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Dear Parents, Students and Staff

It is with mixed emotions that I write to let you know that I intend to retire as Principal of Bialik College in July 2008. A letter from Alan Goldstone, President of the School, is enclosed.

I have mixed emotions because while I look forward to the next phase of my life, there is much that I will miss when I leave the role of Principal of this amazing school.

My twenty years at Bialik have been challenging, enriching and rewarding. They have been years filled with the joy of working with wonderful children, with caring and committed colleagues, and forming so many special relationships with parents, grandparents and friends of the school.

In Kohelet it says: 'For everything there is a season; and a time, for every pursuit under the heavens.' Now, with a genuine sense of happiness and fulfilment, it is time for me to pass over the leadership role to another.

Our school is in great shape. We have a talented staff, and the structures to support this unique environment are firmly in place. The school continues to attract families, teachers and many visitors from all over the world because of 'the way we do things around here'.

Our school is a beautiful and vibrant place. This cannot be attributed to any one person; it is our achievement as a community – an achievement of which we can all be justly proud.

During my years at the school, I have been privileged to work with a wonderfully supportive and progressive School Council. Many Bialik College Council members have served throughout the twenty years of my tenure, and their dedication and commitment to this school are unparalleled. I know that they will devote their utmost energy and bring their wisdom to the task of recruiting an outstanding person to lead the school in the next exciting phase of its progress.

I want you to know that even after all these years, I still feel deeply the honour of having been chosen to lead Bialik through this remarkable stage of development. I treasure the love, support and trust which are accorded me by Council, staff, parents and students.

Thank you for the joy and enrichment you have brought to my life. I look forward to watching this precious school of ours thrive and flourish.

With appreciation and affection

Genia Janover

Principal



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Dear Parents, Students and Staff

I am writing to inform you that our Principal, Genia Janover, has indicated her intention to retire next July after serving the school for twenty years. This letter is being posted as I advise the School Council so that you will receive the news as soon as possible.

Genia will leave with our gratitude and affection. She has made a marvellous contribution to the growth and development of our school. During the period of her leadership, the student population has grown from 380 to 1,060 and Bialik has become pre-eminent in education in Australia and recognised worldwide as an excellent Jewish Day School.

Bialik has emerged as a centre for educational excellence and is also known for its nurturing environment and emphasis on pastoral care, social responsibility and the personal development of all students.

Our exceptional teaching and support staff and lay leadership are committed to leading the way in educational innovation, while ensuring a strong and supportive learning environment. The teaching and learning achievements of our high calibre staff are recognised locally and nationally.

The Council will engage professionals to assist in identifying, attracting and appointing the best possible candidate to lead the school in its next phase of development. The search will begin shortly.

In the meantime, on behalf of the Bialik community, I wish to thank Genia for her outstanding contribution over many years. There will be appropriate opportunities to thank Genia formally at the time of her retirement.

Yours sincerely

Alan Goldstone College President

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