

CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 26th MARCH 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, 22nd MARCH 2021

Good Morning All

WELCOME to Week 5 of Lent and Week 8 of the School term.

A beautiful morning and start to the day out here on the Farm. Thankful ... grateful!

Awesome win to the Chiefs against the Hurricanes on Saturday. Woohoo!

The quote for today is from the wise sage Confucius who wrote:

‘The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach our full potential –

these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal EXCELLENCE.

Our theme for this week is the last of our four Kairangi values EXCELLENCE.

The Bible reading was from Philippians 4:4-9 p1468 in the Wesley Bibles.

EXCELLENCE is the measure by which we as a School have decided this is our standard, our MO, the way we roll.

EXCELLENCE is a way of living which helps us to realise our full potential as individuals, as humanity.

EXCELLENCE IS the image of the Creator ... God who is all EXCELLENCE.

EXCELLENCE is humanity at its best and when we are at our best, Paul says this is praiseworthy stuff ... it's EXCELLENT.

When we strive to be EXCELLENT, our whole being is caused into action – our hearts, minds, souls and strength.

We can't be EXCELLENT and sit around doing nothing, that's not how EXCELLENCE works -

When we put our 'whole' - urge, will and desire - into something - it requires the 'whole' all of our being.

When we do, we realise what we are capable of, we come to know what gifts and talents we have been given, we see our potential and similarly the opportunities out there for us.

Be your best self every day ... do your best work every day ... this is EXCELLENCE!

Have a blessed day.

TUESDAY, 23rd MARCH 2021



Good Morning All

CONGRATULATIONS to our Seven's Teams who were away last weekend in Tauranga.

Special mention of the Girl's team who placed 3rd in their division. Excellent!

We continue with our theme of EXCELLENCE for this week.

The Bible reading was from Matthew 5:13-16 on page 1182 in the Wesley Bibles.

If as God's people we affect little or no change in the places where we are, what's with that? If we are like salt and light then whatever we say and whatever we do we're putting out there for all to see. The challenge is to make a gospel impression of the deepest kind, the upshot of which people want to get with our EXCELLENT way. We inspire and others will aspire ... it becomes life-changing.

In our life with our students sometimes we seem to be making headway and then something comes along to rock the boat and it's like we're back to square one. Being at the Samoan and Tongan practices, watching our young people give it their all, to see their smiles at being told they are EXCELLENT is priceless! Our students are children who yearn to be told again and again they are EXCELLENT, they are worthy, they are valued.

Have a blessed day.

WEDNESDAY, 24th MARCH 2021

There was no Chapel message today.



THURSDAY, 25th MARCH 2021

Good Morning All

She's a bit cooler this morning. A new day!

The actions 'Ask, Seek, Knock' form the basis of our reading from Matthew 7:7-12 on page 1186 in the Wesley Bibles.

Becoming EXCELLENT isn't an overnight happening, the key word being 'becoming' and is something which requires us to keep working at, growing into. Aristotle wrote 'We are what we repeatedly do therefore EXCELLENCE, is not an act, it is a habit.' For EXCELLENCE to BECOME a habit, we must persevere until it BECOMES something we just do as part of our everyday doing stuff. EXCELLENCE then BECOMES the measure and standard that we do everything by.

EXCELLENT to students Gypsy, Soane, Etivoni, Akeripa, JP, Peri Telika, Samara, Rawiri, Joshua Kata, and Osea who achieved a Maths standard after attending extra tutorials ... asking, seeking, knocking! It's like we have to change our thinking, our attitude, our actions about EXCELLENCE being unattainable and believing it to be a good thing, an everyday thing, a new way thing for everyone who without giving up ... asks, seeks and knocks.

This morning the Principal presented data showing that our NCEA results are EXCELLENT, that we are punching above our weight academically and above the national averages for all year levels and both Maori and Pasifika achievement. EXCELLENT!

EXCELLENCE is a way of being and measure for the whole of our life. In this Lenten season we reflect on how our relentless pursuit of EXCELLENCE speaks to an understanding of life as an ever-changing reality and the reason why we must insist and persist.

Have a blessed day.

FRIDAY, 26th MARCH 2021



Good Morning All

Our prayerful thoughts for Chef Sharron's Mum in hospital.

GO WELL to our 1st and 2nd XV's their first games for the season at Dilworth tomorrow.

The end of Week 8 and our theme of EXCELLENCE

The Bible reading was from Joshua 1:5-9 on page 258 in the Wesley Bibles.

Be strong and courageous and then you will prosper and succeed ... the pursuit of EXCELLENCE ... striving to be the best ... going for gold ... does take courage and it does take strength. Courage because sometimes finding out what we're so capable of can be scary ... because sometimes finding out that we can EXCEL ... we can be EXCELLENT ... we can be the best at something ... means then we have to find the strength to sustain that measure and standard. Striving for EXCELLENCE can take us outside our comfort zone and challenge us and stretch our minds in every which way and you know what? We will be the better for it ... everything we do will take on a new perspective and it will bring us joy ... make us happy ... will help us to prosper and succeed.

Excellent and congratulations to Dorian, William, Chayce, Joey and Rakai who passed their Maths standard ... EXCELLENT ... because they persisted and asked and sought and knocked on Mrs Tupou's door they were enabled to succeed ... well done to teacher and students.

The pursuit of EXCELLENCE ... chasing after EXCELLENCE is an awesome thing and seeing the NCEA results yesterday ... we need not be afraid to go there, we have proven and continue to prove that we are more than strong and courageous ... that we are more than capable of holding our ownthat for a small school of 400 we can mix it up with other schools far bigger.

We can ... we do ... and we will continue to demonstrate that being EXCELLENT is the Wesley Way!

It is also the way of Christ. As we near the end of Lent and the deeply gospel way God makes Godself known to us ... how EXCELLENT!

Have a blessed day and weekend.

