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Dear Edendale Community,

My last day has arrived and it is now time for me to leave Edendale. Yesterday was a very special day for me with a wonderful assembly and a lovely afternoon tea after school. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to organise the events. I will remember the special day and my time at Edendale for the rest of my life. Edendale School will always hold a place in my heart and I have made lifelong friends here. I am excited about my new travels and adventures in Hong Kong, but I am also sad to be leaving because this is a wonderful school. I know I say it over and over, but the opportunities Edendale children have are quite unique. Thank you to the remarkable teachers who are consummate professionals and so skilled at what they do, the leadership team who guide and support both the teachers and the children, the specialist staff who provide incredible hands on experiences in art, music, cooking and gardening, the super efficient administration team who keep our school running like clockwork and looking tidy and beautiful, and the learning assistants who support and encourage to ensure every child reaches their full potential.

I missed having Carolyn Bielby by my side as I said my farewell speeches. The two Boards of Trustees that I have worked alongside during my time at Edendale have been so supportive and encouraging. Thank you to Khylee Quince, Carolyn Bielby and Shameen Hayat for their great leadership as Board Chairs of Edendale.

Thank you to the 663 little people and their families at Edendale who are what this is all about. The Edendale community is amazing and I feel so lucky to have been part of it. Thank you for all the messages and kind words. I have been fortunate enough to have spent time with the new principal, Jonathan Ramsay, and I know you will all be in very good hands. Jonathan is excited about coming to Edendale and a whole new chapter for the school will start when he arrives next term.

Goodbye and warm regards,

**Carolyn**