

## CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2018

### MONDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2018

There was no Chapel message today.

### TUESDAY, 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2018

Good Morning All

It's a beautiful chilly start to our day. We give thanks.

Theme for this week is RESOLUTE.

The phrase the 'Luck of the Irish' is intended to mean, the Irish are very fortunate people. They are a proud people, proud of their country and culture, hardworking, funny and nowadays loved by nations all over the world. When Ireland beat the All Black's in Chicago two years ago there was a lot of talk about the 'luck of the Irish' then, that it was a fluke ... there's no way Ireland could beat the All Blacks again, but they did and Sunday's game was quite different.

Most Kiwis would agree that if we were going to lose a game to any team in the world we didn't mind losing to the Irish.

Ireland have waited some 100 years plus to beat the All Blacks on home soil and last Sunday morning they did just that.

This time though it wasn't so much the 'luck of the Irish' that secured their historic win, they were the better team on the day and when Irish eyes are smiling as they are still, you can't bet it!

Resolute, unyielding, stubborn, staunch, tenacious ... sometimes it takes all our RESOLVE to stay RESOLUTE.

It's easy when we know we're almost at the end of the year to just lose the plot, to not care, to not want to keep to structure but it's for that very reason that we need to stay RESOLUTE!

Jeremiah 15:19

If you return, I will take you back, and you will be my servant again. If instead of talking nonsense you proclaim a worthwhile message, you will be my prophet again. It's very clear God isn't mincing words with Jeremiah. In this time of crisis, God demands a servant in whom God can have confidence, one who will fearlessly warn in the face of persecution and who will remain committed to carrying out His work to its conclusion, no matter where that work may take him. God needs an individual of RESOLUTE and unrelenting faith. Jeremiah's job is on the line. He *has to* overcome his doubt of God and of himself.

We too have to overcome our fears, have to stop doubting God and ourselves and remain RESOLUTE. God wants us to be RESOLUTE and unrelenting in our faith in God who is resolute and unrelenting towards us and believes we can be the same.

Have a blessed day.

## WEDNESDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2018

Good Morning All

It's freezing and wet! It is mid-November isn't it. Brrrr! We give thanks for each new day.

Our theme for this week is RESOLUTE - unwavering, doggedness, tenacious, unyielding, staunch, even stubborn.

This way of being helps us to be RESOLUTE people, to help us to keep our resolve, our heads above water every day.

These things ground us, and are the things which we won't give up on - our faith, our beliefs, our values, our family and friends.

These things will keep us strong, keep us steadfast, keep us from losing our way.

[Acts 11:23](#)

Then when he arrived and witnessed the grace of God, he rejoiced and began to encourage them all with resolute heart to remain true to the Lord;

One of our strengths here at Wesley is family. Ask any Wesleyan what they remember about their time here and they will say family.

The sense of belonging to a place bigger than us as individuals but together, and the Principal used the word yesterday 'collectively' we are a formidable force. When Wesley is out in the public we don't even have to say anything. The way we look, our mere presence says it all.

We give off this unwavering, unyielding, 'don't mess with us' look. This is who we are, this is what we stand for and nothing will change that ...

Wesley hard!

There are some things in life we can negotiate but the things that truly matter we are called to be dogged about, to be steadfast and stubborn even.

Our faith, our values, our identity and where we come from - these are non-negotiables.

This is our wairua, our turangawaewae, our mana and as the oldest school in the country, we have a tradition and a history of those who have gone before us who have been equally RESOLUTE in their protecting and looking after what we must now protect and look after.

When people see us do they see the grace of God at work in our hearts ... do we make them feel joyful and do we encourage them to remain:

RESOLUTE in their love of God because they see it in us?

This is the challenge every day to remain RESOLUTE.

Have a blessed day.

## THURSDAY, 22<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2018

There was no Chapel message today.

## FRIDAY, 23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2018

Good Morning All

A beautiful sunny start to the day. God is good!

CONGRATULATIONS to Head Girl Sharon Tuipala who along with some very high powered corporate people had dinner with the Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern last evening. Sharon was the only student who attended and had the opportunity to speak with the Prime Minister. Of the approximate 50-60 guests invited, Sharon represented both herself and our School well. Thank you to Old Student Dave Wilson for the opportunity made possible for Sharon and Wesley.

Our theme for this week has been RESOLUTE

The Bible reading was from Romans 8:38-39 on p1400 in the Wesley Bibles.

All of us want to be good people, it's inherent within us, it's part of our nature.

Some of us are good at times, some times and some all the time. Some of us are better at being good than others but instead of God insisting that we be perfect, it's God's intention that we be the best that we can be.

Then God helps us to find out how good we can be is. It's not in God's nature to want us to fail in life

This week our theme RESOLUTE has reminded us of those things that help us to keep our RESOLVE ...

our faith, our values, our identity, our culture, our family and our friends are those gifts which will help us to maintain our RESOLVE, to keep our heads, to do good, to stay good.

The reading from Romans 8 reminds us in good times and in bad God's got our backs, that nothing can separate us from God's love.

<sup>38</sup> And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,<sup>[b]</sup> neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow - not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love.

<sup>39</sup> No power in the sky above or in the earth below - indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is RESOLUTE stuff - this is the kind of RESOLVE stuff that God wants us to remember and to hold on to even when we think we're losing our hold, losing our grip ... THAT God will not lose hold of us. God will not lose a grip of us!

As God is RESOLUTE in God's love for us, may this be our RESOLVE ... that God's all good with our being the best that we can be.

Have a blessed day and weekend.

