

HEREWORTH SCHOOL – CHAPLAINS' REPORT

After 15 years of strong and lively leadership, Ann Fortune left the post as chaplain in February 2013 . She served many boys over the years, hearing their woes, applauding their successes, sharing her love of God and praying for their various needs.

Since then Rosie Hayes has provided continuity in chapel and classroom, supported by Rev Frank Fillary (2 weeks) and Rev Graeme Pilgrim (6 weeks) while away on prearranged trips. The Religious Education curriculum has moved forward to embrace the National Curriculum for Anglican Schools provided by Alison Ballantyne which has a spiral curriculum including a knowledge and understanding of elements of the catechism, the Big story of the Hebrew scriptures and New Testament and the development of the Church and the Word and their role in the world today. Some lessons have expanded on the chapel reading for the day as necessary. Others have drawn on material previously purchased for the year for each class before Rosie arrived.

Chapel has aligned more with the Anglican tradition and church year based on the Lectionary and finding appropriate prayers and responses from the Prayer book. Gospel readings from Luke and a weekly Psalm in Term 1, and a Friday famous prayer in term 2. Series on Elijah and next term on Joseph to support the school musical. There have also been more formal services for Easter, Anzac Choir Installation. Sunday services have been at St Luke's Havelock , the cathedral in Napier and in chapel. Gift offerings have been sent to support St Patrick's school. in Vanuatu and to the Bible Society for bibles in Cambodia.

The aim is to inspire an enjoyment of the Big Story of the Bible and an experience of the same love God has for His people so providing a good foundation for living , a path to explore and a challenge for reflection.

There has been a warm reception by staff and their feedback is the staffroom continues to inform the development of this important aspect of school life.

I hope this covers what is required for the Diocesan meeting. Please let me know if there are other questions to be answered.

Rosie Hayes