

## CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 3 June 2016

### MONDAY 30 MAY

Malo lava le soifua maloloina ia te'i tatou uma.

Oute fa'atalofa atu i le suafa paia o lo tatou Ali'i o Iesu Kersiso i le amataga o lenei vaiaso fou.

Welcome to Week 5 and if you managed to stay afloat with all the rain in the weekend, well done!  
SAFE TRAVELS to our Principal and his wife who are overseas at present.

CONGRATULATIONS to all our teams who played in the weekend. The results are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> XV	v Rotorua Boys	18-29	loss
2 <sup>nd</sup> XV	v Rosehill 1 <sup>st</sup> XV	43-17	win
3 <sup>rd</sup> XV	v James Cook 1 <sup>st</sup> XV	22-28	loss
U15 B	v Rosehill	43-7	win
U15W	v Manurewa	0-67	loss
U14	v Onehunga	27-26	win

This week we also celebrate Samoan Language Week - Vaiaso o le gagana Samoa.  
Our theme for this School week is CONSISTENT EFFORT - On point!  
The Bible reading was from 1 Corinthians 15:58 on pages 1252 and in the Wesley Bibles.

v 58 O lenei o'u uso pele e, ia outou tumau ma le le fa'agae'etia.

Ia alualu lo outou fa'amalosi i le galuega a le Ali'i male le aunoa, ina ia outou iloa ele se mea fa'aleaoga lo outou tautiga ile Ali'i.

V 58 Therefore my dear brothers and sisters stand firm let nothing move you, always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain

This week is also Samoan Language week - vaiaso ole gagana Samoa which is always the week before Samoa celebrates its Independence Day.

Our ancestors gave of themselves fully to the struggle for independence and in 1962 independence was achieved but not without a struggle ... not without loss of life ... not without the expression of freedom.

The theme for Samoan Language week is "E felelei manu ae ma'au i o latou ofaga - Birds migrate to environments where they survive and thrive".

Our theme for this school week is CONSISTENT EFFORT ... staying on point all the time, every time without stopping, without giving up, always the same all day long!

We are asked to give the same effort to say our school work as we do when playing sports, as we do when getting ready for Choral, as we do when preparing for Polyfest ... as we do when listening to our music ... as we do when mucking around with our friends ... and when we give the same level of effort to everything we do ... we will be on point all the time, every time with everything.

When we give equal effort to everything we do, we won't then be left wondering what to do. When we give ourselves fully to God's work which includes school work, rugby, our work will not be wasted ... we will be successful. God's people are a people who have a plan A and B and C and work CONSISTENTLY towards achieving all three. Stand firm let nothing move you.

Have a blessed day

## TUESDAY 31 MAY

Talofa Lava

Tis a bit nippy here at Wesley, a chill in the wind just to remind us we are alive!

**CONSISTENT EFFORT** is the call for this week.

The Bible reading was from Hebrews 13:1-3, 6-8 on pages 1351 and 1524 in the Wesley Bibles.

v8 O Iesu Keriso e le liu lava ia o ananafi, ma le aso, e o'o fo'i ile fa'avavau

v8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

How **CONSISTENT** is that!

Our God is a God of **CONSISTENCY** and invites us to the same.

**CONSISTENCY** calls us to be the same people every day, all day long **CONSISTENTLY** reflecting who we are and who our God is.

When our effort to every task is **CONSISTENT** every day, all day long, challenges and tasks become effortless.

When all around us is in a state of flux, knowing that Christ is constantly **CONSISTENT** is our assurance of the One who never changes ... is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Ia manuia tatou uma ile alofa tunoa o le Ali'i

Have a blessed day

## WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE

Good Morning All

**CONSISTENT EFFORT**

The Bible reading was from Hebrews 13:1-4, 6-8 on pages 1351 and 1524 in the Wesley Bibles.

Imagine if we planted a tree on our lawn at the front of our house, but after a while, we decided it would look better in the backyard. Then after a few months, we realized it did really look better in the front yard. So we dig up the tree and re-plant it on the front lawn again. Not only will that tree fail to grow and flourish, but it will also struggle to just survive.

