

CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 16th NOVEMBER 2018

MONDAY, 12th NOVEMBER 2018

Good Morning All

THANK YOU to our Wesley families and community who supported the School on Friday with Senior Prize-Giving, Leaver's Chapel and Dinner. It was a great time of celebration, of giving thanks to God for our Seniors and acknowledging all our prize winners.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Wesley College Dux 2018 - Year 13 and Prefect Mr Eneasi Vakauta.
CONGRATULATIONS to the Proxime Accedit 2018 - Year 13 and Head Girl Prefect Miss Sharon Tuipala

The celebrations ended with Dinner and our Guest Speaker former Old Student Judge Tinimiraka Clark.

Our theme for today is PEACE.

The Bible reading was from Psalm 29: 11

The Lord gives strength to his people; The Lord blesses his people with peace.

Today is the first major NCEA exam for our Yr 11 students who are all sitting their English examination this morning. The number of times I have been asked to pray for and with them reminds us not only of their immediate need at what can be a very stressful time, but also the reassurance that comes from us who care for them, just 'being present.'

The PEACE they most need is us ... those who have taught them ... those who have cared for them throughout the year.

In us, through us and with us it is now that our children need us the most ... that constant reassurance, PEACE. We pray for our children this morning may PEACE prevail.

Have a blessed day.

TUESDAY, 13th NOVEMBER 2018

Good Morning All

A beautiful spring day and start to our day. We give thanks.

Our theme for the day 'GIVE THANKS'

The Bible reading was from Colossians 3:15-17

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And BE THANKFUL.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, WITH THANKFULNESS in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, GIVING THANKS to God the Father through him.

When we have an 'attitude of gratitude,' an attitude where we are thankful every day for every day, then every day no matter what happens will be a good day.

We prayed for peace yesterday as the Yr 11s sat their first ever NCEA exam and for the most part. the exam went well.

Today we GIVE THANKS for that. We GIVE THANKS we are alive again today. We GIVE THANKS for the new day, for our school and all the people who contribute to our being here, helping us to gain an education, helping us to secure a good future for each one of us.

When we are THANKFUL and have that 'attitude of gratitude,' there is much to celebrate and be joyful about. Whatever we do, do so GIVING THANKS in the name of the Lord Jesus, GIVING THANKS to God through him.

Today we celebrate and GIVE THANKS for the Rotary Enhancement Programme which sees volunteers from all walks of life freely giving of their time to provide one on one help to Yr 9 and 10 students with reading, comprehension and writing.

We thank all the Tutors for their service to the School.

Have a blessed day.

WEDNESDAY, 14th NOVEMBER 2018

Good Morning All

Cloudy and overcast but we're giving thanks for the new day.

WELCOME back to Oliver Tainui who continues to recover to full health and strength.

Huge CONGRATULATIONS to Yr 13 Ocean Tierney who was awarded with Babyheat MVP 2018. Ocean was a member of the Women's team who feed into the Counties Manukau Heat and play Farrah Palmer Cup competition. Throughout the season Ocean trained with the Heat. Ocean is also off in a few weeks to show her skills at Ignite 7s on the 21-24 November 2018.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Tag Tournament Boys who placed 4th in the tournament at Cornwall last week.

CONGRATULATIONS to Stanton House who took out the Winstone Cup this year. Thank you to House staff, Leaders and students who worked tirelessly to stay in the running. It has been a Golden Year for our House with Stanton Eneasi Vakauta Dux 2018 and Stanton Proxime Accesit Sharon Tuipala.

The definition for the word JOYFUL is thrilled, glad, delighted, deeply happy and that's usually how we feel when we're not stressed. It's usually the way we feel when we have an attitude of gratitude - cheerful, ecstatic, upbeat.

Romans 12:10-12

¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Joy and happiness are wonderful emotions. They give us the feel good buzz. They appear the same but are different. Real joy, true joy comes when you are content with who you are and accept the way you are. It comes from being so comfortable in your own skin that nothing can rock that. Happiness on the other hand tends to be externally triggered, we are made happy by something outside of ourselves.

On Monday we prayed for peace an inner sense of calmness. Tuesday we gave thanks to God for an attitude of gratitude. Today ... when we're not stressed, when we're thankful ... what comes of these things is the deepest sense of JOY. When we speak of things deeply we speak of God, of that spirit that dwells within us, causes us to be deeply JOYFUL. Some say happiness is temporary and that it is JOY that lasts longer and sustains us till the next JOYFUL moment. We need both ... when we respect one another ... when we are hopeful, patient and faithful, we will know what it is to be both happy and JOYFUL.

Have a JOYFULLY blessed day.

THURSDAY, 15th NOVEMBER 2018

There was no Chapel message today.

FRIDAY, 16th NOVEMBER 2018

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