

CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 30th AUGUST 2019

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Kua tawhiti ke to haerenga mai, kia kore e haere tonu
We have come too far not to go further

MONDAY, 26th AUGUST 2019

Good Morning All

The beginning of Week 6 ... it's raining, it's grey skies, but it's all good in the hood!

Our PRAYERS continue for Tracey. Wishing her well and a speedy recovery.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU to the 1st XV and the U14B teams who represented us proudly last weekend.

The results didn't go our way but each team played strongly, played well and we thank all Coaching staff and the Boys!

THANK YOU to all our Wesley community, families and friends who were out there supporting our teams on Saturday.

REMINDER Oct Labour Weekend we are celebrating our 175th Anniversary as a School. Please go onto website to register.

www.wcosa.co.nz/175th-anniversary/registration/

Our theme for this week is 'FINISH WHAT WE START'

The Bible reading was from 2 Corinthians 8:6-11 on pages 1441 and 1263 in the Wesley Bibles.

We are at the business end of our third term and every day we're juggling a lot of stuff to keep our school work, other activities and personal life on point, but sometimes we need to just focus on one task at a time, sometimes we need to FINISH WHAT WE START one task at a time, to see through to completion one thing at a time or risk not FINISHING WHAT WE START.

It's important to in the first instance decide to finish. The first step to finishing something is to make the decision that no matter what, this task or project or assessment will linger no longer. Tell ourselves we're going to change our attitude, behaviour and approach to actually FINISH WHAT WE START.

Sometimes this may mean saying no to any other things that come along, that they don't make the to-do list to begin with.

Just one job ... FINISH WHAT WE START..

Like everything we need to make a plan. It calls us to break down each task into doable, daily actions.

Knowing our plan and sticking to it will be crucial to actually completing it. Sometimes part of the plan is setting boundaries.

If I work this much today then I can hang out with my friends, have a game of touch or spend an hour playing on the computer.

Verse 11 reminds us 'Now finish the work so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means.'

Our means - deciding to FINISH WHAT WE START. Our means making a decision. Our means making a plan and sticking to it.

Our means asking for help when we need to. Our means knowing that God never leaves us alone when we need to do stuff, that God can give us the strength and courage and time to FINISH WHAT WE START.

Have a blessed day.

TUESDAY, 27th AUGUST 2019

Good Morning All

Cloudy skies but warm. Always thankful for the new day.

FINISH WHAT WE START is the call this week.

The Bible reading was from Philippians 1:3-11 on pages 1465 and 1289 in the Wesley Bibles.

Yesterday we spoke about us being at the business end of the term. It's not about winding down because we think there are only four weeks of the term left. It's about winding up, it's about moving into top gear. It's about finishing what we started.

In the reading this morning Paul the writer of Philippians is encouraging the people to keep up the good work they are doing because of their faith in Jesus Christ. 'Well done' Paul says. Right from the beginning until now you demonstrate your faith every day and so it with confidence that God who began a good work in each of you will see it through to the end. God will finish what was started in you.

Our God finishes stuff. Our God is a finisher. Never leaves things hanging, never walks away from anything left unfinished.

God's work in us, the promise is God will see through to the end the work he has started in each of us. This is the example we have to follow. FINISH WHAT WE START!

And then Paul prays for the Philippians. v9-11 I pray that you may abound more and more in knowledge and insight so that you may be able to discern what is best, that you may be pure and blameless and filled with the fruit of righteousness.

So these are the things that will come to us, be given to us, things we will be blessed with when we FINISH WHAT WE START!

More and more knowledge ... we will not only FINISH WHAT WE START but be learning heaps of stuff along the way about ourselves and the work we have just completed. We will be given insight ... an awareness and understanding of things that maybe we couldn't get our heads around before, we now see and understand because when we FINISH WHAT WE START, we are given the vision to see.

In the end we become people of virtue, we learn and come to understand what is right and fair and just and all this blessing simply from FINISHING WHAT WE STARTED!

Have a blessed day.

WEDNESDAY, 28th AUGUST 2019

Good Morning All

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

FINISH WHAT WE START ...

The Bible reading was from Ecclesiastes 7:8-14 on pages 820 and 695 in the Wesley Bibles.

So we've made the decision to FINISH WHAT WE START. We've drawn up a realistic plan that's doable. I guess what we're really being asked in our decision and planning to FINISH WHAT WE START is to be intentional.

So what's next ...

Simply ... start! The next most important step is to start tackling the first action step on the plan.

Your plan should include deadlines. Commit to them. Keep moving forward to completion.

