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Sunday 16th June

Dear Peter,

The families have just left and the house is more or less back to normal. Most of the week-end has been spent cleaning up, washing pots, and generally trying to get the house and garden into conditions which will enable them to survive in our absence from next Thursday.

We have arranged for the plumber to install the new basin and toilet in the time between our return and your arrival - a period of about 15 days. It is hoped that this planned co-ordination works - otherwise it may be necessary to book a seat.

We were a bit surprised to hear that Vickie would be coming with you. Have you changed your mind about her? If not, I can't quite see the point of keeping the involvement going. However, as we said on the phone, if you want to bring her we will try to make her feel welcome - as we would with any of your friends. We are looking forward to having you with us for a few weeks, but I only hope that your visit won't be spoilt by tension or unpleasantness. For that reason it would be less than honest to say that we are looking forward to Vickie's visit (unless you have changed your mind about her place in your future). We will however try to look after her for your sake.

Sorry if the last paragraph sounds a bit fatherly. Personally I never had the problems of being charred like that. Maybe I ran a bit faster, but, to change the subject, we head off before breakfast on Thursday. Our plane is due to arrive in Brisbane before 9 AM, so we won't be wasting too much time. We have booked a Telstar for the 10 days & will be driving up to Noosa. Our apartment is in a block called Ocean Breeze - which I gather is right in Noosa. Our phone number is (071) 47 4977 if you want to get in touch.

Jenny left a library book here last week called "The Dame". It is a biography of Dame Jean Macnamara, who was Jenny's doctor when she had polio. Both mum & I read it during the week, and it brought back many memories of that period. It mentioned the physios Jenny had, and a number of other people we knew. We were very lucky to have been able to get Jenny admitted as a patient.

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I should mention that as I write this, I am even more than

usually well dressed. Mum has been knitting a green jumper for me which is now finished.

In the last issue of our church news there is a list of people who have been born, married, or died since the last edition. One of these was Bruce Braven (in the second category) to a girl called Karen something or other (I think). The paper has since been disposed of. I think that the wedding happened a couple of months or so ago, but you may not have caught up with it.

Grandpa was around for tea on Friday night. He seems to have got over his operations and to be back in good form.

Unfortunately (or fortunately) nothing much else seems to have happened during the week, however next week should be more exciting (not to mention the weeks after that when you will be down).

That's about all for now. Please don't take my comments too much to heart. It just seems that with a girl like Vickie there is no middle ground. You either have to marry her, or have nothing whatever to do with her. That decision should have been made long before this. I don't think that it is in either of your best interests to ~~continue~~ continue the way you are going.

Love,

Mum & Dad.