

CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 8th DECEMBER 2016

MONDAY, 5th DECEMBER

Good Morning All

CONGRATULATIONS to all our teams who played in the Condor Sevens Competition over the weekend. Well done!

CONGRATULATIONS to Te Rina Wallace and Byron Latu who were named in the Tournament Teams for their respective grades.

It's a beautiful sunny day here at Wesley and a lovely way to start our day.

It is the final week of our academic year. As we look back in THANKSGIVING we are enabled to look forward in hope.

Our theme for this week is THANKSGIVING.

The Bible reading was Psalm 100 on pages 615 and 733 in the Wesley Bibles.

Christmas is that time when we will go to great lengths to be at home with family and loved ones.

It often means travelling long distances because we recognize the gift in being together. Today the ability to travel has been made accessible to many more people and we have become travellers.

Wherever we travel we can often be too ready to find something we are not so THANKFUL for.

We can complain about lumpy beds, crowded airports and cities.

If we stay home though, we can complain that we never go anywhere and there's nothing good on television.

Wherever we are and travel to, every place has a word that expresses THANKSGIVING, expresses being

THANKFUL, expresses our wanting to say THANK YOU. In Japanese the word is *ON*. Its meaning includes

a sense of gratitude with the desire to repay others for what has been received.

There is a sincere desire to give something back, a sense of obligation that comes because they recognize how they have been supported and cared for by others.

The Psalmist reminds us of our THANKFULNESS to God

v5 For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; God's faithfulness continues through all generations.

Herein is God's promise to us of goodness, of faithfulness and a longevity which knows no end.

There is the deepest sense of our THANKS GIVING and the sincere desire to give back because we too recognize what we have been given, what we are given and will continue to be given through God's promise.

We are enabled to give THANKS for the year almost ended but also empowered to look forward to the New Year in hope.

This is THANKSGIVING. This is THANKFULNESS. This is promise and hope.

Have a blessed day

TUESDAY, 6th DECEMBER

There was no Chapel Message today.

WEDNESDAY, 7th DECEMBER

There was no Chapel Message today.

THURSDAY, 8th DECEMBER

Good Morning All

It's a wet and cold day here at Wesley our last day of School. We give THANKS for every day.

It has been a week and year of THANKSGIVING for our School, Family and Community.

THANK YOU to all our Staff - Hostel, Teachers, Cleaners, Health Clinic, Maintenance, Office, Laundry and Kitchen for our collective effort this year.

THANK YOU to all our students for without them we would not have a school. They make us laugh and cry all at the same time.

THANK YOU to the Trust Board and Board of Trustees for your work in governance.

THANK YOU to the Methodist Church for their continuous support of its only School.

This morning in chapel the Students bid farewell to HOD Science Mr Henry de Soysa who moves to another position at Tamaki College.

We celebrated and gave THANKS to our Teachers this morning with an Awards Ceremony which saw Mr David Faitala awarded Dux Ludorum Staff - Student's Choice. Congratulations to all our recipients.

This evening is Junior Prize-giving at 5pm in Chapel followed by a meal together before our students leave for Christmas.

It is with hearts full that we say THANK YOU to all our Wesley family here and overseas for your continued prayerful support of our School.

THANK YOU for reading all the chapel messages and for the feedback which is received gratefully and with many THANKS.

From us to all of you - the blessings of the Christmas Season and New Year. May the reason for this special season draw us together in THANKSGIVING and in praise of what has been done for us through Christ the Child.

May God be with us all as we spend time with families and loved ones giving THANKS for this year as well as looking forward in hope to the new.

To all those who will travel from afar to be at home and with family, God's travelling mercies be with you.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR to you all.

