

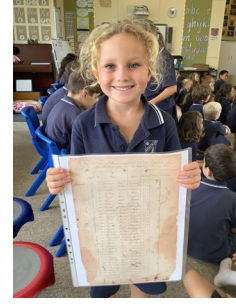
## MUSEUM UPDATE

### **Clothing artefacts at NICS**

Kindergarten to year two students have been learning about the history of clothing at the Norfolk Island Central School (NICS). On the 12 May, Bethany Holland the museum's Collection Officer brought eight artefacts to NICS to present to three classes.

Students were able to feel a sample of tapa and view the Norfolk Island Museum Trust's tapa beater. Other artefacts included were convict wooden buttons, a woven Pandanus bonnet, a document describing convict issued clothing (or slops), and a pink handmade dress from the Adams family. The items presented also included handmade christening clothing and a 1940s doll kindly on loan from the McDowell family. The doll, which belonged to Jill McDowell, was a particular favorite for the kids.

Students had great questions and showed they already had a solid understanding of different types of historical clothing. The museum would like to thank teachers Heather Hirsch, Sarah Pollard, Kerry Baker and Michelle Hayes and congratulate all their classes on excellent questions and behavior.



### **Analysis of Emily Bay excavation material**

Nicola Simpson is completing her Masters studies on Norfolk Island's Polynesian lithic raw material (stone tools and by-products) and had a quick visit to Island from 17 to 21 May. Nicola was accompanied by her supervisor, archaeologist Dr Amy Way from the Australian Museum who is an expert in stone tools.

On Thursday a random selection of pieces from the 1997 dig at Emily Bay were viewed and analyzed using a handheld pXRF (shown held by Nicola in image). The pXRF will provide a description of the stone's composition which can be matched to other stone descriptions across the world. We look forward to hearing what Nicola discovers and to welcoming her back for another visit later in the year.



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