

## CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 24<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2017

### MONDAY, 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2017

Good Morning All

A beautiful sunny day here at Wesley. To God be the glory!

It is with great sadness and the greatest of respect that we acknowledge the passing of the Tongan Queen Mother Halaevalu Mata'aho widow of King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV. We pray for His Serene Highness Prince Tungi grandson of the Queen Mother and former student of Wesley.

We give thanks to God for the Queen Mother's life and her contribution not only to Tonga but to the Pacific and the world.

Our prayerful thoughts for the Tongan Royal Family, the people and nation of Tonga..

Our theme for this week is RESPECT

The Bible reading was from Philippians 2: 1-5 on pages 1293 and 1466 in the Wesley Bibles. Thank you to Year 10 students Tui Asaua, Eliejar Kiole and Jay Maynard who shared of their experience entering the W.H Smith Memorial Chapel which has been closed since 2014. Each spoke of the greatest RESPECT for a place of worship that has served our School for many years. They spoke of their joy at being able to enter such a 'holy' space and how privileged and honoured they were for the opportunity. They were very thankful and said they could feel the wairua of the many who have gone before who have worshipped in the Chapel. They could understand for the first time why everyone loves the old chapel.

Definition of RESPECT for Kids by Kids includes how you feel about someone and how you treat them.

RESPECT for someone means you think good things about who a person is or how they act. You can have respect for others, and you can have respect for yourself.

RESPECT is how you treat someone, you act in a way that shows you care about their feelings and well-being.

Showing RESPECT for others includes things like not calling people mean names, treating people with courtesy, caring enough about yourself that you don't do things you know can hurt you.

Have a blessed day

### TUESDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2017

Good Morning All

An overcast day but warm here at Wesley. God is good!

RESPECT is our theme for this week.

The Bible reading was from Deuteronomy 6:1-9 on pages 184 and 218 in the Wesley Bibles.

The reading is the reminder that we cannot know something or someone unless there is a connection or relationship.  
That it is from out of the relationship and connection that we learn to love and to RESPECT accordingly.  
Hence the call to love God with all our heart and soul and strength.  
The commandments were to be 'upon' the people's hearts and verses 7-9 tells us what that looked like in their everyday living.

Faith is a huge part of our life here at School, an integral part of our everyday living. Our faith is not information oriented but life-oriented in that we use the context of our daily life to learn about God.  
For our children to have a faith and to follow God, then God is a part of our everyday life experience.  
Our children will see God in all aspects of life not just those which are Church related. God's love for people speaks of a love that is unconditional and never ending. It speaks of RESPECT and a regard for all of life and all of creation. A relationship with God enables us to see God's heart and to know God's intention for us.  
Heart and soul stuff.

Have a blessed day



**WEDNESDAY, 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2017**

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Afternoon All

The Memorial Service for the late Queen Mother of Tonga will be held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm at Favona Road, Mangere.

Staff attending so far will be Rev Tasi, Siosuia Pole, Lavinia Manoa.

All students are to be in their full Numbers and we will leave at 6pm.

A list of students attending will be posted as soon as it is finalised.

Many thanks

**THURSDAY, 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2017**

Good Morning All

It's beautiful and sunny here at Wesley. We are always thankful.

Our heartfelt prayers go out to the Kamira Family who yesterday lost their house as a result of a fire.

Three of the family Catalina, Serafina and Kailah are former students and the family do a great work in fostering children from the Cook Islands.

At this stage we will attend the Memorial Service being held at Favona Road Church in Mangere at 7pm for the late Queen Mother of Tonga Halaevalu Mata'aho. An early dinner at 5pm and leaving for the service at 5.30pm.

Tomorrow is our House competition Athletics Day. All our families and community are welcome to join us.

RESPECT is our theme for this week.

The Bible reading was from Mark 12:28-34 on pages 1069 and 1246 in the Wesley Bibles. Earlier on in the week we read from Deuteronomy 6 of the command to love God with all our heart and soul and strength.

In the gospel today we are asked to love God with all our heart, soul, strength and mind and to love our neighbour.

Our message in chapel for the day began with an apology from a Year 12 student for assaulting a younger student.

Perhaps not a good start to the day but a reminder certainly of our responsibility to look out for the most vulnerable.

Our words mean nothing if we don't mean it.

Our reciting the School Prayer means nothing if we don't mean it.

Our attending chapel every morning and giving thanks to God means nothing if we don't mean it.

It takes all our heart and soul and mind and strength to bring meaning to what we say and do.

Have a blessed day

**FRIDAY, 24<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2017**

There was no Chapel Service today

