

# **CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 6<sup>th</sup> JULY 2018**

## **MONDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2018**

Good Morning All

Not so bright, not so warm but it's a new day and it's our last week of the Term!

Our prayers and thoughts for Wai Epere and the family whose brother passed away after a tragic car accident.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Mr Owen Reeve who this week celebrates his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. The School wished him well lastnight at chapel with a cake and singing him **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** God's blessings Mr Reeve to you and Mrs Reeve.

**AWESOME** to see Old Boys at games on Saturday along with former teacher Mr Amanaki Palavi. Looking good Sir!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Ms Vaike HOD Science who celebrates a special birthday on the 19<sup>th</sup> and began her celebratory month on Friday.

**GO WELL** to our Girl's Rugby XV who play their final tonight 6pm against Rosehill at Massey Park, Papakura.

**REMINDER CHORAL COMPETITION** tomorrow night 7pm in the Chapel. Order for Houses is;

- (1) Winstone House                      (2) Stanton House                      (3) School House                      (4) Simmonds House

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our Rugby teams who played Saturday. The results are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> XV v Lindisfarne                      won 33-10

Dev XV v Lindisfarne                      won 28-25

2<sup>nd</sup> XV v Kelston                      won 14-3

U15W v Kelston                      won 36-22

Players of the Day Hori Robertson and Siieli Kuli who scored a hatrick.

Our theme for this last week **COME LET US SING ...**

The Bible reading was from Psalm 92:1-5 on pages 729 and 612 in the Wesleyan Bibles.

Every day is cause for singing and for celebration. We don't need an excuse to sing.

The gift of music, of song and of singing often reflects the mood and period of the time.

When we look at music and songs written down throughout the Ages, many speak to the special events moments of the period.

Our singing this week will reflect we are thankful to have arrived safely at the end of the term.

Our singing will reflect hearts of thankfulness at what as a School we have achieved together.

Our singing will challenge us to a level of competition as we battle it out tomorrow evening at Choral.

The Psalmist reminds us in v4 For you make me glad by your deeds Lord; I sing for joy at what your hands have done.

If singing is our joyous response to what God has done and is doing and will continue to do for us then **COME LET US SING!**

Have a blessed day.

## **TUESDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> JULY 2018**

Good Afternoon All

Blue skies and a chilling wind today here at Wesley. We give thanks.

WELCOME to the Wesley Family Thomas-Henry Jakeman Tausisiilefilemu Amituana'i son of former Wesleyans Nina and Paletua.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Girl's 1<sup>st</sup> XV Rugby team who last night took out the Counties Manukau Girl's Rugby Competition against Rosehill College 49-17. Woohoo! This morning the team presented the winning trophy to the School and then were presented with their medals and certificates. Nice!

THANK YOU to the Coaching team of Miss Autagavaia, Miss Bhana and the Principal. Good team work!

CHORAL DAY has finally arrived and the tension is mounting as each House enters into the final stages of preparation.

GO WELL to all the Houses tonight. Choral will be in the Chapel and starting time is 7pm.

We continue with COME LET US SING

The Bible reading was from Psalm 100 on pages 733 and 615 in the Wesley Bibles.

Singing and songs seem to best express every emotion but it's joy, celebration and thanksgiving at its best when we sing.

It's very evident here at School when we sing - the joy, the celebration, the thanksgiving.

Our 'COME LET US SING' can be a living principle and approach to life that always has us giving thanks, celebrating, being joyful.

When we sing it involves our heart, that which sustains us throughout every emotional crisis.

When we sing it involves our faith, that which sustains us throughout all and every crisis.

When we sing it provides us the opportunity to share joy and thanksgiving in unity and in harmony.

These are God's gifts to us.

Have a blessed day.

## **WEDNESDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> JULY 2018**

Good Morning All

A beautiful sunny winter's day! God is good.

CONGRATULATIONS to all our Houses who competed in the Inter-House Choral Competition last evening.

THANK YOU to HOD Music Miss Lalakai-Amituana'i and Mr Richard Smythe for all their work in organising the event.

THANK YOU to all the Senior House leaders and to the students for their effort and wonderful singing.

