

CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 2nd JUNE 2017

MONDAY, 29th MAY 2017

Talofa Lava!

A lovely sunny and warm day here at Wesley. E lelei le Ali'i - God is good!

Fa'afetai to Harding and Caughey dorms who represented the School at the Festival in Song at Pitt Street Methodist last night. Fa'afetai fo'i to the Dorm Parents who accompanied us.

O le vaiaso lenei o le vaiaso o le gagana Samoa. This week is Samoan Language Week. O le autu o le vaiaso o le gagana Samoa mo lenei tausaga. The theme for this Samoan Language Week for this year is "Ma'au i lou ofaga. Maua'a lou fa'asinomaga" - "Keep your identity alive to thrive"

THANK YOU to the Year 12 Acapella group who began our worship by singing the Samoan National Anthem.

In June 1962 Samoa gained its independence and is the only independent island nation of the Pacific.

Samoa independence was met with resistance from New Zealand and the historical events of Black Saturday as well as the arrival of the ship Talune to Samoa, changed Samoan history forever.

The end to this week will culminate in celebrations in Samoa and throughout the world of fifty five years of Samoan Independence.

Here are a few key words and phrases to get you chatting in Gagana Sāmoa (the Sāmoan language):

- Hello: Talofa
- How are you? O a mai oe?
- What's your name? O ai lou igoa?
- My name is... O lo'u igoa o...
- Where are you from? O fea e te sau ai?
- Pleased to meet you: Ua ou fiafia ua ta feiloa'i
- Goodbye: Tōfā, Tōfā soifua

Have a blessed day

TUESDAY, 30th MAY 2017

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Malo fa'afetai ia Bella, Melva, Robert ma Tai mo le latou pesega malie i le sauniga lotu nei i le taeao.

THANK YOU to Head Girl Bella Brewster, Melvareena Nansen, Robert Tupu and Tai Taefu who sang 'Samoa e' this morning in chapel.

Fa'afetai ia Malvareena mo le faitauina o le Tusi Paia ma Year 9 Tommy Tusiane sa taitai le aoga ile tatalo.

THANK YOU to Malvareena Nansen for reading the Samoan Bible Psalm 23 and to Tommy Tusiane for leading the school in prayer in Samoan.

'You can't know where you are going if you don't know where you have come from' encapsulates the theme for Samoan Language Week.

Our identity is both fundamental and quintessential to who we are as a people, and provides both a way of being 'fa'asamoa' and living integral to maintaining who we are 'keeping our identity alive,' as well as sustaining those values and traditions which lay the foundation to being present in the here and now and for the future.

PERSEVERANCE is a characteristic with which Samoans throughout the world maintain and sustain their Samoan-ness.

The second most spoken language in Auckland and the third most spoken language in New Zealand, the recognition of this nation-wide with Samoan Language Week is acknowledged with thanksgiving and praise to God.

Hello - Talofa

How are you? - O a mai oe?

Thank you - Fa'afetai

Have a blessed day - Manuia le aso

WEDNESDAY, 31st MAY 2017

Talofa Lava!

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Alongside Samoan Language Week we also have the theme PERSEVERANCE.

The Bible reading was from Romans 5:1-5 on pages 1214 and 1395 in the Wesley Bibles. Were it not for the PERSEVERANCE of our Samoan forebears, Samoa would not be celebrating its fifty fifth year as an independent nation. During the early C20 Samoa was ruled by Germany and at the end of WW1 Samoa was then administered by New Zealand. Samoa's thanksgiving to God for its past, present and future is borne in its motto 'Samoa Fa'avae i le Atua - Samoa founded on God.'

The Samoan Flag: The blue rectangle shows the Southern Cross constellation whilst the red background depicts strength and courage.



Manuia le aso - Have a blessed day

THURSDAY, 1st JUNE 2017

Talofa Lava!

Samoan Language Week: Ma'au i lou ofaga. Maua'a lou fa'asinomaga - Keep your identity alive to thrive.

Samoan Language Week always culminates in the Samoan Independence celebrations which Samoans throughout the world will remember this weekend.

