

CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 9th JUNE 2017

MONDAY, 5th JUNE 2017

Queen's Birthday

TUESDAY, 6th JUNE 2017

Good Morning All

A beautiful sunny wintry day here at Wesley. We give thanks.

Our prayers for Vili Johansson who is in Middlemore Hospital recovering after surgery.

CONGRATULATIONS to Wesleyans Luteru Laulala and Sam Vaka who played in the NZ Provincial Barbarian's team against the Lions. The first game of the Lion's Tour was a very good showing by the Babas.

CONGRATULATIONS to Wesleyans Augustine Pulu and Hame Faiva who were named in the Blues Team to play the Lions tomorrow.

CONGRATULATIONS to the 1st XV who had an awesome win 28-13 against St Paul's Hamilton lifting the Rick Francis Shield and ending a 28 game winning streak for St Paul's. Thank you to the Coaching staff, team and supporters.

We continue with the theme PERSEVERANCE this week given it didn't get much air time last week.

Celebrating Queen's Birthday Weekend acknowledges our ties as a country to the UK and the British monarchy.

We celebrate the Queen's Birthday Honour List where New Zealanders here and abroad are acknowledged for their efforts in and across a range of fields and expertise serving their communities. CONGRATULATIONS to all recipients.

The Queen's Birthday long weekend enables us as a nation to enjoy an additional day of rest and time with family and friends.

It was interrupted with the news of another terrorist attack in London where again the innocent were the victims of those whose belief and faith causes them to practice in very extreme ways what it means to hold such views.

In the safety of where we are located as a country and nation, we know nothing of these extreme views and give thanks that we live in relative peace and isolation.

We cannot but give thanks and continue to PERSEVERE as a nation and people to respect diversity and difference, to embrace and to feel fortunate and blessed that we have what we have, and can share the same with those who equally seek the same in wanting to come and live here or anywhere else in the world. Our last Immigration statistics numbered 72,000

people arriving in New Zealand and while a proportion of those were kiwis coming home, the greater number were new migrants. The challenge is to PERSEVERE despite the worldly 'interruptions' that may come to unease our comfortability, and to be reminded that our faith and our belief calls us to the extremities of love and compassion grounded in God's love for all people.

Our thoughts and prayers for the people of the UK, our friends and families and especially those families who mourn the loss of loved ones.

Have a blessed day

WEDNESDAY, 7th JUNE 2017

Good Afternoon All

A brilliant wintry day here at Wesley! God is good!

We continue with the theme of PESERVERANCE for this week.

The Bible reading was from Romans 5:1-5 on pages 1214 and 1395 in the Wesley Bibles.

v3 Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces PERSEVERANCE;

v4 PERSEVERANCE, character; and character, hope.

V5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Our 1st XV have more home games this season than last year which is good in terms of school wide support for the team.

Playing away from home and without home support made for a very difficult season for the team and for the School.

In an effort to elicit support from the Students for the game this Saturday against Rathkeale College, a senior and member of the team addressed the School after chapel yesterday. He spoke from the heart in his attempt to engender support and is a die-hard Wesleyan, but his plea came across as more of a threatening demand which inspired fear not loyalty or support.

This morning it was explained that sometimes when we become so passionate about something, what we say or do sometimes doesn't quite reflect what is in our hearts and can sound and appear wrongly motivated.

The importance of our School spirit and the hope the 1st XV have, that we will be there to support them this Saturday, is an expectation which brings us together as a school in a way that the Juniors especially have never experienced before. The 1st XV hope is that our support will strengthen their character as they suffer the opposition. The hope is that our support will help them to PERSEVERE and not give up, help them to keep going in their effort to play strongly and to play well.

As a school it is part of our Special Character, spirit and family to support one another when we know others are in need, to show care and concern, compassion and love which God's love has poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

When we are of one mind and spirit, when we are of one accord and PERSEVERANCE, when we are of one heart and purpose who can be against us?

Have a blessed day

THURSDAY, 8th JUNE 2017

Good Morning All

It's a beautiful sunny wintry day here at Wesley. Blue skies and thankful hearts for the new day.

PERSEVERANCE is our mantra for this week.

The Bible reading was from Psalm 100:5

v5 For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Sometimes life deals us situations we think we can't possibly handle, we are caused to take stock and to question our actions, our belief, our faith. God's promise to PERSEVERE with us no matter what comes our way, is the promise which speaks to God's love and endurance, God's never giving up on us from the beginning of time over the generations. Sometimes we need that someone whom we don't need to articulate our feelings to, that someone who hears us without our need to speak, that someone who sees and knows our pain when we cannot bring ourselves to voice it.

v5 For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

We thank God for this persistent reminder, for God's PERSEVERING nudging and prodding of us to say V5 For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Have a blessed day

FRIDAY, 9th JUNE 2017

Good Morning All

Another beautiful sunny but cold day here on the farm. God is good!

CONGRATULATIONS to the 1st XIII who just lost to Aorere on Wednesday 12-10.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Junior Boy's Basketball team who won 43-24 against Waiuku.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Girl's Netball team who won 30-9 against Papatoetoe

GO WELL to all our teams playing tomorrow. 11.30am the 1st XV will play Rathkeale here at Wesley.

TGI fri-nally Friday and the end to Week 6 and our theme of PERSEVERANCE

The Bible reading was from Romans 5: 1-5 on pages 1214 and 1395 in the Wesley Bibles. Our themes for chapel this term are in sync with the emphasis and focus on our school work.

At the end of the day that's why we are here, to achieve the best possible outcomes academically that we can.

Are you ready to work hard ... Doing the hard yards ... Managing time ... and this week PERSEVERANCE all urge us to be encouraged ... don't give up ... to keep going ... to keep the faith ... kia kaha Uesele ... which all speak to having that attitudinal thinking that talks about determination, grit, doggedness, tenacity, tirelessness and endurance.

Every time we run onto the field, step onto the court or walk into the classroom, we are required to not only put in your best effort but sustain that effort at that best level all the time every time. This is PERSEVERANCE!

It's the same with our school work. What's our attitude when we walk into class?

Is it reflected in the fact that we've brought all our books, arrived on time, managed to be at school?

Are we stubborn, tenacious, dogged about our learning ... about our life and about our living?

PERSEVERE when we keep going, keep doing what we need to, we will achieve what we want to at the right time.

In this is our hope!

Have a blessed day and weekend.

