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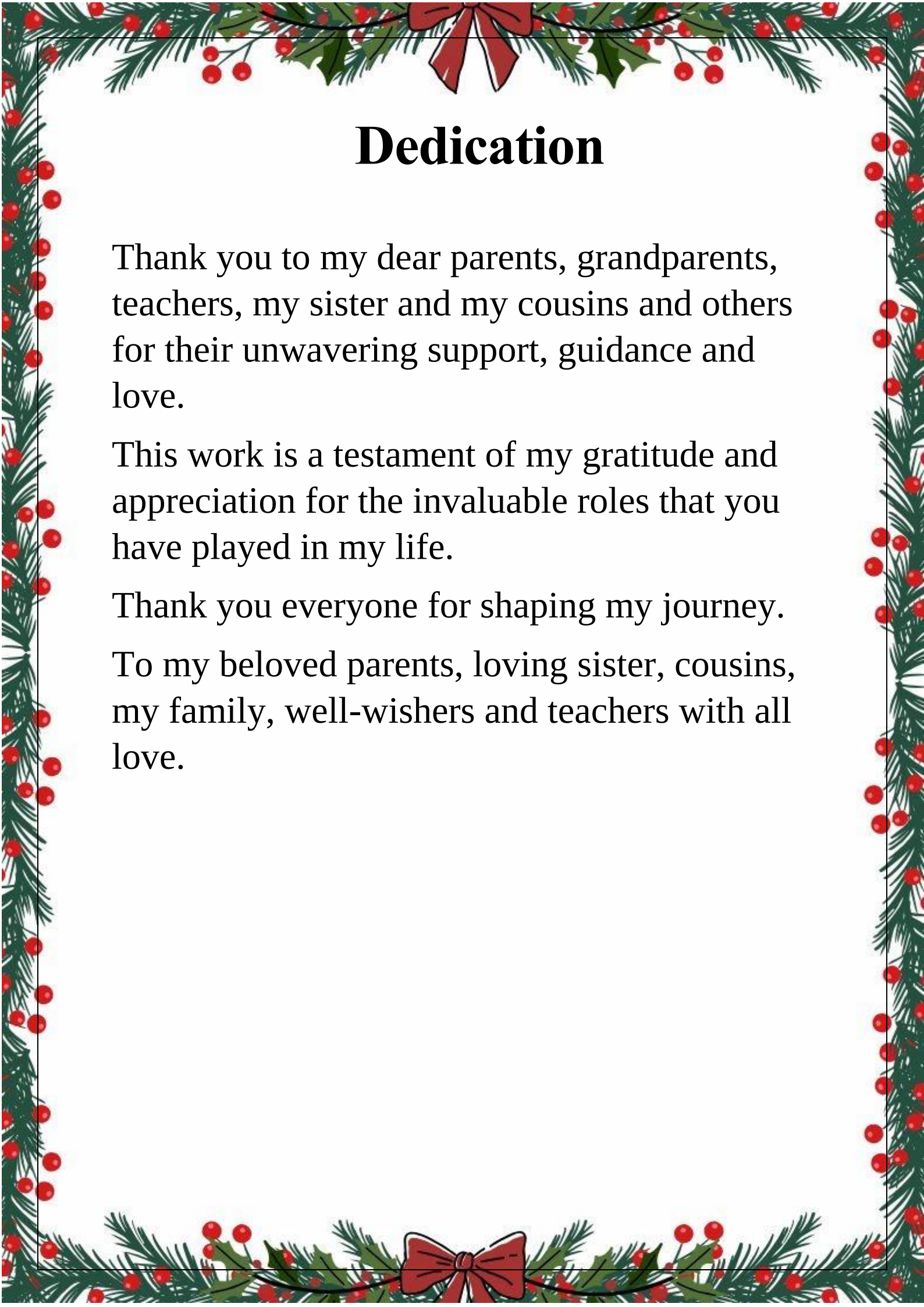
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Dedication

Thank you to my dear parents, grandparents, teachers, my sister and my cousins and others for their unwavering support, guidance and love.

This work is a testament of my gratitude and appreciation for the invaluable roles that you have played in my life.

Thank you everyone for shaping my journey.

To my beloved parents, loving sister, cousins, my family, well-wishers and teachers with all love.



Foreword

In an increasingly complex global future, the "Hemamala Upahara" book project, led by Mahamaya Girls' College, stands as a turning point in girls' education. Over a decade, it has successfully nurtured thousands of children to become young authors.

This year, by collaborating with other schools, we aimed to provide students with a wealth of new experiences. The goal was to develop multi-faceted skills, including communication, values, and creative growth. As a result, children have written books that pay tribute to Princess Hemamala, who brought the Sacred Tooth Relic—the supreme symbol of the Buddhist world—to the Hill Country (Kandy).

I extend my gratitude to everyone involved, including the students who contributed their creativity and the teachers who guided them.

Shashikala Senadhira

Principal

Mahamaya Girls' College

Congratulatory Message

It is a great honor for me, as the Governor of the Central Province, to send a congratulatory message for the launch of the books created through the Hemamala Tribute Book Creation Project initiated by Mahamaya Girls' College, Kandy.

Education is the fundamental foundation for the progress of society, and it is further strengthened through books and literary creations. It is clearly commendable that students' talents, creativity, and intellectual abilities are emerging through projects such as this.

I believe that this book creation project will provide valuable knowledge and a precious literary contribution not only to the students but to the entire society. Furthermore, I hope that through such efforts, future writers who will bring pride to Sri Lanka will emerge.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation and blessings to the Principal, the academic staff, the students, and everyone involved who dedicated themselves to this successful endeavor. I wish this project and the book launch ceremony great success.

