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Eva & Makuyuk selling popcorn

Violet and Savannah

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Reading Program

Students now have a folder to record their reading each day and it is great to have our Indigenous Aides as part of our reading team. Our Gawa children are excited about reading and this is fabulous!
Delicious wood fire pizzas are now on the menu at Gawa! As an extension to the community kitchen facilities already in Gawa we now have an outdoor wood fire oven. Much to our delight we were able to serve yummy pizza to everyone at our family and community dinner on May the 28th. We thank Mark for his enthusiasm and for making such a wonderful oven.

Outdoor projects

The Gawa girls sleepover – not a night to be missed! The girls had their own sleepover at school last Friday night and we had a great night of dancing, dress ups, party games, ice-cream sundaes and movies. The classroom was transformed into a wonderful party room and the girls had a night of fun and friendship. I wish to thank the mums who helped with the evening and enjoyed the lack of sleep along with staff. And the pancakes for breakfast were a bonus – thanks Mark!

A bit of fun

NinyNiny & Lorru

Harry Moes, our on site builder and handy man, had his parents come to visit for a couple of weeks. John worked with Harry on the various building projects around the school and staff housing. Helen assisted in the Kinder and organized our Op shop. We are thankful for their hard work and the children certainly enjoyed having another set of grandparents around!

Visitors to Gawa

The boys love fishing but it was great to see the girls putting up their hands to venture out on the boat during Outdoor Education this month. Mark and Ben have been busy taking various students out fishing around the islands. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful coastline to preserve, care for and explore!

Congratulations to the students with the highest attendance this semester!

The children listed below had less than 4 days away.

Niny-Niny
Leilani
Eva
Gapala
Lorru
Gomoru
Chanara
Cordelia
Selvina
Andrew
JC
Deshay

Best attendance in the Senior Class

Deshay (4)
Savannah (7)
Dhoru (8)

Some of our dedicated students, from left Chanara, Leeroy, Gomoru and JC

We would like to thank Salome Moes for putting the newsletter together each month and making sure all subscribers receive this each term. It is a quality production and we are very blessed to have her creative talents on hand. Thank you!