

# CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020

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O le ala i le pule ma le manuia, o le tautua.  
The path to leadership and success, is service.

## MONDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020

Good Morning All

A beautiful day on the Farm. Giving thanks!

CONGRATULATIONS to Stanton House who took out the Swimming Sports held last week. The Golden orb rises again!

THANK YOU again to all the Houses for your contribution and participation to a wonderful day at the pool.

We continue with our theme 'OUR WHY' – the focus this week on our Kairangi Values - Family, Respect, Responsibility, Excellence.

The Bible reading was from Micah 6: 1-8 on page 1133 in the Wesley Bible.

Values are those principles, standards of behaviour which as a society are deemed necessary for everyone to live together.

Most constitutions, charters, the legal systems of many countries find the source for their principles in the Biblical teachings around the Ten commandments given by God to Moses and the Two Great Commandments: to love God and to love our neighbour.

Every workplace, every institution, every corporation will have their own sets of values specific to them but at the heart of these values will be the intention to do what is good ... to do what is fair ... to do what is just for all.

FAMILY values have at its heart how we want to best live as family. Values help to define behaviours in various situations, help family to make good choices, and serves to strengthen familial relationships and ties between family members.

A good example is my culture 'the Fa'asamoa' - Samoan way - in discussions with family and friends we have found it necessary to decide not only the amount of the monetary gift to be gifted on the occasion of weddings, funerals etc, but also what is the expected and appropriate behaviour around to whom the gift is made.

Consideration is also given to the connection and relationship of those who are directly involved with the occasion to the giver. By not knowing and adhering to the Fa'asamoa values and etiquette we can cause great offence and umbrage as well as it be interpreted as an insult.

The Bible reading reminds us that being 'family' whether DNA related or not, is God's intention for us. It is the way of God which calls us to cogitate 'chew over' and reflect on the ways we do what is fair and right and just for every person.

What is the measure by which we determine what is fair and right and just?

The prophet Micah writes ...'to act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with God.'

As a School this is our measure, this is our living and guiding principle for our life as a 'family' here at Wesley.

Have a blessed day.

## **TUESDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020**

Good Morning

Another beautiful start to our day. Blue skies and sunshine. Giving thanks.

We continue with our theme OUR WHY - Kairangi values - Family, Respect, Responsibility, Excellence.

The Bible reading was from John 13:31-35 on page 1332 in the Wesley Bible.

Our Kairangi values are guiding life principles we pray everyone tries to live by here at school. They are values which will guide us throughout the whole of our life and place us in good stead for whatever comes our way. Respect, esteem, regard, looking up to, is a positive feeling or action shown towards someone or something considered important.

It conveys a sense of admiration for good or valuable qualities. So values are good and valuable.

The reading reminds us of the command Jesus makes of each of us as God's family to not just pay lip service to but to 'walk the talk.'

When we 'walk the talk' of what it is to be family, show respect and responsibility then we fulfil Jesus' command to love.

Jesus' command to love isn't to some mushy gushy feely good buzz feeling but rather that depth of heartfelt knowing which comes

From believing that we are loved by God simply because this is who God is ... God loves us no matter what, no strings attached.

When we love one another, when the source and motivation for our actions is love, our values become second nature to us, it's like we don't even have to try because love directs our way of being, love directs our way of doing, love directs our way of speaking.

Jesus' command to love reminds us that all these ways are the ways of God ... the way of excellence.

So what does the Lord require of each of us? ...

Have a blessed day.

## **WEDNESDAY, 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020**

There was no Chapel message today.

## **THURSDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020**

There was no Chapel message today.

## **FRIDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020**

There was no Chapel message today.

