

CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 24th MARCH 2017

MONDAY, 20th MARCH 2017

Good Morning All

Welcome to Week 8 of an eleven week Term 1.

A beautiful sunny warm day here this morning. God is good!

Our prayerful thoughts for Kalolaine Ikavuka former Head Girl Prefect whose father has passed away.

Kalolaine continues to give back to the School through her work as a Prep Supervisor in the evenings.

Our prayerful thoughts also for Mrs Pereira and her family as they grieve the loss of both an Aunt and Uncle this week.

They are Mrs Pereira's mother's brother and sister. The funerals will be held in Samoa.

Our theme this week is GIVING THANKS.

The Bible reading was from Psalm 95:1-7 on pages 614 and 731 in the Wesley Bibles.

This morning in chapel we took a moment to GIVE THANKS to God for all that we have.

We sung for joy to the Lord extolling our God with THANKS and praise in music and song, in the reading of the Word and in prayer for God's goodness reflected these past weeks through our cultural groups as they prepared for Polyfest.

The results and outcome seem superfluous to what happened in the weeks prior to the competition.

We witnessed a coming together of the various groups with single-minded purpose - to do their best, to represent our School with pride.

As a small school it's a mean feat to even think about competing at Polyfest.

The perseverance, the determination, the effort, the patience and the will to give only of their best and nothing less, was apparent day in day out.

We witnessed young men and women rise up to lead and tutor their groups in ways which were both nurturing and encouraging.

We saw students from different ethnicities join groups other than their own ethnic group - at the end of the day the only group which counted was WESLEY.

Unity and a spirit of oneness is what marks this time as special and to see our children on and off the stage at their best, is something quite special.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU to all our Staff, former students, tutors, our parents and families for all your hard work and support.

The biggest THANK YOU to our students!

Tongan Group: 1st Kailao, 2nd Lakalaka out of 8 schools. Tomasi Otukolo 1st Year 13 Speeches, Lepolo Paea 1st Year 12 Speeches.

Kapahaka: placed 5th out of 18 schools. 2nd in the Poi and 3rd in the Moteatea

Samoa Group: placed 4th overall out of 7 schools. 4th Fa'ataupati, 4th Sasa, 4th Toniga

Niuean Group: 1st Costume, 3rd Entrance, 2nd Meke, 2nd Takalo, 2nd Male leader was Xavier Faitala. Gabrielle Togatama placed 3rd in her speech.

God is good!

Have a blessed day.

TUESDAY, 21st MARCH 2017

Good Morning All

Tis overcast and windy but warm. It's dark in the mornings and the seasons are changing.

We GIVE THANKS for God's timing in this season of Lent.

The Bible reading was from Proverbs 17:22

'A cheerful heart is good medicine but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.'

We continue our theme of GIVING THANKS

An attitude of gratitude begins with a cheerful heart and comes from being happy.

When our hearts are filled with joy and we are joyous, there's the sense that this is a good buzz, a good place and space to be in, something to continue, something to maintain, a way which brings enjoyment not just for oneself but for others too.

When our hearts are happy our minds are caused to respond, and our response is to do good stuff and it is infectious!

The quote on the Week Ahead for today reads:

'I am currently under construction THANK YOU for your patience.'

Our children are exactly this 'under construction' and require our patience and love and care.

When reminding our students to smile last week on stage, they realised how their joy translated to their singing and dancing.

It was infectious and one smile led to another and everyone's energy and effort levels rocked.

When we provide an environment where our young people are happy, they will learn an attitude of gratitude and GIVE THANKS.

Have a blessed day

WEDNESDAY, 22nd MARCH 2017

Good Morning All

Another overcast day with sightings of blue skies and the sun peering through at times. God is good!

Our thoughtful prayers for Mrs Doreen Gayner grandmother of Year 9 student Anthony Gayner.

Doreen was the seamstress for the Samoan Group and in the weekend suffered a bad fall.

She awaits surgery whilst in Middlemore Hospital. We pray for a speedy recovery.

We continue to GIVE THANKS not just this week because it is our theme, but every week. Not just today but every day!

The Bible reading was from 1 Chronicles 16:34

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good! His steadfast love endures forever!

The basis of praise is declaring God's character and attributes. When we recognise and affirm God's goodness we hold up and declare a way of living that speaks of God's majesty, mercy and love.

When we offer genuine praise to God we ascribe all glory to our Creator.

Remembering what God has done and continues to do in our lives, telling others about what God does, sharing God's glory with others and offering gifts of self, time and resources, are the marks of true thankfulness.

If we are truly THANKFUL our lives will truly demonstrate it.

Have a blessed day

THURSDAY, 23rd MARCH 2017

There was no Chapel message today

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FRIDAY, 24th MARCH 2017

Good Morning All

The end of Week 8 and only three weeks of this term left. We GIVE THANKS!

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all our families and friends in London and the UK after the terrorist attack yesterday.

As the Principal reminded us this morning - we GIVE THANKS that we live in a peaceful country here in NZ.

THANK YOU to the BOT for the Staff outing tonight. Enjoy!

Chapel will resume as normal this Sunday with worship at 10am and 7pm.

Our theme for this week has been GIVE THANKS. While we don't need reminding about those things we are THANKFUL for, our theme has certainly made us stop and think about those things.

The Bible reading was from I Thessalonians 5:11-18 on pages 1310 and 1484 in the Wesley Bibles.

The season of Lent reminds us that the most important reason for us to be THANKFUL is - we believe in God who loves us no matter what ... who loves us unconditionally ... who loves us for who we are.

We GIVE THANKS to God for being able to see how important it is for us to know we are loved.

We're also reminded of Jesus' death. God understands we're only human and that we will get things wrong and stuff up, but the hope is that in and through what Jesus' death does for us, we will learn from our mistakes and move on. We GIVE THANKS to God for understanding this about us.

God promises to be with us always and is within each of us. We GIVE THANKS to God for knowing that we need someone looking out for us 24/7.

The attitude of gratitude, of GIVING THANKS and of being thankful, helps us to get through the tough times.

We GIVE THANKS for ways that make us strong and able to cope.

Believing in Jesus gives us the strength to handle any situation. The Bible reminds us that when we have the 'mind of Christ' we will understand that it isn't the situation that's the problem, it's our response that makes it easier or more difficult.

Like everything else an attitude of gratitude takes practice. There is a lot to be THANKFUL for and sometimes we just have to keep reminding ourselves every day what those things are.

Have a blessed day and weekend.