

# CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 17 June 2016

## MONDAY 13 JUNE

Good Morning All

Blue skies over Wesley this morning.

Welcome to Week 7 Examinations Week for our Seniors.

CONGRATULATIONS to all our teams who played in the weekend.

1st XV v St Pauls	lost 38-0
2nd XV v 3rd XV	won 46-11
U15 Black v Pukekohe	won 32-5
U15 White	DEFAULTED
U14 v Tamaki	lost 12-26

The theme for this week is 'WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND.'

At chapel this morning the School bid farewell to Mr Pete Askin and Mr Lionel Town from the Maintenance Department.

Both gentlemen have been at the School for almost thirty years between them.

Pete moves to a new job at Strathallan, whilst Lionel will retire to the many DIY jobs awaiting him at home.

THANK YOU to Head Girl Kalolaine Ikavuka who was the MC for the Student farewell this morning.

THANK YOU to Year 9s Eliejar Kiole and Sepeti Kailea who presented the gifts to Pete and Lionel on behalf of the students.

THANK YOU to Mr and Mrs Reeve for attending the farewell this morning.

Lionel made the comment this morning that it was his first time to chapel, how uplifting it was and very emotional.

Last week both men thought they would not be able to speak to the School this morning, but after the students finished saying 'THANK YOU' both Pete and Lionel addressed the School.

We wish them both God's blessings as they leave us.

Have a blessed day

## TUESDAY 14 JUNE

Good Morning All

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE Girls Rugby teams who won both their games yesterday.

WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND is our theme for this week.

The Bible reading was from John 7:36-50 on pages 1091 and 1270 in the Wesley Bibles.

Committed or uncommitted?

The greatest commandment 'Love God with all your heart and soul and mind and strength' speaks to being committed or uncommitted. It requires all of every part of us to love God whole heartedly, whole mindfully, whole soulfully, with our whole strength, to be fully committed boots and all!

Committing to something requires our whole being - hook line and sinker!

When the going gets tough or rough or difficult, all the more reason to dig deep and stay committed rather than give up.

When we are not committed to anything, our level of commitment to everything will then be measured.

Anything then we put our commitment to will not be successful because it requires whole hearted commitment, the same level of commitment to everything all the time.

Simon the Pharisee upon inviting Jesus to his house forgot everything in terms of hospitality when it came to welcoming Jesus into his home. Hospitality is second nature to us but for Simon his commitment to welcoming Jesus in the appropriate cultural way was found wanting. He was distracted and allowed himself to be distracted.

It is the 'sinful' woman who offers hospitality without measure and with total commitment to Christ. v50 Jesus said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'

When we give full commitment to everything we do, there is a sense of peace which comes from giving our all unabated and constant, with all our heart and soul and mind and strength.

Have a blessed day

### **WEDNESDAY 15 JUNE**

Good Morning All

It's a sunny day here at the moment at Wesley.

WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND is the mantra for this week.

The Bible reading was from Matthew 6:19-24 on pages 1010 and 1186 in the Wesley Bibles.

V24 for where your treasure is, that is where your heart is.

The School watched a YouTube video clip 'Give- Touching story of selfless love and legacy' this morning.

It speaks to the notion and belief that when we give, it always comes back to us.

Our young people are yet to understand the 'giving' that happens on their behalf and from all quarters.

It is a life lesson and lesson for life when learnt and understood.

The reading reminds us that wherever our heart is that is where our heart is.

If where our heart is not a good place then until we move, make a shift our heart will always be there.

It's like if our heart is intent on making money at whatever cost, then the cost in the end will be ours.

The video clip is a very toughing reminder of this.

We are reminded that when we realise the treasure that God offers us of learning and knowledge and wisdom, doing what is fair and right and just, than everything we need will be given to us.

Have a blessed day

### **THURSDAY 16 JUNE**

Good Morning All

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Mrs Rosalina Sio affectionately known as 'Ma' to many. Mrs Sio is the mother of Mrs Ane Sio-Tema and Rev Tema and 'Ma' to many but especially we remember her Wesley grandchildren Leuina, Stephane, Leuatea and Billy. We are thankful for her love and support of our School and thankful to have had her attend chapel here with us on Wesley Day and the Samoan practices for Polyfest during Term 1.

Mrs Sio along with her husband the late Rev Leuatea Sio began the work and ministry of the Pacific Islanders Presbyterian Church at the Newton PIP Church, central Auckland. They were together instrumental in encouraging all the Pacific Island congregations of the Congregational Union to join the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand in 1969. They were faithful pastors, forceful advocates, and visionary encouragers of Pacific Island people and interests. Their work supporting young people and bringing them together through art, sports, education and social services – underpinned by faith – was enormous. While it was Rev Sio at the forefront it was ‘Ma’ always in support and very much the ‘Mother’ figure to so many of us.

Thank you Ma for your love and goodness to all of us especially those of your Pacific Island Presbyterian children born and raised in New Zealand You and Pa were always an inspiration to us, your example and your understanding of us was so loving and intuitive.

You both allowed us to grow up here in this country and within a church understanding the challenges before us as young people.

You never felt threatened in your ministry by people from outside the Church and allowed them to come and share with the Youth in the hope that we would become strong in our identity, strong in our faith, strong in our openness to other faiths and understandings.

We are the people we are because of your faith and trust in God and for that we will always be thankful.

Our thoughts and prayers to Ane and Stephen and to all the family at this time.

From your Wesley Family- former and current Staff and students.

Have a blessed day

**FRIDAY 17 JUNE**

Good Morning All

Our prayers and thoughts for the Sio and Tema families as they prepare to farewell their much loved mother. SAFE TRAVELS to the 1<sup>st</sup> XV and Coaching staff as they travel today down to New Plymouth for their fixture tomorrow.

KIA KAHA to those representing the School at Manu Korero Speech Competitions today.

GO WELL to our music group representing us at Pacific Beats on Saturday.

CONGRATULATIONS to our 1<sup>st</sup> XIII League team who keep on keeping on with their progress in the competition.

CONGRATULATIONS to the 2<sup>nd</sup> XV who played Papakura 1<sup>st</sup> XV yesterday and had a convincing win.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Basketball teams.

The end of Week 7 and Examinations week for our Seniors.

The Bible reading was from James 3:13-18 pages 135 and 1532 in the Wesley Bibles.

WE REAP WHAT WE SOW ... what goes round comes round ... you get what you give!

The harsh reality of the living out our lives together as a school and community can be really difficult at times.

We think we’re doing all good and then something happens to make us take stock, take a breath.

At times we feel we are on track with our vision and hope for our School but then reality bites.

We are reminded again that when ‘reality bites’ to hold on to those things which as a School grounds us, ‘Our Special Character,’ the Methodist ethos, our School Prayer, our school motto ... one another.

We cannot control things beyond our control, but we can be the people we know we can be.

Our reading this morning reminds us that people who honour God reflect the wisdom that comes from those who are peace-loving, full of mercy and goodness. When we sow peace we will reap a harvest of righteousness. Whoever is wise and understanding let them show it through humility and a good life.

Have a blessed day and weekend

