

What I Did Yesterday

by

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Yesterday I went swimming to Ella beach. It was a very hot day. I caught number 16 PMV from the Red Corner Market bus stop on Last Block from 8 Mile Settlement. I am only visiting 8 Mile Settlement to see my parents. They live here in 8 Mile. I live in Southern Highlands Province.

When I got on the bus it was full of passengers. I got a seat but the bus was so full that some people were standing. The bus went to Gordons, and I got off there. I went to Gordons markets and I bought some kai kai (food). I bought K1 worth of bananas, one orange, one apple and some sugar. Em tasol (that's all). At the markets one banana costs 10t, but for K1 you can but twelve or thirteen. So I bought K1 worth of bananas.

I took my food with me to Ella beach. But first I had to get the number 17 bus from Gordons to 4 Mile. Then from 4 Mile I took bus number 11 to Ella beach. I was traveling with my four friends. Their names are Rex, Andy, Nino & Ruben.

When we got to Ella beach I went for a swim at the beach. We stayed there for three or four hours. It was a lot of fun. After we swam, we ate the food that we bought at Gordons market.

We caught the number 4 bus from Ella beach directly to Gordons. When I got to Gordons I painted people's faces for the Blues vs. Maroons game that was on last night. I painted lots and lots of faces. I painted more Blues faces. But the Blues lost. The score was Maroons 28, Blues 18. I go for the Blues.

From all the faces that I painted, I made K26. At six o'clock I got the number 16 bus from Gordons and went home to 8 Mile. The bus back to 8 Mile was busy too, like the morning, but I got a seat. Because it was late, I

had to pay K1 for the fare back to 8 Mile. In the morning I only paid 50t. I think that K1 is too expensive.

When I came back to 8 Mile Settlement I went to The Mosquito Club and I watched the Blues vs. Maroons there with my friends. After the game I went home to sleep.

That it what I did yesterday.

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Handape Henry is thirteen years old. This story was told orally to Sean Davey, who transcribed it in the presence of Handape and 8 Mile Community leader Jeffrey Nine.