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On Saturday the 31st of March, Upper Hutt celebrated the International Festival. The Wellington Swiss Club together with the Swiss Embassy had a stall and a display table.

The embassy handed out many leaflets, information booklets and freebies, with many people showing interest in our country, while Sandy, Murray, Erika [a swiss visitor] and Vreni melted cheese and put it on boiled potatoes what we all know as raclette. There were many different nationalities that had stalls and some performed cultural dances. It was a very successful day and we were told that at least 2000 people attended the event. Thank you to all the helpers and supporters and I hope we will get your support again for the next International Festival. V.M.

Little Bits...

Experience is a hard teacher. It gives the test first, the lesson afterward.

Lack of direction, not lack of time, is the problem. We all have twenty-four hour days.

All of us are shaped by what others expect of and from us. We live either up to or down to what others believe about us and what we can do. Actually, what other people think of us is frequently more crucial and influential than what we think of ourselves.

Humble people don't think less of themselves; they just think of themselves less.

Life is much like Christmas. You're more apt to get what you expect than what you want.

Some people find fault as if there were a reward for it. Others see good in every difficulty.

The real reward for a thing well done is to have done it.

If people aren't responsible in their personal life, there is a good chance they are also irresponsible at work. Stephen F Arterburn.

Your past is important, but it is not important enough to control your future.

Do not end a meeting until a who and when to each problem have been assigned to a specific individual with an appropriate solution. A decision without a deadline is a meaningless discussion.

Bring ideas in and entertain them royally, for one of them may be king. Martin Van Doren.

Little Bits...

Our future would be assured if we did as much today as we expect to do tomorrow.

Good news - you CAN change; make sure it's for the better.

A person is not greater than his or her dreams, ideals, hopes, and plans. A person dreams the dream and dreams of fulfilling it. It's the dream that makes the person.

False humility is an escape from responsibility. Fred Smith.

The ladder of life is full of splinters, but you never realise it until you slide down.

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Bureaucracy: A group of disorganised, inept people totally committed to increasing their numbers in order to convert pure raw energy into solid waste.

People forget how quickly you completed a job, but they will remember how well you did it.

Before you can lead anyone else, you must first learn to manage yourself.

When you are the right kind of person, doing the right thing, help and encouragement come from all directions.

It's true. Spectacular preparation precedes spectacular performance.

A person is persuaded more by the depth of your convictions than by the breadth of your knowledge.

A fair-weather friend is always there when he needs you.

It's not just the size of the dog in the fight; it's the size of the fight in the dog.

You can't hold a man down without staying down with him. Booker T Washington.

Don't ever criticise anything in your company until you've got a better way of doing it worked out on paper and you're willing to risk your reputation as an executive on its workability. Maxey Jarmon.