

CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 9th MARCH 2018

MONDAY, 5th MARCH 2018

Good Morning All

Welcome to the beginning of Week 6.

It's a warm sunny day here at Wesley. We give thanks for the new day and week.

THANK YOU to the six Year 9 and 10 students who gave of their time on Saturday to a fundraising event for the Waiuku Library.

WELCOME to Harini Maxwell who is in her second year of training and will become part of the Counselling team as part of her placement here at Wesley.

Our theme for this week is RESPECT

The Bible reading was from Philippians 2:1-5 on pages 1293 and 1466 in the Wesley Bibles.

The late Martin Luther King Jnr said 'I could never adjust to the separate waiting rooms, separate eating places, separate rest rooms, partly because the separate was always unequal and partly because the very idea of separation did something to my sense of dignity and self-respect,' Rev Dr King speaking out of his very real and lived experience.

RESPECT breeds RESPECT ... give it to earn it ... are both sayings we hear often enough.

The bottom line is, to give RESPECT we have to know what RESPECT is and it begins with us individually and the value we give to SELF-RESPECT.

The reading from Philippians comes as a word of encouragement and provides a strong inkling and hint as to what RESPECT looks like.

Being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind, leaves no room for separation to any degree.

One's sense of self-dignity and self-RESPECT is given the breathing space to live the experience of this reality. When we all value the value RESPECT and are provided the experiences to value RESPECT for all people and all things, the reality becomes one where everyone is valued and RESPECT is a given! Given having the same mind set as Jesus Christ.

Have a blessed day and week.

TUESDAY, 6th MARCH 2018

There was no Chapel message today.

WEDNESDAY, 7th MARCH 2018

Good Morning All

It's a bit overcast here at Wesley this morning but awfully warm! We give thanks for the new day.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Senior Softball team who came in second best against Rutherford High in their softball fixture.

We continue with our theme of RESPECT.

Chapel began with the reminder of who it is we worship in singing: 'Majesty'
Majesty, worship His Majesty. Unto Jesus be all glory, power and praise..
Majesty, kingdom authority. Flow from his throne, Unto his own, his anthem raise.
So Exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus
Magnify, come Glorify, Christ Jesus the king
Majesty, Worship His Majesty. Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all Kings.

The Bible reading was the song: 'As the deer pants ...' based on Psalm 42
Our message for today was captured in the lyrics of the hymn 'Let us sing to the God of salvation.' Psalm 95
Our prayer was the hymn 'Our life has its seasons' Ecclesiastes 3
Chorus:

But there's never a time to stop believing,
there's never a time for hope to die,
there's never a time to stop loving,
these three things go on.

As we continue to walk the Lenten journey we are vividly reminded of God's unconditional and uncompromising love for us.

Have a blessed day

THURSDAY, 8th MARCH 2018

Good Morning All

A beautiful sunny day here at Wesley. God is good!

THANK YOU to all our Staff and Houses for a wonderful Athletics Day last Friday.

CONGRATULATIONS to those students who have qualified for the Counties Manukau Zone Athletics.

CONGRATULATIONS to Year 13 student Terina Wallace who has made the trials for the NZ U18s Girl's Seven's Team with a view to the Oceania Rugby Tournament and the Youth Olympic Games. Nice!

CONGRATULATIONS to Florian one of our German gappers whose birthday it was yesterday. Hip Hip Hooray!

RESPECT is our mantra for this week

The Bible readings were Romans 12: 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Philippians 4: 13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Our hymn for this morning ... *I am worth everything, everything, everything,
I am worth everything in the eyes of God;
You are worth everything, everything, everything,
We are worth everything in the eyes of God.*

If there is one message that both the readings and the hymn have to say it's that we are each worthy ... each of us is of value ... each of us has the right to live life to the fullest and to find the best ways to reach that potential.

Life is precious and we believe that our lives are given by God for a purpose and we find that purpose out as we grow and experience life.

Everyone has the right to live their life in the best possible way, hoping for the best possible outcome.

By law everyone has to be at school and that's a good thing.

I guess that's why we push education so much while our children are here at school, so that when they leave school with their qualifications, they can then choose for themselves what they want to do.

This is what we want for each one of them, that they can take their place in the world beyond Wesley with confidence and strength and these qualifications, will help them to achieve that.

The friends made here at school become life-long friends and that's what Wesley also offers students ... the sense of family and a brother hood and sisterhood that will last a long time after they have left this place .

Our School also offers faith ... faith in a God whose got our backs whether we know it or not ... want it or not, whether we know God or not ... whether we believe in God or not ... God has got us! All these things help to make us even more worthy than we already are and they are things of value that no one can take from us. Together they give us strength and courage to face whatever life deals us.

*You are worth everything, everything, everything
We are worth everything in the eyes of God.*

Have a blessed day

FRIDAY, 9th MARCH 2018

Good Morning Wesley! A beautiful day ... God is good!

CONGRATULATIONS to the student representatives on the Student Council who were presented their badges this morning.

GOOD LUCK to Yr 13 Terina Wallace who leaves for Wellington today to trial for the NZ U18s Seven's Team. Kia kaha Terina!

REMINDER it's Fiafia Night next Wednesday 14th in the Rec at 7pm. Heaps to enjoy and heaps of food stalls.

The end of Week 6 and our theme RESPECT.

The Bible reading was from Mark 12:30-31 on pages 1069 and 1246 in the Wesley Bibles.

It's always God's intention that we live in peace but we know as people it's not always possible because people are different we see things differently, we think differently, we do differently. God calls us to RESPECT and understanding what this means, then peace, caring for one another and our environment will be the outcome.

RESPECT grounded in and founded upon the two Greatest commandments are our forever guide.

How greater our school would be if we truly respected one another ...

imagine if people could leave their stuff anywhere, go back and still find it there ...

imagine if people could say stuff to one another without having to say 'Honest to God' or swearing on the Bible because their word is their word ... imagine if people could be trusted to clean up without being told ...

that people didn't litter ... imagine if we could leave our offices and classrooms open so that everyone could use them ... imagine no swearing ... no mocking.

Imagine not needing rules because we have values. Some people might say that this idea is utopia

but it is possible when we understand what we have been given ... to live as God wants us to live ...

RESPECTFULLY!

Have a blessed day and weekend

