

# CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 15 April 2016

## MONDAY 11 APRIL

Good Morning All

Woohoo our last week of Term 1. Thank you everyone.

Our theme for the final week is **CHARACTER MAKES A DIFFERENCE**.

The Bible reading was from Revelation 5:9-13 on pages 1397 and 1568 in the Wesley Bibles.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all our rugby teams who had their first hit out in the weekend.

Wins were recorded by the 1<sup>st</sup> XV against Cambridge and the U15s against St Peters

**THANK YOU** to the Year 13s who attended the service at Pitt Street Methodist last night.

It was a service of worship in song and with all the churches from the Auckland region, there was much singing and music to be heard. Methodism was born in song and we truly do sing our faith.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the Year 11 Drama group who on Sunday took out the Sheila Winn Competition for Shakespeare pipping eight other schools for First place in the 5 minute Scene Section. Our group won the South Auckland Regionals and will now represent the School and region at the Nationals in Wellington come June.

The scene was from Romeo and Juliet and performed in Tongan. Shakespeare is difficult in English let alone another language.

It was only one week of intensive practice before competition.

In every way these achievements speak to the **CHARACTER** of the individuals involved.

It speaks too, to the pride they have in themselves and their School, their faith and their God.

v9 'And they sang a new song: You are worthy ... from every tribe and language and people and nation.

V12 'In a loud voice they sang: Worthy is the Lamb ... to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise!'

**CHARACTER MAKES A DIFFERENCE** and it is the difference which builds **CHARACTER**.

Have a blessed day

## TUESDAY 12 APRIL

Good Morning All

3 sleeps to go!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the two newly appointed Prefects Nena Julian and Jack Neal Pratt.

Good to hear Rev Sylvia has recovered well enough to return to the parish and ministry in Melbourne.

Best wishes to Victoria Guttenbeil for a speedy recovery after her surgery. No more riding in shopping trolleys.

Good to see Stefania Eason back from visiting her Grandfather in Venezuela.

**CHARACTER MAKES A DIFFERENCE!**

The Bible reading was from Psalm 95:1-7 on pages 614 and 731 in the Wesley Bibles.

Schooling and learning in the classroom takes up a huge chunk of our early years.

The Leaver's Class 2016, as they ponder and reflect on their schooling coming to an end, will wonder where the years have gone and how quickly they have flown by.

No more waking up at 6am, no more life ruled by the bell and people telling them what to do and when to do it. Boarding requires strength of character. The real test of their character will be what they do after leaving this place, will be where their learning and schooling will take them?

Speaking with Sam Tui Head Boy 2015 who is at Massey University. When asked what his biggest learning was so far being at uni ... Sam said it was being independent. Having to do everything by yourself for yourself. At the end of the day it's all down to you and how strong you are on the inside.

It's a real test of your character and faith and all the things we were taught at school. While it's hard and really challenging he's enjoying uni and really appreciates what staff did for him when he was here at school.

Our reading reminds us this morning how our CHARACTER can MAKE A DIFFERENCE when we are centred on the things of God and remembering to always give thanks and praise for who we are, where we are and where we come from. That all of these things are CHARACTER building and will make a DIFFERENCE!

Have a blessed day

### **WEDNESDAY 13 APRIL**

Good Morning All

2 sleeps to go!!!!

All the best to our U15s rugby team and Coaches who will play Kelston Boys this afternoon here at Wesley. Go well to our League team who will be playing at James Cook at 4pm today.

CHARACTER MAKES A DIFFERENCE is our word for this week.

The Bible reading was from Colossians 3:15-17/4:5-6 on pages 1303 and 1477 in the Wesley Bibles.

v5 Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders, make the most of every opportunity.

v6 Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

If you have a chance to watch a youtube video entitled 'Dream' it was our message for this morning in chapel. Very inspirational, very on point about what builds character and how one's character does make a difference. Our quote for today is from Stevie Wonder ' Ability may get you to the top, but it takes character to keep you there.'

All character building ... all building character ... all making a difference ... the difference being character!

