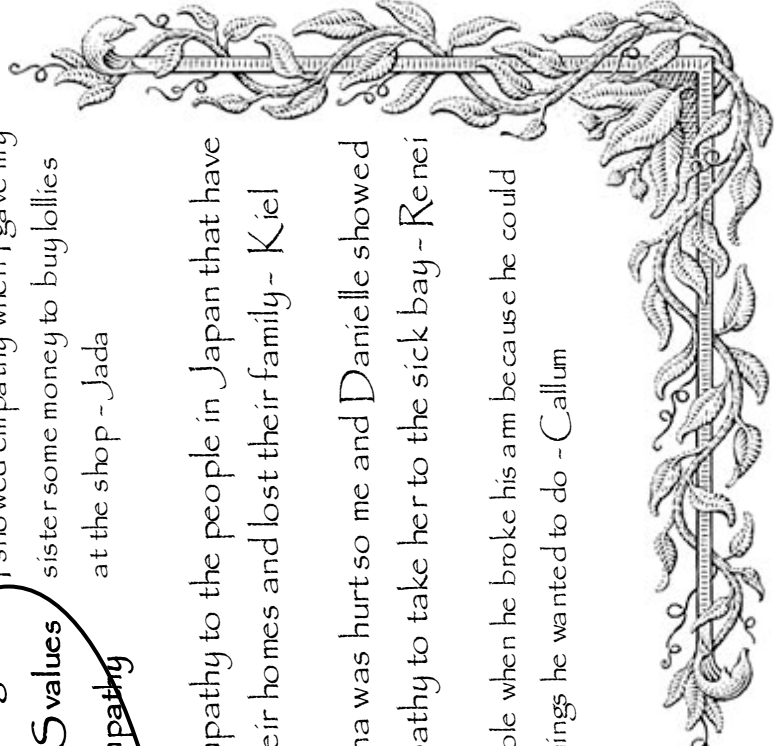
Empathy is a nice thing to show through this tragedy in Japan - Tia

I showed empathy when I gave my sister some money to buy lollies at the shop - Jada

I show empathy to the people in Japan that have lost all their homes and lost their family - Kiel

Anna was hurt so me and Danielle showed empathy to take her to the sick bay - Renei

I had empathy for Cole when he broke his arm because he could not do most of the things he wanted to do - Callum





Today every classroom at Pompallier Catholic School went outside for a special day for our school. We burnt last year's palms and blessed 7 purple prayer cloths and we call this day Shrove Tuesday. We all said special prayers together but like all prayer times we start with the sign of the cross then Father Rodney says some prayers to start a new season of Lent.

Two Year 8's put the last years palms in the fire and it was a new season of Lent. One person in each class came with purple cloths and Father Rodney blessed the prayer cloths and we sang the ashes song. When we finished, everybody went back to their classrooms and the Kakapo classrooms[even me] had to write 3 paragraphs about Shrove Tuesday.

When we had morning tea. We had small pancakes (well my one was). We had pancakes because we were giving all the butter and sugar away. We don't do it every Tuesday and I wish we could, but we do it so we can start fasting for the 40 days of Lent.

Waikotahi.

Shrove Tuesday = Pancakes

Today we went outside to have a Shrove Tuesday Liturgy and Father Rodney spoke and we burnt the old palms from last year and then he blessed our purple lent cloth.

When they lit the fire smoke went everywhere. Father Rodney spoke for a bit and the palms got burnt into Ashes. These are used for Ash Wednesday because they get put on our head in the name of the Father.

Then when the palms were burnt Father Rodney blessed the purple Lent cloth then we had a song to finish off before we went back to class.

We had pancakes with golden syrup for the starting of lent. In the old days they used to celebrate the feast before Lent.

Yomi Baker

Shrove Tuesday!

This morning at 10:15 am we had liturgy Shrove Tuesday with the whole of the school. It opened up with some prayers as we all said them together we had a moment of silence.

As Mrs. Mill lit the fire Bailey and Cameron started placing the crummy palms that were burnt last year in the beginning of March. It was a very silent and reverent time for our school. As all the teachers were taking photos and smoke covered the blue sky going all different directions and places it ended with Father Rodney giving his blessing to our purple lent cloth.

When Father Rodney blessed our cloth we discussed were we using our lent cloth and why we use it? Then one person from each class took up their purple lent cloth and stood upon the courtyard singing a song.

Shrove Tuesday!

Today at 10.15 our entire school went onto the pavement outside our class because today is Shrove Tuesday. We said prayers and burnt last year's palms to make ashes for tomorrows blessing. Next we all blessed our purple Lent cloths because purple is our Lent colour. In the end we all sang a song about Lent. To open our Lent Liturgy, Father Rodney spoke about Shrove Tuesday and what we were going to do today when we burn the crusty palms. He also said some prayers containing Lent.

Next we see smoke and..... BOOM the fire has started. Smoke is covering the atmosphere and we are all coughing with disbelief. The palms are burnt and are turned into ashes.

In the end we all got one scrumptious pancake to celebrate Shrove Tuesday because to our school it's a traditional celebration and a feast day to get rid of the food to prepare for the 40 day Lent. Thanks Tarynne and Jake and the special character team for cooking them.

TEAGAN DAVIS.

KAKAPO WRITING ABOUT SHROVE TUESDAY