

Boys High School,
P.O. Box 4049,
Palmerston North,
New Zealand.

7th February 1986

Dear, Principal, Staff and students,

I
was deeply shocked about the
space shuttle disaster and the
death of your teacher Christa
McAuliffe. She died doing what
she wanted to do, reaching for
the stars. I hope that her
example will live in everybody's life.

Yours faithfully
Jonathan Clough.

Giles Brown
Palmerston North Boys High School
P.O. BOX 4049
Palmerston North
New Zealand

7.2.86

Dear Principal, Staff and Students,

I was really shocked to hear of the terrible news that the Spaceshuttle disaster had occurred in Florida. When I heard it on the news at first I thought that the count down had been delayed again or a minor malfunction had delayed the take off, but then I gathered that the Spaceshuttle had blown up and killed the crew.

I guess in a way after the first few flights nobody thought about the Spaceshuttle anymore and then when the disaster struck everyone realised that the missions were still happening and weren't getting any easier.

What makes me mad is that ^{one object} ~~the whole purpose~~ of the launch was to do with the new "Star Wars" programme of tracking down and destroying nuclear warheads from attacking nations. I wish the American and Russian leaders would stop messing around and get some solid agreements for restricting warhead building down on paper. I hope I haven't offended you.

yours faithfully,

Giles Brown

Boys high school
P.O. Box 4049.
Palmerston North.
New Zealand.
7-2-86.

Dear Principal, staff and pupils.

I am just writing to try and express my deepest regrets at the incident that has just occurred.

It looked very tragic watching it all happen on the newflash. I know the questions must enter your minds such as 'was the decision or a decision rightly made' or 'was it all worth it?'. As for that second question I think it would all depend on whether the flight was achieved. As it was not achieved I think most people would say no, but on the other hand if the flight was made then I think everybody would say yes because of man's unceasing thirst for knowledge.

I heard that a teacher from your school was going to give a talk to you or her pupils. I really feel sorry for them as they must have been getting very excited.

I do not quite know what the effects were or are on all of you but I expect it would be very emotional.

Yours faithfully,
Nicholas Prince.

Boys High School
P.O. Box 4909
Palmerston North
New Zealand
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Dear Principal Staff and Pupils,
I am writing to you from
New Zealand to say how sorry I was when the
Space Shuttle Challenger exploded and went out of
control. One could only hope someone survived but
the chance was small and getting smaller.
With any luck the debris being hauled up
by the rescue workers will lead to a definite
answer to the unfortunate destruction of the shuttle.
But for you men to explore space and new
frontiers risks are taken and can't be avoided,
and considering 24 flights have taken place without
accident you must congratulate NASA on the security
carried out. But the only other accident causing
the loss of human life was on the Apollo project
in 1967 where three astronauts died. We shall
just have to hope that nothing else like this
happens again in the conquest of space.

Yours faithfully
Margaret Cox

Nicholas Mudge
Boys' High School
P.O. Box 4049
Palmerston North
New Zealand

8-2-85

Dear Principal, Staff, pupils of Concorde High School

By now you have probably recieved a lot of letters saying much the same thing, about the loss of Mrs McAuliffe. But even so I would just like to express my sympathy to you all, and hope that it doesn't ruin a good year at school.

Yours sincerely

Nicholas Mudge

Palmerston North Boys High School

P.O. Box 4049

Palmerston North

New Zealand

8-2-1986

Dear Principal school staff and students,

I am beginning to wonder if it is worth the risk to explore space after the terrible space shuttle tragedy. Adding to the terrible tragedy was the disappointment of not being able to see space from the shuttle on television. The whole world was deeply touched by the disaster. I hope Nasa can find the cause and prevent it from happening again to make space exploration much safer.

Yours Faithfully Ross Adamson.

Boys' High School
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Palmerston North
New Zealand
8-2-86.

Dear Principal, Staff, and Students,

My family and I were on holiday when we read about the explosion of the Challenger that killed 7 brave astronauts, one of whom was America's first citizen in space. It was all over the front page of the newspaper. I know how you must be feeling about the loss of your fellow teacher, Christa McAuliffe, even though I live in New Zealand. I suppose your school will have a setback now - the work Christa would've done. She would've been invaluable for work on spaceflight, astronaut training, gravity & weightlessness etcetera. It is a real shame that she has gone. You must feel really grieved over the loss of your teacher and all America over the loss of its first citizen in space.

