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Dear Lois + Peter,

Your sense of timing is impeccable. Klem's present arrived with the last mail before her birthday, and your telephone call caught us not long after we had returned home, and not long before we were due out again. He had a birthday afternoon tea with the three families at Jenny's for the two birthday girls. Beth was away at a music camp, and the four older grandchildren who were left spent most of the afternoon playing with the Pretty's new computer. Claire played with her new toys, and Joype just played.

During the week we received an invitation to Lesa's wedding, the first of the great-grandchildren (of Grandpa Bumble) to marry. Lesa is still young at 20 but she has known the boy for a long time, and he seems a good type. He is a graduate in some branch of science. Lesa's mother was only 20 when she married and that worked out well. His name is Ross Phillips.

Her sister Natalie has also been going with a boy called Ross, and they have just announced their engagement. The girls in this family don't seem to hang around long. Natalie is 18 months younger than Lesa, + plans a long engagement. Lesa's address is LEESA MOORE, 81 WONGA RD RINGWOOD 3134.

We watched a film on T.V. last night - one of the old black & white classics - ~~Jane~~ Jane Eyre. (They don't make them like that any more.) Very much Victorian in setting and moral →

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standards, but enjoyable.

Our Prime Minister is back in harness after a short spell in hospital for a prostate operation (necessitating a private member's bill). He only just made it back in time for parliament to go into its winter recess until the August budget. One of the Parliament's last acts was to vote members an 18% pay rise. Teachers also got a pay rise (to \$37,400 after 4 years experience) but they are protesting that it is not enough! It doesn't seem too bad for a part-time job - 4 terms = 4 lots of holidays each year, plus all sorts of other perks and other leave options.

It is now officially winter. We had a few good days earlier in the week, but the temp is now down around 58 to 60° F + down to the low 40's F overnight. The days are closing in too. It is dark when I get up at 6:45 AM, and dark again around 6 PM. Not my favourite time of year. There have been further retrenchments in our industry and more brokers closing their doors. I am glad that I am not trying to run a business at present. Actually the market has been a little better over the last week or two, but without much activity. Our clients don't seem to be bulls or bears - mostly chicken. However we have been doing reasonably well on our own accounts.

Love,
June & Guy