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Mrs Sarah White
Head Teacher
British Junior Academy of Brussels

Dear Mrs White

I write to thank you and the BJAB community for your generous thoughts and support following the devastating Australian bushfires.

I understand the children and staff at BJAB have raised money through a bake sale and fancy dress day for the volunteer firefighters, the Victorian Country Fire Authority (CFA), and for the Australian Koala Foundation, which helps to rehabilitate injured koalas. I have been reliably informed that Miss Rogers, originally from South Australia, showed particular flare, dressing up as the spectacular Australian reptile, the frilled-neck lizard.

I know that BJAB is focussing on the value of “kindness” this month, and there have been so many demonstrations of this recently in Australia. At this tragic time, we have seen the best of Australia and many acts of kindness ranging from the heroic efforts of the brave firefighters, the selfless volunteers working to help those who lost their homes and businesses and to look after injured wildlife, to countless Australian individuals and groups stepping up to support their communities financially and in other ways.

Across the world we have also seen great kindness in diverse ways, with offers of assistance from firefighting communities and thousands of crafters sewing, knitting and crocheting pouches and beds for injured wildlife. The generous donations by BJAB parents and staff will help to support ongoing efforts to fight fires, and to care for injured koalas.

Here at the Australian Embassy in Brussels, we have been touched by the outpouring of support for Australia and the Australian people from Belgium and all around the world. We are very grateful to the BJAB community for your solidarity and kindness at this time.

Yours sincerely



Justin Brown

Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. Thanks again.