

CATHOLIC EDUCATION OFFICE

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## INTRA-OFFICE MEMO

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MEMO TO: N. LALORFROM: GRAHAM DOWNESRE: HOLY FAMILY DOVETON

The information we have on Doveton is incorrect according to Mrs. Eulalia McGrath. Cath Briant rang Mrs. McGrath and provided the following information.

Gerry Palmer visited the school two weeks ago to speak to staff. The story may have been given to Gerry Palmer on that occasion. Grade 6 children were putting rubbish into the dump master when they came across pornographic magazines. The children took them out and began to look at them. Father Searson came along and discovered the children with the magazines. Father took the magazine from them. He either pushed or hit a boy, **REDACTED** who went home and told his mother. The parents have not been to the school to complain.

Friday afternoons the staff have a drink together. The liquor is housed in the principal's office. Mrs. McGrath has told the staff to go into her office and get the drink out if she isn't about. Mr. Simon Stack, a teacher, entered the principal's office to get the liquor. Father Searson came into the office and saw Simon. He maintains Simon was taking something from the office. Eulalia McGrath explained to Father Searson that Simon had permission to enter the office to get the liquor. Father himself came over the following week and had a drink with staff. Apparently Father Searson and Simon Stack are out to get each other. Simon caught Father in the toilets on one occasion. ?

Mrs. McGrath has no knowledge of the parents campaigning outside the school. Eulalia is of the opinion that the story given to Gerry Palmer is not correct.

*Frank,  
Graham followed through the issues raised by  
G. Palmer re Doveton. It would seem that the  
Principal, Salie McGrath does not see the situation  
as in the way that Gerry does.  
Wam.*

*Noted  
26/9/89*

SIGNED: Graham Downes