Don't just FINISH WHAT YOU START ... complete it.

It's not enough to just finish, ensure that what we are finishing is complete. Checking you have answered all the questions being asked.

Are your answers on point? Is the presentation of your work up to scratch? If you are happy that you have finished what you started and happy that you have given it your best, then your work is completed.

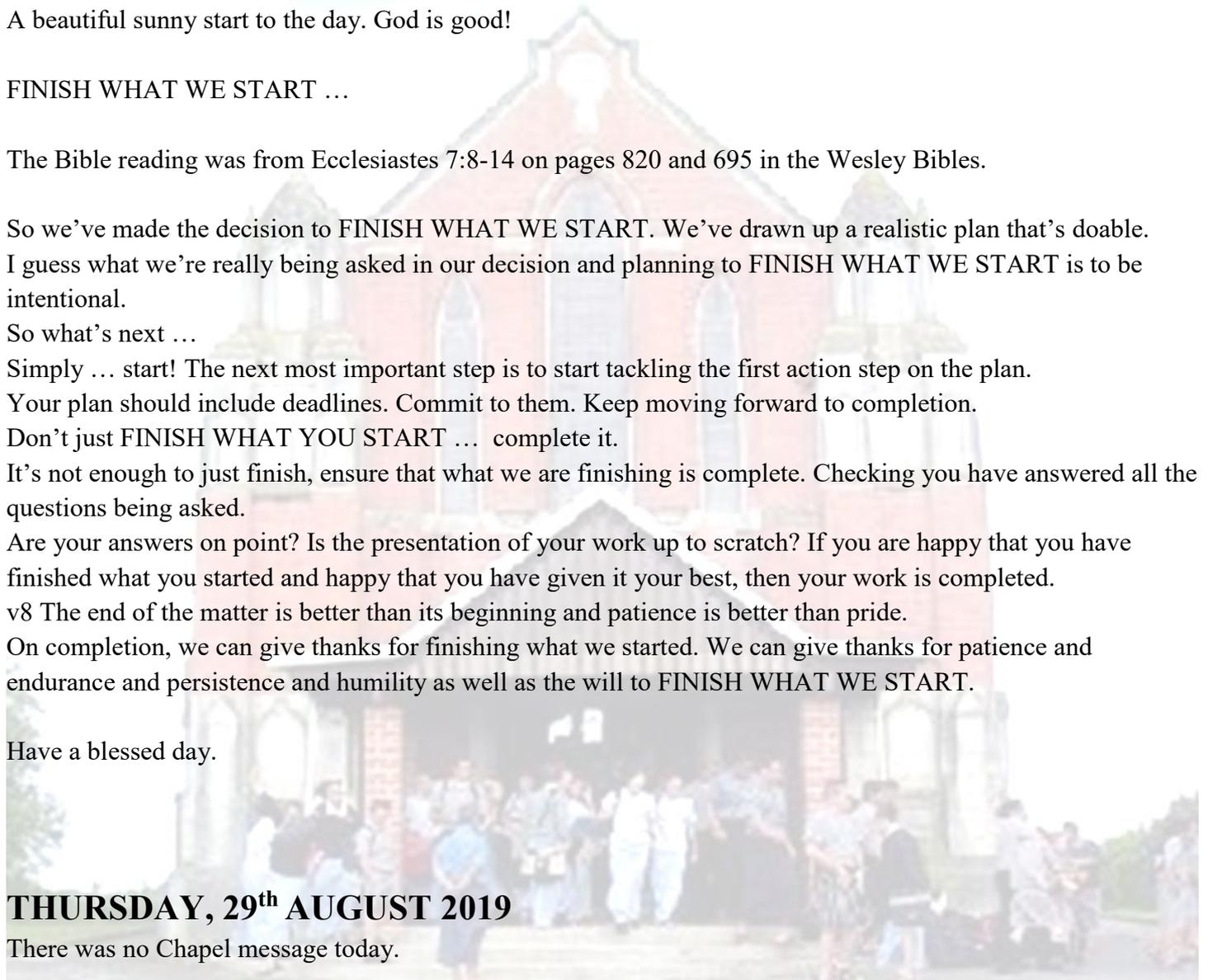
v8 The end of the matter is better than its beginning and patience is better than pride.

On completion, we can give thanks for finishing what we started. We can give thanks for patience and endurance and persistence and humility as well as the will to FINISH WHAT WE START.

Have a blessed day.

THURSDAY, 29th AUGUST 2019

There was no Chapel message today.



FRIDAY, 30th AUGUST 2019

