

## CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 20 May 2016

### MONDAY 16 MAY

**No Chapel Message today**

### TUESDAY 17 MAY

Good Morning,

On behalf of Paewhenua, the school would like to thank the Thomas Manase and Zyar who took Chapel this morning. Also thanks to our pianist. Their reading from the Bible was from Hebrews Chapter 12, Verse 11.

Hard work is doing your best. It is giving your best to any task you do or any relationship you have. Within you are many possibilities. Maybe you are an artist. Maybe you can discover a new invention that no one has ever created before. Maybe you are the best friend anyone will ever have. Perhaps there is some difficulty in your life which you have the strength to conquer.

When you practice hard work, you are not trying to be better than anyone else. You are trying to be the best that you can be.

No matter what you are doing, hard work means you are giving it the best you have. Hard work is effort guided by a noble purpose. It is a desire for perfection. The perfection of a seed is a fruit which grows from it. Hard work is your life is bringing your gifts to fruition.

Hard work is what leads to success. It takes courage to practice hard work. People who are afraid to find out if they are going to succeed or fail sometimes don't try very hard. If something doesn't turn out well, they say, 'it doesn't matter. I wasn't doing my best anyway.'

But they never find out what is possible.

People who don't practice hard work just do things halfway. They try a little and then give up. Usually they don't have very exciting or fruitful lives. They act as if nothing matters very much – as if they don't matter very much.

Doing your best helps you find out what talents you have, the special gifts God gave you. Doing your best helps you find out who you really are.

When you work hard, you can make a difference in this world.

Practicing hard work is doing your best with big things and little things, with the jobs you do and the people you love. It is striving to do today what you found difficult yesterday. It is the willingness to learn from your mistakes.

Striving to work hard isn't always about doing. It is also about being. You need to work hard when you are working on a virtue, like patience or honesty.

Signs you are working hard:

- Giving your best to whatever you do
- Giving your best to relationships
- Setting noble and realistic goals for your self
- Remembering to plan and practice
- So to all of us let us pray.

Today I thank God for my gifts. I will give my best to work I do and be at my best with others. I dare to set noble goals, to do what is possible. I choose hard work in all things.

Ending Prayer led by Thomas.

## **WEDNESDAY 18 MAY**

Good Morning All

After the freak storm that blew through the other day, we can say all is well today. A humungus THANK YOU to the School for the farewell to Mr Togatama last Friday. Wazza's parents and family were present and were very thankful for all the speeches made and gifts presented. A special word of thanks to WIWT Mr T's Form Class and the Year 10 Level who prepared and presented well when saying goodbye to their Form Teacher. Awesome!

CONGRATULATIONS to our rugby teams from the weekend fixtures.

Wesley U15 B v Wesley U15 W	70-7 Wesley Black
Wesley 2nd XV vs. Thames High (Chiefs Trophy)	41-10 win
Wesley U14 vs. Tangaroa College	34-12 win
Wesley 3rd XV vs. Rosehill 2nd XV	40-15 win
1st XV v St Paul's	39-10 loss

CONGRATULATIONS to the Girls rugby team who played in the storm Monday to win their game  
CONGRATULATIONS to the Indoor Netball team who won their game last night.

PREPARATION - DOING THE HARD YARDS is our theme for this week.

THANK YOU to Year 12 students Bella Brewster and Caitlyn Smythe, as well as Year 11 student Esther Teisi for leading chapel this morning.

The Bible reading was from Proverbs 4:11-13 on pages 652 and 775 in the Wesley Bibles.

Determination and hard work is focusing your energy and effort on a particular task and then sticking with it until it is done. It requires will power especially when the task isn't an easy one.

Signs of determination and hard work are:

- Believing what you are doing is important
- Setting goals for yourself
- Focusing your attention on what you are doing
- Resisting being distracted
- Keep going even when it gets difficult
- Finishing what you started.

The Psalmist reminds us that when we walk we will not be hampered when we run we will not stumble. We are to hold onto instruction and not let it go. We are to guard it well, for it is our life.

Have a blessed day

## **THURSDAY 19 MAY**

Good Morning All

Not so wild wet and windy today but it maybe the calm before another storm.

CONGRATULATIONS to our League team who beat Southern Cross convincingly yesterday. Nice!

CONGRATULATIONS to our Junior and Senior Netball teams who both netted a win last night. Awesome!

WELL DONE to our Soccer team who played well first hit out but against a better side, lost. All good!

THANK YOU to Prefects Jack Neal Pratt, Akapei Ta'ufu'ou and Senior Prefect David Tupou for leading worship this morning.

The Bible reading was from Proverbs 3:5-6 on pages 651 and 773 in the Wesley Bibles.

PREPARATION doing the hard yards is a key factor to all our every days tasks.

PREPARATION is often that which brings the best out of a person.

PREPARATION will often be the thing that pushes you past and over the line when up against it.

PREPARATION is the key to making dreams a reality.

Proverbial wisdom reminds us, when we trust in God with all our heart and don't depend on our own understanding, God will guide and help us to achieve our goals, acknowledging always that we are nothing without God.

Have a blessed day

## **FRIDAY 20 MAY**

Good Morning All

The end of Week 3 its Friday and the sun is shining for now!

CONGRATULATIONS to our Junior and Senior Basketball teams who won their games last night.

GO WELL to all our teams playing this weekend.

It's been PREPARATION this week and lots of it!

The quote on the week ahead for today reads ... 'It is better to be prepared for an opportunity and not have one, than to have an opportunity and not be prepared!'

The Bible reading was from Colossians 4:2-6 on pages 1303 and 1477 in the Wesley Bibles.

This reading comes as part of Paul's letter on 'Holy Living' to the people and church at Colossae and although written many years ago, it still holds truth and meaning for us today.

If we PREPARE as best we can those things which we can control, then we trust that the outcome hoped for, will be as promised ...a favourable one!

Can we think of a time or a situation when no preparation was necessary, when we didn't need to be prepared? Perhaps it is in the PREPARATION that we learn the most about ourselves and about others, that it is in the PREPARATION, that is the greatest learning.

The instructions given by Paul are a PREPARATION for a life which holds hope and promise.

Our PREPARATIONS for our life everyday aren't just for some 'one-off' event but for the whole of our life and lifetime.

Hope and promise comes in our encounters with others who also hold the same hope and promise ...our families, the teachers, hostel staff ... we all want to be as well prepared as we can be when ready to leave this place because we want an outcome filled with hope and promise especially for our students and their futures.

Hopeful and promising, we are together thankfully making the most of every opportunity to be full of grace and of wisdom. All PREPARATION!

Have a blessed day and weekend.