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Mr Craig Treloar
Staff

20th March, 1989.

Dear Craig,

I must confirm in writing our discussions last Friday:

1. Your action with the Starting Pistol must not be repeated. I fear that you assumed too much of 5th Grade boys' maturity - and too little of your own. In any event entirely avoidable distress was caused in and out of the school.
2. Your discipline of the two lads you spoke about must not jeopardise your reputation. That they need discipline is not in question - the intent and the method are, and will always be, the issues for all teachers.

Please bear in mind that I will not be able to support your place at Knox if there is similar cause raised against you.

I have said what had to be said. Would you now consider these thoughts:

The great misunderstanding that underlies the concerns raised is that there was not a professional distance between you, as adult and teacher, and the children for whom you are responsible.

I know, only too well, the great caring and thoughtful input that goes into your teaching. I know and respect the positive effect you have on so many young minds. The 'trick' for each of us here is to keep the care, the sympathy and the expectations we have for children always and entirely on an objective level.

Please respond, briefly, to this letter.

Yours sincerely,



Michael Jenkinson