Bursary Winner Says “Thanks”

Miss Theresa Flanders

Miss Theresa Flanders, who was recently awarded a bursary donated by the Soroptimist Club of Canterbury, has written a nice letter of appreciation.

Theresa has passed her Intermediate Certificate Examination and is continuing her education to the Leaving Certificate. She hopes to follow a teaching career, and Dawn wishes her every success, and hopes she will attain her ambition.

The Superintendent, Mr. Saxby, informs Dawn that Theresa has given permission for her letter to be published in Dawn and at his request this is now done. What an inspiration it can be to those others who have been so fortunate as to receive one of the Board’s bursaries . . . .

“Dear Mr. Saxby,

Just a few lines to express my thanks and gratitude in your award of a £50 Bursary to me.

The only thing I wasn’t pleased with myself about was that I hadn’t written sooner to you than I should have realised. But since I have found time to drop a few lines to you I had better finish this letter and don’t leave off as I did the couple of others.

I have decided without hesitation to continue my education to my fifth year and try for my Leaving Certificate, which I hope I will also succeed in if I keep up the studying I’m now doing.

For a career I have found teaching as a satisfying work. To work not only for the sake of making a name for myself or being vain about my standards but to help my own citizens, like myself and others.

A while back I had thought of making my life with the medical wards and may still if I fail but a sudden changing of this leads me to try for teaching when I read how badly the Aboriginal children must learn to adopt the ways of the other Australians.

Besides these points of gratitude to you and Miss Pringle I would also like, with your permission, for us to obtain the Dawn Magazine monthly. This is a magazine which we recommend as one of the most interesting books which we have followed lately.

At the Coff’s Harbour School when first starting there I had thought the girls as well as boys would shun me because of my colour welfare. But soon this thought was pushed back as far back as possible when I realised I was treated as one of their own. Therefore I had not only made the grade as being one of them and taking part in the school activities, but also went for my Half-Yearly Examination before the May holidays. But now that Exam is over I have to study much harder for my yearly exam.

As we live three miles out of town along the main Pacific Highway friends are not plentiful, but for some of my white girl-friends who live nearby. So I was considering if you can advertise in your next edition of Dawn that I would like pen-friends. Boy or girl between the age of 16-17 as I am nearly sixteen as it is. If you could do this for me I would be very grateful.

Well, Mr. Saxby, as there isn’t more to write about but say once again—“Thank you for everything.”

Obliging,

(Miss) Theresa Flanders,
C/o Post Office,
Coff’s Harbour.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Roberts have been appointed Assistant Manager and Assistant Matron of Moree Station.

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At its last meeting, the Board approved of the issue of Certificates of Exemption to the following cases:—

Betty Black (16), c/o Princess Juliana Hospital, Turramurra.
Eileen Button (42), Post Office, Walgett.
Alan Cutmore (18), Mann-street, West Armidale.
Henry Thomas Fox (46), Aborigines Reserve, Gulargambone.
Samuel James Hampton (30), Narromine.