

CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 17th AUGUST 2018

MONDAY, 13th AUGUST 2018

Kia ora koutou ... Good Morning All

Spring is definitely in the air and we give thanks for the warm dry goodness of the weather.

Our theme for this week is CONSISTENCY.

The Bible reading was from 1 Corinthians 15:58 on pages 1432 and 1252 in the Wesley Bibles.

v58 Therefore my brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain.

THANK YOU to Old Boy David Wilson 1985-89 who addressed the School at chapel this morning. He spoke of his struggle and how Wesley was his place as a runaway and the students here his 'tribe' He left Wesley not being able to read or write because of learning difficulties and had to listen to audio books ipod casts and watch to learn as a way of overcoming his difficulties. He encouraged the students to listen and to watch, to be brave and courageous and to not fear taking risks. Don't listen to that inner voice of doubt. Deal to it and find a way of moving on. Dave is now the CEO of Cisco NZ/Australia and travels the world.

His current goals:

1. To get to the moon
2. To set up 100,000 IT companies ... which he is well on the way to doing.

THANK YOU to all our rugby teams who took to the rugby fields far and near to represent us in the weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS to the U15W team who won against Otahuhu 17-15.

A report from the game by the Coaching staff ...

I thought the Under 15 White Team's game this week was worth a mention for several reasons.

Last week our match against Pukekohe was a bit of a "Blood Bath". Even though we won the match easily it was marred with four yellow cards that could have easily been avoided. During the week the issue was addressed with the boys and what we expected from the Otahuhu who are the leaders in the competition and thrashed us 35 -5 in the opening warm up game.

On Saturday the boys faced a side line of supporters from Otahuhu totalling probably around hundred supporters to a few from Wesley.

The team displayed total commitment giving up no Yellow or Red cards and coming from behind twice to steal the game in the final five minutes with a well-constructed try.

The win in itself was pleasing and it was nice to beat the top team in a hard solid game of Rugby. However what was more important was how the boys responded. They showed character, faith and the type of goodwill that we would like to foster at Wesley.

Prior to the game nobody would have given you odds on Wesley winning, but instilling in the boys the self-belief and respect for one another as a team saw them go out and deliver on the field and in a fashion that we would expect a Wesley Rugby team to play.

It was by far our best game of the season in many ways and not just because of the win but because of how the boys conducted themselves.

Thank you to Fale Uaine and Mike Raos - Coaches.

CONSISTENCY ... in faith nothing is in vain when we stand firm and refuse to be moved from what we know to be true.

Have a blessed day.

TUESDAY, 14th AUGUST 2018

Good Morning All

Wouldn't you know it ... mention wonderful spring weather and today it's wintry cold and wet. We still give thanks.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Counties Manukau Country Team who yesterday won 29-24 against Counties Manukau City.

A consistent effort throughout the season from our Girls who will now await Top Four and representative selection honours.

CONGRATULATIONS we now have two quarter final games for this weekend U14 B v De La Salle and U15 B v Mt Albert Grammar.

Both games at 10.30 are away games. Consistency Boys!

CONSISTENCY ...

The Bible reading was from Galatians 6:7-10 on pages 1454 and 1279 in the Wesley Bibles.

Most people know what CONSISTENCY means.

Most people know what CONSISTENCY looks like.

Most people know that CONSISTENCY is a good character trait to have and hold onto throughout life.

Most people know too, how hard it is to be CONSISTENT day in ... day out.

How can we be CONSISTENT people?

The Principal mentioned this morning everyone needs 'a go to place' that space which brings us back on track every time we find ourselves becoming INCONSISTENT, starting to veer off the beaten track.

The Bible reading reminds us to not give up, to keep doing good work because people of faith have the 'go to place' ... it's a place of faith which speaks to God's CONSISTENCY and constancy, persistency and faithfulness. God is CONSISTENT yesterday, today and tomorrow.

We can only but try and trust that our sowing efforts and endeavours to be CONSISTENT will reap all that is good.

Have a blessed day.

WEDNESDAY, 15th AUGUST 2018

Good Morning All

Brrr ... right back in the throes of winter it would seem and feel! We give thanks for the new day.

CONSISTENCY ...

The Bible reading was from Psalm 102:25-28 on pages 734 and 618 in the Wesley Bibles.

Call it faithfulness, call it devotion, call it truth and loyalty, our God is CONSISTENT!

When all else fails or over time fades, we can trust in the truth of the One who will neither fail nor forsake us.

This morning in chapel we sang the hymn 'Will your anchor hold?'

The writer of this hymn was Priscilla Owens born in the USA in 1829 of Scottish and Welsh blood. For over 50 years Priscilla was actively involved in work for Christian youth and most of her songs were therefore composed for children. "Will Your Anchor Hold" was sung outside the door of the dying hymn writer Mary Fawler Maude (Thine For Ever! God of love). She sent her singers the message, "Tell them that it does not fail - it holds." The hymn suggests that personal stability can only come from the right foundations which call us to a consistent life. The hymn employs a sea faring analogy.

*Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife?
When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,
Will your anchor drift or firm remain?
We have an anchor that keeps the soul
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
Fastened to the Rock which cannot move,
Grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love.
It is safely moored, 'twill the storm withstand,
For 'tis well secured by the Saviour's hand;
And the cables passed from His heart to mine,
Can defy the blast, through strength divine.*

Have a blessed day.

THURSDAY, 16th AUGUST 2018

There was no Chapel message today.

FRIDAY, 17th AUGUST 2018

Good Morning All

Cold wet ... cold wet ... there has been a CONSISTENCY about the weather this week! We give thanks for each new day.

GO WELL ... as we draw to the business end of the rugby season to all our teams playing tomorrow.

DRAW ... 2nd XV 9.15 v Auckland Grammar at Wesley
 U14B 10.30 v De La Salle at De La Salle
 U15B 10.30 v Mt Albert Grammar at Mt Albert Grammar

CONGRATULATIONS to PE teacher Nikki Bhana who has been selected Coach of the Counties Manukau Women's Team.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the winners of the Math's competitions held throughout Mathematics Week this week.

CONSISTENCY has been our theme for this week.

The Bible reading was from Matthew 5: 33-37 on pages 1183 and 1009 in the Wesley Bibles.

The Principal reminded us this morning 'If CONSISTENCY was easy we would be perfect and so too our world.'

We are not and neither is our world which begs the question 'Why is being CONSISTENT so hard.

It's hard because anything of great value inherently calls us to hard work and to struggle, and it is in our endeavours and attempts to be CONSISTENT that we come to understand what it means and what it takes.

We all have a 'true north' said the Principal, those things which keep us heading in the right direction to a life filled full and fulfilled. Our faith and our families are 'Our Why' to our CONSISTENCY and when we find ourselves off point, what brings us back on track, on point are the same foundations OUR WHY! ...

CONSISTENTLY reminding us who we are.

As is a person's word ... it is foundational to one's identity. If we are inconsistent in what we say, our words are of little or no value – meaningless. We cannot be trusted. CONSISTENCY right across the board in all we say and in all we do!

As a School our School motto ... ***By Faith, By Learning, By Hard work*** is foundational.

Our ***Kairangi*** values of ***Family, Respect, Responsibility and Excellence*** are foundational.

...are the guiding living principles to our being CONSISTENT here at school and for the future.

Have a blessed day and weekend.

