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Dear Parents of VPK,

As we embark on our journey around the world, this week we decided to visit the beautiful Island and magnificent Continent of Australia. During Circle Time, the children were able to locate Australia on a World Map surrounded by the Indian and Pacific Ocean, listened to their National Anthem, and looked at pictures of famous places and those most visited by tourists like the iconic Opera House in Sydney, the Harbour Bridge, the Australian Alps, and the Kakadu National Park. Australia is home to many animals and plant varieties. Among the most well known Australian animals are kangaroos, wombats, koalas, and dingos.

In Art:

The children colored the flag of Australia which is made up of three sections: the commonwealth Cross and the Union Jack using crayons and glue. They used crayons to draw the map of Australia, blue for the Indian and Pacific Oceans. They traced, colored, and cut a boomerang. They also painted two plates in gray to make a koala, and also made a craft of a platypus.

Books we read this week:

Somewhere in Australia

Why Koala Has a Stumpy Tail

The Selfish Crocodile

The Koala Who Could

Fun Activities to do with your child at home:

Play Earth and Moon

To play, give your child a flashlight with a wide beam and grab a flashlight that has a narrow beam (a laser pointer will also work). Lie together face up on a bed in a dark room. Your child's job is to make the Earth (the wide beam) move in large, slow circles around the ceiling. Your job is to keep the moon (the narrow beam) orbiting the Earth. Have fun!

"Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It is already tomorrow in Australia." — Charles M. Schulz

Have a safe weekend!

Ms. Laura and Ms. Miriam

Ms. Ana and Mrs. Melanie