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Tocal Excursion

We enjoyed a wonderful day at Tocal on Tuesday. All the children, parents and teachers learned so much from a great resource so close to our school. After arriving, we were shown around the Tocal Homestead property before breaking into 6 groups where the children enjoyed six different activities which included old time games; water carrying and washing clothes, dress ups in old fashioned clothes, touring inside the homestead looking at the kitchen and living area, and seeing how the machinery is powered by horse power. We sincerely thank those parents who assisted us—Mrs Proctor, Mrs Trappel, Mr Packett (the photographer), Mrs Irwin, Mrs Gale and Mrs Murphy. The following photos will give you a snippet of the day-

![Everyone looking very serious in front of the homestead](image1)

![Playing dress ups](image2)

![Who said they couldn’t hang out the washing?](image3)

Canteen

Lunch orders need to be in by Wednesday afternoon at the latest. No late orders will be accepted. Term 2 & 3 canteen roster is up on the fridge for volunteers. Volunteers are needed for tomorrow, 29<sup>th</sup> May, 19<sup>th</sup> June and all of Term 3.
Soccer Report
Our soccer team had a great day on Monday at the Gala Day in Maitland. They had 3 games losing to Largs 1-0; losing to Metford 4-3 before defeating Branxton 4-0. It was a wonderful opportunity for the team to finally play, in preparation for their upcoming (still to be confirmed) match in the Small Schools Knockout Competition. We sincerely thank Mrs Irwin as taking on the role of coach and Ms Tully as manager.

School Update
We have received a notification that the whole tender process and scope of works is in place. We are currently having companies visit the school to organize their quote. We hope that the classroom, sand area and fences will be repaired in readiness for next term.

African Aids Day
Next Wednesday, the year 6 leaders have organized an African Aid Day to further each child’s understanding of their sister school in South Africa. They have been working with Mrs Murphy to organize the day, with activities created for the afternoon. Year 6 will be selling homemade lemonade, cakes and biscuits and doing face painting, Mrs Sarah Bayley will be here in the afternoon to sell/make available some African items which will help with the fundraising. The following letter was received by Sarah from the school, outlining how much they appreciate our support.

“We always appreciate all the efforts you are making to support the South African schools. Be blessed for the efforts.

Thank you for the communication we have about Sarah’s visit we are looking forward to the successful visit, I have managed to collect the information from Ingunjini. They were excited to hear that you have received the letters they wrote and they always appreciate the help you are offering. Their school is much better than it was before.

They have told me that not all children wrote the letters. The total number of the children in the school is 82. The good thing is that through your help they now have grade 2 and next year they will have grade three. These are the grades and ages for the children in the school.

Grade R 28 Boys 17 Girls 11 Ages 5
Grade 1 29 Boys 14 Girls 15 Ages 6
Grade 2 25 Boys 13 Girls 12 Ages 7

some of their needs are the following knowing that you might not be able to help with them all. They said they will appreciate any help you will offer.

On the stationary they are looking for the charts for numbers, wild and tame or domestic animals, traffic signs, multiplication charts
They are also looking for the fencing because their school is not fenced, 2 writing boards, 6 bags of cements for plaster, electricity equipment, painting.

If possible they will be glad if they can be supported by 2 laptops for the two teachers because there are two teachers in the school.

As you can see, the school is a K-2 school with 82 students. We have received their letters and we are having our children respond to them so the Bayley family can take the letters with them. It all makes our involvement so much more special! During the afternoon, our Year 6 leaders have organized many activities in which all children will participate. One of the activities is the making of lemonade so they are asking if anyone can donate some lemons tomorrow, so they can make their lemonade over the weekend. Your support is helping our African Aids project.
Front Garden update
Over the weekend a team of workers organized by Mr and Mrs Proctor cleared up our front garden area in preparation for some dynamic beautification in the near future. We sincerely thank them for their wonderful efforts. The following photo showing the extent of their work.

Working Bee - Reminder
Tomorrow, Friday, 29th May, from 9.15am, the P&C has organised a working bee to focus on the front of the school. We are asking for everyone to consider donating their time as we begin our renewal of our school grounds following the recent floods. Please bring gardening tools, gloves and wheelbarrows (if possible) as we lost all ours in the flood. Morning tea will be supplied.

