

**CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE
WEEK ENDING 1 DECEMBER 2017 AND
INCLUDING MONDAY 4 DECEMBER 2017**

MONDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2017

Good Morning All

Another glorious spring day here at Wesley. God is so good!

Our prayers for Sione Kata who is travelling to Tauranga today to be with family as they farewell their Grandmother.

We continue to pray for AJ and the Taufu Family as they grieve the loss of their Grandfather.

We pray for Mrs Raos' Dad Mr Barry Insley asking for strength and courage and peace.

We give thanks Thor Manase has returned to school after his time in hospital and continue to remember Fotu Fisi'i'ahi and Kobe Lawson.

CONGRATULATIONS to Lesley Tana who celebrated her 80th Birthday on Saturday.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ezekiel Temou Eli Corrie-Kaipati son of former students Lara Laumea and Ben Kaipati who travelled from Brisbane to celebrate his 1st birthday with family and baptism here at Wesley.

This last weekend saw many a celebration here at School ... an 80th birthday, a 1st birthday and a baptism. Thrown into the celebratory mood was Mate Ma'a Tonga's quest for a final spot in the RLWC as well as the news of a close friend's death. All of that in just one weekend. Sometimes it can feel like the whole of a lifetime's experiences can come all at once. Amidst the tears of joy and hope, in all of the stuff that life deals us good and not so good, there is cause to celebrate and to give thanks to God.

Yesterday at evening chapel the question was asked 'What is the word which means second to last?'

The example was used that this week is our second to last week of the term.

The word began with P and someone called out perseverance.

The word was actually penultimate, but it does take perseverance to get through all the everyday life stuff that can seemingly come all at once to finally arrive where we are at today. Our arrival is a cause for celebration. Individual perseverance and a collective perseverance - all of us together, and when we recall what the year has brought, there is cause for giving thanks to God and celebration.

Our theme for this week is the 'P Word' and today's P words are PERSEVERANCE, PENULTIMATE, PROMISE!

The penultimate chapter in the Bible Rev 21 speaks about a new earth and a new heaven, about everything being made new where the things of old will pass away. The penultimate verse in the Bible is Rev 22 verse 20 which reads 'He who testifies to these things says yes I am coming soon. Amen. Come Lord Jesus.'

It has taken perseverance to arrive at this penultimate week and the promise that our reading reminds us that comes when we do what is required of us.

The P word ... perseverance, penultimate, promise!

Have a blessed day

TUESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2017

Good Morning All

We continue with our theme for this week the 'P - Word.'

The Bible reading is from Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

Yesterday the P - Word was PENULTIMATE and we ended up with Perseverance, Penultimate and Promise. Today's P Word is POSITIVE. A not so POSITIVE start to our day with a power outage this morning but all is good now.

When we have a POSITIVE attitude and outlook on life with all the stuff life deals us, we can pretty much handle anything and everything. Whether it's good or bad the ability to look at something POSITIVELY will determine the impact that something has. If we can remain POSITIVE no matter what, then we can usually bank on a POSITIVE outcome. It's a matter of a process at times ... we go through stuff, we have to process that stuff and then through the experience of the process, arrive at a favourable outcome.

What enables us, encourages us, inspires us to be POSITIVE is knowing that we don't have to rely on our own strength all the time. We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. This is what gives us inner strength which is then reflected outwardly in our POSITIVE ways and POSITIVITY. God's strength can come in many a varied form ... family, friends, professionals who through their POSITIVITY can help us. POSITIVITY is infectious, is worth catching and is worth sharing! In every outcome there is a sense of achievement, a sense of satisfaction, a sense of peace. It is done! Perhaps the P-Words for today are POSITIVE, PROCESS, PEACE.

Have a blessed day

WEDNESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2017

Good Morning All

Blue skies and warm here today. Thanks be to God.

We continue with our theme for this week the 'P-Word.'

So where are we in speaking about our theme ? Let's check ...

Please find attached the power-point presentation which will remind us.

Today's P-word is POTENTIAL! Having or showing the capacity to develop into something in the future. When people say someone has POTENTIAL they see and recognise something special in that person. It maybe their capacity to show leadership, their capacity to play rugby, their capacity to be a mathematician. The POTENTIAL for developing these qualities with perseverance, will lead to a successful future. The possibilities to develop POTENTIAL are endless and are ways of recognising what POTENTIAL one has.

POTENTIAL and possibilities can equate with power ... not dominance or being demanding but the power that comes from recognising that everyone has POTENTIAL and everyone needs the possibilities to develop them.

Perhaps our P-word for today starts with POTENTIAL, is realised through POSSIBILITIES and results in POWER.

The power to do good all the time, in all places, to all people.

Have a blessed day

THURSDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2017

There was no Chapel message today.

FRIDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2017

There was no Chapel message today.

MONDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2017

Good Morning All

It's a beautiful summer's day here at Wesley. We give thanks!

Welcome everyone to our final week of school. Awesome effort!

Our theme for this week: 'It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.'

The Bible reading was from Luke 1:26-38 on pages 1256 and 1077 in the Wesley Bibles.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Sunday marked the beginning to the Season of Advent the beginning to the church year and calendar. The weeks that are given over to Advent are a time of preparation, of readying ourselves for what is to follow, it is a time of reflection, it is a time of hope. We were reminded on Sunday to keep watch, to stay alert, to be on our guard as part of our preparing for that time when Jesus will come again.

Already our streets are reflecting the 'preparing' and around our shopping centres the festive spirit is alive and well as people shop to Christmas music and carols serenading their shopping efforts. People join in the festivities with lights and brightness and colour adorning their homes ... It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.

May Christ be at the centre of our Christmas. May Christ be at our centre. May Christ be!

Have a blessed day