

# CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 5 February 2016

## MONDAY 1 FEBRUARY

Auckland Anniversary

## TUESDAY 2 FEBRUARY

Teacher Only Day

## WEDNESDAY 3 FEBRUARY

Goooooooooooooooooooooooood Morning Wesley!

Woohoo! The first day of the first term 2016.

There is a buzz of excitement and expectation as we begin anew our year together.

A belated Happy New Year to all our family and friends throughout the world.

Wherever you may be, our prayers and thoughts are with you and your families for this new year.

TOMORROW is our Service of Beginnings, the official start to our academic year.

The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Church of NZ - Te Hahi Weteriana o Aotearoa will lead our service to which all are invited.

Our morning began with a powhiri for the new staff and students before entering chapel to begin our day with worship. THANK YOU to Matua Vince and the School for the welcome.

The theme for our first week is 'By Faith, By Learning, By Hard work' our School motto.

The Bible reading was from Proverbs 6:6-9 on page 653 in the Wesley Bibles.

The reading encourages us to be our best and to start as we mean to continue.

As we begin the new year, we are reminded that our faith, our learning and our hard work are the tools by which we will make our way together as a school, as a family, as a community.

We are nothing on our own but everything when we live and work together. How much more can be accomplished when we do things as one body. We are many but we are one and it is that oneness of God's spirit within us, which calls us to unity, calls us to be who we truly are and who we truly are is the people of God.

Have a blessed day

## THURSDAY 4 FEBRUARY

Service of Beginnings

## FRIDAY 5 FEBRUARY

Good Morning All

Our prayers and thoughts for Mrs Doris Reeve who will be in hospital for the next few days. We wish her a speedy recovery.

GREETINGS and best wishes for the new school year from Rev Sylvia in Melbourne as well as Lipo and Lina Guttenbeil.

THANK YOU to the Prefects who attended the Induction Service for the Rev Alipate Uhila lastnight at the Mangere Otahuhu Parish. As always our attendance at these events is welcomed and thankfully received.

THANK YOU to President Tovia and Vice- President Arapera who led our Service of Beginnings yesterday.

THANK YOU to our families and friends who also attended the official start to our School year.

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to ensuring the occasion was a success ... to

Mrs Iunise Johansson for the beautiful flowers,

Matua Ted Ngataki and Matua Vince for overseeing the powhiri,

Mrs Barbara Ngataki and Mrs Paulette Smith for printing the orders of service,

Pete, Reg and Lionel from Maintenance who erected the stage for us,

the Year 13 group who laid out the carpet and chairs in the Rec,

Year 13 students Paletua and Marcellus for organising the musical equipment,

Sharron and the Kitchen staff who fed the multitudes afterwards,

those who dismantled and cleared everything away.

The Bible reading is from 1 Corinthians 12:14 -27 on page 1247 in the Wesley Bibles.

A very familiar reading, it acknowledges the beauty there is in difference and how difference can be that defining component which brings us, binds us, bonds us together. Recognising difference allows us the freedom to be the best we can be as individuals. It allows us the freedom to explore and discover what it is to be community, one body and unified.

When we are all working from the same page as a school and community, we encounter and realise God's intention for us.

God's intention ... we are the body of Christ and each one of us is a part of it!

When some of us are unable to work from the same page, the rest of the body acknowledges the gap left and works to fill the gap until those members are enabled to return and take up their place. As a school and family, we are only as strong as our weakest link.

If one part suffers, we all suffer. If one part is honoured we are all honoured.

Have a blessed day and Waitangi weekend.

