

# CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 11<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2017

**MONDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2017**

Good Morning All

The fog has lifted and tis blue skies over Wesley. We give thanks for the new day and start to the Week 3.

ALL THE BEST to Miss Lalakai and Music students who are away at their Solo Competitions. CONGRATULATIONS to all our rugby teams who played in the weekend.

1<sup>st</sup> XV won v St John's 78 - 0 A home semi-final this Sat against St Peters, Cambridge. Nice!

2<sup>nd</sup> XV loss v St Peter's 0 - 24

3<sup>rd</sup> XV loss v Otahuhu 10 - 20 Good game by Wesley. Score not a real indication of tight game. Tries by Nioso and Sunia. Good forward play from Steve, Nathanael, James, Alex and Tomasi.

U15B won v Aorere 26 - 0

U14B won v Aorere 32 - 7 Joe Kuli and Aku Pua'avase each scored two tries. TJ Banks and Peter Easthope scored one try each. Peter made several bruising runs from the base of the scrum. Jeremiah Pole directed play from half back and made several punishing tackles. The boys played great attacking rugby and showed patience to control the ball through multiple phases.

U14W loss v De La Salle 29 - 5

Our theme for this week is ATTENTION TO DETAIL.

The Bible reading was from Genesis 41:12-16 on pages 47 and 53 in the Wesley Bibles.v14 'They took Joseph who was in the dungeon and before he was brought to Pharaoh, Joseph did two things - he shaved and changed his clothes.' Joseph wanted to make a good first impression on Pharaoh. Here is a person who was in jail, but was the only person who could help Pharaoh interpret his dreams and keen to make a good impression, Joseph was rewarded by being made Governor of all of Egypt. The point is that ATTENTION TO DETAIL in living God's way, is what made Joseph a success. ATTENTION TO DETAIL is a living principle, a God given gift providing us with a way of being in the world.

What person or group of people have you ever met that stood out in your minds?

Was it the person/s who were sloppily dressed and looked unkempt or was it the person/s who paid attention to every possible detail of their physical appearance? It's been said that

we are not given a second chance to make a good first impression. We are only given one chance and we are to make the most of that one chance.

This is so important when we are witnesses for God, for our school, our families, our faith. As soon as people see us out in public there is an expectation of us who attend the oldest school in the country. There is an expectation of us who attend the only Methodist school in NZ, and sometimes when we don't take care to pay ATTENTION TO DETAIL, this is the impression we leave with them.

The Word of God, in many instances, uses two different words interchangeably ...detail and order. God stresses order which basically is the same thing as ATTENTION TO DETAIL. How can we live it every day?

Have a blessed day

## **TUESDAY, 8<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2017**

There was no Chapel message today

## **WEDNESDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2017**

Good Morning All

She's wet and windy here this morning Brrr! We give thanks for life and the new day.

GO WELL to Miss Lalakai and the Music students who are competing today at the Stand Up Stand Out competitions.

CONGRATULATIONS to Gabrielle Togatama who as a soloist has made the semi-finals.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs Pereira and the family on their new addition second grandson Kylo Pereira.

ATTENTION TO DETAIL is the theme for this week.

The Bible reading was from Philipppians 2:1-5 on pages 1293 and 1466 in the Wesley Bibles. We live in an ADD world. It seems like everybody has Attention Deficit Disorder because our technology - our tv's, computers and phones - constantly distracts us, and we no longer pay attention to the people or things around us.

When I walk into my prep class in the evenings, everyone is on their phones. Our heads are always down, and we're all engrossed in a video, a word game or listening to music, and our earphones keep us from hearing the people and sounds around us.

When I ask for phones to be handed in while we read a book for 20mins it's like WW 3 ... it's like 'separation anxiety' at the thought that they won't have their phones for 20 mins. If we want to have happier relationships, we need to re-learn the dying art of paying ATTENTION TO DETAIL and to people.