THANK YOU to our judges Whaea Hapi and former Wesleyan Officer Lahn So'oula for their time adjudicating.

Sadly there can only be one winner and the golden orb shone brightly lastnight. Stanton House the gold house were proclaimed the overall winners for Choral 2018.

SAFE TRAVELS to the 1<sup>st</sup> XV and Dev XV who are making their way down to Masterton to play Rathkeale College tomorrow.

COME LET US SING ...

The Bible reading was from Psalm 145:1-7 on pages 765 and 645 in the Wesley Bibles.

The Inter- House Choral Competition is a fiercely fought event and important to securing the Winstone Cup at the end

of the year. I'm not sure who are the more fierce in their support of their Houses ... staff or students (secretly ... it's staff!)

Singing and the creativity that comes with the choice of music and songs to be sung never fails to surprise and amaze.

Students who normally we would not hear their voices, found them and stilled our hearts in awe of our hearing. Team work and working together was a highlight as juniors and seniors, boys and girls focussed on using melody and harmony.

Lyric and song often acapella to showcase their talents and entertain our families and community.

v2 Every day we will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever!

v3 Great is the Lord and worthy of praise ...

Have a blessed day.

## **THURSDAY, 5<sup>th</sup> JULY 2018**

Good Morning All

One more sleep!

It's overcast but warm here at Wesley this morning. God is good!

Our prayerful thoughts for Vili and Joe Kuli and the family whose grandfather has passed away.

CONGRATULATIONS to the 1<sup>st</sup> X111 League team who defeated Avondale College 48-4 yesterday.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Junior Netball Girls who defeated Tangaroa College 36-27 also last evening.

THANK YOU and FAREWELL to our Gappers Erik and Florian who will return to Germany after a year with us.

We wish them well in all their future endeavours. Safe travels Boys!

THANK YOU to Harding Boys Hamiora Nelson who led the Bible reading, Kimi Folaumoeloa who led our prayers, Dawson Biddle and Tali Veia who presented gifts to the Gappers on behalf of the School in chapel this morning.

COME LET US SING ...

The Bible reading was from Psalm 89:11-16 on pages 725 and 608 in the Wesley Bibles.

We continued with our theme as we singing, gave thanks and bade farewell to Erik and Florian our German gappers.

Their contribution to the life of the School and the importance of their role cannot be underestimated. Erik and Florian have fitted in and filled the gap so well. They have joined in and enjoyed the opportunity offered them in being here in New Zealand and at Wesley College. They thanked the School for the welcome and sense of belonging they felt from the first day they arrived. Both Erik and Florian feel they have been part of something very special and that Wesley will always hold a place in their hearts and memories.

v15 Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, Lord.

v16 They rejoice in your name all day long; they celebrate your righteousness.

Have a blessed day.

## FRIDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> JULY 2018

Good Afternoon All

TGIF the last day of term and it's a beautiful blue sky sunny day. God is good!

CONGRATULATIONS to former Wesleyan student and staff Mr Steven Autagavaia who takes up a new Deputy Principal position as Director of Religious Studies at Hato Paora, Palmerston North. Blessings Steve!

CONGRATULATIONS to the 1<sup>st</sup> XV who travelled to Masterton and playing against Rathkeale College won 15-9.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Dev XV who also played Rathkeale winning 47-7.

BREAK A LEG to our students involved in the final two performances of the production Heads Held High.

ENJOY to all our Seniors for their Ball on Saturday night at the Crowne Plaza.

It's been a week of COME LET US SING as we have sung ourselves through to the end of our last week. COME LET US SING is a way of living, a guiding principle which speaks to joy, thanksgiving and celebration. When we live by this principle it determines what our perception and outlook will be.

It determines hugely our approach and response to what life deals us. We can struggle and rise above challenges set before us with thanksgiving and with joy at having overcome them ... because WE SING!

THANK YOU to all our staff and students for a very busy but very full term where we have achieved much. Have a restful break to everyone who will take a rest from school.

To those of our staff who will take a rest from us being at school – THANK YOU for your continuing work.

Have a blessed day and holidays.