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Dear

Introduction: Thank you, for the \$500 that gave me the privilege of traveling to Australia, to compete in the Australian Junior Basketball Country Cup. It was an amazing experience that has taught me so much and I am extremely grateful to have had this opportunity.

Interesting information: On this tour I was in the Under 14 girls Kea team (grey.) I was also given the privilege and honour of being selected captain of this team for the tournament. My team placed third in the entire tournament and in our final game vs the South Australia Sharks and we won 40 – 39 (playoff for 3rd and 4th). At the opening ceremony the New Zealand team did a Kapahaka performance and another performance at the closing ceremony. A link to a video of this performance can be found below. I am performing the 4 long poi, located on the far left. In addition to a video of our Kapahaka performance there is a link at the same site to photos from the tournament: <https://www.facebook.com/countrycup/videos/840657599414622/>

On this trip I learnt that basketball is different in many ways, and every player and team has their own way of playing this amazing sport. As well as this I now know there is heaps you can do, achieve and learn from other players, teams and coaches if you work hard, believe in yourself, never give up and put yourself out there.

Conclusion: I would like to thank you for the \$500 that has helped me get to Australia to compete in the Australian junior country cup. I have been able to compete and develop my skills. It was very interesting to experience a different kind of basketball internationally.

Sincerely

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