Dear Tania

We just wanted to say a big thank you for being an amazing and very inspirational teacher for Sarah. We can't describe to you how much she has enjoyed your class and we so often hear Sarah and her friends saying "Ms James is the BEST teacher!".

Sarah has absolutely blossomed under your guidance and teaching style. We have watched her with such joy this year. And as her parents, we really want to thank you for this most of all ... seeing this in your children is absolutely priceless!

We can see how much extra effort you go to, all the time, and have really brought together the year 3 class in such a wonderful way. You are clever with teaching, very engaging for the kids, and we appreciated the honesty in your discussions with us (or mainly Angela), and the way you dealt with anything in an encouraging manner. We knew that anything that had to be dealt with, was always done without having to ask twice.

Speaking now as Sarah's mum, I need to tell you that in all my years of education, my year 3 teacher was absolutely brilliant for me too, and my mum would vouch for this too. I still think about this teacher very often, very fondly. I find it amazing that this has also been the case for my own daughter, and I suspect you will be a teacher she will always remember too.

All the teachers at St Benedict's are brilliant, but we really wanted to say, you are a particular "stand out" as a teacher for our Sarah. We hope Kate and Megan will have the benefit of a wonderful year with you too.

We wish you a very holy and peaceful Christmas, and a well deserved break.

Thank you again,

Tim and Angela Scott.

Mr. Chris Lamb PRINCIPAL St Columba's Catholic Primary School York Street SOUTH PERTH 6152

Dear Chris,

I am compelled to write to you regarding your year one teacher Miss Tania James. She is currently teaching my youngest daughter Sara and it is the first time she has taught any of my three children.

I can't commend Miss James highly enough for the way in which she has taken on board the needs Sara has, as a year one student.

Going in to year one, I expressed to Miss James my wish that Sara be encouraged with her reading by appreciating her ability to read way above the standard of her age. My only expectation was that Miss James provide for her, suitable reading material, that would nurture Sara's love of reading and realize her potential.

Not only has Miss James provided nothing but encouragement for Sara with suitable reading material, but she has sought extra programmes and devised other comprehension exercises that I believe will help Sara to be challenged at her special pace. This highlights the obviously extra time Miss James has taken to investigate the individual needs Sara has.

As parents, both Geoff and I are thrilled that you have such a dedicated member on your staff.

I appreciate that to spend the time to focus on each child must be very difficult, given the time constraints teachers have and the numbers of children in each class, but Miss James leaves us in no doubt of her excellent standard of work, her dedication to her craft and her willingness to pursue the highest potential for each of her students.

Finally, I have always been very impressed with the teaching standard at St.Columba's and in the seven years my children have attended I have always felt confident in the general teaching practices. However, in this case, I feel the need to bring Miss James's work to your attention and can only assume you are very proud to have her on your team.

Kind regards,

Terri Coombs

22 September 2003

Mr Chris Kenworthy Principal St Dominic's School 95 Beatrice Street INNALOO WA 6018

Teaching can be a challenging profession with sometimes very little recognition. However we, the parents and carers of the Kindergarten class wish to praise one of your most valuable staff members – Miss Tania James.

As our children commence the 'first stage' of their education we could not be happier with the choice of teacher. Miss James has a fantastic repour with the children, you just have to see it in their faces and listen to them talk about "Miss James" with affection.

Miss James takes a genuine interest in her students and always takes the time to talk and listen to the children. She is not afraid to interact with them on 'their level'. With a bubbly and friendly personality, the parents find her very approachable and able to discuss any issues or concerns at hand. For such a young teacher she shows a standard of maturity and responsibility well beyond her years.

We believe it would be a great injustice to the school and especially to the children if we could not retain Miss James' services and provide her with additional teaching hours. It is not very often that a teacher of her calibre comes along. Given Miss James' contributions to our children's education we urge St Dominic's to do their upmost to keep her at the school where she belongs.

We ask that you consider ways that Miss James' hours may be increased. It would be a sad day to see someone who brings such joy and happiness to the children and school, lost to another school.

With Regards

Parents and Carers St Dominic's Kindergarten Class. Riarellisti L 3-8-1-05. Sandra Bogdanov She is the hest thelips.