

CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 28th JULY 2017

MONDAY, 24th JULY 2017

Good Morning All

WELCOME BACK to all our staff and students after the holidays.

Hope everyone is well, rested and ready for Term 3!

Our prayerful thoughts for Year 9 Legend Harris whose brother passed away during the holidays. Our condolences to the Harris Family.

CONGRATULATIONS to Rev Graeme Cane former Chaplain of Wesley College now living in Nelson who celebrated his 80th birthday recently.

Rev Cane was the Chaplain at the time when Girls were re-admitted to the College and extends his best wishes to all at the School.

WELCOME to our new Gappers Eric and Florian from Germany.

Our theme for this first week is HOSPITALITY - Welcome Back!

The Bible reading was from Matthew 10:40-42 on pages 1`018 and 1193 in the Wesley Bibles.

Every one of us can be a one-person welcoming committee, a goodwill ambassador for the school, the Church, our families and for Jesus Christ.

Everyone enjoys and benefits from receiving HIOSPITALITY and it is especially important that some - like visitors, new people, shy people, unwell people, lonely people - receive lots of HOSPITALITY and love.

We're exhorted in the New Testament to be HOSPITABLE - to in fact be 'given to hospitality.' This doesn't just refer to having people in our homes but to offer HOSPITALITY in the ways we speak to one another, in the ways we treat one another, in the ways we relate to one another.

At the end of last term we had a group of students Calais McSheffrey, Gabrielle Togatama and Sharon Tuipala who gave of their time to provide food, clothing and Bibles for the homeless in Downtown Auckland.

During the holidays students attended a funeral in support of another student and their family.

There are staff who give over and over again and beyond of their time to help students to achieve.

In all these ways we are 'given to HOSPITALITY,' we are being welcoming and sharing that which is of the heart.

HOSPITALITY is a matter of the heart and when our hearts are attuned to the urging of Christ's heart in us, then HOSPITALITY comes effortlessly through us to others. Simply effortless ... simply Christ ... simply us!

Have a blessed day

TUESDAY, 25th JULY 2017

Good Morning All

Feels like the calm before the storm given the weather warning for the end of the week. We give thanks for the calm.

WELCOME to former Deputy Principal Roger Biddle who joined us for chapel this morning.

We continue to pray for Year 12 student AJ Lemalu who is recovering from a severely broken leg.

We pray for Mr Owen Reeve who continues to recover at home.

We pray for Sue and Vic Fryer who leave for China this Friday. Safe travels.

Happy Birthday to Brandon!

We continue with our theme for the week of HOSPITALITY.

The Bible reading was Luke 9 :10-17 on pages 1093 and 1274 in the Wesley Bibles. Our God is a welcoming God ... a God of HOSPITALITY who welcomes anyone and everyone. With Jesus as our example, we should never be shy about welcoming others about showing others HOSPITALITY.

Whether it's welcoming people into our homes, visitors to our school, or just saying hello to strangers on the street, as God's people we should show the welcoming attitude of God. Yesterday's reading reminded us that when we are HOSPITABLE to others we are being HOSPITABLE to Christ, when we are being welcoming to others we are welcoming Christ amongst us.

If we're to follow Jesus' example, then we should be as welcoming as Jesus is in today's reading. Not only did Jesus treat the crowds with kindness by welcoming them, He did something for them offering HOSPITALITY - Jesus fed them, told them about the Kingdom and He healed them. Being HOSPITABLE, showing HOSPITALITY is more than just saying hello - it's finding ways to bless people.

Yesterday we welcomed the new Gappers from Germany Eric and Florian.

Today we welcome from Queens College in Somerset, England two of their students who are with us for a few weeks Callum Lane and Josh Jolliff have come to experience something new in our way of life and culture as a school and community. We will make them welcome and show them much in the way of our HOSPITALITY.

Have a blessed day

WEDNESDAY, 26th JULY 2017

Good Morning

Blue skies and clouds over Wesley for which we always give thanks.

CONGRATULATIONS to our 3rd XV who won their fixture 29-15 against Strathallan 1st XV.

Thank you to our new students from the UK Callum Lane and Josh Jollitt who took to the field in the second half for contributing to the team effort and win.

HOSPITALITY is our theme for the week.

The Bible reading was from Mark 12: 28-31 on pages 1069 and 1247 in the Wesley Bibles. The Two Greatest Commandments are the reminder of the living principles the commandments are for our life.

They guide and provide the measure by which we live in relationship with God, with creation, with one another.

The premise for our way of living in the world then, is to be in relationship with the One who first loved and continues to love us, without measure and without stipulation. God's love is unconditional. This is HOSPITALITY immeasurable.

A strength we have as a School and as Methodists lies in the phrase 'Methodism born in song'. Singing is still an important means of learning about, sharing and celebrating our faith.

It is a way of HOSPITALITY which embraces and draws us together every morning. It is our time to 'touch base' as a family and community with God, with creation and with one another.

Our singing ... our singing in all the different languages is both welcoming, warming and voices the HOSPITALITY of the One to whom all praise and glory we honour.

Have a blessed day

THURSDAY, 27th JULY 2017

Good Morning

It's blue skies and clouds again over Wesley this morning and not so cold! We give thanks. WELL DONE to the 1st XIII who unfortunately lost their game yesterday 22-16 against Manurewa High School.

HOSPITALITY.

This morning we watched two short Youtube clips 'Moments of Respect in Rugby' and the 'Tribute Hakaz for Jonah Lomu.'

The way of God's HOSPITALITY provides a HOSPITABLE way of living alongside our neighbour. HOSPITALITY is a matter close to God's heart and a matter for our hearts as we endeavour to find our way in the world.

God's HOSPITALITY is the way of respect, it is the way of family, it is the way of responsibility, it is a most excellent way to live.

If we are loving and compassionate, if we are caring and concerned, if we are kind and considerate then our hearts are working to full capacity - the capacity to share the same, with those whom we love and those whom we find hard to love.

Have a blessed HOSPITABLE day

FRIDAY, 28th JULY 2017

Good Morning All

End of the first week!

Overcast but warm here at Wesley this morning. We give thanks for the new day.

GO HARD and safe travels to the 1st XV and staff who are travelling down to Wanganui today for their game against Wanganui Collegiate tomorrow.

GO WELL to all our teams playing tomorrow. We have five home games starting at 9.15am

HOSPITALITY has been our theme for this week.

The Bible reading was again Mark 12:28-31 on pages 1069 and 1247 in the Wesley Bibles.

Thank you to the Yr 12 students who led worship in chapel this morning - Sharon Tuipala, Semisi Fa'asisila, Mesa Saukuru, Kulaea Uluaki'afua and Rachael Taufa. The Team attended the Dream Fono Camp supported by the University of Auckland along with other students from throughout the country in the first week of the holidays. The focus was around leadership and with three workshops per day they were kept busy. There were Ambassadors from the University working with the students some of whom were former Wesley students which made them proud.

'Dreams are for free but the hustle is sold separately' is one of many slogans that stood out for the team.

The experience strengthened the student's belief in themselves as well as putting to rest some stereotypes.

'Manatu ki api' think of home ... was another philosophy which they came away with. Make our parents and families proud, remember where we have come from and who you are. Love God + Love our neighbour = HOSPITALITY.

Have a blessed day and weekend.

