

**“Yes I am”. That’s it, isn’t it? You can’t go on denying the truth. You are a most exceptional and inspirational teacher and Iverna Gardens has been blessed by your brilliance. This I know, not because I’ve witnessed it but because I listen. I hear the conversations, the admiration, the respect, the little sparkles of perfection. I hear the voices full of wonder and praise. This is how I know it and this why the correct, the only, response to “You are an amazing teacher” is “Yes, I am!”**

**We should be sad that you have gone but we are not because you have become a mother. And one thing I know is that little chap is going to know a mother like no other. There is no pain that she will not wash away, no hurdle that she will not help him over, no confusion that she will not clarify, no love that she will not intensify. This boy will stand tall, vigorous, strong, full of hope and determination not because of any hubris but because his mother has taught him those three words: “Yes, I can!”**