Yet some people are like that with God ... with their friends ... with their attitude and approach to school work, to training ... to the idea of learning in a classroom. They do it for a while, and then they uproot themselves and disappear for a few months.

Then they come back again. Then they uproot themselves and go back to the old life again. Eventually they come back.

The thing is we will never grow spiritually if that's the way we are ... no **CONSISTENCY OF EFFORT** except in not committing to something wholeheartedly.

Jesus said, "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me" (John 15:4). This is the secret of not just spiritual growth but all growth ... growth in you as a person ... growth in maturity ... growth in learning ... growth in achieving ... the secret is to abide ... abide means to stay in a given place. For people who believe in God, it means to maintain an unbroken fellowship with God.

It is regularity, constancy, sameness it is **CONSISTENCY** and **CONSISTENCY** results in producing lasting fruit ... someone who is dependable and reliable. What are you **CONSISTENT** about? What does your **CONSISTENCY** look like? What does your **CONSISTENT EFFORT** produce?

Another way of abiding is walking with God ... walk the talk. As 1 John 2:6 says, "He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked." Walking is a CONSISTENT motion ... one step after the other ... one foot in front of the other ... with walking you are always going somewhere ... a consistent movement taking you where you want to go. These are all ways of 'walking the talk' of a God who is forever CONSISTENT with us ... always making the effort for us.

Have a blessed day

## THURSDAY 2 JUNE

Talofa Lava

CONSISTENT EFFORT and look it's Thursday already.

CONGRATULATIONS to all our teams who played yesterday.

3 <sup>rd</sup> XV	vs.	Waiuku College 1 <sup>st</sup> XV	loss	26 – 27
U15 White	vs.	Pukekohe	loss	24 – 31
U15 Black	vs.	Alfriston	won	33 – 22

Netball both the Junior and Senior Girls won their fixtures yesterday. Well done!

The Bible reading was from Psalm 33:1-11 on pages 564 and 681 in the Wesley Bibles.

v11 But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.

As we continue to celebrate le vaiaso o le gagana Samoa - Samoan Language Week, we are reminded that it is our language which speaks also to one's culture and history, heritage, traditions and customs. It is our language which conveys and embodies, articulates the significance of the rituals which surround all our cultures. It is at the heart of our identity and is heartfelt, and provides a sense of belonging to a place and a people which binds them in such a way, that even the greatest obstacles to freedom and independence are not insurmountable. As we celebrate Samoa's Independence we remember those of our forebears who fought the fight.

Fa'avae i le Atua - Samoa founded on God is Samoa's motto.

God's plans for people stands firm in the light of anything and anyone, and the purposes of God's heart is felt and continues to be felt by every generation of Samoan. Founded on God whose plans stand firm and whose purposes for people are heartfelt.

Have a blessed day

## FRIDAY 3 JUNE

Talofa Lava

The end of Week 5 ma le vaiaso o le gagana Samoa.

Fa'afetai tele lava - THANK YOU to Year 10 students Peni Brewster who read Salamo 23 in Samoan, Junior Lemalu who led the reading in English, Peter Tuiasosopo who prayed in Samoan and to our organist Year 13 student Paletua Amituana'i. Malo le fai faiva lelei! Malo le taumafai! Well done!

As Samoans throughout the world but especially in Samoa celebrate Tuto'atasi - Samoan Independence this weekend, we give thanks for the CONSISTENT EFFORT given by our past leaders and people in maintaining a sustained effort towards achieving independence on the 1 June 1962. Today we acknowledge 54 years of a journey which Samoa continues to realise as they strive to fully explore the potential of what it means to be independent.

Samoa Fa'avae ile Atua - Samoa founded on God is the realisation by a people that their independence is dependent on God.

The Psalmist this morning reminds us what it is to be totally dependent on God.

v1 The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not be in want ...

v2 ... He leads me

v3 ... He restores my soul ... He guides me

v4 ... for you are with me ... comfort me

v6 Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the House of the Lord forever.

Have a blessed day and Queen's Birthday Weekend.

GO WELL to the 1<sup>st</sup> XV who are playing St Peters, Cambridge at Wesley tomorrow at 11am.

