

CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 22nd SEPTEMBER 2017

MONDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Malo e lelei

THANK YOU to Tumuaki Rev Diana Chairperson of the Trust Board for leading evening worship last night.

The service was well received by the students who enjoyed hearing from the Tumuaki. Our prayers and thoughts for Mr Roy Valley who is in hospital after being hit by a car last week. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Our prayers also for Mrs Audrey Valley as she continues to return to wellness.

Welcome to Week 9 and for us here at Wesley Uike Fakalea Tonga - Tongan Language Week. Malo 'aupito to Mr Siosuia Pole who led Staff briefing this morning at the start of Uike Fakalea Tonga.

The theme for this year is: 'Nofo-'a-Kaainga: Enriching Aotearoa New Zealand with Tongan values of family.'

Monite - Monday Theme: FAKA'APA'APA - ko e talatalaifale 'a e tamai. Respect - a father's advice.

Malo 'aupito to Rev Ikilifi Pope and his daughter former Wesley student Simulata Pope for sharing the message for the day.

Malo 'aupito to our Tongan students who led chapel worship this morning.

Monuia ki aho

TUESDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Malo e lelei

Another sunny blue skies day here at Wesley. God is good!

Malo 'aupito to all our Tongan students who led worship this morning.

Malo 'aupito to the musical group Three Houses Down who inspired us all with their encouraging messages about gaining a good education, dreaming big, a love for family and how that can motivate one to the greatest heights, ambition and career path. Again like many

Pasifika people humble beginnings, sacrifice and the parental dream of education as a way to success and achievement ... it was also their hope.

Sione one of three brothers left school without any qualifications. He was declined entry to Auckland University and MIT because of his lack of qualifications leaving secondary school and realised the only way he was going to get anywhere was to return to school as an adult student. He did this and through hard work and determination graduated as from his Engineering course as an architect. He has designed many of the newer buildings in NZ and has represented NZ overseas.

Sione now lectures at Auckland University to Stage 3 Engineering students. Sione and his brothers have established two Companies in construction and engineering providing employment for many and give back to their communities. Their success also allows them to follow their love of music and they are as successful in this medium as they are in business.

Monuia ki aho

WEDNESDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER 2017

There was no Chapel message today.

THURSDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER 2017

Malo e lelei!

A bit overcast this morning. God is good!

We continue with Uike fakalea Tonga.

Our guest this morning was Mr John Nicholas Pulu the face of Tagata Pasifika.

A television and radio broadcaster John's story resonates with so many of us who are Pasifika.

Brought up in Southside, attended Otahuhu College, parents who worked very hard and the importance of education.

A strong faith, a good work ethic and attitude are the building blocks to achieving one's goals and dreams.

John encouraged the sharing of Tongan family values and the importance of reconnecting and maintaining those important links with our island homes ... our places of origin.

The emphasis on speaking and encouraging the speaking of the Tongan language is also an important link to nurturing and growing strong Tongan family values.

Monuia ki aho

FRIDAY, 22nd SEPTEMBER 2017

Malo e lelei

Welcome to the end of Week 9 and Uike Fakalea Tonga.

It's been a wonderful week of worship, of sharing the Tongan language and culture, as well as hear the stories from many prominent members of the Tongan community of their struggles and achievements.

Malo 'aupito to Miss Manoa, Mr Pole, Mrs Tangi and all the Tongan students who have led us.

We have been blessed by the blessing you have been to us this week. Malo 'aupito 'aupito.

Monuia ki aho