The Bible says in Philippians 2:4, *“Do not be interested only in your own life, but be interested in the lives of others.”*

By nature, we may not care what others are interested in. By nature, we may want the attention ourselves, but the greatest gift we can give someone is our attention and if we lose it, sometimes we will struggle to get it back. When we make the time and find the time to pay ATTENTION TO DETAIL - it is a simple but powerful tool in growing strong relationships. Are we interested in what our kids are interested in? Do we listen to what our partners have to say? Do we give our colleagues and friends our attention when they speak to us? Do we notice our neighbour as we walk by them in the mornings? Do we hear and see our friends when they try to speak to us?

Learning the lost art of paying ATTENTION TO DETAIL is an act of love. It will transform our relationships and help us live happier lives. Give the gift of our ATTENTION TO DETAIL.

Stay dry and warm.

Have a blessed day

**THURSDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2017**

Good Morning All

Overcast, grey and the threat of more rain. We continue to give thanks for the new day.

ATTENTION TO DETAIL.

The Bible reading was from 2 Timothy 3:14 -17 on pages 1328 and 1501 in the Wesley Bibles.

This morning the School watched a video clip entitled ‘ATTENTION TO DETAIL – LeBron James.’ James’ ATTENTION TO DETAIL allows him to be one of NBA Basketball’s All Stars. His ability to read a game and adapt his playing accordingly isn’t something which comes without thought and many an hour of practice. Even the slightest turn of an opposing player’s head and gaze is cause for James to recall a play and play it. The big picture is to win the game but it can’t be won without the ATTENTION TO DETAIL in the lead up to it.

The reading from Timothy expresses the same sentiment ... God’s Word is the ATTENTION TO DETAIL God gives us to live out and through and by in our everyday lives. Like Timothy we are encouraged to look to the past and to hold to the basic teachings of Christ we know and believe hold eternal truths for us.

God’s Word is ‘God-breathed’ and we are invited to read, to be inspired, to be guided by and to use it in our efforts to be like Christ. ATTENTION TO DETAIL is sourced in God’s Word, our safeguard at all times our direction and everyday measure.

Have a blessed day

**FRIDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2017**

Good Morning All

The sun is shining, everyone is smiling and we are thankful!

ALL THE BEST to Miss Jones and the Spoken Word Team who will compete in their semi-finals tomorrow at the Auckland Town Hall.

CONGRATULATIONS to the 1<sup>st</sup> XV who will play their semi-final tomorrow 12pm against St Peter's Cambridge here at Wesley.

GO WELL to all our rugby teams playing tomorrow. There are three home games starting at 10.30am.

THANK YOU to Tracey, James and Fale from the Health and Counselling Team who spoke in chapel of their work.

WELCOME to the All Blacks Team who will be holding a closed training session this afternoon here at Wesley before their game tonight.

WELCOME HOME to Nepo Laulala former student who is with the ABs. Nice!

PAYING ATTENTION TO DETAIL will help us achieve the outcomes we hope for.

The Bible reading was from 2 Corinthians 8:3-7 on pages 1263 and 1414 in the Wesley Bibles.

All week we have been speaking about the importance of paying ATTENTION TO DETAIL and how in every area of our lives - our physical and emotional wellbeing, our relationships with one another, our work and our leisure - ATTENTION TO DETAIL is vital. If we pay ATTENTION TO DETAIL, it will help us to be successful, to excel, to be good people, to help us to contribute to our world being a better place and none of all these things, are in any way bad. God's ways are good and God encourages us to live in these ways that we might realise our full potential, discover what we are capable of and live full lives.

If we take the time, make the time, find the time to pay ATTENTION TO DETAIL now, it will save us time.

This is our hope as our teams head to semis as well as for the All Blacks as they prepare for their games.

The believers of Corinth excelled at everything - they had faith, good preaching, much knowledge, earnestness and much love.

Paul encouraged the Corinthians to give as a response to God loving us and us loving others.

When we love someone we want to give them our time and ATTENTION. We want our loved ones to excel in every way.

We have been given an excellent way to live in paying ATTENTION TO DETAIL.

If we want to achieve excellence and be excellent, then paying ATTENTION TO DETAIL is most excellent way to go.

Have a blessed day and weekend.