P&C Trivia Night
The P&C are organizing a fundraising Trivia Night, to be held at Woodville Hall on Saturday, 20th June. This will be an adults only evening. Tickets are $10 each, and there will be 8 people to a table. Please note the date on your calendar, and start organising a table of clever friends. 😊 Please fill in the information sheet in the office to let the P&C know how many tables/tickets you will need.

Entertainment Books
Entertainment books have been sent home. If you do not wish to purchase the book or if you would like to order an electronic version, please return the book ASAP. Payment is required by 10th June for any books purchased. Books not returned or paid for by 10th June will be invoiced to your account.

Point Wolstoncroft Excursion- 4/5/6 - Reminder
4/5/6 will be attending Point Wolstoncroft in Term 4, so we now need to know numbers—children and parents who wish to go. If you haven’t returned your expression of interest and you wish for your child to go please see Mrs Mahony urgently.

Interrelate at Largs- final reminder
Interrelate program is being held at Largs P.S. on Monday evening, 1st June beginning at 6.00 pm. The first session is “Where did I come from?” and the second session is “Preparing for Puberty”. The cost to the family is $25 with two sessions costing $30. The flier explains what each session is about, but having been involved with the Interrelate Program for many years, it is certainly worthwhile knowing, especially having some specialist present the information about these areas of growing up.

Environmental Committee
As part of our new three-year plan, we would like to set up a committee of interested parents to work with Ms Hamer on environmental improvements and programs in the school. If you would be interested in being on the committee, please let Mrs Mahony know. It is expected that we would meet once or twice a term, but parents could possibly be involved in projects and ongoing programs and work in the grounds when it suits their personal schedules.

Interest Groups
I am asking for expressions of interest from parents, grandparents, friends and any community members who have an artistic skill. This could be anything from sewing, painting, drawing, woodwork, collage, fabric design...anything! I am hoping to run ‘interest groups’ during Term 3 where you will be able to share this skill with a group of 6 students. This will hopefully run for 4 weeks (4 afternoons—probably Thursdays). Please discuss this with friends as it is a perfect opportunity for students to learn a new skill AND become familiar with the wider community. Anyone interested must have a current Working with Children check. If you are interested please see Ms Tully.
Awards Week 5

Merit Awards were presented in:-

K/1

Spencer for being a fantastic news leader
David for demonstrating fantastic thinking skills
Tasmy for a wonderful effort at sounding words out
Eliza for working well in all areas
Rocco for excellent work presentation
Shaleea for outstanding effort in art
Aben for being a kind and caring class member

2/3

Seth D for writing great sentences in spelling activities
Marni for a very well argued public speaking presentation
Joel for presenting an outstanding speech in public speaking
Fang-Chi for working well in all activities in class
Keeley for wonderful work in reading
Keeley for her outstanding effort in art
Danny for creating beautiful art that reflects his patience and focus
Madyson for her enthusiasm to tackle new tasks

4/5/6

Gabby for consistent focus in maths
Grace for consistent focus in maths
Brodi for great individual work on reading cards
Sophie for a well written narrative “The Story of my Life”
Lachlan for a well written exposition
Kyan for excellent maths test results
Hillary for reading fluently and expressively

Peer Nominated Citizenship Award
Felix for being a kind and considerate role model as our school gets back on their feet

Teacher Nominated Citizenship Award
Zac for exceptional manners to everyone

Library Award
Lily C for eating a variety of healthy food

Birthdays:-
Ben turned 7 on 15th May
Fang-Chi turned 9 on 16th May
Seth D turned 8 on 22nd May
Jessica turned 7 on 23rd May
Madyson turned 8 on 25th May
Isabella H turns 8 tomorrow, 29th May
FUNDRAISING
FOR IONA PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C

JOIN US AT THE WOODVILLE HALL ON SATURDAY EVENING 20TH JUNE 5:30PM FOR A LITTLE FRIENDLY COMPETITION...

BYO NIBBLES AND DRINKS AND MONEY.... LOOSE CHANGE FOR GAMES AND RAFFLES...

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE

$10 PER HEAD OR $80 PER TABLE

ADULTS ONLY

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YES WE CAN COME			NO WE CAN’T MAKE IT

I CAN HELP WITH THE FOLLOWING please

- PRIZES
- ORGANISING GAMES
- HALL DECORATION
- FAMILY

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