

Subject: Fw: Ruru School - Allegation of suspected abuse
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Brian

We are writing to follow up the emails we forwarded you over the weekend, and the notification you gave to our lawyer. We can assure you Callum did not falsely claim to have authority to obtain information/documentation off School Support. Callum stated his full name, and that he was making enquiries, reading details from information he had just received from Simon Tonkins. At the time Callum could not correct Ben's assumption that he worked for the ICC, as he did not know he had made that assumption. When Ben indicated reluctance to provide information Callum was understanding, and told him he would go back to Simon Tonkin to see if he could access information, which he did. It was only when we received the email from Ben stating *1. You do not represent the Invercargill City Council or Simon Tonkin as claimed*, that we felt it necessary to correct him. We question whether this false allegation against Callum is an attempt by parties to divert attention and character assassinate. As we explained to Ben in our email this matter is currently under police investigation. We trust you will seek the relevant information from School Support relating to their part in the alleged falsification of plans sent to ICC that enabled a small storeroom to be consented, built and used as a seclusion room. We do not believe this was a "small error without lasting consequences" as stated by Katrina Casey MoE.

It is important to remind you that we/our lawyer requested under the Official Information Act 1982, in February 2015, *All building/construction/design records in relation to the seclusion/timeout/safe room*. We were sent false plans by the school in May 2015 and our lawyer received a response from the Ministry recently which also related to this request. I will forward this letter to you under separate email.

We find it is interesting how you have considered this advice that Callum has been deceptive "truth" from the very people and groups being accused by us of deception and wrongdoing. After the last phone conversation with you Brian, we were compelled to seek confirmation that the room in question is/was a storeroom and not a calm/safe/timeout room as it has frequently been referred to.

We can assure you also that we are honest people, and believe there is only one version of the truth.

On Monday 4 July 2015 we contacted ex-BOT Kerry Fenwick. We have not spoken with her since Victoria resigned from the BOT 2015. Kerry said, "I have no problem with the room." She quickly ended the call, yelling "go away Callum. You tried to ~~fuck~~ over the school, and you failed!" We contacted Barry Tangney who is a newly appointed BOT member. He was unaware that we had left the school, he had not seen the room, knew nothing about the room, apart from what he had read in the newspaper. Callum told him that Rovin had told us that his son _____ was put in the

'little room' and he said, "I'll bare that in mind." We contacted Les Shaw the caretaker who named some students that were put in the room. Callum asked Les if he had removed the carpet in the room and he said, "the vinyl? No I lie, yes I removed the carpet because a girl went in there and shit in there and wiped it all over the walls." He named her. We wrote a message to Rovin's ex-teacher who moved to Australia, asking her to please tell us the truth.

We spoke to key eye witness XY for the first time. She told us that you could not offer any protection from her name being known and she was most concerned about this. She told us she was worried about retaliation by those involved. This person alleges witnessing students being assaulted by staff, and during the open, brief discussion with her, she told us the room was used hundreds of times. XY saw our son being put in the room at least 3 times in the last year she worked at the school. These times would have been outside of the reported times recorded in the MoE Report. XY saw our son being dragged into the room.

Through the very limited contact we have had with ex-staff, staff, and students we have freely been given the names of the following students allegedly detained in the room: Rovin, _____, _____, _____, _____ (2), _____, _____ The Report states the students detained as A, B, C, D and E.

We have received an email from our lawyer saying that you have requested that we stop communication with XY, We have treated her with the utmost care and respect, having good communication with her through our lawyer, who interviewed her. When Callum spoke with her she was forth coming and offered to meet with us and have a cup of tea. You will understand how important witness XY is regarding the investigation and the information she has shared with our lawyer and now us. We are puzzled by your handling of this witness, and question your motive to cease communication with this person.

We will forward under separate email information gathered recently from the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health and Disabilities. It has come to our attention that the standards under Health and Disability may or may not apply to the Ministry of Education. If this is confirmed by the Ministry of Education, can you please provide us with the legal grounds Ruru Specialist School has used to restrain, transport under restraint, and detain students in a seclusion/store room.

Thanks

Regards Callum & Victoria Turnbull