**Unit of Study: Australia**

**Focus questions:**

1. What are the flora and fauna emblems of the different states and territories?
2. Where are the capital cities and major landmarks?

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**Unit of Study: Australian History and Explorers**

**Focus Questions:**

1. Why was Australia established as a British colony?
2. Who were the notable explorers in Australia’s history?
3. What are some major events and dates that have shaped Australia in the past?
4. Why are Fawkner, Bass, Batman and Flinders used as our schoolhouse colours? Why are they significant figures?

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### English

- Writer’s notebook – reflective journal.
- CAFÉ reading strategies
- Oral language activities
- SWST spelling activities
- Sustained independent reading (CAFÉ)
- Persuasive and narrative writing

### Maths

- Place Value
- Addition
- Subtraction
- Multiplication
- Division
- Estimation and rounding
- Maths Mentals and games to improve automatic response and table facts
- Mathletics

### Integrated studies

- Viewing informative Australian history YouTube videos.
- Participation in ‘Clean Up Australia Day’ for schools.
- Assignment on an explorer of personal choice.
- Online Prezi design depicting flags, faunal and floral emblems, founding and landmarks of the states and territories.
- iPad integration
- School house colour identities – studying why those explorers were chosen.
- JSC nominations/elections
- Environmental Studies
- Music and Performing Arts

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### Interpersonal and Skill Development

- Setting of academic goals for the first semester
- ‘Gotcha’ school wide positive behaviour program
- Circle Time and classroom activities to encourage the 4 Keys to Success
- Team building and co-operation games
- Class Dojo positive ethics and behaviour system
- Reach Rookys

### Parental Support: please assist with the following

- Reading each night for 20mins (aim for 3 nights out of the 5)
- Completing homework tasks or support work given by the teacher
- Practise of maths tables and number facts using the student diary
- Ensure computer time for Mathletics or associated educational activities
- Ensure the diary is brought to school each day
- Prompt return of notices

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All staff/Level Teams/Parent Term Planner