

CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 27th JULY 2018

MONDAY, 23rd JULY 2018

Good Morning All

Tis a lovely winter's day here at Wesley. God through creation WELCOMING us all back.

WELCOME BACK to all Staff and students who were able to take a break during the holidays.

Our continued prayers for Suzie Biddle and the family. THANK YOU to staff and students who were able to attend Roger's funeral.

Our continued prayers for Leticia Jones and the family. THANK YOU to staff and students who were able to attend the funeral.

Our prayerful thoughts for Margaret Haru former staff whose mother has passed away.

Our prayers and thoughts for staff Denise Bellette and her family whose father has passed away. The funeral is tomorrow at 11am.

GO WELL to the 1st XV and Development XV rugby teams who are travelling to Hamilton to play St Paul's Collegiate today.

Our theme for this week is WELCOME BACK – HOSPITALITY

The Bible reading was from 1 Peter 4:7-11 on pages 1541 and 1368 in the Wesley Bibles.

Our theme is underpinned by the value HOSPITALITY.

The call to HOSPITALITY is the call to a living principle which both sustains and enhances our life and living. It is a way of living which enables us to live in the world and alongside one another in ways which are welcoming and HOSPITABLE.

It's an attitude to a life which stems from and is a matter of the heart ... God's heart to our hearts and our hearts to those whom we encounter throughout the course of our daily living.

The reading reminds us what being WELCOMING and HOSPITABLE looks like ...

Love each other deeply

Offer HOSPITALITY without grumbling

Use the gifts we have been given to serve one another

When we speak to one another say things which are life giving, which build people up, which makes people feel good about themselves

Serve others with the strength God gives us and so reflect a God who loves ... who cares ... who invites ... who is HOSPITABLE ...

who WELCOMES us every day to be God's people. We can do this!

Have a blessed day.

TUESDAY, 24th JULY 2018

Good Morning All

Another lovely winter's morning just enough chill in the air to make us feel alive!

WELCOME to our two new Gappers from Germany Niklas Hoener and Malte Siebenec

WELCOME – HOSPITALITY

The Bible reading was from 1 Peter 4:8-11 on pages 1541 and 1368 in the Wesley Bibles.

We continue with our theme WELCOME - HOSPITALITY!

WELCOME to chapel, to our time of worship this morning.

WELCOME to the Day students who have joined us.

WELCOME to our school, our family, our Wesley College community.

When we are WELCOMING, practice and offer HOSPITALITY, we are cultivating a WELCOMING spirit.

It's not something we just turn on for visitors but something we do, something we live by every day towards one another.

There is a place for you here. There is a place here for everyone, the sense of belonging ... the sense of family.

We belong together to this place that is about HOSPITALITY and WELCOMING everyone

As Christians we believe we are all made in the image of God ... what does that mean?

It means we are worthy, it means we are all of value and are valued. It means we are people of dignity, we have self-respect.

So if we each know this then we are all made equal. It should follow then that we respect one another because we are all worthy.

Dignity +respect = inclusion. Dignity +respect = WELCOME. Dignity +respect = HOSPITALITY

The reading reminds us that HOSPITALITY begins in the heart ... love one another deeply ... be

HOSPITABLE without moaning ... when we speak, speak godlike to one another.

When we are WELCOMING of one another we follow in the steps of our lavishly HOSPITABLE God.

HAVE A BLESSED DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 25th JULY 2018

Good Morning All

A bit wet, a bit cloudy, a bit of sunshine but for every 'bit' we are thankful.

THANK YOU to all staff who were able to represent the School yesterday at the funeral of Mr Esli Forrest, Denise's father.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Senior Boys Basketball team who won their game against Strathallan 40-32.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our Sports Co-Ordinator Mr Brandon Roberts for yesterday.

WELCOME – HOSPITALITY

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

It was a pleasure to WELCOME to chapel this morning representatives of the Police Force in particular Old Boys - Hakeai Piutau, David Cuthers and Foki Havili. Foki has been in the Police for some two months whilst Hakeai now CIB and David seasoned servants of our community. Hakeai is brother to Siale and Charles Piutau and whilst a good rugby player too, chose to join the Police. Each spoke of their time here at Wesley and the foundation that the school provided in helping to nurture them into the people they have become and the roles they now occupy, serving and working in our communities.

Foki said it was very emotional coming back to Wesley for the first time after having left in 2014 and how good it was to see all the 'old' teachers. The Boys will remain with us until lunch time speaking to students about recruitment and career paths.

THANK YOU for blessing us with your presence today.

We are encouraged by the reading this morning not to grow weary of doing good, being WELCOMING and showing HOSPITALITY.

Every opportunity to do good is an opportunity of sharing HOSPITALITY and not to be missed.

When we sow goodness others will reap the benefit of our HOSPITALITY and continue to share the benefits. As others receive, we too will receive.

Have a blessed day.

THURSDAY, 26th JULY 2018

There was no Chapel message today.

FRIDAY, 27th JULY 2018

Good Morning All

Somewhat overcast, somewhat cold! We thank God for the HOSPITALITY of creation and the new day.

Our prayers for Mrs Lesley Tana who is presently in hospital. Praying for a quick recovery.

CONGRATULATIONS to the 1st XIII who on Wednesday won their game against Otahuhu College 42-8.

WELL DONE to the Soccer XI who suffered their first loss for the season 2-1 against Pukekohe High School. GO WELL to all our rugby teams playing tomorrow.

WELCOME- HOSPITALITY

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

It has been a week of being WELCOMING and HOSPITABLE as we have searched Scripture and our hearts as to what this looks like in our everyday living and life. It's easy to be WELCOMING towards our family and friends. No probs there!

The challenge is to move beyond our comfort zones and to practice what we preach, to be WELCOMING of those we don't know, those we don't care for, those we don't even like. Somewhat problematic for many of us I would imagine.

The Bible reading reminds us that when we WELCOME the stranger, we WELCOME Christ, We are being like Christ and reflecting the HOSPITALITY that is shown us every day by our lavishly HOSPITABLE God. We know what it is to feel and to experience that depth of WELCOME and HOSPITALITY ... it is heartfelt! We pray that what is in our hearts may cause us to touch many a heart in Christ-like ways.

Have a blessed day and weekend.

