

SERVICE of THANKSGIVING

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SECONDARY EDUCATION
in the
BREAM BAY DISTRICT

at
Bream Bay College

on
Sunday, 1st June, 2014

Officiant

Revd Des Olney, MNZM

Dep. Principal BBC
1973 - 1989

Organist

Jan Pirih

Staff BBC (1973 et al)

Hymn

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing.
Thanks for mercies past receive;
Pardon all, their faults confessing;
Time that's lost may all retrieve.
May your children, may your children
Ne'er again your spirit grieve.

Bless you all our days of leisure,
Help us selfish lures to flee;
Sanctify our every pleasure;
Pure and blameless may it be.
May our gladness, may our gladness
draw us ever more to thee.

By your kindly influence cherish
All the good we here have gained;
May all taint of evil perish
By your mightier power restrained.
See we ever, see we ever.
Knowledge pure and love unfeigned.

Let your Father-hand be shielding
All who here will meet no more;
May your seed-time past be yielding
Year by year a richer store;
Those remaining, those remaining
Make more faithful than before.

(tune Regent Square)

Call to Worship

God of love,
Creator of every moment of joy-filled friendship,
of each sign of grace, each spark of hope,
all wonders and every warm-hearted gesture;
here we are, old and growing older friends,
sharing remembrances and the news of our years.

We remember with gratitude
being touched by the friends whose lives are no longer
earthbound.
In the midst of this present moment of celebration and
fellowship,
we affirm the value of every breath you offer us,
every heartbeat, every step we take,
every dream to which you still call us,
every lesson life continues to teach us,
and every opportunity to speak and act with loving-
kindness.

Now we thank you for the opportunity we have had
to share this friendship this weekend.
and for the labour of all those who prepared
and made it possible.

Bless this gathering with your presence,
and keep us all always in your peace.

Amen.

Hymn

Dear Shepherd of your people, hear;
Your presence now display;
As you have given a place for prayer,
So give us hearts to pray.

Within these walls let holy peace
And love and concord dwell;
Here give the troubled conscience ease,
The wounded spirit heal.

May we in faith receive your word,
In faith present our prayers;
And, in the presence of our Lord,
Unburden all our cares.

The hearing ear, the seeing eye,
The humble mind bestow;
And shine upon us from on high
To make our graces grow.

(tune St Peter)

Reading 1

Proverbs 2: 1 - 10

Elijah Purnell
(Head Prefect BBC 2014)

Reading 2

James 3: 13 - 18

Jean Tafa
(Student WDHS 1950-1961)

Address

Kit Singleton
(HOD-Science WDHS/BBC 1962/1990)

Intercessions

(concluding with the Lord's Prayer)

Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good; render to no man evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; honour all men;
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power
of the Holy Spirit.

And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and
the Holy Ghost, be upon you, and remain with you for ever.

Amen.