FA'AMALO FA'AFETAI - Well done and Thank you to Xavier Faitala, Elenoa Raas, Tai Taefu, Robert Tupu, Nicholas Leaupepe and Nathanael Tu'uta for leading the NCEA credit totals for Yrs 13, 12 and 11 to date.

The Bible reading was from Psalm 27:1, 13 - 14 on pages 561 and 677 in the Wesley Bibles.

v1 The Lord is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life of whom shall I be afraid?

The beauty of any language is that it is to be shared every day and not just during specific language weeks.

Fa'afetai ia Yr 10 student Junior Lemalu for leading the reading.

Fa'afetai i le Year 11 band who sang a Samoan medley this morning. The band consists of Gabrielle Togatama a Niuean Fijian, Sakisi Sakisi, Kapeli Taupaki, Fotu Fisi'i'ahi and Taula Vaka all Tongans. Nice one!

Our languages provide that hint and inkling of what our cultures value and treasure.

The spoken word in its oratory and poetical lyric speaks to a way of living which embraces the whole of our God given life and addresses the deepest fa'aaloalo - respect to the Creator God. There is also a mystery and hiddenness to language which only finds its full revelation in our being human, our being Samoan, our being Pasifika, our BE - ing.

v1 O leova, o lo'u malamalama ia, ma lo'u olataga: o ai ea se ou te fefe ai?

When God is our knowing and our saving there is nothing to fear.



Manuia le aso - Have a blessed day

FRIDAY, 2nd JUNE 2017

Talofa Lava!

Malo mo lenei vaiaso o le gagana Samoa ma le autu : Ma'au i lou ofaga. Maua'a lou fa'asinomaga - Keep your identity alive to thrive.

Fa'afetai ia Miss Lalakai HOD Music for organising all the musical tributes for Samoan Language Week this week.

Fa'afetai fo'i i alo ma fanau e le na'o o Samoa, a'o Pasifika uma sa lagolagoina le tatou taumafai i lenei vaiaso taua.

Thank you to all the students Samoan and other Pasifika cultures who have contributed to celebrating Samoan Language Week.

Malo fa'afetai to the Girls from Te Paea for their siva Samoa in chapel and to Motu Ofisa and Peter Leaupepe for their humorous visual treat and dance.

Malo le taumafai i former student Suetena Asomua playing for the Samoa U20s at the World Rugby Cup in Georgia.

Malo fo'i le taumafai i Wesleyan Orbyn Leger who is playing for the NZ U20s and scored in their first game against Scotland.

Malo fa'afetai i le 3rd XV who lost their game earlier this week 26 to 19.

Malo fa'afetai i le Senior Basketball Team v Pukekohe High who won their fixture 40-30. Wesley down 5-0 were quick to set into motion Tupou, Joshua and Tea taking the team to a 10 point lead at the half time.

Jeremy Church is outstanding and played the most court time. Diego is lightning fast and spoils a lot of the opposition's attacking play.

Great form was shown by Nicholas, Fa'afetai, Sione Toutai and Ben.

Malo fa'afetai i le Junior Basketball Team who versus Strathallan won 58-19. Well done to Yr 10 Jay Maynard Player of the Game who scored 22 points 12 rebounds and 4 assists. Way to go Jay!

Go well to our Wesley teams the 1st XV who play St Paul's 12pm and the U15s who play St Kent's 10.45 at home tomorrow.

The Bible reading was from Deuteronomy 7:6-9 on pages 186 and 219 in the Wesley Bibles.

We are encouraged to celebrate where we come from and who we are for they are the constant reminder of our identity which grounds and sustains us throughout our life and living. Language and culture are vibrant reflections of a vibrant people.

v9 Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, who is faithful keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations who love him and keep his commandments.

The culture of God in Christ is that which speaks across all diversity and difference, promising a depth of love, unity and hope grounded in God's faithfulness to and over a thousand generations. Simply, God loves because God loves and those convicted and convinced of the same are persistently persuaded to be Christ-like in our diversity and difference. What grounds us unifies us, what justifies us is our reason, what confronts us is Christ himself and in this we are many we are one.

Have a blessed weekend.

