The 3/4's have been learning all about Australian History this term and we would like to share some of the facts that we have learnt.

**Dale**- In 1616 a man named Dirk Hartog discovered the western side of Australia.

**Amy**- James Cook landed in Botany Bay in 1770. Captain Cook claimed New South Wales for Britain.

**Cam**- The aboriginal people had never seen white people until

- Captain James Cook landed in Botany Bay in 1770. They were shocked to see these white people in strange clothes.
- **Molly**- When the British settled in Australia in the late 18th century, there were more than 300,000 aboriginal people. Many were killed by the settlers or driven off their land. By the mid-1900's their population had dropped to around 45,000. Today it has risen to more than 515,000. In 2008 the government formally apologised to the aboriginal people for their past mistreatment.

**Ben**- Australia's aboriginal culture might be the oldest one in the world. They used stone tools and painted with colours they found in the ground.

**Darcy**- Aboriginal people have been in Australia for about 40,000 years.

**Isabella**- Aborigines used to eat different plants and animals. They also ate birds, goannas and tarantulas.
Max- Did you know on January 26th 1788 Captain Arthur Phillip made a settlement at Sydney Cove.

Balin- Between 1788 and 1850 the English sent over 160,000 convicts to Australia in 806 ships. Captain Phillip commanded the First Fleet. He sent 11 ships which made up the First Fleet.

Annika- Matthew Flinders sailed around Australia and made a map of Australia.

Finn- Did you know Matthew Flinders named Australia in 1814.

Laura- The original name Tasmania was Van Diemen’s Land.

Nathan- In 1836 there were 40,000 people living in Tasmania.

Rachael- In 1901 Australia became its own country. This was called Federation.

Lilliana- In 1915 World War One started and ended in 1918.

Lila- In 1939 to 1945 Australia was in World War Two.

Chelsea- In 1942 Japan attacked Australia. First they attacked Darwin using planes and then using planes again they attacked Broome and they killed 70 people.

Meija- In 1956 Melbourne held the Olympic Games for the first time.

Dalani- Australia got its official flag in 1953.