

# CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 26<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2021

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Tōku manaaki tōku toiora, Tōku toiora tōku manaaki  
when service is my well-being, my well-being is served

## MONDAY, 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2021

There was no Chapel message today.

## TUESDAY, 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2021

Good Morning All

A bit darker in the mornings ... a bit cooler too but every new day a day to be thankful.

THANK YOU to Head Girl Leititia Vaka and Prefect Fili Fono for leading chapel yesterday.

Our prayerful thoughts for Mrs Wai Epere as she continues her recovery.

We pray too for our families who have lost loved ones.

Our theme this week 'We are FAMILY'



The Bible Reading was from Romans 15:1-7 on pages 1409 in the Wesley Bibles.'

Very simply the theme means everyone who comes to this school has the right to be here.

One of our strongest strengths as a school is the value of Family.

The sense of belonging to this place and the sense of family comes when we accept people for who they are.

Our school's Vision Statement says this ... Wesley College is a Christian, multi-faith, multi-ethnic, socially diverse boarding and day school. Wesley College has special obligations to provide education to Maori and Pacific students as well as those disadvantaged.

Our reading this morning reminds us that when we love and accept people for who they are we are glorifying God.

We are demonstrating that we understand where God is coming from in the example of God's love for all.

We understand that God is in everyone and with everyone.

God accepts us and loves us without limit no strings attached because that is what God does, that is who God is.

When we accept one another we open ourselves up to receiving what others have to offer us - their friendship,

their love, their gifts and talents, their knowledge, their selves - which can all add to and enhance all of our life together.

We may just be pleasantly surprised when we do.



Have a blessed day.

## WEDNESDAY, 24<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2021

Good Morning All

All is well on the farm this morning ... God is good!

WE ARE FAMILY is our theme for this week and as a family the strength of the 'family' is a value we are very strong in reflecting and giving our whole hearted support to.

We continue to pray for all our families and community who mourn the loss of loved family members. May peace be yours.

The Bible reading was again Romans 15 :1-7 on page 1490 in the Wesley Bibles.

John Donne cleric and poet wrote 'No man is an island entire of itself ...' meaning that everyone needs community, to be surrounded by people to enable them to thrive and realise their potential. We cannot do it alone.

The phrase ... 'It takes a village to raise a child.' The sentiment is the same.

Our strength as a School is the sense of belonging that comes from understanding what acceptance looks like and requires of us.



We remind our students they are nothing short of 'worthy' and everything that comes their way is because

they are deserving. It's not a sense of entitlement but the strongest sense of thanksgiving for who we are, where we are at and why we are here.

The Methodist Church of NZ Te Hahi Weteriana o Aotearoa answers the call through its one and only school to be that receiving place and welcoming space, surrounding our children with love and compassion, 'a home away from home.' For many it is the only home they know.

When we accept and are accepted, when we receive and are open to receiving, we understand that our difference is actually our strength, our difference is actually that which is common to and so binds us as FAMILY!

Have a blessed day.

## **THURSDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2021**

Good Morning All

Beautiful morning on the Farm. God is good!

THANK YOU to the 5 students who were Pacific Ambassadors at the Tupu Toa Gala Dinner held at the Cordis Hotel, CBD Auckland.

THANK YOU Hamiora , Lauraly, Nunia, Tommy and Taniela who represented Wesley in the most excellent way.

THANK YOU to Tupu Toa especially the CE Mrs Anne Fitisemanu for providing an awesome experience of the Corporate world and a 'look in' at what is possible for young Maori and Pacific who can make a difference in the corporate work place.

We continue with our theme for this week 'WE ARE FAMILY'

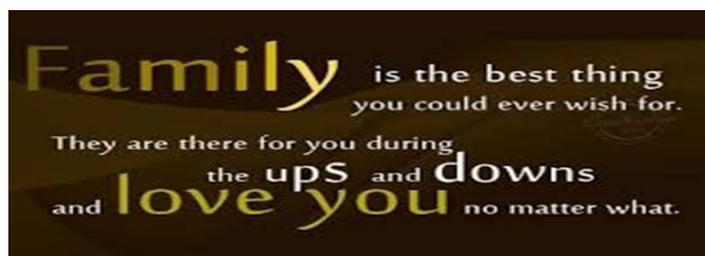
The Bible reading was from 1 Corinthians 12:14-27 on page 1427 in the Wesley Bibles.

THANK YOU to the Health Clinic and Counsellors another part of our Wesley family who shared of their roles here at School. New counsellor Tau Kaivelata introduced his family to the School as he begins his new journey with us. The Kaivelata family are no strangers with many of the family attending Wesley. Malo 'aupito 'aupito to Mrs Kaivelata who addressed the school encouraging the students to keep God first in their lives and how when we do this, everything else will follow.

Mrs Kaivelata is one of our Rugby die hard Mums whose voice can be heard far and wide supporting our teams on the field. Malo!

This is what Family is all about, recognising we are many ... we are one ... and that it is our difference which draws us together. It is the recognition that we all do things differently and do different things but when we pull together all this difference it makes us whole, we are made one ... one in and through Christ. We realise the potential we have when we work together.

Of this we are made totally aware as we journey with Christ this Lenten Season.



Have a blessed day.

**FRIDAY, 26<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2021**

There was no Chapel message today.

