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To Whom It May Concern

Daystar Foundation has been working in close association with our school for the past three years with a Literary Buddies program. This program has been exceptionally successful and is highly valued by the students, parents and staff. Children moving into senior stages eagerly look forward to participating in the program.

Specific benefits include:

- Giving students a purpose and audience for letter writing;
- Exchange of information in a safe manner with adult role models;
- Direct feedback from personal writing;
- Improved skills in recount and letter text type writing, planning, editing and publishing;
- Extension of field knowledge of the city of Sydney and its location compared to Campbelltown; and
- Linkages with the corporate world and career path incentives.

The children, parents and staff eagerly await mail from their buddies. At parent teacher interviews all parents expressed high levels of satisfaction and gratitude for this program. It extends the children's remote view of their local community and gives them an intense curiosity about life outside the immediate area.

Part of the program involves buddy visits where the students meet their buddies, share breakfast, show the buddies around the school and perform a small item. At Christmas time the children are able to visit their buddies in Sydney and have a party where they exchange small gifts.

The impact on the children and school community has been quite profound. The children are eager and engaged and very motivated to participate in all aspects of the program. I would take this opportunity to commend Daystar Foundation for its ongoing work and hope that our association continues into the future.

Sincerely,
Maree Raynham
Relieving Principal
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