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*From the Headmaster*

26 October 2009

**"Private and Confidential"**

Dear Year 4 Parent/Guardian

I am writing to keep you informed of various developments as they pertain to allegations against the former Year 4D classroom teacher.

The Western Australian Police are continuing their investigations into these allegations. As a part of that investigation the Police have under warrant, taken control of a number of photographs of students. These photographs will remain with the Police until this whole matter has been concluded. I can however assure you that Ms REDA and Mrs REDA will be compiling a collection of photographs that will be provided to families as has occurred in the past.

As you will expect, the School is cooperating fully with the police in their investigations, but that, in doing so, it is not assuming either guilt or innocence of the person charged. The latter is in the hands of our State's judicial system to determine.

Mrs REDACTED as the replacement classroom teacher has, through her experience and high professional standards, ensured that the disruption to the class has been minimised. Mrs REDA's significant classroom experience will be brought to bear in all aspects of the classes' learning program, including the writing of end of year reports.

I wish to reinforce what I have previously stated. If any THE SCHOOL child or family member is in need of counselling, the School will provide the name of a qualified counsellor and an initial counselling session can be arranged at the School's expense.

It's important that we, as a School community, protect the privacy and support the well-being of our students during this time. Should any member of our community have further questions pertaining to this matter, I am available to meet with you or to discuss this issue. My overriding obligation and priority – and that of our School - remains the welfare and needs of our School community.

Yours sincerely

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**HEADMASTER**

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