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E-Learning Sessions with Australia



This month, four Grade 4 students of Baroida School, interacted online on an E-Learning session with 4 grade 12 student leaders from Queensland Academy for Health Sciences (QAHS).

This was a very interesting and exciting session that both sides enjoyed very much.



Rosalie Everest, a teacher in QAHS, grew up here in Papua New Guinea, and was the person responsible for this great idea. She grew up in the Eastern Highlands, and lived in Aiyura as a High School Teacher there. Now, she resides with her family in Brisbane.

After our first session she quoted **"Wow—that was great fun, and the technology didn't let us down. How wonderful to see the bright happy faces and hear the excited voices of the children of Baroida. Truly special! My students loved it—they are so excited about the project..!"** Rosalie's sons Paul and Ian, were the ones that donated our school the wonderful UNIT t-shirts that our kids wear as uniforms.

Christina Rekort-Blundell from QAHS was the person in charge of the technical side for this Online Communication. Thank you Christina!



Our next web conference will be about geography. We are also starting out a mini individual student biography letter exchange between the two schools. Each student will be thrilled to send a letter and be excited about receiving a reply! This online video exchange will allow Baroida students to improve their English skills and learn about other countries. It will also help the Australian students to learn about life in Papua New Guinea, and the lives of our students here in the Eastern Highlands.



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In the future, whole classroom conferences will take place near our factory area, since our wireless connection does not reach our school grounds as yet. This is a new and exciting learning opportunity for Baroida Plantation Students, that will hopefully evolve into a permanent program in our education curriculum. Thank you Rosalie and QAHS..!!



New Painted Mural on our Library



The mural chosen for the other side of our faithful container, that now is our Library, was a lovely ocean scene. A sandy beach featuring 2 palms, calm seas, and a few scattered beach toys. It also has a lovely little sand castle! A boat sails away peacefully

Lots of our kids have never been able to go down to the coast, so we thought this inviting beach painting would be a wonderful addition to our walls.

We are in the process of carving out a wooden surf board with our school's name that will be placed against the leaning palm! It will look wonderful, **don't you agree?**

As usual the children got themselves covered in blue paint mostly! As they were all taking turns to paint the skies and ocean!

Digicel Foundation Visits Baroida!

The students were all excited and could hardly remain sitting down outside the classrooms as we all waited for our **Digicel** guests to arrive!

Marina Van der Vlies (Holland), James Morrissey, Paul Beggs, Maria Mulcahy (Ireland) and our well know by the kids Naus Kamal (PNG), came to visit our school and see our progress over the last 3 years, since Baroida first started its school with their Container-Classroom in 2009.

Our tambourine group performed a lovely routine for them, and each guest received a jute bag with freshly roasted coffee, courtesy of Colbran Coffee-lands, and a tiny colorful bilum as a hanging decoration to each bag!

Our guests came all the way from Ireland! 26 long



hours on a plane to get to our country!

Marina and Naus reside in Port Moresby, and have helped our school since the early days. We thank them for making us a part of their foundation program and hope they will continue to support our growing school!

Our Education Advisor Mr. Wagi Pirano also attended our gathering. We were also accompanied by parents and our plantation staff.

Movie Time!!



We showed "**Rio**" to the children on a Friday afternoon, weather was beautiful, and laughter filled the air, from both little ones and older ones as well...!! We can't wait to show more films to the kids, they really enjoy them, and since they are all in English, all the better for them to practice the language, since you can hear them afterwards repeating their favorite scenes and lines from the movie!





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Student of the Month...



Michelle Wagi

Meet Michelle Wagi

Michelle is now in Grade 4. Last year, she was second in her class, with an amazing score of 99/100. She is now 15 years old.

Michelle's favourite colour is Green. Her favourite vegetables are Tomatoes and Kumu, a local green leafy veggie that grows here.

Her favourite subject is Maths. She would like to become a singer one day! Her favourite sport is Basketball.

She has one older brother that goes to school in Ramu Valley. (About 1 half hours drive away)

In the weekends, she tends to her family garden, where she plants and grows sweet potato, kumu, bananas, and corn!