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Dear School Board, Teachers and Pupils of the Rehoboth Basic School

VISIT BY THE VICTORIAN PREMIER'S SPIRIT OF ANZAC STUDY TOUR

I am writing to formally thank you and your school community for the tremendous welcome that you gave to our Study Tour group upon our visit to your school on 11 April 2013.

The visit to Barendrecht was without doubt one of the highlights of the Study Tour. The reception you provided our students was heart warming and made an indelible impression upon us all, which we will cherish for years to come.

Your school's commitment to the commemoration of the Australia pilot, Warrant Officer Jack Dawson Green, is a lesson to us all that there is a price to pay for peace and that we should never forget those who fought for it on our behalf.

Australia's losses during World War 1 and World War 2 saw many families distressed and at a loss as to how to mourn and commemorate sons who fell so far from home. Your school's moving dedication of the playground to Jack and your compassionate tending to Jack's grave is to be commended. In the words of one of our students, "To see the level of commitment that this town so far away from home has to a Victorian boy is truly inspiring."

On behalf of the people of Victoria, thank you.

Yours sincerely

HUGH DELAHUNTY MP
Minister for Veterans' Affairs

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