

## CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**MONDAY, 30<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2018**

Good Morning Everyone

WELCOME BACK to all our Staff and students. To those who were able to rest and recuperate ... well done! To those of our staff who enjoyed the peace and quiet of our being away, THANK YOU for your continuing work!

Tis a sky filled blue start to the day, clouds and sunshine! God is good!

We say FAREWELL to two members of Staff who left last term: Mrs Litea Ranger from the Hostel who was with us for about 20 years and to Mr Gary Collins who throughout his many years of service was formerly HOD Science and periodically returned to work in various roles. He now retires. We wish both Mrs Ranger and Mr Collins well and THANK them both for their many years of service to the School.

We uphold in prayer Mr Chris Field and his family as they mourn the loss of one of their family members.

We continue to pray for D'Cody and N'Kastro Mortensen and their family as they prepare to farewell their father and husband.

REMINDER we are collecting for the City Mission Foodbank this month. They are in need of tin canned goods. Any donations can be left at the Chaplain's Office. THANK YOU for the donations which have come in already.

Our theme for this week is WELCOME!

The Bible reading was from Ephesian 1:15-23 on pages 1283 and 1457 in the Wesley Bibles.

WELCOME to our new Assistant Principal Mr Chris Wood who joins our School and Senior Management Team. Chris originally hails from Leicester in the UK and supports of course Leicester City Football. We wish him well in his time with us.

It's been said that 'You never have a second chance to make a first impression.' However we can still make a great second impression if for some reason we botched the first one. Impressions matter and first impressions equally so.

Greetings really matter! Greetings matter because people matter and making people feel welcome is part and parcel of sometimes simply saying 'hello.' Simple enough and yet one can leave an impression far beyond our greeting.

We live in an ever increasing world of diversity and difference where acceptance for who we are as individuals is integral to living together. Our WELCOME then, our greeting and that first impression is important to offering a WELCOME which speaks of acceptance and offers a sense of belonging to something bigger than the individual ... family, community.

Quote 'We may not have it altogether, but all together we have it!'

v1 For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people,

v2 I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.

Have a blessed day.

## TUESDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> MAY 2018

Good Morning All

Happy 1<sup>st</sup> of May to one and all!

Very cloudy this morning but we wake to the new day with thankfulness.

Our prayerful thoughts for the Eustace Family on the passing away of Arthur Eustace aged 92 years old. Arthur is believed to have been the oldest living 'Old Boy' of the School up until his death on Tuesday 24 April.

Our prayerful thoughts for Janet Wheatley former office staff and family whose mother passed away in the holidays.

MORTENSEN Family Service will be held on Friday 5pm at St Martin's Presbyterian Church, 22 Wiley Road, Papatoetoe. Funeral will be held at the same Church on Saturday. Time TBC.

THANK YOU to all staff and students for keeping everyone safe last night with the power outage that occurred.

THANK YOU to everyone for all the donations of food for the City Mission Foodbank which have come in. Just a reminder we will continue to receive donations until the end of the month.

WELCOME ...

The Bible reading was from Matthew 25:35-40 on pages 1041 and 1216 in the Wesley Bibles.

Our God is a welcoming God who welcomes everyone into the family of Christ. Jesus always welcomed everyone into His presence and there are many examples in the Bible of Jesus welcoming people.

With Jesus as our example then, we should never be shy about welcoming others. Whether it's welcoming friends into our homes, visitors into our school or the churches from which we come, or even just saying hello to a stranger on the street, as Christians we are enabled to display the welcoming attitude of Jesus Christ.

v35 'For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,

v36 I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.'"

These verses are the most well-known about welcoming others and speaks specifically to those people whom we might initially not want to be welcoming of - the poor, the sick, the homeless, the beggar, the alcoholic, the imprisoned, our neighbour or anyone whom we might consider 'different' from us.

Our kindness, our compassion, our wanting to help, our welcome is a reflection of our faith and what we think about Jesus.

The entire Bible is the story of how God has welcomed all of humanity. So the next time we find ourselves wanting to exclude others [for some selfish reason](#) or [wanting to reach out](#) to someone [but we're not sure how to ... start by saying hello, start by saying welcome.](#)

Have a blessed day.

## WEDNESDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2018

Good Morning All

Blue skies a beautiful autumnal start to the day. We give thanks.

ALL THE BEST to our 1<sup>st</sup> XV who will defend the CNI CUP in today's rugby game against St Peter's, Cambridge here at School at 2.30pm.

GO WELL to the U14s Team who will play an invitation Fiji Team today at 2pm.

WELCOME....

The Bible reading was from Romans 15:2-7 on pages 1229 and 1409 in the Wesley Bible.

We continue with our theme of WELCOME this morning and what it looks like to be welcoming.

