

CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 24 June 2016

MONDAY 20 JUNE

Good Afternoon All

CONGRATULATIONS to our teams over the weekend.

1st XV v FDMC	24-29	loss
2nd XV v James Cook	15-7	win
3rd XV v Papakura 1st XV	17	draw
U15B V Manurewa	60 – 0	win
U15W	36-5	loss
U14	24-10	win

CONGRATULATIONS to the Music Group and Miss Lalakai who represented the School for the first time at Pacific Beats. They have qualified for the Finals in July.

The beginning of Week 8 and our theme for the week is OPTIMISM.
The Bible reading was from Joshua 1: 1-9 on pages 217 and 258 in the Wesley Bibles.

‘An optimist is one who makes opportunities of his difficulties and a pessimist is one who makes difficulties of his opportunities.’

It’s much easier to grasp and understand what OPTIMISM is when juxtaposed against what is its opposite ... pessimism.

We will always choose OPTIMISM over pessimism when presented to us in this light.
For us, the real hope and reason for OPTIMISM in life, is that God is with us!
Simply and plainly and without comparison, we have been gifted life in all its fullness where both opportunities and difficulties help us to realise our full potential as people, help us to realise the depth of what ‘GOD IS WITH US’ fully means!
There is no juxtaposition to be had when lives filled with hope and reason are the reasons for OPTIMISM!

Sometimes when we think things are just sailing along all goods, and then something comes along to disrupt the plain sailing.

It can come from out of the blue and take the wind out of our sails, and we begin to lose our bearings.
OPTIMISM is an attitude to life which brings calm to every storm which we can weather day in day out.
We can never be fully prepared for every life circumstance that blows our way, but we can hold on to our compass which will hold us steadfast.
God’s command is our compass and gives us OPTIMISM which we can hold onto today as we face the challenges of living in a world where it seems at times God is not present.

‘Could we have achieved what we have without our faith?’ Your response is NO! our faith in one another, our faith in God is what gets us through ... when we needed to dig deep, when we had spent all we had, we were then able to be strong and courageous, to be fearless and not be discouraged, to remember the OPTIMISM of a God who never allows us to go anywhere alone, or to be anywhere on our own.

Have a blessed day

TUESDAY 21 JUNE

Good Morning All

She's a wet, wild and windy one here today at Wesley.

A huge THANK YOU to all staff and students, Mr and Mrs Johnston, Rev Ian Faulkner and former students who joined us at the Family Service for the late Mrs Rosalina Sio (Mrs Tema's mother). Our presence, gifts - ngatu, ie toga, flowers, refreshments and koha were well received and greatly appreciated by Rev and Mrs Tema and the Sio Family. A special thank you to our Senior Prefect David Tupou who spoke really well on our behalf.

Thank you to our students.

I don't know of any other students who would sit through a four hour service and not complain.

As always they are a credit to us and to our School. Malo fa'afetai le agalelei ma le alofa!

OPTIMISM...

The Bible reading was from 1 John 5:1-3, 13-15 on pages 1381 and 1553 in the Wesley Bibles.

An optimist sees the best in the world, while a pessimist sees only the worst.

An optimist finds the positive in the negative, and a pessimist can only find the negative in the positive.

Are we faith keepers or keepers of the faith?

We are reminded by the reading that whatever our view of life is, the good news of the Gospel is that God is faithful!

When we know and understand this.

When we know and believe this.

When we know and have faith in this, it reflects an OPTIMISM that spells clearly GOD IS WITH US!

Have a blessed day

WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE

THURSDAY 23 JUNE

FRIDAY 24 JUNE

Good Morning All

After a wild wet windy one last night a trace of blue skies this morning.

WELCOME to Rev and Mrs Roger Hey visiting us this morning with Mr Norman Johnston.

Our prayerful thoughts for the Sio/Tema families as they farewell their mother today.

GO WELL to all our Houses this evening as they compete in the School's annual Choral Competition.

GO WELL to all our teams playing tomorrow.

The Bible reading was from Psalm 27:1-6 on pages 561 and 677 in the Wesley Bibles.

Our theme for this week was OPTIMISM and the quote for today 'a negative thinker sees a difficulty in every opportunity while a positive thinker sees the opportunity in every difficulty.

Every opportunity is an opportunity to grow and to learn and we are always made better people for it.

When we think we can't possibly do something, when we think things are just too difficult, when we don't have the vision to see beyond our limitations, our view of life and the world becomes very narrow, small even.. God hasn't made us to be small in any way. Everything is huge ... our expectations, our dreams, our heart's desires, our needs, our wants ... what God wants and hopes for us. God deals in the huge and the Psalmist reminds us just how huge ... huge can be ...

The Lord is my light and my salvation whom shall fear ... no one. The Lord is the stronghold of my life I will not be afraid!

We live in a world full of OPTIMISM and OPTIMISTIC people who know what potential there is in having an attitude to life that is always about faith and joy and hope and love and caring for one another. We believe in a God who is all optimism and optimistic, that as God's people we will realise too our full potential in Christ and in our relationships with one another.

God is good ... all the time!

Have a blessed day and weekend.

