

CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 27 May 2016

MONDAY 23 MAY

Good Morning All

It's raining and dark skies at Wesley this morning.

CONGRATULATIONS to all our teams from the weekend.

1 st XV	v	Francis Douglas at Te Awamutu	41-13	win
2nd XV	v	St Peters	8-5	loss
3rd XV	v	Pukekohe	37-0	win
U15B	v	James Cook	25-7	win
U15W	v	Alfriston	TBC	
U14s	v	De La Salle	19-10	loss

Our theme this week is PERSEVERANCE.

The Bible reading was from Matthew 7:7-12 on pages 1012 and 1186 in the Wesley Bibles.

What is PERSEVERANCE? The dictionary definition is 'sustained existence or occurrence' Other similar words are ... persistence, determination, grit, stubbornness, tenacity, tirelessness. We PERSEVERE, we don't give up because we know we will get better, because we know if we stick at it, our not giving up, will pay off in the long run.

Perseverance isn't just about not giving up, but having faith in you, in yourself ... that your persistence and tirelessness, your hard work will get you there in the end. That's PERSEVERANCE! It's a combination of patience, effort, the positive thoughts we keep in our heads about what we are capable of because we are powerful beyond measure.

BF Skinner an American psychologist wrote ... A failure is not always a mistake it may simply be the best we can do under the circumstances.

The real mistake is to stop trying.

Yesterday we celebrated Wesley Day the day that John Wesley the founder of the Methodist faith experienced his heart strangely warmed by the words he heard being read from the Bible. It transformed his life and from that day on he PERSEVERED in making sure that everyone knew that God's love was inclusive of everyone and that God's grace excluded no one.

Wesley's PERSEVERANCE, his 'sustained existence and occurrence' was inspirational. Our School is a product of his PERSEVERANCE and vision shared by the early missionaries who came to this country.

Have a blessed day

TUESDAY 24 MAY

Good Morning All

PERSEVERANCE is the call for this week.

The Bible reading was from Micah 6:6-8 on pages 965 and 1132 in the Wesley Bibles.

The reading comes at a time in God's relationship with Israel where God decides it's time to lay a charge against them.

God is frustratingly concerned with the way the people of Israel are behaving.

God wonders 'How else can I help my people to get it right ... How can I make them the ideal people they could and should be?'

God charges them v8 'And what does the Lord require of you. To act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God.'

The charge would hold the people of Israel accountable and be the constant reminder of what it is to be God's people.

Micah 6:8 is the beginning to our School prayer.

God charges us with being a people who are 'just' ... people who are fair, well-grounded and good.

God charges us to be merciful ... people who are compassionate, kind, generous, thankful and happy.

God charges us to walk humbly ... to be respectful of God and of one another.

God's charge is as real today as when first given, the constant reminder of God's PERSEVERANCE with us.

It is important to us as a school, important to us as a family, important because it spells out very clearly what our Special Character values are

We are Christian in practice

We are Methodist in ethos

We are Accepted for who we are

We are Called to be God's people

We Belong to the Wesley College Family and the wider family of God.

We are charged to fulfil God's charge not because we have been charged and found wanting, but because we are constantly aware of God's PERSEVERING love and care for us every day and in every way.

Have a blessed day

WEDNESDAY 25 MAY

Good Morning All

WELCOME to a group from the Police who are here today working with the Year 12 cohort on a programme called

'Love's Me Not' based on right relationships and decision making.

GO WELL to all our teams playing today!

PERSEVERANCE – 'Don't Give Up' is our theme for this week.

The Bible reading was from Matthew 6: 25-34 on pages 1010 and 1186 in the Wesley Bibles.

THANK YOU to Year 13 students Paul Wolfgramm and Saimone Setefano who led chapel worship this morning.

On finishing worship Paul said 'Rev it's not as easy as it looks leading chapel is it? Out of the mouths of babes! I then proceeded to tell them that looking for a Bible reading minutes before leading worship is not good preparation.

Paul and Saimone did well for their first time and we give thanks for their leadership this morning.

v33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

v34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Have a blessed day

THURSDAY 26 MAY

Good Morning All

CONGRATULATIONS to all our teams who played yesterday - Soccer, Junior and Senior Netball and League **PERSEVERANCE!**

The Bible reading was from James 1:12, 19-25 on pages 1356 and 1528 in the Wesley Bibles.

PERSEVERANCE is not giving up especially when things get a little tough. It is important to growing our faith.

God wants us to **PERSEVERE** no matter what happens, so that we can learn how to overcome obstacles and difficulties, so that we can become resilient people, so that we can learn not to lean on our understanding 'fias' but to trust in God.

There are some things that are worth persevering with, and there are some things that are not worth persevering with, and as we grow we will learn what those things are.

Last Sunday Rev Tema LED Trinity Sunday worship and shared with us the kinds of students he is now teaching.

He is teaching NCEA Level 1 to people who left school without any qualifications, people who have been in prison, one person is unemployed no job has 2 children and whose future if he doesn't achieve Level 1, looks pretty sad.

As the Year 13s think about their schooling coming to an end, will they be thinking about what their future will look like if they don't achieve Level 3 this year. We encourage you to **PERSEVERE**, to not give up! If we don't **PERSEVERE** with our learning we will miss opportunities sometimes staring us in the face.

We don't want missed opportunities but a future for you that will set you up for the whole of life. The reading reminds us what **PERSEVERANCE** looks like ... be quick to listen ... slow to speak ... and slow to anger.

Don't just listen to the word ... but do what it says ... and when we do what the word says ...and keep persevering with doing what the word says ... then the promise of blessing will come ... the promise of achieving goals and dreams will come.

Have a blessed day

FRIDAY 27 MAY

Good Morning All

THANK YOU to Josh, Ofa and Zuriel who continue to be people of good character. **CONGRATULATIONS** to our Girls, Junior and Senior Basketball teams who scored wins last night. **TGIF!** The end of week 4 and our theme of **PERSEVERANCE**

The Bible reading was from Hebrews 6:4-12 on pages 1340 and 1514 in the Wesley Bibles.

The quote on the Week Ahead for today is from Scottish politician Walter Elliott 'PERSEVERANCE is not a long race, it is many short races one after the other.'

A discussion around 'what does the ideal student look like' at the last Staff Meeting resulted in the general consensus around the behaviour that we would like to see displayed by our students. Such as being present in

class, correct uniform, being punctual, being prepared to learn, being prepared to work, right attitude, being respectful.

For the most part the majority of our students fulfil these expectations. it is the few who do not, who challenge us. It has been a challenging week.

The theme for this week of PERSEVERANCE comes to us in the midst of disappointment, discouragement and questioning that we have all felt in the last days. We are asked to PERSEVERE as the adults, to keep doing what we do in the hope that the few who do challenge us, will come to understand what it means to be part of our school and through that sense of belonging, find their place. When it does seem like we're making inroads and all is going well, it is in the nature of children to remind us that they are just children and that the similarity between the words PERSEVERANCE and patience is that they both start with the letter 'P'.

v10 God is not unjust and will not forget your work and the love you have shown as you help God's people and continue to help them.

v11 We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, in order to make your hope sure.

Have a blessed day and weekend.

GO WELL to all our rugby teams tomorrow.

