

CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 19th MAY 2017

MONDAY, 15th MAY 2017

There was no Chapel Message today.

TUESDAY, 16th MAY 2017

Good Morning All

It's overcast and not so warm here at Wesley today. We give thanks for the new day.

WELCOME to the House Leaders from Tehihi Primary School visiting us this morning.

Our PRAYERS for former student Lahn So'oula, Hostel Parent Paul So'oula and their family as they mourn the loss of their son and grandson.

We pray for Yr 12 student Semisi Fa'asisila and their family as they care for their mother who is in hospital.

We pray for Adrienne Vickers, Desiree Pole and their families as they care for their father also in hospital.

REMINDER this weekend we have four home games including the 1st XV against Rotorua at 12pm.

REMINDER this Sunday is WESLEY DAY our special School service for Term 2. All our parents and families Boarders and Day students are invited to join us for the service at 10am and then for lunch afterwards.

Our theme for this week is MANAGING TIME

The Bible reading was from Exodus 18:17-23 on pages 77 and 92 in the Wesley Bibles. We were reminded yesterday by the writer of Ecclesiastes that there is a time for everything. When we give it up and over to God, when we do everything in prayer and in thankfulness we will be given all we need.

Today the reading reminds about priorities, organisation and setting goals - all the things we need to be successful, just to be.

If we are organised and use our time as given and wisely, then whatever life deals us, they won't seem so huge.

If we take care to do the small things, the details and sometimes the boring stuff, it then sets us up for those mishaps and surprises that life can sometimes deal to us. When we've used our time wisely then we won't feel strung out or left of centre field. We will still feel centred because we have organised ourselves, set priorities and set goals.

When Moses' father-in-law Jethro had some advice for him on how to do things right, Moses listened.

Sometimes it's ok to listen and to receive advice from those who may be a little older, a little wiser, who have been around a little longer. It's alright to listen and to follow their advice, it's ok to listen and to seek their help.

Sometimes we need help to do stuff, we don't have to do it all ourselves.

Have a blessed day

WEDNESDAY, 17th MAY 2017

Good Morning All

It's a wet windy day here at Wesley but warm. We are thankful!

We mourn today the passing of Mrs Sosefina Fa'asisila mother of former students Sanitesi, Mele and Isikeli as well as current students Semisi and Unga. A staunch supporter and mother of our School, our prayers and thoughts for the Fa'asisila Family at this time.

We continue to uphold also in prayer the Mortensen and So'oula families as they continue to remember their loved ones.

We pray for Mr Warrick Sanson former Deputy Principal who is unwell.

We continue with our theme of MANAGING TIME

The Bible reading was from Proverbs 31: 12-19, 25-31 on pages 687 and 811 in the Wesley Bibles.

Our School and community has been hit hard with death and dying and as a family we grieve together.

Questions are asked about death and dying that sometimes we will never know the answers to.

What we do know is ... God is love, God is with us, God gives us strength ,, in this is our faith and belief and hope.

We have as a nation just celebrated Mother's Day and the reading reminds us of the virtues and example our Mothers are.

In terms of MANAGING TIME they are the classic examples of sacrificial love and devotion whose time is spent ensuring that the time their family spends isn't spent idly or wasted.

They make time for us, they spend the whole of their lives 'doing time' for us unconditionally and sometimes without thanks.

The students were encouraged this morning to make time for their parents and families while they have them and can.

When our parents are no longer with us it is neither time for regret nor is it time that can be brought back.

We are called to make the most of the time we have and to use every God given moment enjoying the gift of family we are blessed with.

This is MANAGING TIME well.

When peace, like a river, is with me on my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, You have taught me to say,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Have a blessed day

THURSDAY, 18th MAY 2017

Good Afternoon

It's wild wet and windy here at Wesley. We give thanks for the new day.

CONGRATULATIONS to our 1st XIII League team who scored a draw on Wednesday.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Senior Girl's Netball team who won their game 24-15.

The services for Mrs Fa'asisila will be held at Saione Church 89-93 Carruth Road, Papatoetoe on Sunday evening 7-10pm and then her funeral service 10am on Monday.

THANK YOU to Yr 11 students Calais McSheffrey, Gabrielle Togatama and Yr 12 Sharon Tuipala for sharing their experience and time away at SLAM Camp for Spoken Word. Gabrielle presented a Spoken Word about her father and his fight against cancer and death. Calais and Sharon presented together a Spoken Word about relationships.

We continue with our theme for this week of MANAGING TIME.

The Bible reading was from Ephesians 5:15-17 on pages 1287 and 1462 in the Wesley Bibles.

How can we make the best use of our time? Time saving aids are only useful if we use them. There are many things in our life which aren't equal but time is something that everyone has and everyone has the same amount of.

We can't manage time in terms of controlling it, we can't slow it down or try to recapture it once it has passed.

So how do we get ahead if we all have the same amount of time?

The clue is in the phrase 'work smarter, not harder.'

Can things be done more efficiently or eliminated altogether.

Are the things we are doing helping us to achieve our goals.

Managing our time isn't about squeezing as many tasks as possible into our day. It's about simplifying how we work Re-arranging and re-imagining to make the best use of our time. It's about working in sync with God's timing and will and when 'willing' we will be blessed with all the time every time and have all the time we need.

Have a blessed day

FRIDAY, 19th MAY 2017

Good Morning All

It's blue skies, no rain for the moment and a little wind. God is good!

WELCOME to the students and staff from Macleans College visiting us for the morning.

WELCOME to the representatives from the Solomon Group an organisation offering help for students with their NCEA.

Former student Neemia Suafo'a shared information about the organisation and their services to assist young people.

A HUGE weekend for us with four home games including the 1st XV against Rotorua, Wesley Day on Sunday morning and our attendance at the Fa'asisila Funeral on Sunday evening. We wish all our teams well in the preparation for and playing of tomorrow's fixtures. Kia kaha!

Thank God it's Friday! The end of a busy week.

THANK YOU to Year 13 students Bailey Allender, Sione Hafoka and Motu Ofisa who led chapel this morning.

The Bible reading Bailey based his message on was from Matthew 25:1-13 on pages 1040 and 1214 in the Wesley Bibles.

Bailey shared the story of the Ten Virgins and in relating it to our theme for this week MANAGING TIME, encouraged us to be prepared at all times because we don't know when the Lord will come again.

v13 Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

Being prepared should be part of our everyday practice so that we aren't caught out, off guard or off our game.

If we include being prepared in our everyday living, when surprised it won't be a biggie because we've done what we need to.

Whether it's school work, sport, whether at home with our families or churches and communities there is preparation and readiness on all fronts to be prepared for. We all want to be ready. We all want to be prepared and our MANAGING TIME is the tie breaker.

Have a blessed day and weekend

