

# CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 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, 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2020

Ni sa yadra Good morning All.

Welcome to the start of the final academic term for the year.

Our thoughts and prayers for Tarzan Tagoai whose brother passed away during the holidays. Our prayers for the Tagoai family.

Our prayers and thoughts for Kimi and JD Folaumoeloa and the family whose grandfather passed away in the holidays.

A belated Birthday greeting to Mrs Jennette Finch who celebrated her birthday during the holidays.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs Kaufo'ou Vave Ngaluafe one of our parents who graduated B Applied Management last weekend.

We remember Mr Sium Pole former HOD Maths who is being welcomed at his new school in Tuakau this morning.

Ni sa bula and welcome to Mrs Tupou the new HOD Maths who we will welcome officially tomorrow.

This week is also Anti-Bullying Week which will end on Friday with Pink Shirt Day 'Speak Up Stand Together Stop Bullying.'

We celebrate the right to vote as a country as we move to the elections and the final day for voting in the weekend to come.

We celebrate a hard fought Bledisloe Cup game against the Wallabies and thankful for a good outcome in the lead up to the remaining games.

The early part of this week we will celebrate Fijian Language Week Macawa ni Vosa Vakaviti which celebrates the culture and language of the more than 14,000 people of Fijian heritage who live in New Zealand. The 2020 Fijian Language theme is 'Noqu Vosa, Noqu iSema Bula – My language, my living link.' This theme reflects the strength and connection a people's language and cultural identity provide as they make their life's journey, particularly during challenging times. Our languages are our identity and are key to our wellbeing and success. COVID-19 has truly challenged all of the peoples of Aotearoa New Zealand and the ability to communicate to Pacific peoples in their own languages has been critical in our fight to stop the spread of the virus.

Vinaka vaka levu to Mrs Kaitani and the Fijian students who led chapel worship this morning.



In all these many ways of life and death, of celebration and thanksgiving, we are reminded of God's goodness and faithfulness that we are called to every day we wake to find that we are alive. In the year which has brought much in the way of uncertainty, we give thanks for the certainty of God's enduring love for us all.

Have a blessed day.

## **TUESDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2020**

There was no Chapel message today.

## **WEDNESDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2020**

Ni Sa Bula Vinaka Everyone!

Vinaka vaka levu to Mrs Kaitani, Ms Mara and the Fijian students for a wonderful celebration - macawa ni vosa vakaviti - Fijian Language Week this week.

Vinaka to Frances Kalisoqo former Head Girl 2008 who shared an inspirational and encouraging message of hope with the School.

Vinaka to Yr 11 Pau Bauleka for organising a video message from the President of the Republic of Fiji H.E Rioji Konrote. The President's 10 min video was inspiring as he encouraged all Fijians at Wesley to be proud of who they are and reminded us historically of Fiji's journey to celebrating this year 50 years of Independence. The President thanked Wesley College for marking Fijian Language Week as we have this week.

Yesterday we officially welcomed Mrs Vaisingano Tupou the new HOD Maths to the School. Malo 'aupito to the strong contingent of some 30 Staff and students from Otahuhu College who accompanied Mrs Tupou.

Kia ora to Matua Vince who led the welcome on behalf of the School and to Mr Fihaki for the Tongan greeting.

THANK YOU to the group of staff and students led by Matua Vince who on Monday accompanied Mr Siua Pole former HOD Maths to his new School Tuakau Primary where he will be the new Deputy Principal.

In all these ways we see God's handiwork encouraging us to see again and again God's ever present presence in all of life.

The call to celebrate in thanksgiving is a daily one at God's insistence to see all that is good.

Have a blessed day.

## **THURSDAY, 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2020**

Good Morning All

Bit of a grey start to the day and not so warm but still giving thanks.

The Bible reading was from Ephesians 4:1-7 on page 1450 in the Wesley Bibles.

THANK YOU to the Student members of the Kairangi Committee Douglys, Vai and Reon who spoke to the School about Bullying and its associated statistics as well as invite staff and students to the various activities which will be held tomorrow in support of Pink Shirt Day.

'Speak Up Stand Together Stop Bullying - Korero mai, Korero atu, Mauri tu, Mauri ora' is the theme for Anti-Bullying Week which ends with Pink Shirt Day this Friday.

The call to 'BE KIND' resonates with us especially given the Covid times we live in and our collective effort as a country to help keep us all safe. The Anti-Bullying campaign is similar in its effort to keep us all safe and the reminder that we are all worthy and a life worthy of being lived at its most excellent way is a gift.

Humility, gentility, patience, forbearance, love and peace are all ways, God ways of keeping us safe, of maintaining one another's worth and worthiness. It is the capacity as every human to appreciate the giftedness of every person to our life, to our world.

If we believe it is in God's image we are created then we are all at a level playing field ... created, gifted, blessed, loved.

How cool is that!

Our collective effort to keep all places safe for everyone ... our homes, schools, places of work is the call to remember we are all worthy ... worthy to live life and for each to reach one's fullest potential ... and in that worthiness appreciate and see the worth in others for other's sake ... for God's sake ... for the sake of all who desire to be fully human.

Have a blessed day.

## **FRIDAY, 16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2020**

There was no Chapel message today.