

CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 18 March 2016

MONDAY 14 MARCH

Good Morning All

Welcome to Week 7 of Term 1 and the 5th week in Lent.

Our prayerful thoughts and prayers for 2015 Prefect Lorenzo Akeripa and his family as they mourn the loss of their father who passed away on Friday after a long illness.

CONGRATULATIONS to Malakai Fekitoa, Glen Fisi'iahi and Sione Molia who dotted down over the weekend in their various games of rugby and Sevens.

The theme for this week is **SELF DISCIPLINE**.

The Bible reading was from 1 Corinthians 9: 24-27 on pages 1244 and 1423 in the Wesley Bibles.

SELF DISCIPLINE was something very evident in three former Wesley students playing during the weekend. Malakai Fekitoa for the Highlanders ... his defence was on point and his attack devastating, was rewarded with a try.

Malakai is solidifying his position in the ABs. With every game he plays Malakai shows great **SELF-DISCIPLINE** to be able to turn out every weekend.

Glen Fisiiahi who signed with the Chiefs after a time with the Warriors had his first starting game and was also rewarded with a try.

Sione Molia in his first outing with the NZ Sevens team in Canada, dotted down twice.

This last week I was able to get around and see most of the cultural groups at their practices. You all demonstrate great **SELF-DISCIPLINE** as you practice day in day out repetitiously running over and over different movements in an effort to perfect them. The prize is to achieve a place at Polyfest this weekend ... our aim is to do our best for ourselves, for one another, for our school.

We are not aimless but in strict training, remaining steadfast in our desire to do our best together.

SELF-DISCIPLINE is managing ourselves as best we can for the task ahead, practicing self-control and restraint until the task has been completed.

For those of us who have given up things for Lent, practicing **SELF-DISCIPLINE** and control for almost six weeks ... it's nearly over ... well done!

SELF-DISCIPLINE means you are in control of you, and like everything, it comes with practice and practice makes perfect.

Have a blessed day

TUESDAY 15 MARCH

Good Morning All

SELF - DISCIPLINE is the call this week.

No better week given it is Polyfest this weekend.

ALL THE BEST to the Senior Touch team who will play Alfriston today for a place at the Auckland Regional Competitions.

Chapel this morning was spent thanking the Student body for their DISCIPLINE in the weeks leading up to Polyfest.

They have for the most part practiced great SELF-DISCIPLINE in terms of balancing all their extra-curricular activities alongside their school work. The days of practicing hard out all day long are over. Our groups are to be commended for working within the time frame we have been given for practices, but it isn't over yet.

We are at the business end now and the call to DISCIPLINE resonates even more so as we head to the weekend.

The time for practice is over and all our groups will be at that stage where every practice is the real thing. Our students will recognise the multi-faceted face of pressure and commitment, dedication and perseverance in the faces of their tutors who will be ruthless and demanding. The students will have to bear whatever comes their way and remain DISCIPLINED, carry on. We ask nothing of the students but their best and wish them the best for tomorrow.

Fiafia Night is tomorrow beginning at 7pm which allows our parents and families the opportunity to view our hard work and effort, our DISCIPLINE and self-control.

The best thing is ... God is with us!

Have a blessed day

WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH

Good Morning All

A sunny day here at Wesley and summer just keeps hanging around.

SELF-DISCIPLINE is the call for this week.

THANK YOU to those who represented the School this morning at the Flag Raising Ceremony marking the official start to Polyfest.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Senior Touch Team who took out the Counties Boys Touch competition beating Alfriston 7-5.

A good team effort especially in the final quarter after some sound advice from Coach Lawrence Lawrence. Tries were scored by Ronan, Fa'apale and Reuben. While the Boys won, we cannot proceed to Regionals because of the clash with Polyfest.

A humungus THANK YOU to Coach Lawrence for his help with the team this season. Thank you Boys!

The reading was from 1 Samuel 3:1-10 on pages 273 and 330 in the Wesley Bibles.

Listening and responding is vitally important to any relationship and even more so in a relationship with God, being ready to listen and being ready to act is imperative. One would expect from the reading that because Eli was older, more experienced and held a position of authority that God would naturally be speaking to him.

We learn from this story that God's chain of command is based on faith, not on age or position.

God is a God of surprises and unexpectedness.

God desires and wants for us all the things that will give us the best of everything in life.

For all of you, being at Wesley College is not your destination but the beginning of a journey where Wesley is just one place which will help you on that journey ... a place where you will learn to listen and to respond ... a place where you will learn to discern what is good and what is not. You have a whole life time ahead of you, with all its joys and challenges ... you can never be 'too young' to begin that journey.

Let's not buy into the voice that says everything has been done and has been accomplished or, we pretend not to hear our inner voice calling us.

We hope, we pray, we work hard and like young Samuel, with SELF-DISCIPLINE, let us listen out for God's voice which can often come to us and be heard in the voices of good counsel from ... those around us. Listen and respond.

Have a blessed day

Go well to all our cultural groups at Fiafia tonight.

THURSDAY 17 MARCH

Good Morning All

SELF-DISCIPLINE! We're nearly there people! Well done and thank you to all our staff and students of the various cultural groups. Awesome effort!

THANK YOU to all our parents and families who supported Fiafia Night last night. Great SELF-DISCIPLINE shown by our students - thank you!

THANK YOU to Mr Faitala and his students who prepared the Rec Centre yesterday. Greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU to the Samoan Group who did a massive clean-up of the Rec afterwards.

CONGRATULATIONS to teacher Siosuia Pole on the birth of second daughter Fitimoka Lile Valerie Pole 7.13 lbs born on Tuesday night. Both Fitimoka and Mum are doing well.

CONGRATULATIONS to librarian Linda McKay on the birth of her first grandchild Ruby. Our thoughts and prayers as Ruby continues to grow in strength.

Our thoughts and prayers for the Tupou family as they mourn the loss of a much loved father and grandfather to former Wesley students Tevita and Isileli and current students Senior Prefect David Tupou and younger brother Isileli.

Our continuing thoughts and prayers for the Akeripa Family as they prepare to farewell their father.

THANK YOU to Prefects Lua Fukofuka, Akapei Ta'ufu'ou and Ofa Talakai for leading chapel this morning. The Bible reading was from Romans 1:14-17 on pages 1209 and 1391 in the Wesley Bibles.

v 14 For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: 'The righteous will live by faith.'

The gospel shows us both how righteous God is in his plan for salvation and how we may be made fit for eternal life.

By trusting Christ our relationship is made right. 'From first to last' God declares we are righteous by faith and faith alone.

Our Pacific cultures are integral to who we are as Maori and Pasifika and that was very evident in the student performances last night.

It is a 'gospel' and good news which when expressed, speaks of a righteousness and faith God given. We trust in our relationships with one another and in Christ, there is the deepest sense of rightness about who we are and what we do.

May we continue to be the people God intends for us to be.

Have a blessed day

FRIDAY 18 MARCH

No Chapel Message today.