Yours Sincerely
Koryn Grant.

8th February 1986
Boys High School,
P.O. Box 4049,
Palmerston North,
New Zealand

Dear Principal, Staff and Students,

I am writing with my deepest sympathy about the loss of Christa McAuliffe. She sounded like a great person who was very outgoing and courageous.

The explosion changed the faces of millions of people all around the world who watched or heard about it. I think space travel will contribute to the world as a whole, in the future but hopefully no accidents like this will ever happen again.

Yours Sincerely,

Duncan Macgregor

Boys High School
P.O. Box 4049
Palmerston North
New Zealand
8th February

Dear Principal, staff and students,

I am writing to express my sympathy for the tragic occurrence on the 29th of January. I swore as soon as I heard about it especially Mrs. McAuliffe who, I thought, was brave for her courage to enter the land beyond earth. My full commiserations to her parents. I could see the look of astonishment on their faces which appealed to me in a certain way. If I could have been there I'd be filled with unediness too. As President Reagan quoted "We mourn their loss as a nation together."

Yours sympathetically,

Robin Illingworth.

was just as shocked as
anybody else could be.
I have written replies of the
exploration to or at times and
still feel upset & certainly
hope these letters will comfort
you all.

Yours sincerely
Christopher Murray

P.N.B.H.S
Palmerston North
North Island
New Zealand
9/2/96

Dear Principal, staff & pupils,
I am writing

this letter to give you my sym-
pathy. I know that if one of
my teachers died I would
feel to grief. I know that you
will never forget what has
happened but I hope these
letters will lessen the pain.
I certainly hope that the replace-
ment teacher if you get one
will be just as good.
I was watching the game
launch live on TV via a
friends satellite dish and

Boys High School,
P.O. Box 4049,
Palmerston North,
New Zealand.

9-2-'86

Dear Principal, Staff and Students,

After reading about the Challenger disaster in the newspapers and seeing it on television during the news several times, I felt rather gloomy and disappointed about the shuttle programme. My father too felt angry that something like this happened.

I feel extremely sorry for the loss of all the people on board that fateful flight, but especially for Miss. McAuliffe who was a kind of pioneer, who was going to be the first civilian in space. I think she will always be remembered for that and hopefully something like this may never happen again.

Yours sincerely,
Roland Feldman

Boys High School
P.O. Box 4049
Palmerston North
New Zealand
9th February 1986

Dear Principal, Staff and Students,

While I was away on holiday, I was listening to the news and heard that your teacher Christa McAuliffe was going up in the space shuttle. I thought about how exciting it would be for me to have one of my teachers going into space.

The next day I listened to the radio with interest to see what she would comment on. Once I heard the space shuttle had blown up. I felt really sorry for those of you watching what happened. I would like to extend my sincere sympathy to all of you who knew her. I'm sure it was very upsetting for all of you to see her killed in such a tragic way.

Yours

Sincerely
Murray Davey

Boys High School
P.O. Box 4049
Palmerston North
New Zealand
9th February 1986

Dear Principals, Staff, and Students,

When I heard of the Space Shuttle accident I was horrified. The only thing running through my head was why did it have to happen when a citizen was on board. This accident has made me doubt whether space exploration is worth it. I am sincerely sorry when I heard of the death of Christa McAuliffe. Well all of my best wishes and I am once again sorry about this dreadful accident.

Yours Faithfully Philip Horton.

Boys High School
P.O. Box 4049
Palmerston North
New Zealand
9 February

Dear Principal, Staff and Students,
New Zealand is deeply shocked about the Space Shuttle Challenger tragedy, especially as Mrs Christa McAuliffe, a teacher from your school, was killed in the disaster. We would like you to know that we mourn for you over this loss.

Yours Sincerely,

Michael Paterson

Boys High School,
PO Box 4049,
Palmerston North,
New Zealand,
9th February 1986.

Dear Principal, staff, students.

I heard about the Space Shuttle Disaster and I am very sorry about your teacher. I hope ~~that~~ nothing like that happens again, but I hope that they don't shut down the Space Shuttle Programme because Space Shuttles and Moon-flight is the future.

Yours sincerely,
James Macpherson.

