

Motto: "OUR GOD IS ABLE"

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Dear Mr Milliken,

At our monthly staff meeting today the matter of the visit by the native boys to the girls' dormitory was again discussed. It is a cause of deep concern that apparently these boys have not been dealt with. Following the initial visits by these boys you were informed of the further visit by one boy to the Nursery staff's quarters and when asked what he was there for, by his reply left nothing to be doubted as to the ~~imagined~~ reason for him being there. Yet again last Friday night another boy came knocking on the louvres of the dormitory to see the girls. He said that any of the girls would do him, and when the girls closed them he opened them again. When the girls called out he disappeared.

We are quite convinced that these continued visits are because they are of the opinion that Welfare are not unduly concerned about what infringements they incur with regard to the Home. Incidentally I have just received a report from two very reliable Groote Eylandt boys that **REDACTED**, one of the two older ones involved, was outside the girls' louvres again last night (after lights out-10.30)

Now, as regards **AKL** and **REDACTED**, whom I regard as men we insist that they be dealt with as such, and as intruders. Unless appropriate and immediate action is taken I regret that I will have no alternative but to work through other avenues which unfortunately I feel would place not only me in my position as Acting Superintendent but also the Welfare Dept., in very uneasy circumstances owing to both the Home and the the Dept. allowing anything of so serious a nature to lapse so long.

Trusting that you will give the above your immediate attention

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Yours Respectfully,

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Acting Supt.