

CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 2nd DECEMBER 2016

MONDAY, 28th NOVEMBER

Good Morning All

It's sunny but windy and a tad on the cold side here at Wesley. We give thanks for the new week and day.

Welcome to Week 8 . Our theme for this week is ACTS OF KINDNESS

The Bible reading was from Colossians 3:12-17 on pages 1303 and 1477 in the Wesley Bibles.

KINDNESS is the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate and begins with caring.

It involves a KIND or considerate action towards or for someone else.

It requires that we give something of ourselves ...a kind of self-sacrifice and therefore generosity on our part, especially of our time.

It involves action and when we see an opportunity to be kind we need to act or lose the opportunity.

Action includes *words*. Encouraging words of comfort, courtesy, compliments and even correction can be heartwarming ACTS OF KINDNESS.

When our ACTS OF KINDNESS are done humbly, quietly and anonymously we receive the greatest inner reward in doing what is good.

Henry James - Three things in human life are important: the first is to be kind, the second is to be kind and the third is to be kind.

George Sand -Guard well within yourself that treasure, kindness. Know how to give without hesitation,
how to lose without regret, how to acquire without meanness.

Have a blessed day

TUESDAY, 29th NOVEMBER

Good Morning All

It's cloudy here at Wesley but a bit warmer. We give thanks to God for the new day.

CONGRATULATIONS to former students Stacey Cope and John Luteru who were married last weekend.

A belated CONGRATULATIONS to Saia Mataele who graduated from Auckland University in Arts.

A belated CONGRATULATIONS to Fereti Ne'emias who also graduated from Auckland University.

We continue with our theme of ACTS OF KINDNESS.

The Bible reading was from Ephesians 4 :29-5:2 on pages 1287 and 1460 in the Wesley Bibles.

v32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

5:1 Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children.

v2 and live a life of love just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

As God has and is and will be, so we are called to imitate God's love and kindness because this is always the way of God toward us.

When we understand God's way toward us, an inner conviction to our way of being comes.

It is this depth of knowing which undergirds our imitation of God.

Our imitating then demonstrates our inner conviction and so ACTS OF KINDNESS are exactly that.

Have a blessed day

WEDNESDAY, 30th NOVEMBER

Good Morning All

Still a bit overcast today here at Wesley but we are warmed by our high spirits as we head towards the last week of the academic year.

We give thanks to God for all that has been and for every new day.

WELCOME to the group from Teacher's First teacher trainees who are with us until the end of the week.

ACTS OF KINDNESS continues to lead us this week.

The Bible reading was from Proverbs 31:6 on pages 651 and 773 in the Wesley Bibles.

There should be nothing random about ACTS OF KINDNESS.

ACTS OF KINDNESS are that part of our lives reflecting the character of Christ at all times.

It's a commitment to an attitude and way of life whereby we are constantly challenged by the ACTS OF KINDNESS of others towards us and how we respond. What is our response? Do we respond in kind?

What would Jesus do? Jesus' ACTS OF KINDNESS were never random or one off.

They were radical in that Jesus' very actions causes us to question what we do and how.

No act of kindness, no matter how small is ever random. It is intentional and the intent is to be a blessing.

Have a blessed day

THURSDAY, 1st DECEMBER

Good Afternoon All

A beautiful sunny day here at Wesley.

Our prayerful thoughts for Taniela Fekau and Ronan Lawrence who are both recuperating after surgery.

ACTS OF KINDNESS is our theme for this week.

The Bible reading was from 2 Peter 1:5-11 on pages 1371 and 1544 in the Wesley Bibles.

Yesterday a couple of students popped into my office to tell me they were having a small class end of year thing which would involve food. Cool ... me thinks. Then comes ... 'Rev are you doing anything at lunchtime? Do you think you can go and pick up our pizzas and drinks for us?

Am thinking in my head 'yes' but then wondering when will I have time to do it. I'm on duty at lunchtime.

The pizzas were ordered, I was given the money and card to pay with. These Kids have more money than I do!

The order is for pick up at 1.10pm so at 1pm I'm on my way to pick up pizza.

I'm sure this isn't in my job description but again was reminded of our theme for this week. I arrive at the pizza place and as I am picking up the first boxes, a young man from out of nowhere steps in to help me pick up the rest of the pizzas and drinks and places them in my car. I am both surprised and thankful for his KINDNESS and I had this smile on my face all the way back to school.

I shared the story in chapel this morning as an example of sharing KINDNESS and how infectious it can be.

One of the students popped into my office again and through her tears said she didn't think I would share the story in chapel but it really touched her. She realised the extent of KINDNESS she had received.

God is good!

Have a blessed day

FRIDAY, 2ND DECEMBER

Good Afternoon All

TGIF Fri-nally!

A bit overcast here at Wesley but warm. We give thanks for the new day and for the end of the penultimate week for the school year.

It's been a week of ACTS OF KINDNESS and we give thanks for God's thoughtfulness and ways of living which call us to think about one another.

SADLY we farewelled Mrs Sue Tilsley from the Admin Staff this morning at chapel.

THANK YOU Mrs Tilsley for your caring contribution to the life of our School. We wish you well in your new role and pray it brings you peace and joy.

FAREWELL to the Teacher's First group who have been here for three days observing. As you come to the end of your Teacher training we wish you well.

FAREWELL to our visiting whanau, Whaea Hana and Matua from Levin who came to enjoy some Auckland sights and stay in the Whare here.

The School group thanked us for hosting them and performed cultural items.

THANK YOU to the group of Year 9s and 10s who over the last two days brought much joy and Christmas cheer to the residents of Franklin, Lakeside and the Palms Retirement Homes. Today we included Pukekohe North Primary School and a great time was had by all. It's not something that is usual to Pacific people placing their elderly in residential homes.

Our young people asked the questions:

'Where are the families of these elderly folk Why aren't they looking after them?'

The joy expressed by the elderly as the young ones sang was one of thankfulness.

Have a blessed day and weekend as we continue to share the love of kindness and of thanksgiving.

Have a blessed day