Ramerton North Boys High School
P.O. Box 4049
Ramerton North
New Zealand
9th February 1986

Dear Principal, Staff and Students
I am a 14 year old pupil of Ramerton North Boys High
School in New Zealand and this is my first year at high
school.
Here in New Zealand we have received wide media coverage of
the shuttle disaster and the tragic loss of your friend and
teacher ^{Christa McCalliffe}.
I felt sad for you and Christa's family as I watched
the disaster on television.
I extend my sympathy to you all.

Yours Sincerely
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P.N. Boys High School
P.O. Box 4049
Palmerston North
New Zealand
9 February 1986

Dear Principal staff & Pupils,

I would like to express
my sincere sympathy at the loss of your teacher
and dear friend Christa.

I saw her last speech on NZ T.V. saying that you should
all follow your dreams, she certainly did that.
Christa was an inspiration to everyone around
the world.

Yours faithfully
Bruce Rutter.

Boys' High School
P.O. Box 12049
Palmerston North
New Zealand.
9th Feb. 1986

Dear Principal, Staff and students,
I watched the horrific explosion on a newscast that interrupted the program I was watching, and was shocked at the thought that things could go wrong and that people could be killed so easily, with the cause not even known at the time.

Pupils, I hope that the loss of Christa McAuliffe does not hinder you in your school work. If you really want to be something, you must set your eyes on it and go for it, no matter what, and I hope you do.

Hopefully, NASA will bring in more safety precautions, so that if there is a major malfunction, the astronauts will be able to escape. I think that safer rockets should be produced and used on the space projects.

Yours faithfully,

John Rawstron.

Palmerston North Boys High School
Box 4049
Palmerston North
New Zealand

9th February 1986

Dear Principle Staff and Students

In the aftermath of the Space Shuttle Columbia explosion we here in New Zealand and particularly P.N.B.H.S feel deeply for the great loss the citizens of U.S.A. and especially yourselves have suffered. Just from reading the papers we have been able to tell that Mrs Christa McCluliffe was a fondly loved teacher and that her memory will always remain with you.

Her commitment to space discovery and on her return to earth, to teach students about the frontiers of space and her experience, is surely a tribute to your school of which you should all be proud.

We send our regards to and deepest sympathy to you, the staff and students of Concord High School New Hampshire

Yours faithfully
Shaun Donovan

P.N.B.H.S.

P.O. box 401A

Palmerston North

New Zealand

10/2/86

Dear Principal, Staff and Students,

I am writing to express my deepest sorrow and regret about what has happened to the Challenger and crew, especially what has happened to Mrs McAuliffe last month. After a perfect record of safety the space shuttle program has been severely set back. Even back in New Zealand many people were horrified by what has happened. I wonder what will happen to the scheduled flights, some of which are important to U.S. security, and others involved with Halley's Comet examination. I also wonder what caused the crash, or explosion to put it more aptly.

Yours Faithfully
Bul Lambert.

Boys High School
P.O. Box 4049
Palmerston North
New Zealand
10/2/86

Dear Principle, staff and students,
I am sorry to hear about the space shuttle Challenger exploding. It must have cost America millions of dollars and it has to spend much more to build another one, also they lost the seven astronauts that were aboard. There was a lot of information on the explosion in the newspapers and on television, I hope it doesn't happen again.

Yours sincerely,
Derek Hawkes.

Bous High School
P.O. Box 1049
Palmerston North
New Zealand
10/2/86

To the principal, staff and students of Concord High school,
I have written this letter to express New Zealand's true sadness at hearing about the space-shuttle disaster in which you lost one of your much respected and liked teachers, Mrs McAuliffe. We were all shocked to hear of the terrible disaster. My most sincere commiserations.

Gregory Blanchard.

Boys High School,
P.O. Box 4049,
Palmerston North,
New Zealand,
10th February, 1986.

Dear Principal, Staff and students,
I am writing to
express my sympathy following the tragic death of
your teacher Christa McAuliffe. It must have
been a great loss to your school to lose such
a dedicated person. I felt deeply shocked
on hearing the news, and very saddened by
this disastrous event. I am sure the children
of New Zealand would have also benefited
from the broadcast from space. Once again the
deepest of sympathy.

Yours sincerely,
Michael Severinsen

Boys High School,
PO Box 4049
Palmerston North,
New Zealand.

