

K–6 Mathematics

SUPPORT MATERIALS

The new K–6 Mathematics Syllabus will be released during Term 4 this year. In order to assist schools and teachers with initial implementation of the new syllabus, a package of introductory support materials is being developed by the Board of Studies.

Included in these support materials will be a Principal's Package and a Parent and Community Package. These packages will include a list of discussion starters about the new syllabus for use with teachers, parents and other school groups.

In Term 1, 2003, sample introductory units of work will be provided to all schools to show how outcomes, content, resources

and teaching strategies can be brought together in the implementation of the new syllabus.

Sample assessment tasks illustrating assessment for learning approaches will demonstrate effective task design. Annotated samples of student work will illustrate how assessment information can be used to plan the next steps in learning.

During Term 2, 2003, assessment tasks and annotated samples of student work will be provided to assist teachers with making balanced judgements about student achievement of syllabus outcomes.

Further information on K–6 Mathematics Support Materials is

available at the Board of Studies' K–6 website.

www.bosnsw-k6.nsw.edu.au



Primary Matters: Terra Nullius? The Very Early Years

Terra Nullius? The Very Early Years is a K–6 integrated teaching unit with a strong Aboriginal perspective. The unit is designed to increase students' understanding of how history can be presented from different points of view.

The unit has recently been added to the Linkages section of the K–6 website.

A main feature of the unit is an emphasis on the use of visuals, which aim to engage students with a deeper understanding and appreciation of the past.

Visuals are also used for promoting descriptive and critical classroom discussion. The learning sequences

within the unit are broad and detailed, allowing the unit to stand alone or to complement an existing unit.

The initial sequence of historical events has been chosen to enable students to make comparisons between cultures and to appreciate both similarities and differences before colonial contact.

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