

CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 10th NOVEMBER 2017

MONDAY, 6th NOVEMBER 2017

Good Morning All

Welcome to the start of Week 4. Junior Examinations Week.

It's overcast a tad cool but all is well.

Our theme for this week is Fide, Litteris, Labore - By Faith, By Learning, By Hard Work.

The Bible reading was from James 1:2-8 on pages 1525 and 1355 in the Wesley Bibles.

By Faith, By Learning, By Hard Work is our school motto.

Rev Simmonds who was Principal from 1895-1923 introduced the motto which remains a guiding principle to this day..

The reading reminds us that faith produces perseverance. We are encouraged in hard times not to give up but to hang in there and to see the hardship through. The experience of working through hard times helps us to grow ... develops maturity.

Perhaps this is the thinking too around the school motto. To have these three values - faith, learning and hard work - would not only help young people to be successful in school but throughout the whole of our lives.

Rev Simmonds recognised that our faith is that value which is foundational, integral to, supports, encourages and helps us to Persevere not just with schooling and education but life-long learning. It is our faith in God who is faithful and all the ways in which this is lived out, which provides the confidence to be strong and of good courage.

As the Junior school begin their exams today we wish them well. It is our prayer that through their hard work and learning that their faith in themselves and the preparation they have made will see them do well.

As the Seniors prepare for their externals we wish them well also ... by faith by learning by hard work ... it brings success, it brings achievement, it brings perseverance and maturity.

Have a blessed day

TUESDAY, 7th NOVEMBER 2017

There was no Chapel message today.

WEDNESDAY, 8th NOVEMBER 2017

Good Morning All

A bit of a storm last night and this morning but clearing up. We give thanks for the new day.

We give thanks for the news that Miss Manoa has been discharged from hospital and is now at home.

We continue to pray for Mr Roy Valley and hope he is on the way to a full recovery.

THANK YOU to Year 12 student Robert Tupu for leading chapel yesterday morning.

REMINDER tomorrow at chapel the School and Staff will farewell the Principal.

In the evening at 6pm there will be a Farewell Dinner.

We continue with our theme By Faith By Learning By Hard Work.

The Bible reading was from Philippians 4:4-9 on pages 1297 and 1468 in the Wesley Bibles. The writer Paul calls us to rejoicing. Given his circumstances Paul had no reason to be joyful but because he could see beyond his predicament and focus on his inner attitude, joy was his response. If we haven't been joyful lately perhaps we're looking at life from the wrong perspective.

Sometimes school, sometimes work, sometimes life can be less than joyful when we are having to endure the stress and pressure that comes with daily living. Our inner attitude can serve to lift our spirits, to remind us that we are not alone, to provide for us that inner attitudinal strength. The promise which comes when we are joyful, is peace and often it does take faith and learning and hard work ... putting it into practice.

Have a blessed day

THURSDAY, 9th NOVEMBER 2017

There was no Chapel message today.

FRIDAY, 10th NOVEMBER 2017

Good Morning All

It's overcast but warm, most of all TGIF and the end of Week 4.

We continue to pray for Miss Manoa who is now recovering at home.

Mr Roy Valley has been transferred to the Super Clinic. Our prayers and thoughts for him and Audrey. GO WELL to our Sevens Team playing at Sacred Heart tomorrow.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Junior Touch team who drew their game against Sir Edmund Hillary 5-All earlier in the week.

It's been somewhat of a hectic week given the farewells for the Principal yesterday.

THANK YOU to the Board of Trustees and Trust Board members who attended the Dinner last night.

THANK YOU to all our Staff involved in organising and contributing to the various celebrations.

A humungus THANK YOU to our students who at chapel yesterday and again at the Dinner, made both occasions joyful and celebratory. To the individual Dorms and Year Levels - THANK YOU for your contribution through singing, the speeches made and the gifts presented.

Our theme for this week has been our School motto - Fide, Litteris, Labore - By Faith, By Learning, By Hard Work.

It's a tried and true formula which is both practical and brings a level of success to the whole of our life.

It's a blue print and method of living in the world which allows us to realise our full potential.

Each value brings to the living principle a way of being which understands what is needed to participate fully in and be active participants of our families, communities, societies and the world. It's a jettison for change - we cannot be faithful, be learning and be hard at work - actively be-ing without being active. Change is the outcome.

By faith, by learning, by hard work is synonymous with God who is deeply aware of our potential and capacity to be faithful, to be life-long learners and to work hard.

Have a blessed day and weekend

