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A SOUTH AFRICAN PARALLEL MEDIUM SCHOOL FOR BOYS

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## LETTER FROM MOM KIM

Dear Parents & Guardians,

What a privilege to be able to be your child's "Mom" here at Murray House. As a mother of two old Grey boys, I understand exactly how you are feeling as parents.

I remember the excitement of our eldest son when he was accepted into the hostel, the buying of everything needed, the marking of all the clothes through the tears (my tears), packing and finally coming to Bloemfontein. It was very traumatic, it was so hard saying goodbye to my son; it felt as if I was never going to see him again. Then when your sons differ 14 months you get to go through all of that again a year later...

The feeling of total helplessness when your son is ill, the frustration of not being able to get into your car and just quickly take him to the Doctor, or seeing those pants or shirt that had torn. Helping him with a project, being able to hug him when he misses home. They speak to you on the phone and there are tears because he hears the voices of his parents, then he says goodbye and he who was crying is now smiling and guess what, you are now crying, still thinking that he is very upset. The other thing to remember is that sometimes he looks fine on this side, but sounds much worse on the phone.

Then the gratefulness to the other boy's Mom who takes him under her wing, but also the guilt of not being there to do what you as a Mother instinctively need to do.

BUT you watch your sons grow up to be the most awesome men of whom you are so very very proud! You are so extremely grateful for the opportunity to have had them attend such an incredible school, then and now!

Then I am blessed beyond measure!!!; the opportunity to share in YOUR son's growing experience. I get the opportunity to pay back what other Moms had done for my two sons and later, my daughter, who also attended boarding school. I become Mom to 128 boys

Remember I am here as YOUR assistant, I am here because you can't be.... I understand your tears when you leave them behind, I understand your tears when they hurt themselves and you can't be here. I understand that your heart stops when you get a call from one of us at the hostel. I want you to know that I think your son and every other boy here is a precious gift from God. I want you to know that I love being the hostel mom of Murray House at Grey College, where boys are boys and where your young boys turn into young Grey gentlemen. This is not a job... this is a privilege.

**You are welcome to contact me, at any time. Mom Kim**

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