

CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 7th AUGUST 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, 3rd AUGUST 2020

There was no Chapel message today.

TUESDAY, 4th AUGUST 2020

Kia Orana kotou katoatoa

This week is Cook Islands Language Week which was launched in the weekend.

The theme for **Cook Islands Language week** is "Kia pūāvai tō tātou Reo Māori Kūki 'Āirani i Aotearoa" – "That the **Cook Islands Māori language** may blossom throughout New Zealand."

The 2020 theme was developed by the **Cook Islands Teachers & Educators Collective New Zealand (CITECNZ)**.



Meitaki ma'ata.

WEDNESDAY, 5th AUGUST 2020

Kia Orana kotou katoatoa

Ko epetoma o te reo o te maoru Kuki Airani – Cook Islands Language Week.

The theme for his year is 'Kia puavai to tatou reo Maori Kuki Airani i Aotearoa –

That the Cook Islands maori language may blossom throughout New Zealand'.

Metaki ma'ata to our Student Chaplains this morning who led chapel ... Samsara Faitala, JD Folaumoeloa and Joeli Bogitini.

Samsara shared and encouraged the student body to learn and to speak their island languages and the importance of it

to each person's identity. There is something special and identifying when people can speak another language particularly their mother tongue.

Language is a gift and helps us to communicate what is in our hearts and souls and minds.

The God given gift of language especially in this Season of Pentecost is the constant reminder of God's giftedness.

Meitaki ma'ata to the Chapel Committee who also presented this morning on their Recycling Project for the School.

A great launch and video presentation on an equally great project to raise awareness around our care for the environment.

Have a blessed day.

THURSDAY, 6th AUGUST 2020

There was no Chapel message today.

FRIDAY, 7th AUGUST 2020

Kia orana kotou katotoa - Greetings Everyone.

A beautiful morning here on the Farm. Giving thanks.

TGIF and many thanks to Mrs Faitala and all the students who have shared this week epetoma o te reo o te maori Kuki Airani. The theme for this year is 'Kia puavai to tatou reo maori Kuki Airani i Aotearoa - That the Cook Islands language may blossom throughout new Zealand.'

GO WELL to all our teams who are playing rugby tomorrow. A big Home game for the 1st XV.

THANK YOU to all our Basketball teams who represented last night.

TRAVEL SAFELY HOME to all our Duke of Edinburgh students who have been away all week at Tongariro.

TRAVEL SAFELY to our Police Academy students who return later tonight after their short camp away.

Language is the strongest identifier of who we are as a people and speaks to the heart of our identity, where we come from and why we do the things we do. Our language locates us to a specific place, our places of origin reminding us of our Pacific Island homes. Our languages unite us, brings us together.

We give thanks for the recognition, acknowledgement and weeks given over to celebrating our different Pacific Island languages. While we are 5 million strong in Aotearoa New Zealand our strength in part comes from our diversity and the enrichment that this diversity brings to our nation, our people, our country. As migrants we have carved out and continue to carve out a new home for us preserving our taonga and treasures.

Given the impact of climate change on our island homes the reality of displacement and dislocation is real for many.

All the more and strongest of reasons to hold onto our languages, our cultures and our traditions to preserve them and to grow them anew.

Kia orana.

Have a blessed day and weekend.

