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To whom it may concern,

The Storey Players came to Inglewood in November of 2024 and for a full week, worked with our P-6 students to create a play titled 'The Untold History of Inglewood'.

After a week of preparation and planning, our students performed wonderfully well to present a 40 minute performance in front of their families and the community.

Inglewood Primary School has 40 students and is very actively involved in a wide range of community projects and events.

The Inglewood township has a history dating back to the gold rush of the 1850s and the town contains many historic and significant buildings. We have a very active local Historical Society intent on fostering the understanding of the foundations of their township.

For the week that Simon and Tina were at our school, we put a hold on our normal weekly timetable and gave our full week to researching key events in our town's history, to learning from the local Historical Society, to developing scripts with Simon and Tina and to filming on site at the old Courthouse and at Melville Caves.

We then had a full day of rehearsal on the Thursday before a final presentation of the production to our school and wider community on the Friday. It was a very busy week!

School staff were very aware of the need to be giving and flexible for that week to maximise the wonderful opportunity the students had in developing their drama skills acting skills.

Simon and Tina were outstanding to work with and spent many hours after school drafting scripts, characters, scenes, editing footage etc so that they were completely ready for the next days work.

They fostered great relationships with the students and were very skilful in choosing the right personalities to match particular characters. They were also skilled in involving everyone, including those who were reluctant or shy.

The visit a few weeks prior to the main week, enabled Simon and Tina to gather a good 'sense' of the students and what they might be capable of. I am sure this helped with their overall planning of the week.

Simon and Tina were very enthusiastic, which rubbed off onto the students, and helped to create a sense of excitement across the school for the week.

Inglewood PS would have no hesitation in recommending this program to other schools. It was a big investment for one week, but one that provided experiences and opportunities that our school could never provide to the students on our own.

Lex Johnstone

Principal