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From Sharongeraghty@yahoo.com

Good Evening, Ms Tinetti

I hope Fiona in your local office has had a chance to pass my comments on to you regarding, you being so brave on the Jack Tames Q&A programme for acknowledging the Science of Reading and recommending best practice is a Structured Literacy approach. I would love to have a chat with you and help in any way I can. I know it is not an easy or friendly (at times) journey when you want to make a change.

Please know you have thousands of supporters behind you. The deb community has 8 thousand plus members backing you and that is only one group. There are so many Structured Literacy teacher's groups now in New Zealand all working together to support each other in their journeys and backing you all the way.

I wanted to reach out and say thank you once again for being so brave and I am happy to chat anytime. Everything I do is on a volunteer basis and I have no financial interest in any companies, training providers or resources. I don't even charge members for private consults. I am an independent source with no ties. My only agenda is to get it right for these kids who desperately need it and make sure people get the right information before they make decisions.

I decided to update my document "What is Structured Literacy?" today which is on the deb website today, to help members of the deb community understand more and to help with some of the confusion that has been posted around the literacy Facebook pages and groups.

I believe knowledge is the most powerful thing you can have or provide to others. I hope you don't mind, but I have attached the "What is Structured Literacy" PDF document below and I have also forwarded this to Vicki Nelson at the Ministry today so she can forward it to her team leaders.

I chat with Vicki regularly about the dyslexia kete and Reading Recovery. I should also mention the content in the document has been approved by Jodi Clements, the President of the Australian Dyslexia Association (ADA). The ADA is also an International Dyslexia Association (IDA) Global Partner.

Jodi Clement LinkedIn profile for your reference (<https://au.linkedin.com/in/jodi-clements-61780527>)

Again thank you for saying the hard thing and the right thing. If you would like to chat (anytime night or day) my phone number is 021 985 398 or you can email me at the email address above.

Kinds Regards

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The attachment of "What is Structured Literacy" can be found here -  
<https://www.deb.co.nz/content/uploads/2023/08/What-is-a-Structured-Literacy-Approach-MOE-2.pdf>