

The Headmaster
Knox Grammar School
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8th January 2010

Dear Mr Weeks,

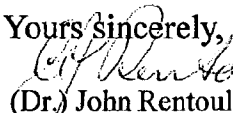
I have read the letter of 16th Dec. that you wrote to Old Boys who were students at Knox during the 1970s and 1980s. My two sons, Michael and David attended Knox at that time and I was a member of staff from 1969 to 1982. I left Knox as Assistant Headmaster, to take up the position of Rector of St. Andrew's College, Christchurch, NZ in 1982.

As you can appreciate, my family and I have been appalled by the actions of five members of the Knox staff. In your letter you stated that Messrs. Treloar, Vance and James pleaded guilty to charges of abuse and were convicted. As a consequence the school and Church have apologised for "the abuse of these students by these three teachers."

It is common knowledge that two other teachers, namely, Barrie Stewart and Adrian Nisbett, have been charged with similar offences and subsequently have been bailed. My son David was in Mr. Stewart's class in the Preparatory School so I know he is guilty of abuse. I assume there are compelling legal reasons why Messrs. Stewart and Nisbett were not "named and shamed" in your letter.

If these two pedophiles plead guilty or are proven guilty as charged, do the School and the Church intend to offer a written apology to each Old Boy abused by them, as they did to the victims of Messrs. Treloar, Vance and James?

I do understand the difficulty of your position but, as a parent of a son who was abused and a former senior member of the Knox staff, I would very much appreciate any current information you could give me about Barrie Stewart and Adrian Nisbett and any action that is likely to be taken against them.

Yours sincerely,

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