

## CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 3rd NOVEMBER 2017

### MONDAY, 30<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2017

Good Morning All

Welcome to the start of Week 3. It's overcast but warm. God is good!

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr and Mrs Reeve who celebrate their 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary today.

Our theme for this week is ENCOURAGEMENT!

The Bible reading was from Joshua 1:5-9 on pages 258 and 216 in the Wesley Bibles.

Some of us are encouraged by the new government and look forward in hope to a return to a country which cares for its people and environment.

We're encouraged over the last years at our overall academic achievement as a school. We can be encouraged to maintain and to continue that good work in the hope, that we always do what is best for our students and for our school.

Last week Mr Bean introduced an incentive to encourage staff to commend good student behaviour, in the hope that learning what good behaviour is, it will eventually come naturally to them. We live in hope.

Encouragement and hope are tantamount to the same outcome we are wanting to achieve when we ENCOURAGE one another.

Erma Bombeck American humourist wrote, 'When I stand before God at the end of my life I would hope, that I would not have a single bit of talent left and say ... I used everything you gave me.'

Joshua was given a huge task in leading the people of Israel into the Promised land after Moses' death.

The reading is one of ENCOURAGEMENT v 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.'

At the end of his leadership Joshua challenges the people of Israel ... choose to serve yourself and you will be defeated ...

choose to serve God and you will conquer.

The challenge remains the same for us today. Be ENCOURAGED!

Have a blessed day

### TUESDAY, 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2017

There was no Chapel message today.

### WEDNESDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2017

There was no Chapel message today.

## **THURSDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2017**

Good Morning All

It's overcast but warm today. We give thanks for the new day.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Mrs Paulette Smith who works in the office. Thank you for all you do for us.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Miss Manoa. Thank you for all your hard work for the School.

Our prayers and thoughts for Miss Manoa's Dad who is unwell and in hospital.

Our prayers and thoughts too for Mr Roy Valley who is also in hospital.

**GO WELL** to our Junior Tag teams who are playing at Papakura today.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all our students who will receive awards at the School Sports Prize-giving this evening.

We continue with the theme of **ENCOURAGEMENT** - Be encouraged!

The Bible reading was from 1 John 4:15-21 on pages 1553 and 1381 in the Wesley Bibles.

God loves humanity simply because this is what God does, it is of God's nature and character to be loving. If we say we love God but struggle with the **ENCOURAGEMENT** to follow this living principle - to love others as God loves us - we fail ourselves and others from not only sharing in the joy that comes from such love, but experiencing the inner outward transformation that comes from understanding what God's love is.

Bullying goes against the grain of God's love for us and our love for one another.

It happens everywhere and in every place. Sometimes it's visible ... often it is hidden.

Some bullies may be aware of their behaviour ... some may not have any idea.

The victims of bullying are very aware, for them it is not hidden but a reality they live with every day

and for some, they live with the impact of such behaviour for the rest of their lives even after the bullying stops.

The call and challenge this morning is 'Don't be a bystander.' Be encouraged ... step up ... step out ... stop it!

Have a blessed day

## **FRIDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2017**

Good Morning All

It's overcast again, a bit of a wind blowing but it's warm. For each new day we give thanks.

**TGIF**, it's the end of Week 3 and our theme for the week **ENCOURAGEMENT**.

The Bible reading was from Isaiah 40:26-31 on pages 752 and 882 in the Wesley Bibles.

It has been an encouraging week which climaxed with the Sports Prize-giving last night.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all our recipients who received awards.

The Dux Ludorum 2017 is Senior Prefect Tupou Vaai.

We wish him well as he moves next year to take up a contract with Taranaki.

The Bible reading is all ENCOURAGEMENT as God challenges us to discover all that is possible when we live a life that honours God and God's provision. God's presence in all of life is that which sustains and inspires and heartens us, ENCOURAGES us to be honourable, to be thankful, to be generous, to be hospitable as God is with us and the world.

The promise is we will never grow weary, the promise is our strength will be made new, the promise is we will be honoured as God is honoured.

v 29 He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

V30 Even youth grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;

V31 but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength, They will soar like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.'

Have a blessed day and weekend

