

# CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 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, 23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2020

There was no Chapel message today.

## TUESDAY, 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020

Good Morning All

Somewhat overcast this morning but giving thanks for the new day.

CONGRATULATIONS to Nurse James Toea'ana and family who welcomed new baby Boy Israel Amaani on the 18<sup>th</sup> Nov. Giving thanks!

CNGRATULATIONS to Old Girl Lanulangi Veainu who is our first Black Fern and debuted against the Babas scoring two tries. Nice!

Our theme for this week is **BY FAITH, BY LEARNING, BY HARD WORK.**

The Bible reading was from James 1:2-8 on page 1528 in the Wesley Bibles.

2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters wherever you face trials of many kinds, <sup>3</sup> because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. <sup>4</sup> Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. <sup>5</sup> If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. <sup>6</sup> But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

7 That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. <sup>8</sup> Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

**BY FAITH BY LEARNING BY HARD WORK** is our school motto.

Rev Simmonds who was Principal from 1895-1923 introduced the motto which remains a guiding principle to this day..

The reading reminds us that faith produces perseverance. We are encouraged in hard times not to give up but to hang in there and to see the hardship through. The experience of working through hard times helps us to grow ... develops maturity.

Perhaps this is the thinking too around the school motto. To have these three values - faith, learning and hard work - not only helps young people to be successful in school but throughout the whole of our lives.

Rev Simmonds recognised that our faith is that value which is foundational, integral to, supports, encourages and helps us to persevere not just with schooling and education but life-long learning. It is our faith in God who

is faithful and all the ways in which this is lived out, which provides the confidence to be strong and of good courage.

As the Junior school continue their exams this week we wish them well. It is our prayer that through their hard work and learning that their faith in themselves and the preparation they have made will see them do well. As the Seniors continue their externals we pray for them ... by faith by learning by hard work ... it brings success, it brings achievement, it brings perseverance and maturity.

Have a blessed day.

## **WEDNESDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020**

There was no Chapel message today.

## **THURSDAY, 26<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020**

Good Morning All

God is good. It's overcast but it's warm and the new day has only just begun!  
OUR prayerful thoughts for our students - the Seniors with their Externals and the Juniors with their exams this week.

We continue with our theme By FAITH BY LEARNING BY HARD WORK!

The Bible reading was from Philippians 4:4-9 p1468 in the Wesley Bibles.  
4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all ...  
9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me - put it into practice.  
And the God of peace will be with you.

The writer Paul calls us to rejoicing. Given his circumstances Paul had no reason to be joyful but because he could see beyond his predicament, his difficulty, his being in prison and focus on the positive ... what positives you may be asking?  
the fact that he had helped some many people come to know God ...that fact that he was still alive ... that fact that God was using hm and his life.  
Paul focussed instead on his inner attitude, when Paul thought about all the things that he was thankful for ... joy was his response.

If we haven't been joyful lately perhaps we're looking at life from the wrong perspective.

Sometimes school, sometimes work, sometimes life can be less than joyful when we are having to endure the stress and pressure that comes with daily living. Our inner attitude can serve to lift our spirits, to remind us that we are not alone, to provide for us that inner attitudinal strength.  
The promise which comes when we are joyful, is peace and often it does take faith and learning and hard work ... and putting it into practice.

The Principal reminded us of the deaths of two great sportsmen in Diego Maradona and Christophe Dominici and how life was not all glamour for them as famous people. They had to work hard to deal with their demons. We remember them, their families and nations who mourn their passing this week.

Have a blessed day.

## FRIDAY, 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020

Good Morning All

Praying the weather where you are is as beautiful as it is here on the farm. God is good.

Our PRAYERS and THOUGHTS for former Dorm parent Filipino Guttenbeil and the family whose sister passed away this week.

CONGRATULATIONS to former Wesleyan Class 2020 Vaka Sikahale who has recently signed with the Gold Coast Titans and Burleigh Bears. Wishing him well.

Our theme for this week has been BY FAITH BY LEARNING BY HARD WORK our School motto. This morning we bade farewell to Mrs Michelle Emslie who when we think of our School motto has exemplified faith, learning and hard work. Mrs Emslie leaves to pursue further study at university. We wish her well.

The last few days we have been involved in interviewing for the Prefects group 2021. We have laughed and shed tears of joy at the calibre of young people whom we have spoken with. We have been both pleasantly surprised and blown away at their honesty, forthrightness and humility. It warms our hearts to know that as a School we are doing something right, that what we teach and preach and 'walking the talk' does inspire and encourage our children to be their best selves. God is good!

BY FAITH BY LEARNING BY HARD WORK ... our young people for the most part exemplify these values. As a School we can take heart that all our faith and hard work does resonate in the learning that takes place here, in the students who come and we are blessed to have.

God is good and we are forever thankful for the young people we are gifted with and the lives we have the blessing to be blessed with.

Have a blessed day and weekend.

