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Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup>  
January 1986

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Chantal Meredith and I am 13 years old. I know this isn't the best time for a letter after the shocking space tragedy, but I want to tell you how very sorry I feel for your teachers and students.

I am only one in a million of children throughout the world telling of their feelings towards this accident and probably the students of your school are older than I am. But if any of them feel as though they need someone to let all their feeling out, to write to me if they would like.

I know this letter may seem strange but I cannot tell you how much I feel about this tragedy even though it happened on the other side of the world.

So if you want to put this letter upon a notice board for students to read and write to me I would feel as though I have done something to help.

But I think this shouldn't stop NASA. You may think different because it happened to someone so close to you. But the research they bring back from each flight, helps that much more about things they never knew before confirm things.

My cousin is a teacher at a catholic primary school and it was there first day back to school today and while

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Saying prayers my cousin asked if there was anyone else that they could pray for and a little boy (6 years old) said 'I think we should pray for those astronauts, No, I think we should be in church for mass for this.'

If anyone does want to write I should include some things about myself

(My name is pronounced shona-tell. Merry-death)

I am going into Year 8 or 2nd form  
I am a very sporty person. I am in level 4 for gymnastics and I like roller skating.  
I like talking to and meeting new friends.  
I go to Mount Saint Joseph at Milperra.

~~Australia~~ My thoughts on Australia are mainly on the everyday lifestyles. eg It's not all just kangaroos, koala, vegemite and Paul Hogan. It's full of beautiful scenery and people. We have our stars too, Mel Gibson, Peter Allan, Olivia Newton John. Our houses, streets, cars, papers, schools are much the same it's just we are on other sides of the world.

So, please, don't hesitate to write

Yours Sincerely  
Chantal Meredith

P.S I have enclosed some photos of myself (the most upto-date ones I have)



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