

CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 29th June 2018

MONDAY, 25th JUNE 2018

Good Morning All

Welcome to the penultimate week of our second term. I know!

CONGRATULATIONS to Tribe 801 who competed in the Pacific Beats Competition in the weekend. Well done!

THANK YOU to the groups who represented us at Karaka Primary School last week for Matariki.

GO WELL to the Girl's Rugby team who will play Tuakau this afternoon.

CONGRATULATIONS to all our teams who played last Saturday. The results of some of those games are as follows:

1 st XV v St John's Hamilton	won 89-12
2 nd XV v Dilworth	won 55-13
U15W v Southern Cross	won 28-27
U14B v Mt Albert Grammar	loss 10-27

Our theme for this week is **CONNECTRING THE DOTS**

The Bible reading was from Deuteronomy 28:1-6 on pages 244 and 206 in the Wesley Bibles.

For the last weeks in terms of themes we have been looking to the future - a vision of what it might look like, what are the dreams and goals that will inspire us and then how to make plans to secure that future look.

The reading from Deuteronomy reminds us that we will be blessed in our coming in and our going out, that blessing will be our companion, accompany us when we are mindful of God's will and plans for us. This is God's promise.

Steve Job at a Graduation ceremony spoke of **CONNECTING THE DOTS** as he pursued his goals which saw him co-found Apple. He says you can't **CONNECT THE DOTS** going forward but you can connect them going back.

Had Job not dropped out of some of his classes he would not have stumbled across a calligraphy class that he decided he would do just for something to do. Years later Job would not have been able to introduce the calligraphy typography he was able to for Apple had he not remembered what he learnt from the class he just 'stumbled onto.' In looking back at the path that led him to his dream job, Steve could easily **CONNECT THE DOTS**.

Have a blessed day.

TUESDAY, 26th JUNE 2018

Good Morning All

The windy wet weather persists today. We still are thankful for the new day.

Our prayers and thoughts to the family of Inia Te Wiata former Wesleyan student 1961-1964, Kingitanga Master Carver for Te Arikinui Te Atairangikaahu and Kingi Tuheitia.

Designer of te tohu below reflecting the connection between Tainui and the Methodist faith which was gifted to the School and hangs in the Chapel.



THANK YOU to all our Volunteers who help out with school sport. Without you we would not be able to field the teams we do.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JP!

CONGRATULATIONS to all the members of the 1st XV, 1st X111, Senior Basketball and Netball teams who were presented with their Premier Sport's badges at chapel.

We are CONNECTING THE DOTS ...

The Bible reading was from Psalm 136:1-3 on pages 759 and 639 in the Wesley Bibles.

Hindsight always provides us with 20/20 vision, we can look back with clarity and see.

I can see clearly now the rain is gone

I can see all obstacles in my way

Gone are the dark clouds that had me blind ... lyrics from the 1972 Johnny Nash song 'I can see clearly now ...'

If we can only CONNECT THE DOTS in looking back then how are we helped in our looking forward?

What gives us the clarity with which we can look back to then see ahead?

v1 Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His mercy endures forever.

v2 Give thanks to the God of gods, His love endures forever

v3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords, His love endures forever

is it not in our ability to look back, to see what was - CONNECTING THE DOTS - that we are given a 'seeing' we do not always easily recognise? Our 'seeing' is the hope and trust we have in God whose love endures forever, whereby we can literally leave the 'seeing' grounded in a love that will see us through all things. God is good!

Keep dry. Keep warm.

Have a blessed day.

WEDNESDAY, 27th JUNE 2018

Good Morning All

Bitterly cold here brrrrrr despite the sun shining. Keep warm everyone.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Senior Basketball team who won against Southern Cross 36-16 in the Top Four playoffs.

GO WELL to all our students involved in the production 'Heads Held High' which is on for two weeks with the finale Friday 6 July at the Mangere Arts Centre.

REMINDER Choral Night is Tuesday 3rd July in the Rec Centre starting at 7pm.

CONNECTING THE DOTS ...

The Bible reading was from Hebrews 10:35-39 on pages 1520 and 1347 in the Wesley Bibles.

Sometimes when we read about the people in the Bible, their lives and their stories seem unreal and so unrelated to us.

What could they possibly have to teach us?

Often what they have to teach us is surprising. We discover that people are people whatever age they live in and their worries, doubts, and struggles are all too similar to ours.

How are we as God's people supposed to live? What we uncover is that God intends an abundant life for us filled with love, community, grace, compassion, mission, and closeness to God. The good news is that it's not as far off as we might think and the ability to CONNECT THE DOTS will help. We would do well to:

Remember who we are

We must remember who we are and that we belong to a family of faith.

... to stand up for what's right

Fight for the right things, in the right way, and with the right motive.

... to start well isn't enough

It doesn't matter how we start if we give up in the end. We are called to not only to start off right, but also to finish well.

to remember our whole life matters to God

All of life is an act of worship and an opportunity to serve and please God.

... loving God enables us to love others

True worship leads to acts of justice, compassion, and mercy.

... to find God in our desperate places

Desperate places are places of weakness, brokenness, and vulnerability. These are the times in our lives when we will find God's strength.

CONNECT THE DOTS will help us to achieve the things we want to achieve ... will help us to be the people God intends us to be.

Keep warm and have a blessed day.

THURSDAY, 28th JUNE 2018

There was no Chapel message today.

FRIDAY, 29th JUNE 2018

Good Morning All

The end of the penultimate week for Term 2 ... I Know!

CONGRATULATIONS to our Soccer X1 who remain undefeated after their win 3-2 earlier this week.

CONGRATULATIONS to both our Boys Basketball teams who last night won their games.

BREAK A LEG to our students involved in the production Heads Held High which opens tonight for a two week season.

BOT DINNER to all those who will enjoy this event later this evening, MANY THANKS for all the hard work and results achieved.

GO WELL to all our rugby teams playing tomorrow. The 1st XV will play at home against Lindisfarne 12pm Field 1.

CONNECTING THE DOTS ...

The Bible reading was from Micah 6:8

v8 He has shown you O mortal what is good. And what does the Lord require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

We have been CONNECTING DOTS all week which comes on the back of past week's themes of vision, dreams and goals and plans In an effort to demonstrate that everything we do and are a part of, is about CONNECTEDNESS, about being connected.

A university graduate wrote ... 'After graduating I was coming out of a routine I'd been in for several years, all the way back to college.

It was a year round process of constantly having to work and be disciplined, and I was able to understand and CONNECT THE DOTS between all those characteristics I learnt back then especially of faith, learning, hard work and success.'

Our School motto: By Faith, By Learning, By Hard work

Our School Prayer: And what does the Lord require of us? To act justly to love mercy and to walk humbly with God.

God help me to do all the good I can, By all the means I can, In all the ways I can, In all the places I can, At all the times I can, To all the people I can, As long as I ever can.

Our Why: Special Character:

We are Christian in practice

We are Methodist in ethos

We are Accepted for who we are

We are Called to be God's people to do God's work

We Belong to the Wesley College family and the wider family of God.

This is the life- long learning character building foundation we endeavour to instill within our students before they leave us.

A foundation which will help them to **CONNECT THE DOTS** throughout the whole of their lives in all areas of their lives.

It's a living principle which gifts us with the ability and capability to live life to its fullest.

Have a blessed day and weekend.

