

Mr John Chan
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Dear John

Your latest email informing me that your last student assembly will be on July 3rd has made me think back to 2008 when we first had the pleasure of meeting you at LSL. We were in Hong Kong on an educational tour and you were in charge of welcoming us and introducing us to your school, your culture and your way of life. Who could have imagined that this would be the start of a life-long friendship and the development of a very special educational and cultural program that would bring so many benefits to many students, staff and parents in both your school and at Holy Trinity Lutheran School, Horsham, Victoria, Australia.

One of the greatest lessons you have shown us is the care you demonstrate for those around you. This has earned you the trust and respect of all who came into contact with you. The respect you showed to each one of us, your willingness and eagerness to help and show compassion and empathy are things that will be long remembered. You have always been dedicated to your task, committed to improving your school, always willing to lead by example and have the best interests of your students at the centre of any decisions you have made.

John, you not only were able to improve the academic results of your students, but you also created a caring and supportive learning environment where the children felt valued and happy. Your student-friendly approach and your understanding of the background of each student will be remembered fondly for a long time to come and is a hallmark of you as a very effective and authentic Principal.

You have been a truly remarkable leader who has blessed his school in so many ways and you should be extremely proud of your achievements. Your humility and servant leadership have not only transformed your school, but enriched and enhanced the lives of many students, staff and parents as they have passed through your school.

We wish we could be with you on this sad yet very special day. We also pray that God will guide you, protect you and bless you as you have richly blessed those around you.

Margaret and I wish you a contented and happy retired life. And on behalf of past and present students and staff at Holy Trinity Lutheran School, I would like to say a very big thankyou for your friendship, vision and tolerance of your Australian friends.

God bless you John and take care in whatever you do and wherever you may journey.

Jeff and Margaret Gork