

CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 12 February 2016

MONDAY 8 FEBRUARY

Waitangi Day

TUESDAY 9 FEBRUARY

Good Morning All

We continue to give thanks and prayers for Mrs Doris Reeve who is now at home recuperating after her surgery.

We pray for Rev Sylvia who is awaiting surgery in Melbourne.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who were appointed Prefects for this year and presented with their badges at the Service of Beginnings.

Senior Prefect: Tevita Tupou
Head Boy: Ofaloto Talakai
Head Girl: Kalolaine Ikavuka

Richie Bloomfield	Masima Sefesi	Talafekau Teisi	Misaeli Manavahetau
Savelina Vehikite	Michaela Leaupepetele	Vesalua Fukofuka	Fuifatu Asomua
Suetena Asomua	Joshua Talakai	Taine Denny	Wetere Pompey
Zuriel Togatama	Eric Vatau	Akapei Ta'ufu'ou	

WEDNESDAY 10 FEBRUARY

Good Morning All

A beautiful sunny day here at Wesley.

We give thanks that Mrs Reeve is home from hospital and recovering well.

We give thanks that our Principal is on the mend and will soon return to full health and wellbeing.

We give thanks that our Year 13 campers will be returning today after a very rewarding experience away together.

Today is Ash Wednesday the beginning of the six week Lenten season.

Aptly our theme, is SELF CONTROL

The Bible reading was from 1 Corinthians 9: 24-27 on page 1244 in the Wesley Bibles.

SELF CONTROL is a virtue and quality which when practiced, enhances our life.

The key is 'SELF' and what it comes down to, is an individual's personal choice.

While SELF CONTROL is highly respected and greatly desired, it can be a tough road to learning SELF CONTROL.

Without SELF CONTROL though, life is even more, tougher more, rougher much harsher.

SELF CONTROL then requires great strength because at the end of the day, the hardest person to say 'NO' to is ourselves.

SELF CONTROL requires self-discipline, a mastery of one's thoughts which then determines one's actions.

When we are in control of what we think, then we are in control of how we will act.

The reading reminds us how the race of life can be run.

We don't run it aimlessly without direction or purpose, nor do we fight as if throwing punches without point or direction.

We 'enslave' ourselves in the name of achieving what is good for ourselves and for others - SELF CONTROL. Dale Carnegie wrote "Any fool can criticize condemn and complain but it requires character and self-control to understand and forgive".

Given today is the beginning of Lent we are called to self-control, to understand and to forgive.

Have a blessed day

THURSDAY 11 FEBRUARY

Good Morning All

SELF CONTROL is our mantra for this week remembering too that in this season of Lent we are asked to practice SELF CONTROL, and by way of penitence, to reflect on Christ's journey which we celebrate at Easter.

The Bible reading was from Galatians 5:22-26 on page 1279

We are reminded that the fruits of the Holy Spirit are love, joy, patience, peace, kindness, goodness, faithfulness and SELF CONTROL.

The fruit helps to make us the people we are.

The fruit are the outward signs of what we have within us – the Holy Spirit.

The fruit of the Spirit then helps to build good character.

In today's paper there is an article entitled 'Fear of God drives charity.'

A survey carried out by scientists of 600 people of different faith found that the reason why people and societies are good is because they believe that their god will punish them if they are not.

If we believe that we are created in the image of God then we are good people because God is good and that goodness is within us already

... already a part of our character ... a part of who we are ... so what makes us good, is not that we are scared that God will punish us but awesomely overwhelmed that God loves us so much and blesses us every day.

Being good is a way of saying thank you to God.

Jesus' death was once done and for all time.

SELF CONTROL is never out of season whichever season we are in.

The fruit of the Spirit are evergreen, immortal, timeless, perennial and fruitful every season ...

there isn't a season or a time in our lives when we will never ever not need to be loving, joyful, patient, peaceful, kind, good, faithful and in SELF CONTROL.

Have a blessed day

FRIDAY 12 FEBRUARY

Good Morning All

A beautiful summer's day here at Wesley.

Our prayerful thoughts for Miss Manoa and her family as they mourn the loss of two family members in the last weeks.

We give thanks that Mrs Reeve, Rev Sylvia and our Principal are making the road to full recovery.

Thank God it's Friday, the end of Week 2 and our theme of SELF CONTROL.

The Bible reading was from Proverbs 18:4-13 on page 669 in the old Wesley Bibles and page 792 in the new edition.

Wisdom is an invaluable insight when practicing SELF CONTROL and is portrayed in the book of Proverbs as one who guides and assists with wise and practical advice.

The wisdom speaks to all ages and to all relationships and is also evidence of God present in our everyday life and living.

Wisdom then, alongside intuition, life experience and our gut feelings, enables us to negotiate and navigate our way through life.

Knowing when to listen and how to listen, knowing when to speak and how to speak, knowing when to walk away ... all this knowing is a depth of knowing God within us.

SELF CONTROL is evidence of the direction our life is heading.

SELF CONTROL is evidence of wisdom as our guide,

SELF CONTROL is evidence of our ability to use wisdom wisely

SELF CONTROL is evidence of God in our lives who cannot be silent

SELF CONTROL is the nature of those who are wise.

Have a blessed weekend

