

# CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2018

## MONDAY, 26<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018

Good Morning All

Welcome to Week 5 and it's a beautiful warm sunny day here at Wesley. God is good!

Our thoughts and prayers for Year 10 student Kees Stevenson and his family as they mourn the passing of their great grandmother.

We continue to pray for Fotu Fisi'i'ahi as he recovers at home with family in Dargaville.

We continue to uphold in prayer former Deputy Principal Mr Roger Biddle.

Safe travels to Rev and Mrs Tema who will make their way back to Shanghai, China after a very quick home visit.

THANK YOU for making time to lead chapel Sunday evening. Once a Wesleyan ...

CONGRATULATIONS to all students and their families who attended the Academic Dinner last Friday in recognition of our students achieving endorsements for NCEA.

THANK YOU to Sharron and the Kitchen staff for a beautiful dinner.

THANK YOU for all the donations that came in for the Tonga Relief effort. Amazing giving!

Our theme for this week is FAMILY the sense of which is strongly reflected in our prayers and thanks to all above.

The Bible reading was 1 Corinthians 13:4-13 on pages 1249 and 1428 in the Wesley Bibles.

FAMILY is important no two ways about it! We are born into our FAMILIES which provide a strong foundation from which to launch into the world. The FAMILIES we come from and the strong sense of FAMILY and belonging we have to this place, our school and our community ... are of equal importance to us.

What strengthens and helps us to feel that sense of FAMILY is the knowledge of God's love for us, the love we have for our school and one another.

It was very evident last night when we had an Old Boy former Senior Prefect, Chaplain, DP Rev Stephen Tema lead chapel.

You always know when Tema's in the House ... the place rocks and last night was no exception.

The sense of 'welcome home' for both Tema, Mrs Tema and their family was hugely felt.

Once a Wesleyan ... always a Wesleyan! Many former students would say that this is the strongest value they left Wesley with, being FAMILY and that the friends they made while at school are still their friends today ... life-long friendships.

The love that God asks us to show is that love which keeps FAMILY together - patience, kindness, humility, perseverance and a sense of humour. Love isn't happy when others are sad or hurt or scared or fearful. Love protects, is always trustworthy and hopeful.

When we love and are FAMILY in the ways God loves us, then we are respectful and responsible towards one another, anywhere and everywhere around our school and beyond.

Love + respect = FAMILY!

Have a blessed day and week.

## **TUESDAY, 27<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**

There was no Chapel message today.

## **WEDNESDAY, 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**

There was no Chapel message today.

## **THURSDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2018**

Good Afternoon All

It's overcast but warm here at Wesley. It's a new day and we are always thankful.

THANK YOU to the Prefects who have led chapel worship for the last two days.

Safe travels to Rev Ian and Sonia Faulkner as they head off to India.

GO WELL to all our Houses for the Athletic Sports Day tomorrow.

We continue with our theme for this week FAMILY.

The Bible reading was from Mark 9:1-7 on pages 1062 and 1239 in the Wesley Bibles. V7 'Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: This is my son whom I love. Listen to him.'

While what constitutes a FAMILY has changed over time, the notion of FAMILY, its role and function has not. As part of God's family ... God's unconditional love determines we are Accepted, Protected, Corrected and Directed.

As part of the Wesley FAMILY we pray the same, determines our every-day life as a school. The sense of belonging and the need to be loved - both determines the basis for any learning to happen. If our children are happy, if they feel a sense of belonging and acceptance, protection, correction and direction they will thrive, grow and in their time become people determined to follow the same Godly example.

The name TED means 'divine gift' and when added as the suffix to the words Accep - TED, Protec-TED, Correc-TED, Direc-TED we have a 'divine covering' which serves to remind us of the transformation which comes when we are loved unconditionally.

With covering comes transformation, comes a hearing and a listening which speaks to the divine gift we have within.

Here God say to us 'You are my sons and daughter whom I love.'

Have a blessed day

**FRIDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2018**

There was no Chapel message today.

