

In all the ways I can
In all the places I can
At all the times I can
To all the people I can
As long as ever I can. Amen (John Wesley).

Have a blessed day

TUESDAY, 6th FEBRUARY 2018

There was no Chapel message today.

WEDNESDAY, 7th FEBRUARY 2018

Good Morning All

A beautiful bright sunny day here at Wesley.

A very happy and peaceful Waitangi Day was had by all throughout the country yesterday but especially at Waitangi as the Prime Minister, other politicians and leaders were welcomed onto the marae. It was a day to celebrate and to give thanks for the strong leadership we have and the leading they bring in terms of fostering good relationships with all people.

CONGRATULATIONS to Year 10 Grayson Lawrence who has qualified for the Waka Ama World Champs in Tahiti later in the year.

We continue with our theme for this week OUR WHY!

The Bible reading was from 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 on pages 1249 and 1428 in the Wesley Bibles.
Our Special Character Statement spells out very clearly what OUR WHY is as a school.

We are Christian in practice

We are Methodist in ethos

We are Accepted for who we are

We are Called to be God's people and to do God's work.

We Belong to the Wesley College Family and the wider family of God.

Our Christian faith and the Methodist Church are the foundation to OUR WHY as a school.

They provide us with guidance and the values which speak to OUR WHY.

The reading this morning is the reminder that all our relationships with God, people, our environment is predicated and grounded in the call to love. When we love we respect and care for everyone and everything. When we love, love will never fail us.

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THURSDAY, 8th FEBRUARY 2018

Good Morning All

A bit overcast but very warm here at Wesley today.

We continue with our theme OUR WHY!

The Bible reading was from Hebrews 11:1-6 on pages 1347 and 1252

Someone famous said 'We can't know where we are going unless we know where we have come from.'

The early Methodist missionaries' vision to establish the only Methodist school to date in NZ was visionary, propitious and bold.

The initial site of Wesley College [then known as the Wesleyan Native Institution] fronted Grafton Road in what is now central Auckland.

There were 10 students, but the numbers soon grew and came from as far afield as the Hokianga and Kawhia

For practical reasons it was necessary that the school should, as much as possible, live off the land, and the move to a new property at Three Kings – a farm of 80 hectares – was a move to a far more suitable site. There, for the next 75 years and despite various setbacks, the Three Kings Wesleyan Native Institution provided a sound Christian education for young Maori and an increasing number of European children in need. At times the school was co-educational.

In 1876 the school at Three Kings adopted the name Wesley College.

As the College moved into the twentieth century the realisation came that Three Kings was no longer an ideal site so close to the heart of an ever-expanding city.

The Rev J H Simmonds, was appointed Principal in 1895 and having re-established the College at Paerata retired in the following year.

At this time the roll and curriculum were broadened and the Church's responsibility to Maori and Pacific Island students was recognised in the special provisions for their welfare.

It was Rev Simmonds who introduced a very important part of OUR WHY, our school motto and crest.

The crest depicting the three crowns represents the time when the school was at Three Kings before it moved here to Paerata.

Our motto Fide Litteris Labore is Latin for By faith, By Learning, By hard work.

Rev Simmonds recognised that that faith, learning and hard work were important to turning out all rounded young people ready to take on the world.

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FRIDAY, 9th FEBRUARY 2018

Good Morning All

Brrrr winter chills today wet and overcast.

Our prayers and thoughts for former Deputy Principal Roger Biddle who is unwell. We pray also for Susie and the family.

We remember our Fijian community grieving the loss of one of their young people who drowned in the flash floods last week out west.

We welcome back Yr 13 student Lepolo Paea whose grandmother passed away and also Miss Manoa who had to travel to Tonga.

We pray for Mr Smythe who is away unwell.

WELCOME to all our new staff Teaching -Tracey Gayner, Nikki Bhana, Desiree Pole (Wesley Old Girl), Rosalina Autagavaia(Wesley Old Girl), David Ryan and Simone de Brouwer.

WELCOME to our new Hostel Staff - Litia Mara, Charlie Gabriel.

WELCOME to Lawrence Lawrence no stranger to the school but in an additional new role in charge of Rugby.

GO WELL to all our Houses who will compete in the Haka and Chants Competition this afternoon p5. May the golden orb shine strongly.

The end of Week 2 and our theme 'OUR WHY'

Our Bible reading and hymn this morning was to listen and watch a rendition of the hymn 'Here I am Lord' off Youtube. It was an opportunity to sit in quiet and to think about the lyrics of the hymn and what we are called to each day. OUR WHY as articulated in our Special Character, School Prayer and Motto are the signposts along the way of our being and doing within and outside the school for us all. They guide and serve as a poignant reminder at the start of our school year about who we are, where we are and why we are here. When we understand what is being asked of us we then take these guiding principles to heart and on board. They then become living principles, lived out every day, lived out everywhere, lived out in every way.

Stay warm

Have a blessed day and weekend.