Over the holidays we welcomed home our Commonwealth Games team who represented well winning 46 medals.

Family and friends, people who didn't even know the athletes turned out to welcome them home.

The athletes said it was very special and humbling to be welcomed home in that way.

Arthur Richard Paton Eustace, is believed to have been the oldest living Wesley Old Boy up until his death on Tuesday 24 April.

He was 92 years old. At Wesley in 1939 Arthur won the Junior Swimming Cup. Was NZ hurdles Champion for the years 1946 to 1949 and represented NZ at the Empire Games in 1950 (bronze medal in the 4 x 100 yards relay) and for Fiji in Vancouver in 1954.

Arthur had a lifetime of coaching, and running education courses for coaches as well as holding administrative positions in NZ, Oceania and then with the world body for athletics, the IAAF.

Arthur visited the College two years ago and was most impressed with the plans for the new college and suburb of Wesley.

It was the first time Arthur had been back in 77 years so of course not much was left from the time he was here, except the Chapel, and some of the milking sheds. We welcome the opportunity to remember him. Our condolences to the Eustace Family.

April the 25<sup>th</sup> Anzac Day is when we remember all those who lost their lives during the World Wars.

We welcome the opportunity to remember former Wesley Old Boys who went off to World War 1 and lost their lives in service.

Robert W Anderson

Charles E Baker

Malcolm Barriball

Raymond W Common

Fergus Houlton

David W Metherell

Ivor Moir

Peri Morgan

Noel L Pittendrey

Leslie Scott

Whetu Marama John Tirakatene

Barney Warbrick

We will remember them.

We welcome to the Wesley family Luka Reweti-Pereira son of Jeneiro an Old Boy and grandson of Mr and Mrs Pereira.

Elder John Tangi is an Old Boy who returned home in the holidays after being in the Solomon Islands on his Mission for the Mormon Church. John's family and friends welcomed him home showing their thankfulness for his safe return and their obvious pride in his achievements.

We welcome and celebrate with Old Boy Sione Molia as he continues to give of his talents and skills to the NZ Sevens team.

We welcome the opportunity to help those in need by collecting donations of tinned food for the Auckland City Mission. Established in 1920, the Mission has provided many social services to the Auckland community. Our donations will help towards making up food parcels for families who struggle to provide food for their families.

Thank you to the Year 10 Level and their Dean for the large banana box of tinned food.

Thank you to the Faitala, Rokeni, Lawrence, Dempsey and Smith families for their donations.

When we give, we WELCOME the thought that someone will be helped and will WELCOME our thoughtful giving.

Have a blessed day.

## **THURSDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2018**

There was no Chapel message today.

## **FRIDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> MAY 2018**

Good Morning All

Another beautiful autumnal start to the new day. We WELCOME the gift!

We uphold in prayer the Mortensen Family as they farewell their father over the weekend.

The Church for the services is St Martins Presbyterian Church, Wylie Rd, Papatoetoe.

We prayerfully remember staff member Graeme Jackson whose nephew passed away earlier this week.

We pray for Mrs Vuki mother of students Amini and Hepi Vuki who is in hospital.

We pray for staff member Margaret who is in hospital.

We pray for former Deputy Principal Roger Biddle and his family.

TRAVELLING MERCIES to the Fiji Rugby Team returning to Fiji today. Thank you for your visit.

CONGRATULATIONS to staff member James Toea'ana for placing 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in Body Building competitions. James will represent Counties Manukau at the Nationals.

GO WELL to staff and students at Manu Korero Speech Competitions today. Kia kaha!

GO WELL to the 1<sup>st</sup> XV Team and Coaching staff who will travel to Te Awamutu tomorrow for their rugby game.

THANK YOU THANK YOU for all the continuing donations coming in for the Food Bank.

A big thanks to the Hancock, Jones' families and Joanne for your donations.

Our theme this week has been WELCOME.

The Bible reading was from 1 John 4:16-21 on pages 1381 and 1553 in the Wesley Bibles.

How can we be WELCOMING of everyone and display an attitude of WELCOME in our actions, WELCOMING of everyone, the communities from which we come and our environment.

Like everything it comes with responsibility. If we are unwelcoming and disrespectful in small things we will be the same in big things.

The month of May throughout our country is welcomed and celebrated as May Music Month where we acknowledge our own kiwi musicians and song writers and singers. Dave Dobbyn singer song writer, an icon of NZ music loves this country and was inspired to write the song WELCOME after seeing Christchurch anti-racism protests and the sense of community that came through. He wrote the song because he wanted to say something about our country being a place whose people are welcoming and respectful of everyone.

Our God is a welcoming God and welcomes us every day to a new day and the opportunity to make a change to make a difference.

Have a blessed day and weekend.

