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Dear Parents,

As you are probably aware, Mrs Tyson has been away for the last couple of weeks due to ill health. While her infection has died down, she is still in need of an operation. While she could wait to have the operation here, there are a number of advantages in her returning to the U.S. After prayer and discussion with Lisa, we have agreed that the best course of action is for her to return home so that she can have the support of family and friends during this time of medical treatment and recuperation.

After spending a week in Brisbane, she is on her way back to Rockhampton to pack with the help of her family. I would like to give her a tremendous farewell before she goes.

At present I am on mission in Canada, where I have been asked to speak at an apostolic ministry school with John Alley. Because this has all happened so quickly, we may need to give her a farewell before I return. If this is the case, Miss Toohey will oversee the arrangements and advise you of what is happening.

In the mean time, we will continue to use relief teachers for the Prep-Year 3 class. Mrs Graham has been helping the Year 3 students prepare for the upcoming National Test. Mrs Underwood has also made herself available for relief, and our student teacher Mrs Winters is available to serve under Miss Toohey's supervision.

I will return to Australia on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> of May and plan to appoint a new teacher as soon as possible.

Mrs Tyson has had a positive influence on staff and students alike. Her early departure will be felt by us all. Her valuable input will be greatly missed. I am particularly mindful of Year 2-3 students during this transition and will want to provide all the positive support that they need.

While I am in Canada please refer any queries to Acting Principal Miss Toohey, or contact me via email if the need arises.

Warmest regards in Christ Jesus,

Michael Appleton  
PRINCIPAL