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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is my privilege to tell you about some of the events of the summer, and more of the plans for the coming school year.

You should have read an email from Mr Glenn Mallory announcing his resignation. His decision was partly based on the surgery he was having to replace his hip. That surgery was very successful, and although he is still in some pain, he is regaining his mobility and is no longer house bound.

Donna Broomfield took maternity leave, and on Sunday she gave birth to a daughter called Abigail. Both she and Abigail are doing well and going home soon.

The board of SCA asked me if I would take the job of principal and after some prayer I agreed that I would do so. I consider it a privilege to serve such a committed community, but I shall need a lot of support and forgiveness as I will not be able to adequately fill the holes that were left by Mr Mallory. He started many new initiatives and I would like to see them continue. These include practices that you as parents may be less aware of such as daily singing O Canada, and daily praying the Lord's Prayer, and other practices you are more aware of such as regular monthly newsletter.

I am praying that God will continue his hand of protection and blessing on our school for the next year. We have hired Mr Gerry Kroezen to teach the grade 7/8 class and he will be organizing athletic activities outside the regular classroom gym lessons.

The city of Toronto has decided that now is the time to upgrade the services and surface of Jonesville Crescent. The work has started and is due to continue from now until

30<sup>th</sup> October. This will mean congestion and reduced parking close to the school for the next two months, and will probably also increase the amount of mud trodden into the school and into your cars. We will appreciate your patience while the work continues, but the result should be a better and safer drive to and from the school.

For the last six weeks Debbie Valani (Lee) has been leading a successful summer camp. Despite the lack of available swimming pools early in the camp, there were visits to various farms, zoos, and movies. On site there was an imaginative presentation of the gospel, and daily activities including crafts, a water day, and cooking.

The most urgent need we have as a school at this time is that of attracting more students. Our efforts are focussing on advertisements in both the Scarborough and North York Mirror, and radio advertisements on WDCX. The latter will commence on 19<sup>th</sup> August and will be heard sometime between 6am and 1pm. Please will you refer to them as you talk to your families, your church communities, and people in your neighbourhood and encourage them to come and discover our school. We have supplies of door-handle flyers advertising our kindergarten, and if you are able to take and distribute some, it would be appreciated. Please be careful as we do not want to gain the reputation for trying to poach from other schools, nor do we want the reputation that the tele-marketeers have for invading privacy, but we would like to make our gem of a school better known.

May God bless for the remainder of the holidays, and I look forward to another school year.

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