

# CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2016

## WEDNESDAY, 29 JUNE

Good Afternoon All

Wet, wet, wet here at Wesley today.

GO WELL to our League XIII Team who will play St Paul's this afternoon in their quest to reach the semi-finals.

RESPECT is our all-weather commitment to lives lived out of care for one another.

The Bible reading was from Romans 12:10-21 on pages 1226 and 1406 in the Wesley College Bibles.



Have a blessed day

## TUESDAY, 28 JUNE

Good Morning All

Not so wet and wild and windy today at Wesley. The sun is out!

RESPECT is the call for us this week.

The Bible reading was from 1 Thessalonians 5:11-17 on pages 1310 and 1484 in the Wesley Bibles.

During the late 60's the Vietnam war was being waged. In America their own war was being fought against racism and the civil rights movement was at the forefront of that battle. Out of that time came a song by Aretha Franklin R E S P E C T ... find out what it means to me ... R E S P E C T!

With PB4L in the School now positive behaviour for learning, some students and staff have been interviewed to find out what we think our core values are for our school. PB4L are looking for 4 or 5 key values to focus this project on. It's interesting that the core values that have come are respect, honesty, family, responsibility and initiative.

I am wondering that as a Christian school and the only Methodist school why faith isn't one of, if not the core value for us. I'm thinking that maybe because it's so much a part of who we are, that it is just a given that our faith is a core value. Sometimes even when it is a given, sometimes when it is so much a part of who we are, that sometimes, we have to remind ourselves that faith is the core value for us as a school and from our faith, we learn what respect is, what honesty is, what family is, what responsibility is Respect ... find out what it means to me!

Respect is a way of living, respect is a biblical principle which our faith encompasses.

Our faith is about respect, is about family, is about honour, and love and caring for one another, doing good to all people in all places at all times.

These are the things that our faith teaches us.

Respect find out what it means to me ... for us as a school ...it is the core principal and fundamental mainstay of who we are as a school and as God's people.

Have a blessed day

## MONDAY, 27 JUNE

Good Afternoon All

It's wildly wet, windy and cold here at Wesley today.

Our thoughtful prayers to a Rathkeale College student who was seriously injured in the weekend during a rugby game. He is in the spinal unit and we pray for him, his family and the School as they await news.

CONGRATULATIONS to all our teams in the weekend. The results were as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> XV		Bye	
2nd XV	v	Waiuku 1 <sup>st</sup> XV	win 102 - nil
3 <sup>rd</sup> XV	v	James Cook 1 <sup>st</sup> XV	loss 17-5
U15B	v	Pukekohe High	win 26-15
U15 W	v	Manurewa Gold	loss 12-10
U14B	v	Otahuhu	win 29-10

CONGRATULATIONS to all our Houses for the annual Inter-House Choral Competition which was held last Friday evening.

CONGRATULATIONS to Stanton and Winstone for 1<sup>st</sup> Equal, School 3<sup>rd</sup> and Simmonds 4<sup>th</sup>.

Our theme for this week is RESPECT.

The Bible reading was from 1Peter 3:12-17 on pages 1366 and 1540 in the Wesley Bibles.

RESPECT is a biblical principle that is becoming increasingly invisible in our world today.

RESPECT, honour and esteem are very closely related words and in the Bible we see these words used interchangeably.

As a children we were taught to RESPECT our elders, regardless of who they were - people in authority, parents, our neighbours, the shop keeper, the bus driver. We had to be RESPECTFUL. We learnt that anyone who came to our homes we knew it was our role to be RESPECTFUL and to be hospitable.

We were also taught to love and honour God. Things like, when an elderly person needs a seat on the bus; we offer them ours.

When a teacher asks us to do something; we did it. At the checkout line in the supermarket, if there's someone with fewer items than you, we allowed them to go ahead of us and everything was always accompanied by a please or thank you.

Out of RESPECT for Mrs Tema's Mum we presented the family with a ngatu, ie toga, flowers and a monetary gift.

As a mark of the greatest RESPECT to our School, Ma's casket was wrapped in the ngatu and was buried with her.

Out of RESPECT for the School the Family presented us with an ie toga, a box of corned beef for the staff and a box of corned beef for the students.

When we show RESPECT for one another we demonstrate that we all share the same value of RESPECTFULNESS.

When we honour each other, we honour and show RESPECT for God who honours us in the love and compassion shown us through Jesus Christ.

RESPECT, honour, esteem - when we practice these things, live this way in the dorms, at school, with our families, with our friends, we demonstrate a faith in God who is always RESPECTFUL and honours us every day with blessings.

Have a blessed day