



15th March, 2019

Reference: Executive Principal words of thanks.

Dear School Community

We, (My wife Raquel and I), trust and pray this letter finds you well with many blessings for 2019.

We inform you that in 2018 the School Board and the Girrawheen Baptist Church has commissioned me to be your Executive Principal for 2019 and 2020. The intention was to provide a transitional and smooth change with the new appointed Principal. We were glad and blessed with the trust invested in us. Our intention was to remain in a mentoring capacity supporting the new Principal and leaving with Mr. Gary Harris the full management of the school.

The School Board had met by the end of 2018 and prayerfully considered a few options with my involvement in the school community. We discussed with the Board Chair, Pastor Paul Price my future involvement with the School community.

My wife and I prayerfully agreed, and in consultation with the options presented by Pastor Paul Price, Chairman of the Board, I have chosen to accept redundancy. Our intention is to retire this year in a little town in the wheat belt of Western Australia. We are looking forward to be with our family.

We are so humble and blessed that you have allowed us to serve you for the last 33 years as your Principal. We want to express our thanks from the bottom of our hearts. Our children and grandchildren have been blessed because of your generosity in this wonderful community.

We can assure you that the future of the school and your children are in good hands. We know God is guiding and blessing the school.

You have a caring and prayerful Church.

Mr. Gary Harris, your new School Principal, is a wonderful brother in Christ with many years of experience in Christian schools. We are sure you will learn to support and encourage him in his ministry as you will know more about him.

We have been blessed by the gifts of the leadership team during the years. We want to acknowledge their contribution and skills during the years.

The love and care of the previous Principal, Mr. Peter Murray. The incredible Pastoral Care of our previous Deputy Principal, Mrs. Marilyn Bull. The energy and enthusiasm of Mrs. Christa Pegrum to be the foundation of our Kindergarten. The faithfulness and long standing contribution of Mrs. Linda Neaves. First as an Education Assistant introducing the Motor Skill Program in our school and later on to become an outstanding teacher with a heart to support students with educational needs. The amazing administrative skills of Mrs. Carol Davis as Deputy Principal. The outstanding contribution to the Pastoral Care of our Deputy Principal Students, Mr. Phil Gabrielson. To mention deservedly the contribution of the Senior Staff, Miss Jenny Thomas as an outstanding teacher. Later on in the life of the school, the contribution of the newly appointed Senior Staff Miss Nataly Vallejos, Mrs. Megan Taylor, Mr. Stuart Hayward, Mrs. Laura Cruz, Mr. Graeme Leathard and Mr. Brendon Pirie have been outstanding. Mr. Andrew Johnson leading the Administration staff during so many years have made the school to be blessed, both locally and at the government level. Thanks Andrew for your tenacity in getting things done together with our Project Manager, Mr. George Etreletzis. Mr. Dylan Teng's ministry came to Emmanuel as a gift from our Father with his administrative skills and professionalism. The early contribution of Mrs. Lois Sandow and Mrs. Rita Bonjour, and the later contribution in the administration area has been outstanding led by Maria Reyes, Edwin Reyes, Jeanette Uri, Kath Slater, Maree Concha, Jenny Truong and Barry Brown. Thank you!

Teachers and Education Assistants have been valued contributors to the school community with their variety of skills and love for Christ.

They all have contributed in their leadership capacity to make this community what it is today, a wonderful place to be.

We would like to mention the prayerful counselling and guidance of the Girrawheen Baptist Church supported by the Church Council. Reverend Rex Gabrielson and Pastor Paul Price have been the motivators to make sure that our Christian School will remain Christian. We admire their amazing contribution supported by their wives, Mrs. Faye Gabrielson and Mrs. Julie Price.

We thank you Reverend Rex Gabrielson and his wife Faye for their vision and courage to follow His leading to start this school back in 1982. What an amazing legacy!

We have been richly blessed by the parent group of the school during the years, their practical support and prayers. We are so blessed to be involved with the Emmanuel Parent Group and especially the faithful prayer involvement during the years.

Finally, a big thanks to all the students involved in my family's life during our involvement with the school. Our Father is so good to us that our memories have been enriched by the students' contribution during their time in the school.

We thank our Father for His pouring of blessings in our family. May our Father continue to richly bless you all knowing you are prayed for and remembered with a strong sense of gratitude.
The School is in good hands because He lives! ...and what does the Lord require of you 'To act justly, to show mercy and to walk humbly with Him' Micah 6:8

May our Father continue to guide and bless you because you are very special to the Body of Christ.

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