

CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 17th FEBRUARY 2017

MONDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY 2017

Good Morning All

Tis overcast and windy here at Wesley today. We give thanks for the new day and week.

Our prayers and thoughts for the Liuaki Family on the passing of Sione Lauaki in the weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS to former student Willie Ofahengaue who was married recently. Blessings to you both.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Swimming Champions for 2017 and to Winstone House for winning the Swimming Sports.

Our theme for this week is Kairangi which means EXCELLENCE.

The Bible reading was from 2 Corinthians 8:7-12 on pages 1263 and 1441 in the Wesley Bibles.

When speaking about spiritual growth and maturity, Scripture calls us to abound or EXCEL in Christian character, especially in the various ways we can express love for one another. The quest for spiritual maturity comes with the pursuit of EXCELLENCE. Without the pursuit of EXCELLENCE, we may never reach our full potential nor achieve the promise of life in all its abundance which comes from a life with Christ. The quest for EXCELLENCE fuels our fire in the search of what is truth ... what is life ... and how best we can EXCEL in the pursuit of it.

Our Special Character and the Methodist ethos are living principles instilling within us how we are to live our life together as a school family and community Kairangi - EXCELLNCE is the Positive Behaviour for Learning programme introduced last year. The thinking is if we behave the way of Kairangi it will help us to learn better. Kairangi then sits within our Special Character and Methodist ethos.

Kairangi uses what we already know from our relationship with God and with one another values like faith, respect, caring for one another, love, family and helps us to see what that looks like in the different areas around the school.

Through our faith in God we learn the attitude of EXCELLENCE and what it looks like - always doing our best.

Kairangi breaks it down even more simply - what does EXCELLENCE look like in our school, our hostels, on the fields, in the classrooms ... places also where our respect for God and for one another live. An EXCELLENT way!

Have a blessed day

TUESDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY 2017

Good Morning All

It's a wet but warm day here at Wesley. We give thanks for each new day.

Kairangi - EXCELLENCE is our mantra for the week.

The Bible reading was from Philippians 4:4-9 on pages 1297 and 1468 in the Wesley Bibles. Jesus lived in pursuit of EXCELLENCE which always saw him do what was fair, right and just by everyone.

He achieved it with little or no money meaning the excuse that we don't have money isn't an excuse.

EXCELLENCE costs us nothing except to want to follow Christ's example, to want to do our best all the time in school, out of school, at home and in our communities. It calls for us to be consistent, diligent, zealous and disciplined.

All of these ways are the ways of EXCELLENCE and helps us to be our best, helps us to be EXCELLENT in our attitude and our behaviour. Jesus role modelled the way of EXCELLENCE.

Today's reading helps us to think about the EXCELLENCE we are inspired by Christ to pursue and to achieve.

[Philippians 4:8](#) Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.

Dwelling on these things is all good but there has to be a time when we have to show what EXCELLENCE looks like in our everyday life.

How do we show excellence when we walk into a classroom, when we are walking through the corridors passing rooms where classes are still working, when we are out in the Quad or in the Dining Room?

Its 24/7 stuff an attitude of excellence ... no half measures ... no 'I will be excellent just during my Form Class when the Form teacher can see me' ... it calls for a committed attitude to always do our best no matter what we are doing or where we are. If we all do it ... if we all have an attitude of EXCELLENCE and then practice it every day, we will become better at it and our school will become an even better place for it.

Have a blessed day

WEDNESDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY 2017

Good Morning All

It's blue skies, cloudy and warm here at Wesley today. We give thanks to God for the new day.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Senior Touch team who had their first hit out yesterday at Bruce Pulman Park.

KAIRANGI - EXCELLENCE is our theme for this week.

The Bible reading was from 1 Thessalonians 5: 12-18 on pages 1310 and 1484 in the Wesley Bibles.

We are reminded by the reading of the way of EXCELLENCE in our relationships with God and with one another. Respect, working hard, love, encouragement, patience, kindness and no pay backs. When we live as in v 18 ... for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus, then it follows that we will always be joyful, will always be thankful in all circumstances, will always pray.

How EXCELLENT is this way when we understand God's will for us in Christ Jesus.

This morning Year 13 students Leuatea Tema and Kalapu Palelei addressed the School and shared of their three month experience at Queens College, Somerset in the UK. They presented EXCELLENTLY looking sharp in their uniform and demeanour, their speech was EXCELLENT, articulate and clear, the content of their messages was EXCELLENT, concise and succinct. Both young men provided an EXCELLENT platform and benchmark for further student presentations and speakers to follow. Leuatea and Kalapu encouraged the School to work hard and to try their best if given the same opportunity. They have certainly returned all the better for their experience ... EXCELLENT!

HAVE A BLESSED DAY

THURSDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY 2017

Good Morning All

It's a very wet but warm day at Wesley today. God is good!

Welcome home to the Chairperson of the Trust Board Rev Diana and Lesley after being away in Thailand.

Safe travels to Ray and Joy Johnston who are on their way to the Chatham Islands.

Safe travels also to Rev Ian Faulkner and Sonia who are in Vietnam.

Our prayerful thoughts for Rev and Mrs Tema as they prepare to leave for China.

Our theme as we draw to the week's end has been KAIRAINCI- EXCELLENCE.

The Bible reading was from Colossians 3:12-17 on pages 1303 and 1477 in the Wesley Bibles.

V12 Therefore as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

V13 Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

V14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

V15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.

And be thankful,
The way of EXCELLENCE!

Stay dry

Have a blessed day

FRIDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY 2017

Good Morning All

Fri-nally Friday!

Our day began very wet but streaks of blue in our sky holds out hope for a finer day. We give thanks for the new day whatever the weather.

Our prayerful thoughts for our people, family and friends in Christchurch who have lost their homes as fires continue to rage there.

Go well to all our cultural groups as they strive to do their best in preparation for Polyfest in March.

The end of our week and our theme of KAIRANGI-EXCELLENCE

The Bible reading was from Philippians 1:3-10 on pages 1290 and 1465 in the Wesley Bibles.

EXCELLENT people exceed expectations. In other words, they go the extra mile, doing more than is asked, and they take extra steps to ensure whatever they do, they do their best. Our quote for today from Ronnie Oldham Excellence is the result of caring more than others think is wise

Risking more than others think is safe
Dreaming more than others think is practicable
Expecting more than others think is possible

EXCELLENCE doesn't mean that we don't make mistakes, but it does mean faith and determination are needed.

To be EXCELLENT at whatever God calls us to, we can ask for strength and courage, persistence and patience. We are not alone.

A person who strives for EXCELLENCE doesn't give up when they make mistakes nor do they avoid doing stuff because they think they might fail or get it wrong. Don't think of today's failures but of the success that may come tomorrow.

We will succeed if we persevere; and we will find joy in overcoming obstacles.

The true goal of EXCELLENCE is to do the best we can with what we have at every moment.

Jim Elliot once said, "Wherever you are--be all there." Make it our ambition to live out our gifts and talents to the fullest.

Have a blessed day and weekend