10th February 1986.

Dear Principal, Staff and Pupils,

The Challenger disaster saddened millions of people around the world, and I imagine it would have hit you at Concord High School very hard, due to the death of your beloved teacher, Christa McAuliffe.

I have only been at High school a few days only, so I am not particularly close to any of the teachers, but I know if anything happened to one of the teachers from my previous schools, it would grieve me deeply.

The 25th Challenger space shuttle mission seemed to me to have so much promise of exploration, discovery and joy. Unfortunately, what was to be a happy day, wasn't so. It was a day of world grievance.

I am so sorry it had to happen to someone close to you. I am sorry it had to happen at all.

Yours faithfully,

David Ridley.

Pohangina Valley Road
R. G. Uluwai
Ashhurst.

2/10/85

Dear principal, teachers and students, I was sorry to hear of the loss of your teacher, Christa McAuliffe. The loss will not only be a loss for you but also for the whole United States and other parts of the world. For now we will not get either the pictures from it of Halley's Comet or the lessons she promised to do from space.

She had trained hard to be allowed to be the first citizen in space but for all her work not one is rewarded.

Yours faithfully,
Stephen Dinniss.



Boys' High School.
P.O. Box 4049,
Palmerston North.
NEW ZEALAND.
12th February, '86.

Dear Principal, Staff and Students,

Please find enclosed a number of letters written by my social studies class [12-13 year old boys] expressing their sorrow over the recent tragedy. We were very shocked by what happened and I think my class was able to relate more to that particular space flight because there was a teacher on board. I hope you are able to read the letters with your staff and Christa's students if only to see that there are thirty young New Zealanders who care.

Yours faithfully,
S. J. Hucker
(Graham. Hucker):

Boys High School,
P.O. Box 4049,
Palmerston North,
New Zealand,
17.2.85

Dear Principal, Staff and Students,

I would like to show my sympathy to the whole school as you mourn the death of your teacher who died in the dreadful 'Space Shuttle' explosion. The news came fast and alot of people saw the dreadful thing happen on T.V. I am sorry to hear of this explosion as it would be sad news for the whole country and your school as she was to be the first civilian in space. In your country will find away to prevent the disaster ^{hope} happening in the future and once again let me express my sympathy,

Yours Faithfully
Fraser Currie

Boys High School
P.O. Box 4049
Palmerston North
New Zealand

Dear Principal, Staff and Students,

New Zealand has been following the U.S. space programme since it has started and were very sorry to hear of the Space Shuttle disaster. Please accept our deepest sympathy in the loss of your teacher.

Yours sincerely

Daniel Hampton

Boys High School
P.O. Box 4049
Palmerston North
New Zealand

Concorde High School
New Hampshire
USA

Dear Principal, Staff and Students,

I deeply sympathize over you with the loss of one of your staff members last week.

The loss of the six astronauts, and your staff member must be a terrible blow to United States and the World.

When I watched the disaster on television I thought of the seven people in the shuttle and how courageous they must have been.

It's very common for us to expect the space shuttle to go up safely and land safely as it has done in the other 24 space shuttle missions. Up till now we didn't realize just how much danger is associated with each and every mission.

It is a terrible shame and disappointment that such a historic mission turned out as a tragedy that hurt the world deep down.

May the courage shown by Mrs McAuliffe and the astronauts be an inspiration to us all.

Yours Sincerely

David Smith

P.N.B.H.S
P.O. Box 4049
Palmerston North
New Zealand

Dear Principal, Staff & Pupils,

You can imagine my horror when I heard the news of the Space Shuttle disaster. And then to find out that everyone had perished on board really made it a miserable day in world History. Although you must all be grieving the loss of a dear friend at least you can be sure the same accident may never happen again. Now that NASA are starting to piece together all the facts, they may now take more responsibility over the safety of the people on board whether they are civilian or astronauts. I hope this message will help you get over the disaster faster.

Yours Faithfully
Justin August

Dear Principal, Staff and students,

I am writing to express my sympathy to you at the loss of Christa McAuliffe, a teacher at your school. While I share your sorrow and grief at the tragic disaster that claimed all the lives on board Challenger, it must be especially hard for you who knew Christa personally. She will always be remembered as the teacher in space, and her courage and enthusiasm will inspire all school children.

Yours Sincerely

Matthew Cohen