

## CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2018

### MONDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018

There was no Chapel message today.

### TUESDAY, 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018

Good Morning Wesley Family

Welcome to Week 1 of the Lenten Season.

Today is overcast but every now and then the sun interrupts our skyline to brighten our day. We give thanks! THANK YOU for all the donations of clothing that have come in for our contribution to the Tongan Relief effort. We will continue receiving donations until next Monday. Please bring to the Office. Many thanks!

The annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Race is about traditions and origins - the why we do things the way we do.

A tradition about giving and sacrificing and fasting for Lent. The act of commitment is also a tradition of this season.

The School over the last week has been big on commitment ...

Ms Leticia Jones' report ...*Hi team! Yesterday we took 24 of the seniors and some juniors of the Kapa Haka group to volunteer at the East Auckland Kids Weetbix Triathlon at Pt England.*

*I just wanted to share with you all how proud I am of them, it took the kids a little bit to understand what we were there to do, but once they realised, the awahi/support they gave the participants was fantastic!*

*Even Mauta Hapi and Whaea were out there too!*

*It was a great day and they done our school proud.*

A member from the public ... *Just to let you know how well both my wife and I thought the Wesley College boys supported the children while running the final leg of the triathlon. Their encouragement to the runners and their enthusiasm to help was a pleasure to watch. Well done! Cheers - John and Ruth Mathewson from Christchurch*

Miss Elisa Tufala's report ... *Great win from Wesley College. We won 8-1 against Waitakere College, first game and an awesome win from our kids . Tyrel and Beaudene played well as pitchers , awesome fielding from both Johnwa , Sione and the rest of the boys.*

*Great to see our three junior boys Ethan, Tatem and Donny who took on the challenge of representing the junior school and showing great sportsmanship . Such a blessing to see the kids in a different environment; thanks a lot to Mrs Fatialofa for the opportunity.*

Swimming Sports ... *Thank you to all our Houses, students and staff for a wonderful Swimming Sports Day. Our commitment to House spirit as well as actually swimming was commendable.*

*The more fun events Belly Flop, Bombing, the 40 person Dash saw equal commitment as the School enjoyed the day.*

A member from the public ... *Good morning, I am currently staying in Bledisloe Court Pukekohe, near to the Jubilee Pools.*

*We are thoroughly enjoying the school spirit, singing and chanting from those pupils attending the swimming sports there today.*

*Their enthusiasm is wonderful to hear, and the singers have beautiful voices. Please congratulate all attendees on their fantastic school spirit, and thank them for entertaining the neighbourhood. Keep up the great work. Kind regards, Natalie Massicks*

The Principal reminded us of the busyness of this first term and as committed as we are to all the extra-curricular events our commitment needs to prevail too in the classroom and to our school work.

In this Lenten Season we are called to do all the good we can, in all the places, at all the times, as long as we ever can.

Have a blessed day

## **WEDNESDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**

Good Afternoon All

It's a warm day here at Wesley and no wind.

We continue our discussion around COMMITMENT given this Lenten Season.

This morning we watched a video clip where actor Denzel Washington addressed the graduates at Dillard University.

He had three major points:

1. Put God first - we are protected, directed and corrected.
2. Fail Big - do what you are passionate about. Have dreams with goals. Don't be afraid to think outside the box.

To achieve goals one needs to be disciplined and consistent. Hard work ... works. Plan every day!

3. You will never see a U-haul behind a hearse ...we can't take our wealth with us to the grave.

Success comes in helping others and giving thanks to God in advance for what is already ours.

And when success comes reach back and pull someone else up. Aspire to make a difference not just a living. Each one ... teach one!

Give thanks for grace, mercy, understanding, wisdom, parents, love, humility, peace and prosperity.

In this Lenten season we can never be reminded enough of our COMMITMENT to God, to ourselves and to each other.

Hope everyone is having a blessed day

## **THURSDAY, 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**

There was no Chapel message today.

## **FRIDAY, 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**

Good Morning All

TGIF and the end of Week 4.

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

As the Year 9s, Year 12 leaders and staff make their way back today from camp we pray safe travels.

WELCOME to the Manukau Synod young people who will hold their Sports Day here tomorrow.

CONGRATULATIONS to all our Houses for the awesome Swimming Sports Day last Monday.

The much anticipated results are as follows:

4<sup>th</sup> School House  
3<sup>rd</sup> Winstone House  
2<sup>nd</sup> Stanton House  
1<sup>st</sup> Simmonds House

CONGRATULATIONS to the following Swimming Champions:

Junior Boys	1 Troy Wigley (W)	2. Te Haruika Hayman (St)	3. Kurtis Hana (Sc)
Junior Girls	1. Mele Tuifua (W)	2. Viena Toia (St)	3. Christine Koroi (St)
Int. Boys	1. TJ Banks (St)	2. Jone Seniceva (Si)	3. Jope Ratu (St)
Senior Girls	1. Te Rena Wallace (Si)	2. Samsara Faitala (St)	3. Ocean Tierney (Sc)
Senior Boys	1=Nick Nasila/Jesse Te Kani (Sc)		3. Irirangi Taniere (Si)

Our theme for this week has been COMMITMENT.

The Bible reading was from Psalm 42:1-2 on pages 573 and 690 in the Wesley Bibles.

The saying 'There are two sides to every story is a poignant one given not just this Lenten season but every Lenten season.

One side of the Lenten and ultimately Easter story, is the story of sacrifice in the life, death and resurrection of God's son Jesus Christ.

The other side of the story, is the story of COMMITMENT, God's COMMITMENT to humanity and the world through the life death and resurrection of God's son Jesus Christ. God is the initiator and it is God, who initiates both sides to this story.

Ultimately for Christians there is only one story ... the story of God's love for all people. It is a love story and a story of love.

When I come to God's love story from the side of sacrifice during Lent - giving up coke, sex and not eating until after midday - it's hard and I struggle especially with not having my daily fix of coke. When I come to God's love story from the other side, the side of COMMITMENT, it's not only worth doing but comes easier because I am contributing to the sharing of God's love story in my life and the lives of others.

It's a love story worth telling! Whichever side of the story brings us to the story of God's love, the reality remains the same.

Have a blessed day and weekend.