

# CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018

## MONDAY, 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018

Good Morning All

A bit colder this morning and darker. The leaves are beginning to turn. The seasons are a changing.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr Jackson our Social Worker who graduated in the weekend.

ALL THE BEST to those students heading away to Athletics this morning.

We remember Mr Eason and his family whose mother passed away about this time last year.

WELCOME and THANK YOU to Wesley Old Boy Mr Nalim Shayam who was a student here in 1977 for sharing with us this morning in chapel. Originally from Fiji, Nalim was here for his Aunt's funeral and never had the opportunity to return to Wesley before. Now 60 years old and living in Australia, he became an engineer after leaving Wesley and retired at 55 years. He is also a former Mr Australia and Australasia. Safe travels Nalim as you return to Australia and your family.

It's POLYFEST WEEK! Fiafia Night is this Wednesday 7pm in the Rec.

Kapa haka are performing on Friday at Polyfest and then the Tonga, Niue and Samoa groups will perform on Saturday. GO HARD to all our groups!

Our theme for this week is RESPONSIBILITY.

The Bible reading was from 2 Peter 1:5-10 on pages 1371 and 1544 in the Wesley Bibles.

The reading reminds us to "make every effort to increase our faith with virtue, knowledge, self-control, steadfastness, godliness, brotherly affection, and love. Having these qualities helps us to live life thoughtfully. When our hearts and minds are equally at peace because we're on the right track to being the people God we learn the gift of being RESPONSIBLE. Each one of us is called to living life fully and with it comes RESPONSIBILITY to reflect the One who calls us through who we are, what we say, what we do. The call is one of self-RESPONSIBILITY in the first instance. When we can do for ourselves then we can do for others. When we together then accept our collective RESPONSIBILITY, we are made even stronger for the tasks God calls us to.

Have a blessed day and week



## TUESDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018

Good Morning All

It's cold and was wet and now cloudy. For each new day we give thanks.

Yesterday an Old Boy Nalin Shyam who was at Wesley in 1976 visited the school and was invited to speak at morning chapel.

Nalin sent through the following email after his visit ...

*Dear Chris and Ali'itasi*

*I've had an emotional day after my return to the hotel this morning.*

*It was a magic moment for me to see the students doing their songs and hymns for me. Especially the Fijian Anthem.*

*I called my wife, my son, daughter plus my parents and told them about this morning plus had a good cry over the phone.*

*This morning will be remembered by me as one of the highlights of my life.*

*I felt a nervous and worried overseas student when I came to Wesley in 1976.*

*This morning I realised I should not have worried as I have done everything I wanted to do in life with my career and family and I had come a complete circle to where it all started.*

*I will remember you and the school always as a beacon in my life.*

*Regards and Thanks*

*Nalin*

RESPONSIBILITY is the call for this week.

Olympia Le Point was failing school and then decided to take RESPONSIBILITY for her own decisions. She is now a Rocket scientist, an award winning scientist.

Watch her video which shares her life story on Youtube 'From failing student to Rocket scientist.'

Have a blessed day

## **WEDNESDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018**

Good Morning All

A sunny morning here at Wesley. We give thanks.

THANK YOU to all staff and students involved in the Flag raising and pohiri launching the start to Polyfest Week 2018.

GO WELL to all our students competing in Speech Competitions today.

REMINDER it is Fiafia Night tonight 7pm in the Rec. Go well to all our groups performing.

RESPONSIBILITY ...

The Bible reading is from Galatians 6:3-10 on pages 1279 and 1454 in the Wesley Bibles.

The first place of RESPONSIBILITY lies with the individual, one's self.

If we cannot be RESPONSIBLE for ourselves then we cannot be RESPONSIBLE for others.

More often than not it is as individuals that we struggle the most to 'walk the talk.'

We struggle to get to class on time ... we struggle to get up in the mornings without being woken up by the dorm parents ... we struggle to remember to take our bags and books to class so that we're always prepared ...

we struggle to get up and go for a run in the mornings as part of our training for rugby ... we struggle to do what is good and fair and just ... we struggle to do good and to be good.

Yes we can see the need in others to take RESPONSIBILITY but our seeing becomes somewhat outward looking and limited and so we only see what others need to do.

RESPONSIBILITY begins with the ability to look at ourselves in an inward critical way of seeing.

The hope is that we might see the image of God in whom we are all created and see we are all inherently good people.

V10 Therefore, as we have the RESPONSIBILITY, let us do good to all people.

This is our RESPONSIBILITY.

Have a blessed day.

## **THURSDAY, 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018**

There was no Chapel message today.

## **FRIDAY, 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018**

Good Morning All

TGIF ... no seriously... Thank God it's Friday! We give God thanks.

A humungus THANK YOU to all staff, our outside tutors and students for a wonderful Fiafia Night on Wednesday.

THANK YOU to our parents, families and community who turned out in huge numbers to support our children.

GO WELL to our Kapa haka Group performing today at Polyfest.

GO WELL to our Niue, Tonga and Samoa groups performing tomorrow.

THANK YOU ... On Monday we had Old Boy Nalin Shyam from 1976 speak to the School. This morning Paletua Amituana'i an Old Boy from 2016 addressed the students about his life in the Army as a training engineer. Both awesome!

The end of Week 5 and our theme RESPONSIBILITY

The Bible reading was from Romans 12:6-13 on pages 1226 and 1406 in the Wesley Bibles.

We are our choices! Paul the author of Romans reminds us what RESPONSIBILITY looks like. The God given gifts and talents we have been blessed with provides the clues and insight as to how we are to be RESPONSIBLE.

If we have the gift of service then serve, the gift of prophecy then prophesy, the gift of teaching then teach.

If we have been given the gift of encouraging others then that is our RESPONSIBILITY, to be generous.

If our gift is one of caring for others then care, look out for those who seem lost, lonely, unsure of themselves or afraid.

If our gift is leadership then the Bible reminds us that as a good leader, it is our RESPONSIBILITY to be hardworking, to be compassionate and to help contribute to making a happy environment for everyone.

We are also reminded that our gifts and our RESPONSIBILITY are actions accompanied by love and patience and hope and prayer.

These are values/characteristics that will help us to show RESPONSIBILITY, to be RESPONSIBLE people.

When we practice RESPONSIBILITY, we realise the full potential of the gifts we have been blessed with and the wisdom of God the Giver in giving us these gifts. God calls us then God gifts us with the gifts to fulfil our calling.

We have been given the gifts of culture and of song, of dance and voice, of singing and of pride in our identities.

Our students have worked hard and are now ready to perform at the biggest Maori and Polynesian festival in the world.

This will be for some the biggest performance on the biggest stage in front of the largest audience they will ever perform for.

Enjoy it ... Own it .... You deserve it. Thank you for representing our school well this week and weekend.

Have a blessed day and weekend

