

## CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 18<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2017

**MONDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2017**

There was no Chapel message today

**TUESDAY, 15<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2017**

There was no Chapel message today

**WEDNESDAY, 16<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2017**

There was no Chapel message today

**THURSDAY, 17<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2017**

Good Morning All

An overcast day here at Wesley and giving thanks all the time!

CONGRATULATIONS to HOD Maths Mr Pole, Dr Das and the Maths Dept for hosting Mathex 2017 lastnight here at Wesley.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Year 10 Team who placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you to the Year 9 Team who represented us well.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr Lawrence, Mr Short and the 1<sup>st</sup> XIII who took out the Auckland Rugby League Secondary School's Competition yesterday against Manurewa High in a nail biting 17-16 win. Nice!

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr Rob Short who was named by Auckland Rugby League as 1<sup>st</sup> XIII Manager of the Year. Nice RO!

Our theme for this week has been 'MY WHY.'

THANK YOU to Mr Pole and Mr Smythe who have led chapel worship this week. The Bible reading was from Romans 8: 38-39 on pages 1221 and 1400 in the Wesley Bibles. As Pasifika our collective 'WHY' begins and ends with a faith whose source is in God whom we can never be separated from. The reading from Romans reminds us what this looks like

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<sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. No matter where we go or what we do God will keep loving us no matter what because this is what God does, loves us unconditionally, no strings attached and no 'if you love me then I will love you. God's WHY doesn't work like that. God loves us for God's sake and thank God ... love us for ours.

Sometimes we can lose sight of our 'WHY' those things which are important to who we are and where we come from.

We can become so caught up in the 'WHY' of others too, that those things which are so integral to our way of doing and being in the world are relegated to less than what should be, second nature to us. Someone famous wrote 'We cannot know where we are going if we don't know where we have come from.' Our 'WHY' is that of our ancestors and forebears upon whose shoulders we now not only stand but confidently leap from into the unknown. We find our feet 'OUR WHY' from a place of knowing that we can never be separated from those who have gone before us whose faith kept them steadfast and continues to direct, guide and keep us steadfast today. God is good and whose goodness is and was and will always be ours.

Have a blessed day

**FRIDAY, 18<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2017**

Good Morning All.

A beautiful sunny day here at Wesley, the end of Week 4 and we give thanks!

WELCOME to Fielding High School who will arrive later today to prepare for their rugby game tomorrow.

CONGRATULATIONS to all our rugby teams who have made it this far into the season.

GO WELL to the 1<sup>st</sup> XV who play their final against Fielding tomorrow at 12pm.

Our home games tomorrow begin at 9.15 with the 2<sup>nd</sup> XV playing Dilworth.

Our theme for the week has been 'MY WHY'

The Bible reading was from Mark 12:30-31 on pages 1069 and 1247 in the Wesley Bibles.

A professor was traveling by boat somewhere and asked one of the sailors on board 'Do you know anything about Biology, Ecology, Zoology, Geography and Physiology?'

The sailor replied no to all the Professor's questions.

The Professor shocked said 'Well what do you know? You will die of illiteracy.'

After a while the boat hit an iceberg and began to sink.

The sailor asked the professor 'Do you know anything about Swimmology, Escapology from Sharkology?'

The professor replied no. 'Well' said the sailor, 'Sharkology and Crocology will eat your Assology and Headology and you will Dieology!'

Our theme has caused us to take stock and to consider what 'OUR WHY' is.

What is our purpose and reason for living, our *raison d'être*?

What is the most important reason for someone or something's existence?

Where is our *turangawaewae* ... what is our *wairua* ... what is our *mana*?

For the people of God it is God, our beginning and our end, and in whom we live and move and have our being.

This is our place of standing which speaks of soul and of spiritual strength. From this 'WHY' all other things come and go but this 'WHY' remains constant the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Our collective Wesley 'WHY' is God and the 'WHY' of Methodism - all are worthy, all are loved. We stand in God and in one another soul to soul and find our collective strength together. For this we are blessed and it translates into the many blessings we have experienced this week and every week as a school, as a family, as a community, as God's people.

Have a blessed day and weekend.