Have a blessed day

### **THURSDAY 14 APRIL**

Good Morning All

CONGRATULATIONS to Year 9 Douglas Osgood who received the Prefects Award today for service in the Dining Room.

Without being asked Douglas always cleans up after himself and often others. Douglas also scored 100% in his Maths test. Awesome Douglas!

Well done to the U15s who despite losing yesterday played well against Kelston.

CONGRATULATIONS to our League team who beat James Cook 24-10. Given James Cook are well known for their league prowess, an awesome result to our Boys.

GREETINGS to everyone from Damien Leavai who is still in Auckland Hospital with rheumatic fever. A visit was made to him yesterday and he is missing especially his dorm.

We give thanks that Year 10 Nathan Luamanu was not seriously injured after being hit by a car whilst playing on the road when at home.

We continue with the theme CHARACTER MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

THANK YOU to Year 10 Nathanael Tu'uta who this morning read the following story ...

Two boys walked down a road that led through a field. The younger of the two noticed a man working in the fields of his farm, his good clothes folded neatly off to the side.

The boy looked at his older friend and said, "Let's hide his shoes so when he comes from the field, he won't be able to find them.

It'll be awesome to see his face when he can't find his shoes. The boy laughed.

The older of the two boys thought for a moment and said, "The man looks poor. See his clothes?

Let's do this instead: Let's hide a dollar in each shoe and then we'll hide in these bushes and see how he reacts to that, instead."

The younger boy agreed and they placed a dollar in each shoe and hid behind the bushes.

It wasn't long before the farmer came in from the field, tired. He reached down and pulled on a shoe, immediately feeling the money under his foot.

With the coin now between his fingers, he looked around to see who could have put it in his shoe. But no one was there. He held the dollar in his hand and stared at it in disbelief.

Confused, he slid his other foot into his other shoe and felt the second coin. This time, the man was overwhelmed when he removed the second dollar from his shoe.

Thinking he was alone, he dropped to his knees and offered a prayer that the boys could hear from their hiding place.

They heard the poor farmer cry tears of relief and gratitude. He spoke of his sick wife and his boys in need of food. He expressed thankfulness for this unexpected gift.

After a time, the boys came out from their hiding place and slowly started their long walk home. They felt good inside, warm, changed somehow knowing the good they had done for the poor farmer.

A smile crept across their souls.

We all have poor farmers working in the fields of their trials and difficulties along the roads of our lives.

Their challenges might not be known to us. But how they look often tells a story of pain.

We have opportunities to hide shoes or hide dollars in them

Compassion and character go together.

As God is compassionate so we should be compassionate.

Have a blessed day

**FRIDAY 15 APRIL**

Good Morning All

Thank God it's Friday, the last day of Term 1.

GO WELL to the First XV who are playing away tomorrow.  
CONGRATULATIONS to those students who have made the 29 strong League Squad for this year.  
CONGRATULATIONS to Mr and Mrs Hargreaves Snr who will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary this weekend.

THANK YOU to Senior Prefect David Tupou, Head Boy Ofa Talakai and Head Girl Kalolaine Ikavuka for leading worship this morning.

THANK YOU to the Year 12 Band who performed two musical pieces. Awesome! Thank you Miss Lalakai (HOD Music).

We end the week and term with the theme CHARACTER MAKES A DIFFERENCE!  
The Bible reading was from Romans 5:3-5 on pages 1214 and 1395 in the Wesley Bibles.

A humungus THANK YOU to all our staff - Admin, Maintenance, Laundry, Kitchen, Cleaning, Hostel and Teaching for all your work for our School this term.

At times it seemed the term would never end, and then there were times when we wondered where the time had gone.

In each passing we individually and collectively maintained a strong sense of the Special Character of our School which calls us each to fulfil our roles in ways which portray the CHARACTER filled people we are -  
THANK YOU!

To the 323 special CHARACTERS who keep reminding us why we are here - THANK YOU!  
To all staff and students, may the two week break be a time to recharge and to refill, to relax and to recreate, to be with family and with friends.

Stay safe, keep safe and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in Term 2.

Have a blessed day and holiday.

