

CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 18th May 2018

MONDAY, 14th MAY 2018

Good Morning All

Wet and cloudy skies but it's the start to the new week and we give thanks.

CONGRATULATIONS to all our teams who played on Saturday

1 st XV	vs	Te Aute College	won 117 - nil
Dev XV	vs	Te Aute College 2 nd XV	won 107 - 5
2 nd XV	vs	Kings College	loss 18 -12
U15W	vs	Otahuhu College	loss 36-nil Players of the Day Peli Fotofili and Nau Talamai.
U14B	vs	Kelston Boys	loss 22-12

CONGRATULATIONS to the students who competed in the Spoken Word auditions on Saturday. Awesome! GO WELL to the Girl's Rugby Team who take on Tuakau College this afternoon on Field 2. After their 64-10 last week the Girl's will be looking to consolidate their team effort.

TOMORROW the 1st XV will play Tauranga Boys High at 12pm here at Wesley. The winner will determine who wins the Chief's Cup.

Our theme for this week is FAMILY!

The Bible reading was from Galatians 3:23-29 on pages 1273 and 1451 in the Wesley Bibles.

Where do you belong? Who do you belong to?

The sense of belonging is something that many people crave especially in a world where the feeling of disconnection from others is common.

The sense of displacement is a huge problem. Modern technology, the capacity we have now to travel to move from place to place without putting roots down, people are asking the same questions where do I belong ... who do I belong to?

People can feel isolated because of their lack of meaningful relationships and the sense that they don't belong anywhere or to anyone.

In establishing a permanent sense of belonging as God's people, we look beyond people and places.

What we discover through Jesus is that belonging is about a relationship with someone rather than something.

What is inspiring about belonging to the FAMILY of Christ is that we don't need to fit a certain criteria.

Christ welcomes us no matter who we are, where we're from and what we've done.

It's this kind of sense of belonging which we try to live out here at Wesley. We come from all walks of life and the only criteria to belonging is that we want to be here. Ask any former student how they would describe their time at Wesley and more often than not it's about FAMILY about the sense of whanaungatanga - relationships based on shared experiences living, working and schooling together.

How do we contribute to that sense of belonging which extends beyond kinship, blood lines, beyond being related to one another.

We are reminded by our reading 'There is neither Jew or Gentile, neither slave nor free ... for we are all one in Christ.'

Have a blessed day.

TUESDAY, 15th MAY 2018

There was no Chapel message today.

WEDNESDAY, 16th MAY 2018

Good Morning All

Tis overcast but warm. We are thankful for the new day.

CONGRATULATIONS to the 1st XV who won against Tauranga Boys yesterday 28-19. Awesome!

GO WELL to our 1st X1 Soccer and 1st X111 League teams who will play their fixtures today.

FAMILY is our theme for this week.

The Bible reading was from Psalm 115:1, 12-15 on pages 628 and 746 in the Wesley Bibles.

'Credit where credit is due' is the reminder we are given when it comes to giving God all glory and honour. Nothing wrong with looking good or wanting to impress, but let's not mistake it or misplace it as our doing alone.

God remembers us, blesses us, causes us to flourish - all good things - things that God wants for us especially as FAMILY because it is God's intention that it is the FAMILY which is the first and most important place of love and of learning.

Love allows us to learn those values which are important to our life with God and one another.

The values of respect, honesty, kindness, responsibility, of what is right and what is not right.

Our families through these values, teach us how get along with one another.

Values enable and allow us to live right by God and right by one another.

We encourage this right way of living here at school - to accept that people are different and that it's ok.

The most important gift of family life is the strength of its relationships.

We may argue and get mad with each other at times but for most of the time being Wesley means 'I got you' being the Wesley family means 'we got each other.'

God remembers us, blesses us, causes us to flourish. God's heart is for us to be FAMILY and to bless each other with that gift.

Have a blessed day.

THURSDAY, 17th MAY 2018

There was no Chapel message today.



FRIDAY, 18th MAY 2018

Good Afternoon All

A warm start to our day. God is good! We give thanks for the week almost ended.

GO WELL to all our rugby teams playing away this weekend. Safe travels. Hearty!

Big SHOUT OUT to the 1st XV and Dev teams who are playing Rotorua Boys in Rotorua.

Our prayers and best wishes for former Principal Roger Biddle and his wife Suzie who send their love and best to all here at School.

Our love and prayers for staff member Margaret Haru who is currently in Middlemore Hospital and sends her love to all as well as thanks for your prayers and well wishes.

Our prayers for Yr 11 student Siosiua Tu'uta who is presently in hospital.

Our prayers for the Fakavai Family whose grandmother has passed away.

Our prayers for Sione Teutau whose grandmother has also passed away.

Our prayers for the Lam Sam Family as they grieve the loss of a loved grandparent.

FAMILY ...

The Bible reading was from Colossians 3:12-17 on pages 1303 and 1475 in the Wesley Bibles.

We give thanks for our family of origins, the homes from which we have come. For our parents, for their love, for their teachings, for our upbringing, for the opportunities they made happen for us, for their support.

We give thanks for our families now, for the blessing some of us have of being parents ourselves. We give thanks for our children and the joy that they bring to our lives and the life of our families.

We give thanks for the gift of sharing love and being loved.

The idea of family being just two parents and their children is far from the truth of our experience and where many of us come from.

Families today are more diverse in their makeup and can include so many different people, sometimes people that we aren't even related to.

Regardless, the sense of belonging and love are key to being FAMILY.

These things provide the environment in which our children grow, are nurtured and can make mistakes and that it's ok.

Here at Wesley FAMILY is everything. If we learn nothing else but what it means to be FAMILY, we have fulfilled our role in growing people of good character. FAMILY is everything!

Have a blessed weekend.