

CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 17th NOVEMBER 2017

MONDAY, 13th NOVEMBER 2017

Good Morning All

A beautiful spring day here at Wesley. God is good!

Welcome to Week 5. Our theme for this week is 'FOCUS: Don't drop the ball just yet!'

The Bible reading was from Proverbs 4:20-27 on pages 775 and 652 in the Wesley Bibles.

'It ain't over till it's over' or as in last weekend, 'it ain't over till the final whistle blows'

Both sayings, sentiments are synonymous with our theme for this week.

The weekend brought some exciting results if you are a league fan and following the World Cup.

Mate Maa Tonga toppled the Kiwis ... Samoa drew with Scotland ... Fiji beat Italy and Papua New Guinea beat the States. A news item in the weekend on the Fijian team had the headline 'A nation in focus.' It's quarter finals time and some interesting match ups and games to come.

As we head to the end of our term and academic year, the encouragement is to remain FOCUSSED –

Don't drop the ball just yet! There is still work to be completed. It ain't over till it's over. Be encouraged.

Proverbs 5:1-2 My son, stay focused; listen to the wisdom I have gained; give attention to what I have learned about life so you may be able to make sensible judgments and speak with knowledge.

Sometimes when things draw to an end, we tend to think that we can start to take things easy, begin to kick back and we're thinking it's ended already.

The reading reminds us to stay FOCUSSED and what facilitates this is the understanding that it requires our whole self - listening using our ears, keeping what has been told us in our hearts, watch what comes out of our mouths, make sure to set our eyes straight looking ahead, being careful where we walk, being steadfast in all that we do, keep our feet from wandering down the wrong path. When we involve our whole self, staying FOCUSSED comes easily to us.

The school year isn't over just yet, in order for us to all finish together, FOCUS - don't drop the ball just yet!

Have a blessed day

TUESDAY, 14th NOVEMBER 2017

Good Morning All

A beautiful sunny spring day and warm here at Wesley. God is good.

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Judge David Ambler - a son of the Hokianga and Wesley College.

A judge of the Maori Land Court, David was enrolled at Wesley in 1980. His mother Rev Mavis died only a few months ago.

She was very proud of him and of how a boy from the Hokianga could contribute back to society through his life and work.

THANK YOU to Mr Smythe who paid tribute to David this morning during chapel.

We continue to uphold Miss Manoa in our prayers, praying for a full recovery.

We pray too for Year 11 student Fotu Fisi'l'ahi who is having surgery this morning at Auckland Hospital.

REMINDER that this Friday is Senior Prize-giving at 3pm, Leaver's Chapel at 5.30pm followed by Dinner.

The whole School will attend Senior Prize-giving and then Leaver's Chapel.

Leaver's Dinner will be attended by the Year 12s and the Leaver's Class 2017, their families, Staff and Guests.

THANK YOU to Year 12 student Simione Ofa for leading chapel this morning.

We continue with our theme for this week: FOCUS - Don't drop the ball just yet!

The reading was from Philippians 3:15 to 20 on pages 1468 and 1295 in the Wesley Bibles.

When we hear someone say 'He dropped the ball' they're describing someone who didn't do the job right, someone who failed to complete an assignment, someone who doesn't see things through to the end. It can also describe someone who can't be depended on as well as a person who has made a humungus mistake, or has missed an opportunity. For example, sometimes people will say 'the goal was in sight, but he dropped the ball.'

It's the same with our faith, sometimes we aren't careful. We take our eye off the ball, we let it slip from our grasp, we fail to hold on to and to stay FOCUSED on those things important to our life.

We are encouraged to hold on tight to our faith, to stay FOCUSED on our hope, to sustain our confidence in Christ, to uphold our values, to defend our beliefs, to maintain our integrity, to affirm our self-worth, to cling to our Christian values.

In other words FOCUS - don't drop the ball just yet!

Let's keep doing what we have to, surround ourselves with people who are on the same track so we won't be distracted.

Let's be committed to the end, to working hard and staying FOCUSED. Only good things come from God's effort when we do.

Have a blessed day



WEDNESDAY, 15th NOVEMBER 2017

There was no Chapel message today.

THURSDAY, 16th NOVEMBER 2017

Good Morning All

Tis a lovely spring day here at Wesley! God is good!

WELCOME back to Miss Manoa. Good to have you back and almost well.

Our prayers continue for Fotu Fisi'i'ahi whom we visited yesterday at Auckland Hospital.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Yr 11 and 12 students who were awarded Merit certificates over the last two days.

We continue with our theme of FOCUS: Don't drop the ball just yet!

The Bible reading was Philippians 4:10-13 pages 1470 and 1297 in the Wesley Bibles.

To focus means to put all our time and energy into something. For example - trying to perfect a layup in basketball practicing drop kicks from all different positions on the rugby field, practicing to spike the volleyball at the net, trying to master a maths formula for solving the volume of a cube or triangle or trying to grasp writing a paragraph using the SEXY method. To be good at these skills we have to put in lots of time and energy. Practice, practice, practice, FOCUS!

To stay FOCUSSED means we have made the decision to see something through to the end no matter what. Nothing is going to stop us, nothing is going to distract us or get in the way of finishing the task. It means holding onto the ball ... staying FOCUSSED, hanging in there and not giving up.

The reading reminds us that when we have done everything we can, put all our energies and time into doing something and we have stuck with it through to the end, that we have another strength greater than ours that we can rely on too.

I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Sometimes when we think we can't possibly FOCUS anymore, we've reached the end of our own strength, we have no energy or will power left, we can do all things through him who strengthens us. It requires that we do our best, we give things a good go, we FOCUS and stay FOCUSSED!

God will always bless our efforts. We can do all things through him who strengthens us.

Have a blessed day

FRIDAY, 17th NOVEMBER 2017

There was no Chapel message today.