Sarath B.S. Abeykoon

Governor, Central Province

Emeritus Professor, University of Peradeniya

2026-05-10

Congratulatory Message

I highly appreciate the noble and outstanding effort of the Principal and the academic staff of Mahamaya Girls' College, Kandy, the student daughters, the students of other participating schools, and everyone who dedicated themselves to plan and implement this book publication project. The project was organized under the leadership of Mahamaya Girls' College, Kandy, with the participation of other schools in the Kandy Zone, with the aim of encouraging children toward book creation within the current school system, as a tribute to Hemamala Kumariya who brought the Sacred Tooth Relic to Sri Lanka.

For several decades, Sri Lanka has been committed to providing free, compulsory, quality, and equitable education to all children, thereby producing a future generation of intelligent and skilled citizens. In such a context, this book creation program for school children helps develop creative ability, critical thinking, and other positive qualities for a balanced and well-rounded personality, and contributes to building a future knowledge-based society.

May all activities of the Hemamala Tribute Book Creation Project be successful through the blessings of the Sacred Tooth Relic.

Pradeep Nilanga Dela

Diyawadana Nilame,

Sri Dalada Maligawa.

2026.05.10.

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Chapter 1

Winter's School vacation

Once upon a time, in the bustling city of Sydney, Australia, there lived a bright young girl named Winter. She was an only child living with her parents. Winter was known throughout her neighborhood for her incredibly kind personality.



Her house had a secret passage where Winter loved to hide away and dream.

Winter was very helpful and cooperative, especially with her friends. She frequently helped her best friend Summer in managing various projects or even just day-to-day tasks. In return Summer always helped her, ensuring a balanced friendship between them.



Their excitement increased with the start of Christmas school vacation. Winter and her friends had many things they planned to do together. They had afternoon tea parties with joyful weeks ahead to begin!

Chapter 2

The Big Christmas Party

For the big vacation, all of Winter's friends were going to celebrate Christmas at their house! Some friends decided to have a lunch together, going to a restaurant and eat lots of yummy foods.

Because of all the fun plans, they started getting ready for a special Christmas party. It was so cool. The party theme was "Christmas", so they had a big, beautiful Christmas tree.



They worked really hard and made lots of treats for the party, like cookies, cupcakes, and yummy drinks. They even watched a Christmas movie and played lots of games.

Then, they just had a fun get-together at Winter's house. Other friends who had a party too, went to the party and went back to their house after.

It was Christmas now. So, everyone in the world didn't know that the child who has been good for a whole year will receive a special gift from Santa.



Chapter 3

Christmas Eve Magic

The day before Christmas, Winter and her family decorated their house first. Then, they set up a Christmas tree inside and decorated it with pines, colorful bulbs, jingle bells, socks, and more items. They also made Christmas food like, cakes, cupcakes, gingerbread men, cookies, etc.

When they felt cold, they made hot chocolate and drank it. Like this, the day turned into night. Winter wished for a storybook and she didn't know something. The thing she didn't know was that she would receive a special gift and a visit to Santa's world for been good, for a whole year.

At night, while everyone was sleeping, Winter heard someone climbing down the chimney. She got scared and pretended to sleep. Then, someone poked her. She was frightened and opened one eye. Then, she saw Santa standing in front of her. She rubbed her eyes to look whether it was a dream. But, Santa was still standing.



He said “Don’t be scared, dear. I won’t hurt you. If you are thinking that I am a witch or a villain or a magician, the answer is ‘No, I am not’. I am the Santa Claus that everyone knows.” “I am here to take you to my world. Because, you had been good for the whole year, so you will receive a special gift and a visit to my world.” said Santa taking her hand and climbing to the sleigh.

Chapter 4

The Magical Watch

The sleigh was driven by reindeer. Winter got surprised! She jumped with joy. Soon, they traveled to Santa’s world. Then, he introduced about his factory. That means the jobs of elves who were working. They all were packing gifts, wrapping things and so on.



She stayed there an hour drinking tea and eating cookies. Sometime later, Santa came to her with a magical watch, which can help others. She thanked Santa very much. At that moment, she hit the ground hardly.



She thought it was a dream and went to check if she had that magical watch. Surprisingly, it was lying on her study table. Now she knew, it was real. So, she wore it every time.



One morning, the magical watch's red bulb rang. It showed that her father is going to meet with an accident. So, she helped her father by saving him. Then he moved away from the place where he was working. After a while, he came to look whether the accident happened or not. Like the magical watch said, it had really happened. He thanked her daughter. Like this, she helped many people and became popular among people for her kindness. So, Winter and her family lived happily ever after.

THE END!

Afterword



With the approval of the Ministry of Education, this research-based project has empowered thousands of student authors for over ten years. Educationists recognize it as a program that significantly enhances the quality of school education.

In alignment with modern educational reforms, encouraging students to author a research work is a milestone in this journey. In this digital age of "Smart" technology, the modern school must demonstrate through research that books and technology should be used together. This is because the unique joy a child receives from a book cannot be replaced by anything else.

To prevent children from drifting away from books—which remain our primary educational tool and storehouse of human knowledge—Mahamaya Girls' College has spearheaded the "Hemamala Upahara" project for many years. Its primary objectives are to foster academic discipline, promote values, and pay tribute to Princess Hemamala, who fulfilled a historic mission to empower women.

We express our gratitude to the Principal, teachers, parents, alumni of Mahamaya Girls' College, representatives of other schools, the Diyawadana Nilame, and the staff of the Sri Dalada Maligawa (Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic) for their support.

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(Project Creator)