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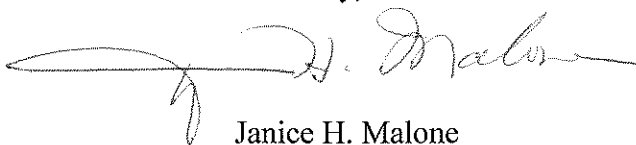
Dr. Stevens:

On behalf of the students, teachers, and staff at Matilda Dunston Primary School, I thank you, LYTA for giving our students an opportunity of a lifetime! Each Tuesday morning a number of the tennis students would eagerly burst into my office to share the details of their matches the day before. While they are beginners, to see the level of focus and determination on the court really impressed me! In addition to the students, the parents' commitment was equally impressive. While the students practiced, the Parent Advocate, Tyra Johnson, used some of that time to provide appropriate, practical parenting tips and strategies to address some of the challenges of our families today.

I am so grateful to John Farrelly, who is also our wonderful music teacher, for giving of his time and introducing our students to tennis! He consistently sends reminders to the children and encourages them to demonstrate components of our Character Education program on the court such as perseverance and respect. One of the highlights of this season, thanks to Mr. Farrelly, was experiencing the tennis climate and the energy at the Volvo Open! The students and parents were in awe of their surroundings! They really enjoyed participating in the various activities in addition to seeing tennis pros in action.

As a principal and a huge tennis fan, I cannot say enough about LYTA! Because of your efforts, our young scholars now have a deeper understanding and love of a sport that seemed unobtainable in their local community.

Sincerely,



Janice H. Malone