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Mr. Johan Delannoie  
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Dear Mr. Delannoie

THEMBA AND BIZZA

I co-ordinate the after-care programme for an education centre servicing the Vukuzenzele informal settlement in Springs – the Kwasa Education Centre. We offer homework support to the children, and run supplementary programmes after school during the weekdays and in the school holidays to help children from Grade 1 to Grade 12 improve in their literacy, numeracy and life skills.

A few months ago I bought some copies of the Themba and Bizza adventures for our library. Despite there being more than one copy of each book, for the first time, we have had to draw up a waiting list for books, and set a limit on how long each child can have a book, so that everyone gets a chance to read them. Some of the smaller children who cannot read also even take out the books. They ask an older child to read the story to them – then they take it home to look at the pictures again! We've even had boys break into a fight over whose turn it was to get the book.

I would really just like to thank you for creating characters and stories so accessible to our children, and for all the joy which Themba and Bizza are bringing them. They are really helping us to make a breakthrough in encouraging learners to read, and in helping the learners discover the magic in the world of books.

With best wishes for your creation of the next adventures in the series! We look forward to following the exploits of Themba and Bizza for years to come.

Yours sincerely

Suzanne van Rÿswÿck

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