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## FROM THE CHAPLAIN

### VEXILLOPHILES UNITE!

Next week is UNITE Week at College. During UNITE week we celebrate the Multicultural diversity in our College, one of the ways we do that, is with food and flags. Our College really is an international school.

The part of UNITE Week that I love is the colour that comes from national costumes worn and all the flags put up. I must confess that I am a vexillophile – a lover of flags. Do you know your flags? Do you know these flags?



These are the colourful flags of Antwerp, Nepal and Sicily. We'll come back to this later...

The colour, excitement, curiosity, and diversity that Unite Week brings reminds me of heaven. Check out this bible passage and I show you what I mean.

9 After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. 10 And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

#### *Revelation 7*

Heaven is huge – there are so many people that they cannot be counted.

Heaven is multicultural – People from all countries, regions, and even dialects - diverse yet united as one.

Heaven is pure – Every person from each country is given a white robe. Multiculturalism without racism, cultures free from sin and the hurts of the past.

Heaven has Jesus at the centre – Jesus is called the lamb. He is one who suffered and died for the sins of all who trust in him. He is the reason for the unity, the purity, the hugeness, the diversity of heaven.

Back to the flags. We may not know all flags, but God knows all the people under all flags. Vexillophiles spend their time getting to know flags, but we must spend our time getting to know people. God is in the business of building an international kingdom and as Christians we are his ambassadors. Let us represent our kingdom well so that people will want to emigrate into his eternal kingdom.

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