

Australia Day

26 January



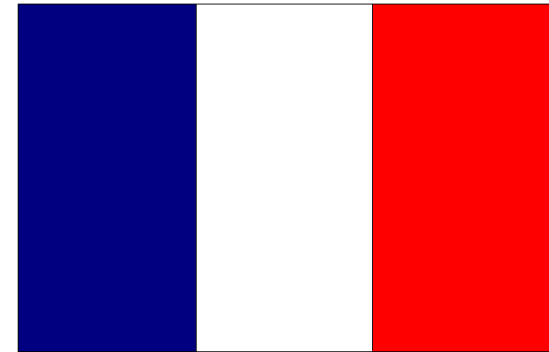
People have been living on the land that is now known as Australia for over 40 000 years. That is a very long time.



Many years ago, before any of us were born, Captain James Cook explored the seas and islands around Australia, looking for new places that Great Britain could own. Do you know where Great Britain is?



He sent lots of people to build new towns from Great Britain. He even put the Union Jack flag in a place called Sydney Cove. Can you point to the flag? This made Australian people sad and caused a lot of arguments about who owned the land.



Landing Day or Foundation Day

On the 26th of January the British started to celebrate each year with a party, because that is when they raised their flag. Now Australia Day is celebrated each year. Some people still think it was a sad day because they lost their land, so celebrate how brave the Australian people were.



Australian Flag

Australia Day is celebrated
by:

barbecue



picnic



fireworks



